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City organizes cleanup day for Norwayne

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

It's billed as the largest neighborhood cleanup ever in Westland's Norwayne subdivision, where residents all too often have had to endure demeaning insults about the place they call home.

On the heels of some housing renovations that have made a tangible difference, Mayor William Wild has unveiled a massive cleanup 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, throughout Norwayne, bounded by Wildwood, Merriman, Palmer and Glenwood.

"We are starting to make tremendous progress in this neighborhood, and it is the result of a col-

laborative effort," Wild said in a prepared statement. "This day demonstrates what is possible when the city and the community work together."

The cleanup will give Norwayne residents a chance to get rid of trash and debris, furniture and even appliances.

Public Service Director Kevin Buford said 30 Dumpsters will be placed around the neighborhood.

"They will be within a short walking distance of almost every home in Norwayne," he said.

The city's trash hauler, Midwest Sanitation, also will be making rounds through the neighborhood with five trash-packing trucks from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Buford said.

"They will be continually running through the

neighborhood all day," he said.

As many as 20 city workers plan to be involved in the cleanup, and Buford said front-end and back-end loaders will be brought in for the effort.

The city will set up three staging areas where residents can go for help, whether they need assistance moving an appliance or merely want to pick up garbage bags, Buford said. The main staging area will be at the Dorsey Center, on Dorsey east of Veno, with secondary staging areas at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School and Lincoln Elementary School, he said.

The Norwayne neighborhood includes many low- to moderate-income households, including many duplexes and so-called quads, or four-residence buildings.

Some investors have renovated such homes and in some cases have replaced them with single-family residences.

The neighborhood was built by the government during World War II to house wartime workers employed in such places as the Willow Run Bomber Plant, said Westland historian Jo Johnson. After the war, she said, many returning soldiers bought the homes.

Residents who have additional questions about the cleanup are urged to call (734) 728-1770. Residents who would like their neighborhood considered for future cleanup projects also are encouraged to call.

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Fallon Sanders of Romulus, an expectant mother of twins, looks through her bag of baby gifts during the baby shower for women who gathered at The Salvation Army.



Shauntae Lately of Highland Park picks out a bag of baby goodies during a baby shower sponsored by a local volunteer organization, Warm Hearts.

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Warm Hearts 'showers' mom with needed items

A group of thankful women — some with new babies and some still expecting — got some much-needed help with diapers, strollers, high chairs, playpens and other items they need as mothers.

The women attended a recent baby shower sponsored by a local volunteer

organization, Warm Hearts, which received help from The Salvation Army, the Westland Community Foundation and Wayne County, among other helpers and donors.

The event was held for a second year at the Westland-based Salvation Army.

"It was even better than last year," Warm Hearts Director Carol Sharp said.

In all, the shower helped 32 women. Sharp said many of the mothers or mothers-to-be wrote thank you notes in appreciation for the help they received.

Seniors test skills in spelling bee

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

To bee or not to bee. That is the Q-U-E-S-T-I-O-N. Decades after they attended school, Wayne County senior citizens are being urged to brush up on their vocabulary skills and prepare for a Westland-based spelling bee.

Seniors also will unscramble letters to form words during an event scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh.

Westland will host the first in a series of senior word games.

"We want to keep the seniors active by getting them involved in more activities," said Jakleen Ochalek, assistant to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

Real judges will be brought in to oversee the spelling activities.

"A panel of judges will give them a word to spell and a definition, or they can choose to unscramble a word in a certain period of time," said Peggy Ellenwood, Friendship Center director.

There's no admission fee for the event, and spectators who don't want to spell or form words may attend just to watch or cheer on their friends.

One caveat: H-U-R-R-Y. The event will be open to the first 100 people who register. Stop by the Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7628 to sign up.

The word games will include a lunch, gifts, prizes and raffles, Ellenwood said.

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Wild: Administration is putting residents first

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Mayor William Wild has produced a long list of accomplishments his administration has made during his year as the city's appointed mayor.

He has been publicly open about efforts to address Central City Park's contamination, and he proposed a grass-cutting ordinance for vacant and foreclosed properties.

Wild maintained a \$2 million budget surplus while working to improve services, such as expanding the city's recycling drop-off center, proposing



Wild

an October crack-down on illegally parked semitrailers, and forcing his directors to respond quickly — and professionally — to citizen complaints.

His supporters note that he has appointed African-Americans

to some key positions, such as deputy mayor and public service director — an effort that has made his admin-

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MAYOR

Voters will choose between appointed Mayor William Wild and challenger Charles Pickering, Westland City Council president. The winner will serve the remaining two years of the unexpired term of former mayor Sandra Cicirelli. The job pays \$95,974 a year.

Pickering: His experience is needed in tough times

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER



Pickering

Westland mayoral candidate Charles Pickering has unveiled a campaign platform to hire two new police officers and a blight-fighting ordinance officer, and he pledged to pay for the positions by reducing the number of city administrators.

Pickering also vowed to lead the charge for significant reductions in local property assessments by calling for a one-year analysis. He said the move could boost home sales and ease foreclosures by reining in property taxes that usually spike when houses are sold.

Pickering, former mayor in 1982-85 and a 16-year Westland City Council member, has made "experience is everything" his campaign slogan as he challenges appointed Mayor William Wild in the Nov. 6 election. The winner will serve two years and finish the unexpired term of former Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, now a district judge. The job pays \$95,974 a year. Pickering, 64, indicated he would

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Coming Thursday in Filter

This one's for The Birds and beyond. Read Thursday's Filter with a preview of the DSO Pops season. It kicks off with a musical, visual tribute to the master of suspense, Alfred Hitchcock.

Candidates to face residents at forum

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

With the political season heating up, Westland voters will have an opportunity to see candidates for city offices make a pitch for votes during a forum sponsored by two local organizations.

All 12 hopefuls for nonpartisan city offices — two for mayor, two for city clerk and eight for City Council — will be invited to a three-hour candidate forum starting at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the Dorsey Community Center, south of Palmer and east of Venoy.

The forum, sponsored by the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association and the Westland Democratic Club, will be open to the public.

Democratic Club Secretary Nan Melke this week announced the candidate forum, which also will give voters a chance to ask questions of candidates.

On this year's city ballot:

■ Appointed Mayor William Wild and council President Charles Pickering are competing to fill the remaining two years of former Mayor

Sandra Cicirelli's term. Cicirelli stepped down early to become a district judge.

■ City Clerk Eileen DeHart, nearing the end of her first four-year term, is being challenged by certified public accountant Bruce Paige as she seeks re-election.

■ Eight council hopefuls are competing for four seats. They are elected incumbents James Godbout and Michael Kehrer, appointees Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves, and challengers Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Gary Bulson, Harold Dunn and Mark Rodriguez.

During the Oct. 12 forum, candidates will be given 10 minutes each to outline their campaign platform, said Democratic Club member Paul Valovick.

After all candidates have made their statements, audience members will have an opportunity to ask questions.

"They will raise their hand and be called upon," Valovick said.

Each candidate will likely have five minutes to respond to questions, he said.

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Marie May (left) and Charie Springfield will be opening A New Day Agency Inc., a counseling/drop-in agency. In the hallway above will be a hall of fame wall of community involvement.

Agency looks to serve youth, make a difference

BY DIANE GALÉ ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Founders of a new agency designed to help young people avoid trouble is hoping some of the kids who will one day use the building will help paint it.

Marie May, president and CEO of A New Day Agency, and Charie Springfield, vice president and COO, recently visited a South Redford school board meeting to ask for help in getting kids involved.

The walls of the building on Schoolcraft Road at Inkster need painting, the carpet is ripped from the floor and room partitions are going up and coming down. Getting kids involved in painting the inside walls might inspire them to visit when the doors open, sometime in November.

"If they have an opportunity to do things in the center they'll say, 'Look that's the wall I did.' I think it will help them feel more comfortable," Springfield says.

The agency is a brand new non-profit organization helping young people in grades 6-12 with counseling, discussion sessions, workshops, advocacy and tutoring programs that are free for clients.

May and Springfield plan to approach all western Wayne County school officials to make district social workers and teachers aware of A New Day Agency services so they can pass along the information to students.

MANY IN TURMOIL

May and Springfield have been building on this idea for two years and recently found the building on Schoolcraft. They say it's centrally located for all western county communities, including Redford, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth, Romulus and Inkster.

"A lot of people think people in the suburbs don't need help," May says. "Unfortunately everyone needs help."

The funding will come from donations, state and federal grant money, as well as adult workshops that will include a fee.

"There's so much turmoil right now with the youth," Springfield says.

Currently May works as a subcontractor with the Wayne County Juvenile Assessment Center, which is separate from A New Day Agency. She sees young people who are already involved in the juvenile court system. May is a licensed professional counselor and Springfield's degree is in human services.

"Pretty much we plan to talk about drugs, violence, peer pressure, eating disorders and everything that is going on around them," May says. "The idea behind the agency is that we are a prevention center. We would like to get the kids before they get in trouble and get into the juvenile system and get themselves in a negative situation. We can show them a different alternative and we're hoping to be a provider and bring out a positive influence."

The idea came about when both were studying psychology and they were brainstorming about what to do with the degrees.

"I knew that the need was so great and the kids need so much guidance," May says. "That age group has the greatest need. I had the house where people came," says May, a mother of two — an 18-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter. She also worked as a mentor for foster children, volunteered at shelters and worked as a certified day care provider.

PART OF THE VILLAGE

Both women live in Canton and once lived in Redford. In fact, Springfield graduated from Thurston High School in 2002 and attended Jane Addams Elementary and Pierce Middle School in Redford.

May brings the wisdom and

experience to the operation and Springfield offers youth.

"I'm older and have more of a hands on experience being a mother," May says. Springfield has an educational background with children and she's not that far from their clientele's age. She says she readily remembers some of the issues that youth are facing and the kids will likely be receptive to talk to her.

"I'm a firm believer that it takes a village to raise a child and we would like to extend our services as part of that village," May says. "We would like to be a provider that makes a difference in the community."

Plans are that A New Day Agency will become a hangout for kids where they take part in programs, watch television, work on computers, do their homework or just do nothing.

Springfield and May also plan to host parent forums and workshops to invite parents to learn about what's going on in the center and the assistance that's available.

The shell of the building is rough and the inside is bare. But, May and Springfield hope donations that will take care of their needs. Their wish list includes four desktop computers; office equipment, including a fax machine, a copier and printers; a projector and screen that will adapt to their laptops; a laminator; folding and office chairs; six or eight foot tables; desks; a podium; desk lamps; an extra large area rug; a digital camera and just about anything else an office might need.

Most of all they want to make the office inviting to the youth they will serve.

"We're trying not to be an intervention and they are forced to come here," May says. "We want them to want to come here."

For more information go to www.anewdayonline.org or call (734) 891-0649.

ON THE AGENDA

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL

7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, City Hall Council Chambers, 36601 Ford Road. Agenda

- Call Meeting to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Tara Carlin and Jacob Damian, fifth-grade students from P. D. Graham Elementary School.
- Roll Call
- Citizen Requests - Limited to half hour. Citizens are requested to limit their conversation to five minutes. Citizens who do not speak during the first half hour can speak at the end of the agenda.

- Consent Calendar
 - A. Minutes of regular meeting of September 17, 2007.
 - B. Request from Vision Lanes to create "The Family Hangout" (in the space previously used by the Corkscrew Party Store) a place designed for kids to play games and to provide supervised day/night care for children while their parents are bowling. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., seven days a week.
 - C. Traffic Control Order: 2007-06 Install Two (2) "NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS" at 29836 Hanover; 2007-07 Install Two (2) "STOP" signs East and Westbound Stacy at Crown.
 - D. Approval of bid for resurfacing parking lot at J.C. Park/Modano Ice Arena
 - E. Approval of contract for an alternate gas supplier for all City buildings at discounted prices. (Administration recommends Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.)

- F. Adoption of Budget Amendment 2008-3: General Fund, \$155,305.00; Major Road Fund, \$557,092.00; Local Road Fund, \$100,000.00; Water and Sewer Fund, \$553,984.00; Library Fund, \$19,831.00.

- G. Introduction of Budget Amendment 2008-4: General Fund \$3,750.
- H. Adoption of Ordinance 101-D-1, to prohibit the sale of vehicles in parking lots and to grant authority to the police department to tow vehicles parked in violation of Chapter 98, by amending Chapter 98, Article 1, to add Sections 98-5 and 98-6 of the Westland City Code, amended by adding to Section 98.6

- Sec. 2, in the last paragraph, by adding "or operator" after owner.
- I. Introduction of Ordinance 121-J-2, an ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Article III, Section 22-76 of the Westland City Code to adopt the Michigan State Construction Code - Mechanical Code.
- J. Introduction of Ordinance 121-J-3, an ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Article III, Section 22-56 of the Westland City Code to adopt the Michigan State Construction Code - Electrical Code.

- Old Business
 - 1. Proposed Land Division, Parcels #027-03-0016-300, southeast corner of Webb Drive and Webb Court, south of Warren Road and west of Hix Road. Postponed by Council on Sept. 4, 2007.

- New Business
 - 2. Request approval for a New Quota Tavern (Class C) Liquor License from Hua Ruan for Genhish Khan Restaurant, Inc., 36101 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185.
 - 3. Request from The Ramallah Club of Metropolitan Detroit for a resolution to be recognized as a non-profit organization in the City of Westland.
 - 4. Confirmation of appointment of Jack Rea to the Downtown Development Authority for a four-year term to expire on Oct. 1, 2011.
 - 5. Approval of vouchers.
 - 6. Citizens Request 2.
 - 7. Comments from the Mayor.
 - 8. Council Members Requests/Comments.
 - 9. Adjournment.

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WILD

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istration more representative of the diverse city it serves.

Wild's philosophy has been simple. Work hard for the residents, and they will take notice.

His philosophy helped him garner 77.8 percent of vote totals compared to 18.4 percent for second-place finisher and mayoral challenger Charles Pickering in the August primary.

Wild, 39, hopes to score another victory as he and Pickering face off in the Nov. 6 general election. The winner will serve the remaining two years of the unexpired term of former Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, now a district judge. The job pays \$95,974 a year.

Wild, owner of a used vehicle parts business in Wayne, was appointed as mayor in January in a vote by his then-council colleagues. He has managed

to win political support from a broad spectrum of residents, many of them long considered at political odds.

"We've gone back to putting citizens first," Wild said during an interview.

He described himself as having a strong work ethic with a proactive approach. He already has talked with alternative trash haulers that could step in within 30 days, if the current company, Midwest Sanitation, fails to emerge from a reorganization in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. That said, he has been given assurances that Midwest expects to continue doing its job.

Wild strongly supports a curbside recycling program, but he said officials may need to give Midwest time to deal with its troubled finances before pushing such a plan, because "we want it to succeed." He also said the city might be able to combine recycling resources with other

communities.

In the meantime, his administration has pushed efforts to expand what is accepted at the recycling drop-off center on Marquette east of Newburgh.

Amid a state financial crisis, Wild said Westland likely could withstand another round of potential cuts in state-shared revenue, although any loss of funding could weaken the \$2 million budget surplus. The city is, however, expecting to realize savings in several areas, such as handling a rental-inspection ordinance in-house rather than using an outside contractor.

If deep funding losses force local budget cuts, Wild said he would fight diligently to protect police and fire services while looking for savings in non-essential programs. He also said he would look beyond city limits to determine if there are additional services — and costs — that Westland could share with communities like

Livonia, Canton and Dearborn.

Westland already shares some services with other cities, such as an emergency dispatch program with Inkster.

After he took office, Wild ordered his administrative staff to adhere to new professional rules and to get on board with what he called his Very Important Resident program. He told his departments to report complaints to his office.

He also has worked with the city's Downtown Development Authority and the Westland Chamber of Commerce in an effort to move forward with economic growth.

In his first major action as mayor, Wild ordered Central City Park fenced off until the contamination issue can be addressed with a cleanup plan. He hopes to have new information as early as October that could help move the project forward.

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The one-acre parcel next to Walker-Winter Elementary, which the district bought for \$225,000, includes an old house and garage.

Land purchase lets school 'grow'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Walker-Winter Elementary School will be getting more curb appeal with the purchase of a one-acre parcel on the southeast corner of the school property.

The Wayne-Westland school board has approved spending \$225,000 to buy the parcel which includes a house and garage.

"The location on Michigan Avenue will benefit the school," said board secretary Martha Pitsenbarger who pointed out that the board's facilities and sites committee had extensive discussion about the parcel. "It'll make the school more safe and give it more curb appeal."

Walker-Winter sits on more than 11 acres on the north side of Michigan Avenue west of Hannan in Canton Township. The land purchase would square up the school site and give it more frontage on the thoroughfare, according to Gary Martin, deputy superin-

tendent for business and administrative services.

Martin said the district will undertake an environmental assessment of the property as part of the conditions for buying it. The study will determine if the quality and condition of the land makes it suitable for use as an elementary school property.

"We don't expect any surprises," he said, adding that "our intent is to take down the house and garage and turn it into a green zone."

According to Martin, the district has talked about the purchase for a number of years and even set aside money in the building in site fund.

A fair market study of the property also was done as well as an investigation of tax assessment records, he said.

"I think it's a fair price," he added. "For a business standpoint, what's not to like about this site."

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PICKERING

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reduce his administrative staff, place two new community police officers on the street and hire a new ordinance officer to combat blight conditions that have fueled complaints by residents. He declined to say what positions he might cut.

In addition to ensuring fair property assessments, he vowed to fight spiraling foreclosures partly by organizing homeowner workshops led by nonprofit organizations, state officials and mortgage industry experts.

"We need to help these people," he said, referring to residents who face foreclosures because they can't sell their homes.

Touting 36 years of community involvement, Pickering said during an interview that he would avoid the political conflict that dogged his former term as mayor. He often clashed with then-council members, but he said his ser-

vive as an elected official has survived and strengthened.

"I have learned from the conflict and the differences of opinion we had at that time," he said.

Even during a sometimes-tumultuous mayoral term, Pickering said he managed to lead the city from deficit spending to a \$1.6 million budget surplus, and he said those skills are needed amid the financial crisis facing Michigan and its communities.

"We got through that crisis, and that's what we have to do now," he vowed, saying at another point that, "I believe in my community."

With the city's trash hauler, Midwest Sanitation, embroiled in a reorganization in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Pickering said he is hopeful for a solution. However, if the company folds, he said city officials would need to contact earlier-rejected, higher-bidding companies to try to negotiate a new contract, perhaps on an emergency basis.

Even so, Pickering stood by

his earlier claims that the city could have afforded to return a portion of the trash-disposal tax to residents — a proposal that placed him at odds with most of his council colleagues.

Pickering held out hope for a curbside recycling program, possibly by next spring or summer, and he said such a contract could potentially be separate from any trash-hauling agreement. He said such a plan would need to clearly define what services are expected, and he also suggested that Westland might be able to form a partnership with other communities.

When asked how the city could cope with any additional cuts in state-shared revenues, Pickering said he would start by calling for pay freezes in negotiations with fire and police unions. He said the city should try to protect its \$2 million budget surplus, which he has repeatedly called a "soft fund balance."

If financial problems force budget cuts, Pickering said as mayor he would support trim-

ming nonessential services while protecting three key departments — police, fire and public services. He also said the city could possibly save some money by combining services, such as curbside recycling and some parks/recreation programs, with other communities.

Pickering also suggested that the city should try to push for a quicker resolution to cleaning up the contaminated Central City Park, which contains lead and other materials. He said the county should pay the tab since it owns the park and leases it to the city.

"I think the county owes it to us," he said.

Pickering said he believes he can gain the ground he needs to defeat Wild, even though he trailed by a 4-to-1 vote margin in the August primary election. Pickering said the primary had a low voter turnout, and he said he has run a solid, hard-working campaign since then to reach voters.

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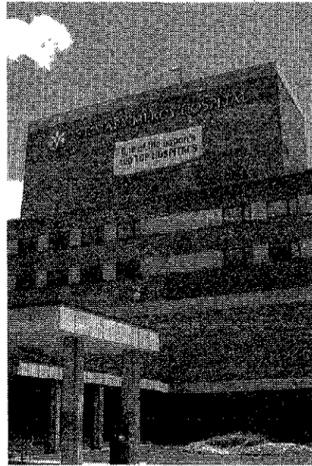
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Officials say state shutdown won't have immediate effect

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

City and school officials braced Friday for a possible state government shutdown while remaining hopeful that the governor and legislators could reach a compromise to end the budget impasse.

Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart's office could get a little busier if residents go there to register to vote due to a potentially closed Secretary of State office on Wayne Road.

Mostly, though, officials said any financial impact likely wouldn't be felt locally for a few weeks, by which time a compromise is expected.

Westland Finance Director Steven Smith said the city is expecting to receive about \$500,000 around Nov. 1 from a state gas and weight tax that pays for local maintenance of roads, rights-of-way and traffic lights.

"I have not been told that money would continue (with a shutdown)," he said.

Smith also said any federal dollars that pass through the state, such as grants for public

safety projects, could be delayed.

"Nothing is changing for us or affecting services on the local level. If it goes on that long, we are scheduled to get a quarterly state shared revenue payment due at the end of November," said Garden City City Manager David Harvey.

The only concern was any possible impact on the Meals on Wheels program which receives state funding through the Senior Alliance.

"Wayne County is the actual provider and would keep it going for at least a month. The mayor (Jaylee Lynch) and I already have talked about a contingency plan in case of a state shutdown," Harvey said. "We will talk to some restaurants about helping us out."

Gary Martin, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools deputy superintendent for business and administrative services, said the district is expecting \$8 million in state school aid by Oct. 22.

"We're OK (for now), but some people are going to be in worse shape if they don't get that October payment," Martin said.

Regardless of what happens with the budget situation, local officials said schools will be in

session Monday.

Martin said state officials often give local districts grief about having a budget surplus, "but if we didn't carry one, a lot of schools would be hurting come Oct. 22."

One of those hurting districts is Garden City where school officials have been watching what's happening in Lansing very closely. They're concerned about October's school aid payment. The district has already borrowed some \$13 million to cover costs until state aid arrives.

Earlier this month, Sheryl Quinn, executive director of business services, said the district could face a payless payday on Oct. 26 and not be able to pay health care premiums, if there is no October aid payment.

"It's not good news, but at least they're talking," said Superintendent Richard Witkowski. "Hopefully, they'll pass a revenue bill so we know where the dollars are coming from."

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans issued a statement saying that if the Michigan State Police stop making patrols, his department will work with local law enforcement agencies to

help fill the gap along freeways.

The sheriff's office also has made provisions to help motorists whose vehicles run out of fuel or who have other problems that leave their vehicles disabled.

"In the event that a motorist becomes stranded on one of our freeways during a state shutdown, they need to know that they still can count on a police officer to be there for them," Evans said in a statement.

Residents who need such help should call 911. The state officials' inability to resolve the budget situation comes at a time when the area seems poised to start seeing more stability and improvements, Harvey said.

"We have a balanced budget this fiscal year, we're moving ahead and getting projects done," said Harvey. "Council has stepped up to the plate. We're doing our jobs locally but the state instability negates that."

Staff Writers LeAnne Rogers and Sue Mason contributed to this story.

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Women of Westland sponsor dance party

Pull out your mini skirt and white boots. Get that leisure suit to the dry cleaners! The Women of Westland want to take you on "A Twist Down Memory Lane."

The stroll of nostalgic fun will be 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 N.

Wayne Road in Westland.

There won't be dancing in the streets but party goes on break out their Boogie Shoes and bringing back memories of clothes they can't believe they ever wore a Grooviest Costume contest. Cost is \$20 per person, age 21 and older. Proceeds will benefit the Barbara Douglas

Scholarship Program that seeks to assist adult women as they return to college.

Tickets are available at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 261-3680, online at the Women of Westland Web site, www.womenofwestland.com, or by calling (734) 467-9113.

INFORMATION CENTRAL

Wines of the world

These days it is fairly easy to find a good yet inexpensive wine to drink with meals. The Public Library of Westland has many resources for wine lovers or complete beginners, all located just before the cookbooks in Dewey area 641.22.

If you are curious about wine, you might want to browse the reference copy of "The Oxford Companion to Wine." This is an extensive 2007 encyclopedia of wine around the world, which defines terms, maps regions and explains the wine making process and history.

For example, why do I always love the wine my Spanish friends serve? When I asked they explained the wines are from a region in Spain called Rioja. The same wines you can find in Spain are available at places like your local chain stores, so they are easy to find.

In the current issue of "Food and Wine" magazine, which the library carries, there is a good article on Spanish wine called "Spanish Food and Wine: A Crash Course." The various regions of Spain and their wines are paired

with typical dishes in this article with recipes. Curiously enough, even "Consumer Reports" magazine featured an article in May of 2007 on the "10 best wines under \$10.00 (or less)."

It is not hard to find a wealth of wine information in the library, from monthly magazines to cookbooks and encyclopedias. Even if you need to begin with Wine for Dummies, don't be intimidated by wine snobs. Wine is accessible and enjoyable for anyone. Salut!

Let your library help: stop by, call us at 734-326-6123, or visit us online at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

Highlighted Activities
Internet 101: 7 p.m. Oct. 3.

A beginner's guide to the Internet. How do I get around a Web site, what is a Web site. No registration is required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Internet 201: 2 p.m. Oct. 6.

An inside look at Internet search engines. No registration or fee required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Balancing Women's Hormones Naturally - An Alternative Approach to Helping PMS and Menopause: 7 p.m. Oct. 8.

Join us for another installment in our medical lecture series hosted by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals, formerly Doctor's Speakers Bureau, and featuring Dr. Brian K. Brackney. Learn how natural alternatives can address problems related to hormone imbalances, PMS and menopause. No registration is required.

Baby Massage: 10:30 a.m. Oct. 13. Infant Massage Therapist, Carol O'Brien, will teach massage techniques for your baby, from birth to 9 months old.

Massage has been shown to relieve baby's discomfort, strengthens bonding, and promotes mental, spiritual and physical development. Bring a blanket and towel for your baby. Space is limited. Register at the Children's Desk or by phone at (734) 326-6123.

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



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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith helps those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

For most of us, activities like reading, knitting, driving or playing cards seem like simple tasks, but for those who don't see well, these tasks can be difficult or even impossible. People with visual limitations from conditions like glaucoma, diabetes, cataracts or macular degeneration are said to have low vision.

However for many of these people, Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers they have been seeking.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people who have lost vision from these types of eye diseases. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"Many people are told by their doctor that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit specially designed devices to help patients meet their personal visual goals."

Many patients seeking to help themselves end up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers. Conversely Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to

use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are."

"Mostly, telescopic glasses focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery" the doctor said, "but they can be set up for closer tasks as well. "They can even help with driving" the doctor explained. Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles William age 81 of Taylor MI came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer age 70 of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision was 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newspaper. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes are another way to help make reading a little easier. There are as many low vision devices



Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

as there are various activities. Dr. Smith also counsels his patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to safeguard the vision from getting worse.

Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "My objective is to help each patient do what matters most to them. Whatever the goal, I try to match it with a device to meet that need. People really improve their quality of life and independence."

If you or someone you know is struggling to do the things they love because of severe vision problems, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at 1-877-677-2020. Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing area.

Visit Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at suburbaneyecare.com or find out more about the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists at ialvs.com.

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring and constructing improvements to and for the City's Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System, consisting generally of replacing existing water mains with new water mains, replacing water meters, installing lining for and corrective action upgrades to sanitary sewers, and acquiring equipment and vehicles, together with related equipment and appurtenances (the "Project").

BOND DETAILS

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty (20) in number, with interest rates to be determined at public or negotiated sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the City Council.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable charter, statutory and constitutional limitations. It is anticipated that all or a substantial portion of the bonds and the interest thereon will be payable from the collection of revenues derived from the operation of the City's Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

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

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Allyson Bettis, Clerk-Treasurer
City of Garden City

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Wish You Were Here

Kay Hahn of Garden City and grandsons Andrew and Tyler pose with her Garden City Observer while vacationing at San Carlos Beach in Monterey, Calif., in July. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Garden City Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Be sure to include your name and information about where your photograph was taken.

Senior Alliance hosts 4th annual Smile Day

On Saturday, Nov. 3, dozens of volunteers will be needed to help rake leaves and manicure yards for the fourth annual Make a Senior Smile Day.

The event launches the Wayne County-funded Chore Services Program. Both the Detroit Area Agency on Aging and The Senior Alliance act as program facilitators who partner together to organize this great event and the ongoing services throughout the year.

"Our mission serves to enable disabled adults and senior citizens to function as independently as possible within their home and community," said Bob Brown, The Senior Alliance director. "The Wayne County Chore Program assists in doing just that by providing home maintenance services for little or no costs to many seniors throughout our service area."

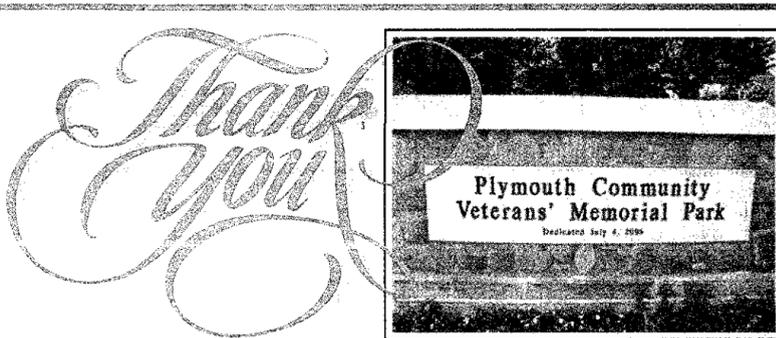
"Make a Senior Smile Day is just another wonderful way to serve the community and help launch this fantastic program."

Make a Senior Smile Day volunteers will assist in leaf raking, and general yard cleanup services between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

All volunteers will receive breakfast, lunch, and smiles from appreciative seniors throughout the community.

For more information, or to volunteer with TSA for the Make a Senior Smile Day, call Jaclyn Kochis at The Senior Alliance at (734) 727-2060.

The Senior Alliance is a private non-profit agency that was established in the 1980, and designated by the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging to operate as the Area Agency on Aging for the 34 suburban communities in southern and western Wayne County. Its mission to coordinate a comprehensive network of services to enable older persons to function as independently as possible in the community environment which best suits their needs.



The Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park Committee wishes to thank the Plymouth community for your support of the Veterans Park. We especially want to thank each and every one of you who purchased either an engraved gray Veterans paver or an engraved red commemorative paver. Pavers are now being installed twice yearly; in the Spring before Memorial Day (end of May) and in the Fall before Veterans Day (November 11). It takes about 45 days to process and produce engraved pavers. To guarantee that your paver will be installed at one of those times, it is necessary that your order for a paver be received at least 60 days prior to an installation date.

Thank you for your ongoing support. The city provided the park land but the establishment of the park was done solely with private contributions. Ordinary park maintenance is done by the city as is done for all other city parks. Your help is still needed to sustain and maintain the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park. Through the engraved paver program we hope to raise additional funds to make additional improvements in the park such as replacing the badly deteriorating stone wall in the rear of the park and other future needs as they arise. To do this we want to establish a perpetual maintenance fund that will guarantee a pristine park into the future. Order forms may be downloaded from our website at <http://www.plymouthlibrary.org/pcvmc> or you can pick up an order form at Plymouth City Hall, Plymouth Historical Museum and many businesses around town or in the park itself. This is a wonderful holiday gift for your beloved veteran. Remember, your purchase is tax deductible.

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Gordon Chevrolet hosts CPR class

More than 75 percent of all out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen at home, so being trained to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can mean the difference between life and death for a loved one.

Effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after cardiac arrest, can double a victim's chance of survival.

The Garden City Fire Department, in cooperation with Gordon Chevrolet, is offering an opportunity to be

trained in this lifesaving skill.

A free CPR class will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the dealership on Ford just west of Merriman. The American Heart Association-approved course includes instruction on CPR, rescue breathing and choking care for adults, children and infants. Course materials are provided by Gordon Chevrolet and the program is taught by Garden City firefighter-paramedics.

To register, call Susan Ianni at (734) 427-6200.



Cheer for the hometown, read today's SPORTS section

Hospital sponsors wellness programs

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

Monday, Oct. 1

Power Hour at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we guarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Childbirth Education (fourth of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (third of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Strength and Stretch at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Blood pressure and cholesterol testing noon-2 p.m. Have your blood pressure checked free of charge, cholesterol level tested (\$5) or Lipid panel done (\$10) on the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of the hospital. No registration is necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Medicare/Medicaid Assistance noon-2 p.m. Trained volunteers are available to assist or counsel clients with issues or questions concerning Medicare/Medicaid forms and benefits. The service is coordinated by The Senior Alliance and is available in the hospital's main lobby. No appointment necessary.

Power Hour at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we guarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Yoga (fourth of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Power Hour at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we guarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Diabetes Support Group at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Hear guest speakers and get involved with open discussions on new diabetes information by attending this group. Day and evening sessions are available. This group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know

how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

CPR - Infant and Child at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, this class is designed for those who care for children. This class teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and in children victims age 8 and under. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, Oct. 4

Strength and Stretch at 11 a.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Get Up and Move at 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Yoga (first of four classes) at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

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Friday, Oct. 5
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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Daily Programs
Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.

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Kevin L. Buford
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Health center offers 3 new programs

Intimidated by the quick pace of the local gym? Not sure of how to achieve the results of a toned body through the use of fitness equipment? Beginning tomorrow (Oct. 1), Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center will kick off the fall season with three new programs aimed at improving the health

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Investors should keep an eye to long-term goals in volatile market

I was just about ready to jump back into the market and then all of a sudden the market shot up. Should I wait?

I wish I knew what was going to happen with the market over the short run, but I don't. The market is volatile and irrational in the short run. My general view is if your goals are long term then it makes sense to jump in. After all, there is just as good a chance it goes up over the next few months as it goes down. Investors should never attempt to time the market. They should make decisions based on goals and objectives.

We live in a world where everything changes constantly. Two months ago, the Dow broke through the 14,000 mark for the first time in history. Everyone was excited about the market and the economy. In fact, many pundits were discussing when the market would hit 15,000. A month later, the Dow fell below 13,000. At that point in

time, TV commentators were talking doom and gloom and the conversation was not how high the Dow would go but how low it would go.

The results unfortunately were that many investors bailed out of the market. Now, here we are a month later and the Dow has gained nearly 1,000 points and once again near all-time highs.

Investors will drive themselves crazy by trying to time when to buy and sell. It's better to spend time making the proper allocation in your portfolio.

I've been to a couple of your library speeches and enjoy your straightforward approach to investing. I was at a talk by another financial adviser and when your name came up he was not happy. He said that you must get paid by no-load mutual fund companies to promote their funds. Do you?

No. I have never received any sort of compensation for any investment that I recommend whether it is on my radio show, column or in my office.

A lot of financial advisers, or as I prefer to call them financial salespeople, don't like me because I tell investors to be aware of fees and costs.

For as long as I have had the privilege of doing my radio show and writing my columns, I have had to put up with people who are not happy with my message.

As I have stated many times in the past and I'll confirm it once again here, I receive no compensation whatsoever from any mutual fund family or mutual fund association.

There are three types of financial advisers — commission-only, fee-only and those that charge both commissions and fees. I am a fee-only financial adviser which means my sole compensation comes directly from my clients. Whether my firm consults on investments, or actually manages the client's portfolio, we receive no compensation whatsoever other than directly from our clients.

I have chosen this path because I believe it does not create a conflict of interest.

A financial adviser who charges commissions makes his/her compensation from buying and selling securities and in many cases also receives what is known as trailers.

Trailers are typically paid by mutual fund companies or variable annuities to

the adviser for as long as an investor maintains that investment. So, if you buy a variable annuity, year after year money from your account in the form of higher fees is paid to the salesperson.

I believe commissions create a conflict of interest because you don't know if the salesperson is working for your interest or for their own. In addition, when the company offers sales incentives such as free trips to sell certain products it creates additional conflicts.

That said, the best commission salespeople I know never worry about commission, they worry about taking care of their clients. Unfortunately, too many commission-based salespeople only look at what ends up in their pocket.

I always have and always will work only on a fee-only basis. I want it clear that my loyalty is not to the underlying investment but to the client.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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Lawyer Fieger the latest 'Dining With Stars' guest

The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Southfield attorney Geoffrey Fieger.

Fieger is one of the most successful and controversial trial attorneys in the country.

According to his Web site, Fieger has won more multi-million-dollar awards than any other attorney in the country. A few of his most well-known trials include the defense of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the Jenny Jones Show trial, and the defense of Nathaniel Abraham, the youngest person ever tried for murder as an adult in the state of Michigan.



Fieger

Fieger has won record awards in Michigan, Florida, Pennsylvania and Indiana, and many of his trials have generated national attention and set legal precedents.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you'd like to have lunch or dinner with Geoffrey Fieger at Buddy's Pizza. Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15.

A photograph of you and Fieger will be published in the Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers and online at www.hometownlife.com.

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

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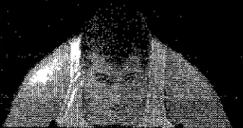
Diamond Co. in Southfield; and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" will feature Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and O&E columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters.

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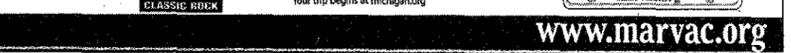
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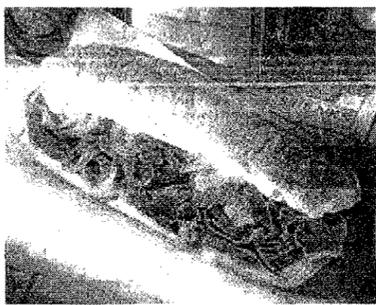
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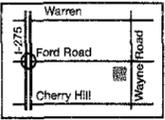
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Career path takes local volunteer to Peace Corps

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Dave Hannon graduated last spring from Michigan State University's James Madison College with a degree in international relations, he didn't know where his career path would lead him.

However, the Salem High School graduate did know one thing. "I was not ready to get a job and work 9-5," said Hannon, 21.

The other option — which he chose — was the Peace Corps, where he's currently training as a community development volunteer in Kazakhstan, the second-largest republic in the former Soviet Union.

"I dig the Peace Corps, it's a good thing to do," said Hannon before leaving Aug. 19 for his 27-month tour of duty. "It seemed like a good thing to do, go abroad while I'm young and give back by helping out."

Kazakhstan might not be the first choice of many volunteers, and it certainly wasn't Hannon's.

"My first option was the Pacific Islands," said Hannon. "I figured I'd spend two years in Fiji, but that didn't happen."

"They came back and offered me six options, so I chose Eastern Europe," he said.

Armed with information that most of the Peace Corps volunteers in Eastern Europe went to Romania, Hannon wrote his senior project on Romania "to get me prepared."

Apparently the Peace Corps had a different idea of what constitutes Eastern Europe.

"I found out the Peace Corps kind of puts together Eastern Europe and Central Asia," Hannon said. "Kazakhstan is loosely Eastern Europe."

"I called back to ask if Fiji was an option," he said. "I would have had to wait another full year, and I didn't have any job prospects, so I'm shipping out."

Hannon is living with a host family in a two-bedroom apartment for the first three months of his stay, learning the country's language and culture, and living in a manner similar to people in Kazakhstan. In his blog, Hannon described the first few days with his new family.

"The first day all I heard was 'jea' = EAT and 'ish' = DRINK! And all day long that's all I did," wrote Hannon. "The rest of the time I spent using the few words I knew which were 'awesome,' 'yes' and 'thanks' which might have been part of the reason I was roped into drinking distilled goat milk. Other than that, I have no complaints as far as food goes. It is abundant and delicious."

Hannon's mother, Jean, said the Peace Corps is a great opportunity for her son.

"I think he'll learn to understand different cultures, and help in ways that are needed and useful," Jean Hannon said. "He's off to do good things in the world, and I'm extremely proud of him."

After three months with his host family, Dave Hannon will once again be on the move, and no closer to Fiji.

"I could get placed to the north in Siberia, or to the south, which is like a desert," he said.

Dave Hannon's blog can be accessed at www.davehannon.blogspot.com.



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Dave Hannon

NOTES FROM KAZAKHSTAN

Some excerpts from the blog of Dave Hannon, who is staying with a host family in Kazakhstan:

■ "My mama is pretty much the archetypal little old grandmother. Our relationship consists of her trying to fatten me up, be more careful when I go out at night, cut my hair, practice my language skills and me playing cards with her and learning flattering phrases in Kazakh for her."

■ (Talgar) is a city of about 30,000 set in the southern mountains outside the old soviet capital Almaty. It is a beautiful and interesting place. The people are very very friendly and all pretty much know who we are now and say hello and ask us questions in the street, for both their curiosity and the amusement of us saying the same things over and over."

■ "We went down to shoot (basketball) around and there were a bunch of kids messing around so we joined them and were having fun and decided to start a game - this was when the old man with the whistle came out and started yelling at us in Russian (which no one understands so he yells louder and faster)."

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OUR VIEWS

Weak leadership creates crisis

German chancellor Otto von Bismarck famously observed, "The less people know about how sausages and laws are made, the better they will sleep at night."

The spectacle we've been watching in Lansing has been especially ugly and no one has been sleeping very well.

By the time you read this editorial, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop and House Speaker Andy Dillon may have reached a compromise or they may still be bickering on their way toward tonight's midnight budget deadline and a possible partial shutdown of state government operations.

No matter what happens, we have been witness to a display of dangerously partisan, weak and misguided leadership on both sides of the aisle. Just as last year's budget became a political football in the gubernatorial election, this year's budget discussions have been mired in rigid political ideology, special interests and political games playing.

While no one welcomes a tax increase, it has been clear from the beginning that the state could not meet its constitutional mandate to balance the budget without some kind of tax increase. It has also been clear that the state is not prepared to operate at past levels and that programs need to be severely cut. More important, state operations need to be reformed to avoid this annual crisis.

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Republicans vowed that they could balance the budget on cuts alone and prepared a budget that penalized the most vulnerable residents of the state, provided no increase in school funding and weakened state programs designed to bring business to the state.

The governor and Democrats haven't been willing to alienate some of their base to make the hard choices on cuts, on effectively dealing with escalating health care and pension costs and on reining in cost overruns on state projects.

When the House had an opportunity to move forward on a tax bill, the speaker allowed members in vulnerable districts to take a pass. This only stalled the process from moving forward to a joint conference with the Republican-controlled Senate and weakened the party's position on taxes.

The governor makes passionate public statements, but seems unable to work behind the scenes to effect the kind of win-win compromise that separates great leaders from time servers.

Dillon and Bishop seemed to offer promise of being bright, young leaders who could work together for the good of the state.

All three have failed us.

What is your favorite aspect of fall?



'The color. I'm an artist, why wouldn't it be?'

Sylvia Clark Redford



'Taking the grandchildren and my daughter to an apple orchard and picking the apples.'

John Mrozik Flushing



'The colors. (To enjoy them) we go for rides and go to cider mills.'

Sharon Rosenberg Brighton



'The brisk air is my favorite part.'

Bob Rosenberg Brighton

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State shutdown

Any time we can get government out of our lives for a few minutes should be cause for celebration.

All I hear is wailing and moaning, "Woe is us, the State Government is abandoning us and closing for awhile so I can't buy lottery tickets or go to the casino."

Any big government tax-and-spend governor will close the most visible, popular necessary services to force a tax increase as a punitive whip. We can roll with it and instead enjoy the time from a State Government that can do us no harm because it is closed!

C'mon, let's be POSITIVE about this and have a State Government Closed Celebration! Maybe then people will realize how little Granholm is actually doing.

Joe Wrobel Westland

We live in a republic

After reading a doctor's opinion in last Sunday's paper, I am writing to clarify that we live in a Constitutionally Limited Republic, not a democracy.

During this election cycle, several other people have erroneously made this statement. Please take time to study our form of government. The idea that we are a democracy was rooted during the Wilson Administration, when he sent Americans into a bloody war in Europe "to make the world safe for democracy." He also hoodwinked Americans into involuntary servitude by creating the draft.

Mike Marihugh Livonia

Can we think for ourselves?

Having read the political-

ly themed letters that have graced this page in recent weeks, it appears to me that many of the writers are utterly incapable of thinking for themselves. In place of logic and reason, they parrot what they see and hear from biased political "documentaries" (I use that term loosely), partisan hack Web sites, and crackpot conspiracy theories about 9/11. Which, by the way, have been repeatedly and thoroughly debunked - by competent and reputable sources.

I know there are many liberals who are intelligent and reasonable people, but after reading these letters I can see how someone might conclude otherwise. Is that really the best they have to offer? Haven't they learned not to believe everything they hear?

In all seriousness, I fear that a great many people on both sides of the political divide have lost the

ability and desire to think for themselves. They have abdicated their responsibility as citizens and allowed political discourse in this country to become poisoned beyond redemption. As a result, all of us have become easy prey for the craven and corrupt politicians who have siphoned our liberty, plundered our wealth, and may yet bring this nation to ruin. Heaven help us all.

Eric Syverson Redford

One smart vote

This is an open letter to ALL politicians: I want to send accolades to the lone Republican to vote with the Democrats on the state budget. It shows his commitment to the people of Michigan.

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Spartans take rival Churchill to school, 37-3

Overflow crowd watches Stevenson romp

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Stevenson's highly acclaimed offense was good again as advertised.

But it was the defense that set the tone Friday night as the Spartans rolled to a 37-3 win over host Churchill in a battle of unbeaten before arguably the largest crowd ever to witness a high school football game in Livonia.

Stevenson's performance was dominant on both sides of the ball. The Spartans held Churchill to 106 total yards and picked off four passes, a pair each by defensive backs Mark Grisa and Pat York.

"Mark Grisa had a phenomenal game," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "He's been a pleasant surprise for us this year, and he's a very confident kid."

"Pat York is our free safety, a captain who calls all our signals. He hosts the defense at his house every week for the (video) tape, and he always seems to know where the ball is going . . . I think."

Stevenson senior quarterback Mitchell White threw only a total of seven passes, but completed five for 128 yards and two touchdowns. The Spartans, who clinched the outright Lakes Division title, added 230 yards on the ground in 45 attempts against a respectable Churchill defense.

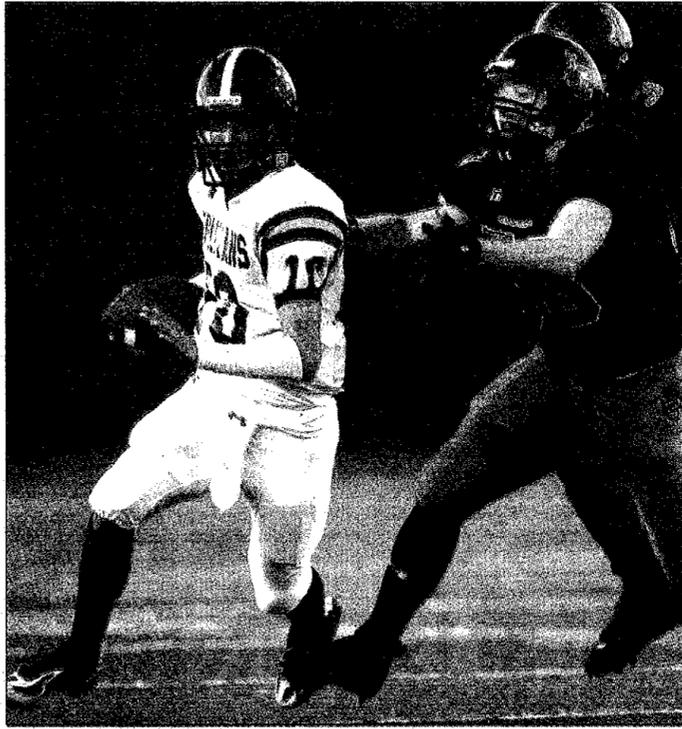
"They were blitzing hard off the edge and the flats were open, it was hard for them to adapt because they were also concerned about the deep ball," said White, who hurled a 31-yard TD pass to wide receiver Derek Buskey to open the scoring in the first quarter and added an 18-yard scoring toss to twin brother Myles with 2:32 remaining in the half to give the Spartans a commanding 23-0 halftime lead. "Even though we scored on the first drive, it was kind of hazy out there. But once we started the rollouts, ran some posts and some outs, it was hard for them to adjust."

Churchill loaded up its defense, putting nine men in the box, but had no answers despite holding the Spartans to a Jonny Myschok field goal to make it 9-0 with 2:16 left in the first quarter (after Grisa returned an interception 43 yards to the Chargers' 1-yard line).

"Once we made that big play (by Grisa), we got some momentum, and offensively we stepped up," said two-way senior tackle Matt Broome. "Our offensive line after that just rolled. At first they (Churchill) jammed up the middle, so we went outside a few times and it opened up the offense."

Stevenson's other TD in the first half was set up by York's interception return to the Churchill 40. Eight plays later,

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Stevenson quarterback Mitchell White scrambles away from Churchill defenders Devin Moynihan (left) and Darius Miller-Wells during Friday night's Lakes Division showdown.

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sidelines

Brown to Kent St.

Former Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Mike Brown has accepted a job as Director of Men's Basketball Operations for Kent State University.

Brown, who guided the Ocelots to a 23-10 record and the Michigan Community College Athletic Association tourney title in his only season, will be reunited with former Schoolcraft 7-foot center Gabe Garcia.

MU golfers 2nd

Caitlin Steele fired a 14-over 88 as the Madonna University women's golf team finished runner-up in Wednesday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree (No. 4) at Scott Lake Country Club in Comstock Park.

Aquinas won the team title with 362 followed by MU (376), Siena Heights (380), Davenport (384), Cornerstone (405) and Indiana Tech (432).

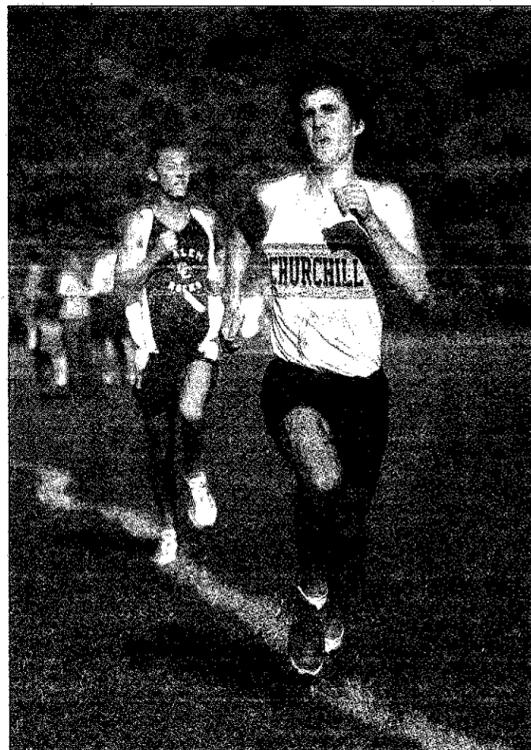
Liz Clement (Aquinas), Tara Hanna (Indiana Tech) and Kelly Sawyer (Siena Heights) tied for medalist honors with 86 each.

Other finishers for MU included Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin), tied for 10th (93); Danielle Elswick (Wayne Memorial), 13th (95); Jillian Kloc, tied for 17th (100); and Allison Sanborn (Franklin), 23rd (115).

Piston Youth clinic

The third annual Pistons Youth Camp and Clinic at Redford Union, hosted by Pistons youth training camp coach Steve Moreland, will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the RU gymnasium.

Boys and girls in grades 1-8 are welcome to sign up before Saturday, by calling (248) 377-8653. They will then be required to pay \$25 at the door. Each participant will receive a Pistons T-shirt and trophy for the basketball shooting contest.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Joe Varilone sprints to the finish just ahead of Salem's Rob Curtis in Thursday's WLAA-Lakes Division jamboree at Westland John Glenn.

Early pacesetters
Salem boys, Charger girls get jump in Lakes

See Jamboree results, Page B3.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Salem boys and Churchill girls have the early leg up following Thursday's Lakes Division cross country jamboree, which counts 33 percent towards the overall Western Lakes Activities Association title.

Salem's boys, placing three in the top ten, took first with 40 points followed by Livonia Churchill (50), Walled Lake Central (62), Livonia Stevenson (80), Walled Lake Northern (141) and host Westland John Glenn (144).

Central's Kyle Roche won the 5,000-meter race in 16 minutes, 22 seconds, while Salem senior Kevin deBear was runner-up in 16:32.

Other Salem finishers included junior Rob Curtis, fourth (16:35); senior Craig Cowing, seventh (17:05); junior Jason

'We wanted to use this as a barometer with a good team like Churchill here.'

GEOFF BAKER, Salem coach

Smith, 11th (17:14); and junior Matt Devey, 16th (17:36).

"We wanted to use this as a barometer with a good team like Churchill here," said Salem coach Geoff Baker, who in recent years has opted run his reserve squad in the first WLAA jamboree. "Northville is another team on the other side (Western Division) that we'll use to see where we're at in a couple of weeks at the Wayne County meet (Oct. 6)."

"The pressure is high and hopefully on the other teams, too. But we've got to win another jamboree (Oct. 11). Our saying right now is the same as we had with our 1991 team, which is: 'We might as well win.'"

Churchill's top finisher was Joe Varilone, who took third in 16:34. Mark Waterbury (sixth)

and Paul Folk (ninth) also made the top 10.

And as expected, the Churchill girls, the 2006 Division 1 state runner-up and defending WLAA champions, won convincingly with 28 points by placing five in the top ten and all seven runners in the top 12.

Stevenson, led by individual winner Courtney Calka's blistering time of 18:32, was runner-up with 52 points followed by Northern (62), Central (121), John Glenn (133) and Salem (144).

Senior Rachel McFarlane paced Churchill with a time of 19:04.

Teammates Sara Kroll and Alyssa Mira in fourth and fifth place with times of 19:39 and 19:56, respectively. Amanda Southwell added a seventh (20:15) and Hannah Otto was 10th (20:28).

Rachel Quaintance of Northern took third in 19:23.

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C'ville can't cool off red-hot Lutheran Westland

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Lutheran High Westland girls volleyball team is receiving rave reviews reminiscent of a successful Broadway musical.

Call the Warriors, ranked No. 4 in the latest Class D statewide coaches poll, the Fantastiks or the Producers following a precision-like 25-13, 25-17, 25-10 triumph Thursday night at Livonia Clarenceville.

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Several Warriors deserved curtain calls including 6-foot-2 junior middle hitter Becca Refenes, who finished the night 14 kills, 10 digs and two ace serves.

Also taking a bow was junior setter Lauren Gieschen (15 assist-to-kills, seven aces); junior Katey Ramthun (eight kills, 10 digs, three aces); junior Allyson Yankee (eight kills), and senior Myrian Storck (10 digs).

"Overall we played well," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team improved to 11-1-3 overall and 2-0 in the Metro Conference. "Against University-Liggett on Tuesday night we came out a little flat. Clarenceville is better than Liggett and it was a close Game 2, then we made a run. It was a matter of executing better and when you don't serve receive, you have problems."

The Warriors, whose only loss

this season is to Class A-ranked and defending state champion Livonia Churchill, trailed early in both the second and third games, but quickly made up the difference with their court coverage.

"Defensively you have to make a good play to make the pass," Wade said. "The thing we've been working on all year is to be a better defensive team. If we can do that,

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Canton 2nd-half surge dooms Pats in Western Division test

Canton's hopes of extending its impressive playoff run got substantially "Sweda" Friday night thanks to a 27-12 victory over Livonia Franklin.

At the same time, the Patriots' dreams of playing in the post-season turned sour.

Led by junior running back-defensive back Nick Sweda's big night — 91 yards rushing, two touchdowns, blocked field goal, fumble recovery, seven tackles — the Chiefs improved to 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

If Canton wins its final three games, it will extend its post-season run to eight straight seasons.

Franklin dropped to 2-4 and 1-3, respectively.

The Chiefs used a steady running attack, a timely passing game and a staunch defensive effort to register the road victory.

The Patriots scored first on a 45-yard pass from Jesse Carpenter to Cole Kelly. Carpenter's extra point was no good, leaving the score at 6-0.

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Canton seized the lead for good with 7:37 remaining in the first half when senior quarterback Adam Powers scored on a 3-yard keeper and junior kicker Daniel Stoney tacked on the extra point to make it 7-6.

Powers struck again from much further out just over three minutes later when he sprinted 67 yards to pay dirt to put his team ahead, 13-6. The extra point was no good.

The strong-armed Carpenter brought the Patriots to within 13-12 with 4:25 remaining in the half when he hooked up with Mark McRobb on a 30-yard scoring strike.

The Patriots nearly grabbed the lead heading into the half, but Sweda blocked Carpenter's 27-yard field goal attempt.

Following a scoreless third quarter, Canton cushioned its lead to 20-12 2:22 into the fourth period when Sweda scored from two yards out.

The speedy junior added some insurance with a 43-

yard sprint to pay dirt with 1:25 to go in the game.

Led by senior Tim Klott's 102-yard night, the Chiefs piled up 336 yards rushing to go with 96 passing yards.

Powers was nearly perfect, completing all six of his passes for 96 yards while picking up 91 yards on the ground.

Senior tight end William Tidwell was Powers' favorite target, pulling in four passes for 88 yards.

Carpenter was dangerous through the air, completing 14-of-25 passes for 233 yards. Senior receiver Israel Woolfork grabbed four passes for 110 yards while McRobb hauled in three for 57.

Canton's defense, which was led by senior linebacker Dan Wanshon (13 tackles, interception), limited the Patriots to 49 yards rushing on 29 attempts.

The Chiefs picked up 16 first downs to the Patriots' two.

"The second half they came out and blitzed us hard and we were complete ineffective offensively the second half," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said.

Trojans notch 1st victory

Jeremy Gainer's three touchdowns carried Livonia Clarenceville to its first football win of the season Friday, a 34-20 Metro Conference triumph over visiting Hamtramck.

Gainer, a junior, finished with 171 yards rushing on eight carries and added an 85-yard

kickoff return for a TD. He also led the defense with 10 tackles.

Lovette Brooks contributed 120 yards rushing and a TD.

"It was the battle of turnovers," said Clarenceville second-year coach Ryan Irish, whose team is 1-5 overall and 1-5 in the Metro. "We continu-

ally beat ourselves, but today we were able to beat another team for a change."

The loss drops to the Cosmos to 0-6 overall and 0-5 in the Metro. Clarenceville returns to action 7 p.m. Friday at home in a non-conference game against Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.



JV tourney champ

Livonia Stevenson's junior varsity volleyball squad captured first place Sept. 22 in the Trenton Tournament. Team members include: (front) Emily Hollandsworth; (middle row, from left) Jessica Kruse, Rebecca Rizzolo, Monika Rudis, Shelbie Wilson, Tasi Newton, Coley Favaro and coach Mazie Pilut-Garbacz; (back row, from left) Amanda Linstrom, Nina Bonnanno, Alicia Linstrom, Reina Tyl, Amanda Wigand. (Not pictured is Claire LeBlanc.)

Holbrook's 29 kills fuels Rockets' victory

The pieces to the puzzle are beginning to come together as far as Westland John Glenn girls volleyball coach Julian Wargo is concerned.

On Wednesday night, his young Rockets improved to 4-5-4 overall and 2-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 21-25, 25-20, 25-18, 25-20 triumph at Walled Lake Central.

"We had seven serving errors the first game and Walled Lake Central is a scrappy defensive team — you can't do that," Wargo said. "We corrected our mistakes, and with a young team, you have to learn from your mistakes quickly."

The Rockets regrouped behind the outstanding attacking of 6-foot junior middle hitter Brittany Holbrook, who finished the night with 29 kills, 11 ace serves and two solo blocks.

Freshman middle hitter Halie Baker added seven kills and three solo blocks, while Kirstin Kirk finished with five kills and a team-high 36 digs. Aranda Phare chipped in with 32 digs. Sophomore setter Lauren Baker also played well for the Rockets.

"Lauren is really improving," Wargo said. "She continues to set the ball where it needs to be set."

Churchill prevails in 4

Senior All-Stater Kyndra Abron finished the night with 36 kills, three aces and two

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solo blocks Wednesday as host Livonia Churchill downed Walled Lake Northern in four games, 22-25, 25-19, 25-23, 25-22.

Churchill is 16-2-3 overall and 2-0 in the WLAAs Lakes Division.

Kristen Nalecz added 15 kills and three blocks, while Jessica Stroud chipped in with five kills and two blocks. Jackie Gribeck collected two kills and two blocks.

Churchill's defense was paced by Lindsey Graciak (18 digs), Shannon Warner (nine digs) and Jordan Kerr (seven digs). Setter Kristy DeClercq had 44 assist-to-kills.

Rocks edge Stevenson

It took five games Wednesday as Salem (11-7-3, 1-1) defeated host Livonia Stevenson (7-6-3, 0-2) in a WLAAs-Lakes Division encounter.

Top attackers for the Spartans included Meg Iafrafe (nine kills), Brooke Knochel (five kills), Kaylee McGrath (three kills) and Alex Harbowy (two kills).

Jordan Pilut led the Stevenson defense with 27 digs, while Stephanie Labby and Ashley Edwards contributed 18 and 15, respectively.

Setter Katie Vellucci finished with 35 assist-to-kills and Natalie Fenech was 12-for-12

serving with two aces.

Northville stops Wayne

In a WLAAs-Western Division match Wednesday, the visiting Mustangs came away with a 25-8, 25-14, 25-7 triumph at Wayne Memorial (1-14, 0-2).

Krysta Cicala led the victorious Mustangs (13-8, 2-0) with 10 kills, while Shelby Temple added five ace serves.

Katie Wilson was a shining light for the Zebras with zero passing and setting errors, along with a pair of kills. Catie Badrak had a team-high three kills.

Patriots lose in 5

In a WLAAs-Western Division match Wednesday, visiting Walled Lake Western outlasted Livonia Franklin in five games, 25-17, 25-15, 23-25, 28-30, 15-11.

Offensive leaders for the Patriots, now 4-13 overall and 0-2 in the division, include Ashley Price (12 kills), Brittany Taylor (10 kills) and Brianna Taylor (10 kills).

Sara Slack, Amy McGaughy and Sam Culp each added six digs, while setter Amanda Borio contributed 35 assist-to-kills.

"Despite the loss, I was impressed with our tenacity to fight back after being down two games," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "This was our best defensive game of the season."

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sophomore running back Austin White, who finished with 81 yards on 15 carries, scored on a 6-yard TD run with 8:45 left in the half to make it 16-0.

"We thought they were pretty good; I don't think we underestimated them," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "They have so much on offense. I thought we played pretty good defense, but it doesn't look like we did tonight by the score. We knew they had a lot of weapons and their kids are fast, and do they execute."

"Their quarterback made some great passes, including that third-and-16 (to Wade Stahl) for a first down."

When Mitchell White fumbled on the Churchill 29 (recovered by Ryan Dolan) following a 34-yard pick-up, the Chargers' Ryan Whittum

booted a 34-yard field goal to make it 23-3 early in the third period.

But that was the extent of the Chargers' offensive output.

Stevenson then responded with a seven-play, 60-yard drive that spanned less than three minutes capped by fullback Emmanuel Onwuemene's 7-yard TD run. "We knew they (Churchill) would challenge us with their defense," Mitchell White said. "But we're a really balanced team and we can attack from anywhere. Our running backs have worked hard all summer getting their timing down."

York's second interception led to Stevenson's final score, a 2-yard run by Austin White with 2:25 left in the third period.

"Churchill had success running the ball and we struggled early in the game," Gabel said. "But we were able to make some good breaks for ourselves."

The loss dropped Churchill to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the division.

The Chargers can clinch a state playoff berth next week with a win at Walled Lake Northern.

"We did not get any rhythm on offense," Filiatraut said. "They (Stevenson) came up with a good scheme. We saw them play in person and we knew they were fast, but their kids were even faster. And defensively they were just as fast. I don't know where they get all their speed."

With its sixth victory, Stevenson secured its eighth state playoff spot since 1995 under Gabel.

The Spartans will travel Friday, Oct. 10 to play Western Division champion Walled Lake Western for the WLAAs title.

Next Friday they host Walled Lake Central.

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Sept. 28 at Stevenson
200-yard medley relay: Pioneer (Ashley Cohagen, Valerie Barthelemy, Melissa Lang, Liz Koselka), 1:53.74; 2. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Laura Timson, Blake Holtz), 1:54.0.
200 freestyle: 1. Carleigh Schwartz (AAP), 1:57.56; 2. Savannah Hatt (LS), 2:01.58.
200 individual medley: 1. Koselka (AAP), 2:09.42; 2. Marecki (LS), 2:09.61; 3. Gordon (LS), 2:14.98.
500 freestyle: 1. Kristyne Cole (AAP), 25:25; 2. Timson (LS), 25:72; 3. B. Holtz (LS), 26:98.
1-meter diving: 1. Caitlin Noonan (AAP), 227.10 points; 2. Carla McNamara (LS), 208.80.
100 butterfly: 1. Cole (AAP), 1:01.1.
100 freestyle: 1. Cohagen (AAP), 56.64; 2. B. Holtz (LS), 58.25; 3. Laura Holtz (LS), 1:00.34.
500 freestyle: 1. Koselka (AAP), 5:07.94; 2. Timson (LS), 5:15.19; 3. Hatt (LS), 5:23.82.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Schwartz, Lauren Shanley, Cohagen, Cole), 1:43.05; 2. Stevenson (B. Holtz, Timson, Kaylee Dolinski, Hatt), 1:46.87.
100 backstroke: 1. Gordon (LS), 1:02.51.
100 breaststroke: 1. Marecki (LS), 1:08.1.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Koselka, Schwartz, Shanley, Cole), 3:43.26; 2. Stevenson (Hatt, Dolinski, Gordon, Marecki), 3:50.87.
Dual meet records: Pioneer, 4-0 overall; Stevenson, 3-1 overall.

2. Aumiller (Salem), 5:27.43; 3. L. Holtz (LS), 5:53.27.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Timson, B. Holtz, Hatt, Dolinski), 1:46.64; 2. Stevenson (Hollycross, Montini, Claire Massman, Emily Cauzillo), 1:52.15; 3. Salem (Caitlin Heaney, Amanda Price, Allison Burke, Aumiller), 1:52.19.
100 backstroke: 1. Nelson (Salem), 1:04.29; 2. Hatt (LS), 1:05.97; 3. Kristin Hartwig (Salem), 1:01.01.
100 breaststroke: 1. Gordon (LS), 1:13.11; 2. Kellahan (Salem), 1:16.99; 3. Spala (Salem), 1:18.77.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Marecki, Dolinski, Timson, Gordon), 3:55.84; 2. Salem (Bair, Gorman, Nelson Aumiller), 3:55.84; 3. Salem (Heaney, Price, Burke, Hartwig), 4:11.86.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 3-0 overall, 1-0 WLAAs-Lakes Division; Salem, 1-1 overall, 0-1 WLAAs-Lakes Division.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 115 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 71
Sept. 27 at W.L. Central
200-yard medley relay: 1. W.L. Central (Jordan Daykin, Becca Lee, Madi Sewell, Jessica Varana), no time available; 2. Churchill (Lisa Cezat, Meghan McGowan, Emily Hiser, Ashley Cabadas), no time.
200 freestyle: 1. Varana (WLC), 2:04.15; 3. Samantha Reid (LC), 2:08.8.
200 individual medley: 1. Sewell (WLC), 2:23.42; 2. Hiser (LC), 2:39.15.
50 freestyle: 1. Roesser (WLC), 27.6; 3. Cabadas (LC), 29.04.
1-meter diving: 1. Leah Dunville (WLC), 177.00 points; 2. (tie) Kafina St. Pierre (LC) and Kailea Stancer (LC), 159.15 each.
100 butterfly: 1. Hiser (LC), 1:09.1.
100 freestyle: 1. Varana (WLC), 57.12; 2. Stephanie D'Annunzio (LC), 1:04.22.
500 freestyle: 1. Ried (LC), 5:50.11; 3. Tamara Marek (LC), 6:47.01.
200 freestyle relay: 1. W.L. Central (Daykin, Maddie Verbeke, Kelly McCarthy, Roesser), 1:52.18; 2. Churchill (Cezat, Alyssa Kanouse, Hiser, Marek), 1:53.41; 3. Churchill (Cabadas, McGowan, Lorie Avanesian, Reid), 1:57.54.
100 backstroke: 1. D'Annunzio (LC), 1:16.93.
Churchill's dual meet record: 15 overall, 0-1 WLAAs-Lakes Division.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 57 DEARBORN 37
Sept. 25 at Dearborn H.S.
200-yard medley relay: 1. Franklin (Jordan Haymour, Natalie Cote, Kayla Douglas, Colleen Anthony), 2:06.43.
200 freestyle: 1. Douglas (LF), 2:13.56; 3. Catherine Studzinski (LF), 2:25.1.
200 individual medley: 1. Cote (LF), 2:26.8; 3. Haymour (LF), 2:34.45.
50 freestyle: 1. Katie Kent (LF), 28.75.
100 butterfly: 1. Douglas (LF), 1:08.15.
100 freestyle: 1. Kent (LF), 1:03.6; 2. Anthony (LF), 1:03.71.
500 freestyle: 1. Cote (LF), 5:38.43; 3. Studzinski (LF), 6:30.28.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Anthony, Rose Carpenter, Trisha Custer, Kent), 2:00.53.
100 backstroke: 1. Haymour (LF), 1:08.97; 2. Custer (LF), 1:20.27.
100 breaststroke: 1. Olivia Palajac (D), 1:25.53; 3. Dominique Jordan (LF), 1:29.11.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Cote, Douglas, Kent, Haymour), 4:11.92; 3. Franklin (Jordan, Studzinski, Custer, Grace Modes), 4:44.26.
Franklin's dual meet record: 3-0 overall.
LIVONIA LADYWOOD 100 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 86
Sept. 25 at Churchill
200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood, no time available; 2. Churchill (Emily Parker, Meghan McGowan, Emily Hiser, Samantha Reid), no time; 3. Churchill (Lisa Cezat, Eren Ural, Marissa Davis, Alyssa Kanouse), no time.
200 freestyle: 1. Kelley Hodges (LL), 2:13.69; 2. Stephanie D'Annunzio (LC), 2:20.0; 3. Courtney Lyskawa (LL), 2:22.83.
200 individual medley: 1. Reid (LC), 2:30.41; 2. Kari Santieu (LL), 2:34.89; 3. Brianna Wilson (LL), 2:37.17.
50 freestyle: 1. Shaanon Kelly (LL), 28.17; 2. Mandy Nameth (LL), 28.43; 3. Katrina Nelson (LC), 29.67.
1-meter diving: 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 179.50 points; 2. Katina St. Pierre (LC), 168.85; 3. Kailea Stancer (LC), 151.90.
100 butterfly: 1. Kelly (LL), 1:08.56; 2. Annemarie Brinkman (LL), 1:08.67; 3. K. Hodges (LL), 1:13.08.
100 freestyle: 1. Kelly (LL), 1:01.89; 2. Nelson (LL), 1:06.96; 3. Cezat (LC), 1:07.63.
500 freestyle: 1. Reid (LC), 5:55.74; 2. Wilson (LL), 6:09.85; 3. D'Annunzio (LC), 6:22.47.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood, 1:54.66; 2. Churchill (Lorie Avanesian, Kanouse, Nelson, Cabadas), 2:00.71; 3. Churchill (McGowan, Ural, Olivia O'Chei, D'Annunzio), 2:02.45.
100 backstroke: 1. Hiser (LC), 1:10.83; 2. Sanlieu (LL), 1:11.42; 3. Brinkman (LL), 1:16.1.
100 breaststroke: 1. Nameth (LL), 1:17.84; 2. Mollie Pelon (LL), 1:24.1; 3. Ural (LC), 1:26.3.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood, 4:09.83; 2. Churchill (Cabadas, D'Annunzio, Hiser, Reid), 4:12.35; 3. Churchill (Nelson, Parker, Avanesian, Cezat), 4:21.81.
Dual meet records: Ladywood, 4-1 overall; Churchill, 1-4 overall.

Crusaders sit all over Davenport

Junior outside hitters Whitney Fuelling and Lubovj Tihomirova combined for 25 kills to lead the No. 18 Madonna University women's volleyball team to its 10th straight win overall and fifth in conference action Thursday night in a 30-19, 30-20, 30-19 downing of Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

Tihomirova once again led the way for MU, posting her 22nd straight double-digit kill performance.

The Crusaders used timely hitting in game one to take the opening game 30-19. Tihomirova led the visitors with six kills, while Mary McGinnis added four of her own to go along with a block assist.

Game two was much closer that the final score appeared as Madonna jumped out to a 12-7 lead and extended it to 15-10 before DU called a time out.

The break seemed to change the mood of the Panthers as they rallied to cut the Crusader lead to just two at 18-16, making a 6-3 run in the process. That run forced MU boss Jerry Abraham to call a time

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out of his own and the Royal and Gold responded, going on a 12-4 run to close the game and give MU a 2-0 lead with the 30-20 win.

Tihomirova, the current NAIA National Player of the Week, once again led the way with six kills while Fuelling posted one of her two solo blocks in game two.

Game three was all MU as the Crusaders raced out to a 14-6 lead, which led to another Panther time out. That did little to stem the tide as MU continued the offense, hitting at a .262 clip for the match and cruising in game three to a 30-10 assist.

Fuelling hit at a .444 clip for the match, putting down 10 balls, while only making two errors.

McGinnis added in eight kills of her own to hit at a .333 pace.

Sophomore setter Inta Grinvalds handed out 35 assists, while WHAC and Region VIII Libero of the Week Jacqui Gatt posted a match

high 20 digs and two service aces.

Lady Ocelots split

After losing their MCCAAs-Eastern Conference showdown Tuesday at Macomb CC in five games, Third-place Schoolcraft College improved to 14-10 overall and 6-2 in the conference with a 30-23, 18-30, 30-20, 30-17 win at St. Clair CC.

The loss drops St. Clair to 10-12 overall and 4-2 in the conference.

Against Macomb (17-10, 6-0), sophomore setter and Livonia Churchill alum Stacy Urbats (32 assists), sophomore libero Amanda Ballnik (37 defensive digs) and freshman outside hitter and Westland John Glenn product Virginia Butler (14 kills) led the team in those categories.

Also having solid outings were freshman outside hitter Lauren Braun (11 kills) and freshman middle blocker Whitney Clay (20 digs) while Braun, freshman outside hitter Sarah Butler (Churchill) and Urbats each chipped in with two solo blocks.

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we'll be good. Offensively we're doing well, and with (Allyson) Yankee and (Myrian) Storck playing as outside hitters, they can hit the ball down."

The loss dropped the Trojans to 7-4-1 overall and 0-1 in the conference.

Seniors Amanda Moody (10 kills) and Amber Mills (three solo blocks), along

with junior Katie Blacker (three aces), tried to keep the Trojans close.

"I've seen Clarenceville play better," Wade said. "They went as (Amanda) Moody goes. I just think they had a off-night."

Most of the evening, Clarenceville seemed to be on its heels, playing mostly on the defensive end as evidenced by Mills' game-high 29 digs.

"We lacked communication and we can't seem to

keep our spirits up once we get down," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "We've struggled with serve-receive the last couple of games (matches) we've played."

"We started to get tired, I guess. Tonight they (Lutheran Westland) had good serving, good hitting. They seem to play as a team and they cover up well."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 5
Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Notre Dame Prep, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Lutheran North, 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCT. 2
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Oct. 1
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 2
Clarenceville at B.H. Kingswood, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4
Clawson at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Kingswood at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Sturgis Invitational, 8 a.m.
UM-DeARBORN INVITATIONAL, 9 a.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Oct. 1
Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3
Churchill at Plymouth (P-CEP), 7 p.m.
Novi-Detroit CC at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4
Stevenson at Warren DeLaSalle, 5:30 p.m.
(Metro Conference Playoffs)
Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Lutheran North, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 5
Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.
Essel Ford at Wayne, 7 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Oct. 2
Ladywood, Divine Child, Riv. Gab. Richard at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.
Frosh-Soph. Meet at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Metro Conf. Jamboree at Cranbrook, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Portage Northern Invitational, 9 a.m.
Wayne Co. Meet at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Oct. 2
Ladywood vs. Milford at LCRC, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Mercy of Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at G.P. North, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 5
Wayne Invitational Prelims, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Wayne Invitational Finals, 1 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Tuesday, Oct. 2
John Glenn at F.H. Harrison, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4
John Glenn at Farmington, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
W.L.A.A. Tournament at Plymouth, 9 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Oct. 1
Churchill vs. W.L. Western at Links of Pinewood, 3 p.m.
Wayne vs. Salem at the Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. W.L. Central at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.
Ladywood at Marian, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 2
Stevenson vs. Canton at Hilltop, 2:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3
Stevenson vs. W.L. Northern at Links of Pinewood, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4
John Glenn vs. W.L. Central at the Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 5
Blazer Invitational at St. John's, 8:30 a.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Thursday, Oct. 4
Country Day at Ladywood, 4:15 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 2
Madonna at Aquinas College, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott CC, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Wayne Co. CC at Schoolcraft (2), 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 5
UM-DeARBORN at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at K'Zoo Valley Invitational, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Tuesday, Oct. 2
Madonna at Cornerstone, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3
Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Schoolcraft at Kellogg CC, 1 p.m.
Madonna at Concordia, 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 7
Cincinnati State at Schoolcraft, noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 3
Madonna at Cornerstone, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Madonna at Concordia, noon.
(Schoolcraft Ocelot Invitational)
Schoolcraft vs. Heartland (II) CC, 11 a.m.
Cincinnati St. vs. UM-DeARBORN, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 7
(Schoolcraft Ocelot Invitational)
Heartland (III) vs. Cincinnati State, 10 a.m.
Schoolcraft vs. UM-DeARBORN, 2 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Wednesday, Oct. 3
Whalers at Owen Sound Attack, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7
Whalers vs. Oshawa Generals at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.



The W.L.A.A.-Lakes Division jamboree girls cross country race gets underway with Stevenson's Courtney Calka getting the early lead.

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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

W.L.A.A.-LAKES DIVISION
CROSS COUNTRY JAMBOREE
Sept. 27 at Westland John Glenn
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 40 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 50; 3. Walled Lake Central, 62; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 80; 5. Walled Lake Northern, 141; 6. Westland John Glenn, 144.
Individual winner: Kyle Roche (W.L.C.), 16 minutes, 32 seconds (5,000 meters).
Salem finishers: 2. Kevin deBear, 16:32; 4. Rob Curtis, 16:35; 7. Craig Cowing, 17:05; 11. Jason Smith, 17:14; 16. Matt Devey, 17:36; 20. Justin Kane, 18:02.
Churchill finishers: 3. Joe Varilone, 16:34; 6. Mark Waterbury, 16:51; 9. Paul Folk, 17:12; 14. Nathan Wise, 17:28; 17. Brandon Grysko, 17:52; 19. Michael Schmidt, 17:52; 30. Quinn Osgood, 18:36.
Central finishers: 1. Roche, 16:22; 5. Chad Norton, 16:46; 10. Ryan Rivamonte, 17:44; 22. Andrew Crimmins, 18:08; 24. Will Loomans, 18:10; 25. Drew Pruefer, 18:11; 29. Shad Servo, 18:32.
Stevenson finishers: 8. Kevin Reschke, 17:07; 13. Shawn Howse, 17:23; 15. Mike Gibbons, 17:35; 21. Michael Green, 18:06; 23. Alex Hoetzel, 18:09; 27. Jordan Burger, 18:28; 36. Tom Kaman, 19:22.
Northern finishers: 12. Brian Carter, 17:15; 28. Austin Nell, 18:31; 31. Peter Woolcox, 18:38; 33. Chris Platt, 19:00; 37. Pat Keenan, 19:24; 38. Curt Baugher, 19:42; 39. Blake Simpson, 19:56.
Glenn finishers: 17. Tim Boes, 17:49; 26. Dan McCallih, 18:18; 32. Mike Gardner, 18:49; 34. Jeff Adkins, 19:07; 35. Eric Myrner, 19:06; 40. Ryan Lockhart, 20:12; 41. Gary Lawrence, 21:19.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 28 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 52; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 62; 4. Walled Lake Central, 121; 5. Westland John Glenn, 133; 6. Salem, 144.
Individual winner: Courtney Calka (LS), 18:32.
Churchill finishers: 2. Rachel McFarlane, 19:04; 4. Sara Kroll, 19:39; 5. Alyssa Mira, 19:56; 7. Amanda Southwell, 20:15; 10. Hannah

Otto, 20:28; 11. Kim Verellen, 20:37; 12. Michele Verellen, 20:48.
Stevenson finishers: 1. Calka, 18:32; 6. Julia Schroeder, 20:14; 9. Denese Meier, 20:27; 17. Victoria Saferian, 21:14; 19. Samantha Kay, 21:28; 23. Kattie Capeneka, 22:05; 28. Molly Serge, 22:48.
Northern finishers: 3. Rachel Quaintance, 19:23; 8. Ashton Williams, 20:18; 15. Kristen Olson, 21:11; 16. Kelli Walters, 21:12; 20. Jordan Kopec, 21:36; 24. Kaylee Maves, 22:05; 33. Jaclyn Wright, 23:36.
Central finishers: 13. Bridgit Nash, 20:56; 18. Katie Harma, 21:23; 26. Shannon Nash, 22:22; 30. Kristina Liebe, 22:55; 34. Cimone Saffian, 23:39; 36. Ashley Steiner, 23:56; 38. Amanda David, 24:15.
Glenn finishers: 14. Stacey Richardson, 20:58; 21. Megan Nikula, 21:34; 22. Ashley Bailey, 22:00; 37. Michelle Levy, 24:04; 39. Evi Cenolli, 24:24.
Salem finishers: 25. Kortney Marsh, 22:12; 27. Kristina Klusek, 22:22; 29. Kaitlyn Gray, 22:53; 31. Jessica Balle, 22:58; 32. Annie White, 23:05; 35. Alyssa Calkin, 23:55; 40. Alex McHugh, 25:18.
WESTERN DIVISION JAMBOREE
Sept. 27 at Cass Benton Park
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 29 points; 2. Canton, 53; 3. Livonia Franklin, 87; 4. Walled Lake Western, 105; 5. Plymouth, 116; 6. Wayne Memorial, 165.
Individual winner: Duncan Spitz (Canton), 16 minutes, 38 seconds (5,000 meters).
Northville finishers: 2. John Zureck, 16:43; 3. Jack Dalton, 16:45; 6. Nick Kolbow, 16:55; 8. Erik Peterson, 17:08; 10. Nitin Jacob, 17:18.
Canton finishers: 1. Spitz, 16:38; 5. Kyle Clinton, 16:51; 12. Derek Hoerman, 17:21; 15. Zach Spreitzer, 17:35; 20. Josh Osinski, 17:56.
Franklin finishers: 4. Evan Sirena, 16:50; 14. Mike Krcatovich, 17:32; 19. Dylan Taylor, 17:47; 23. Doug Cole, 18:07; 27. Robert Freed, 18:23; 28.

Pete Walby, 18:25; 29. Jason Riffel, 18:27.
Western finishers: 9. Chris Schnable, 17:09; 17. Jon Rhodes, 17:41; 18. Kousei Yajima, 17:46; 30. Mark Mehinger, 18:33; 31. Brian Cheadie, 18:34.
Plymouth finishers: 7. Justin Huey, 17:00; 24. Warren Buzzard, 18:08; 25. Matt Neumann, 18:09; 26. Alex Noble, 18:09; 34. Lucas Seibel, 18:58.
Wayne finishers: 16. Jacob Schofield, 17:40; 32. Abraham Mendez, 18:35; 38. Mike Gallagher, 22:00; 39. Patrick McKinzie, 22:01; 40. Robert Woodson, 23:03; 41. Joe Barton, 23:03; 42. Ryan Stamer, 25:51.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 39 points; 2. W.L. Western, 56; 3. Plymouth, 68; 4. Canton, 73; 5. Livonia Franklin, 135; 6. Wayne Memorial, 188.
Northville finishers: 1. Lindsay Hagen, 19:49; 8. Jenny Murphy, 20:25; 9. Anna Hardenbergh, 20:31; 10. Stephanie Hamel, 20:35; 11. Emily Sklar, 20:46.
Western finishers: 4. Ana Trivax, 20:05; 6. Rachael Wessel, 20:09; 7. Lindsay Clark, 20:17; 13. Lindsay Dotterer, 20:52; 26. 21:56.
Plymouth finishers: 2. Kelly Hahn, 19:56; 5. Beth Heldmeyer, 20:07; 16. Julie Forster, 21:05; 22. Lauren Ahearn, 21:26; 23. Sarah Brown, 21:33.
Canton finishers: 3. Rachel Rohrbach, 20:03; 14. Sarah Thomas, 21:01; 17. Katie Raymond, 21:22; 19. Katy Galm, 21:20; 20. Abigail Gorzalski, 21:22.
Franklin finishers: 18. Victoria Church, 21:55; 27. Mallory Church, 22:04; 29. Brittany Dilley, 22:21; 30. Megan Wickens, 22:29; 31. Kelly Walby, 22:44; 32. Shannon Niznik, 22:53; 33. Kelsey Kaplan, 23:01.
Wayne finishers: 35. Claire Muro, 23:55; 36. Melissa Smith, 24:58; 38. Chelsea Gilbert, 26:48; 39. Esmeralda Rivera, 27:14; 40. Haley Hayes, 27:37; 41. Jessica McClue, 31:05; 42. Nicole Rau, 34:23.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA STEVENSON 5
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 3
Sept. 26 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Gino McCallathney (LS) defeated Nick Payne (C), 6-3, 6-1.
No. 2: Chris Martin (LS) def. Aniket Patil, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.
No. 3: Akshay Moorthey (LC) def. Erik Koch, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 4: Alex Clos (LC) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-2, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Mike Greco-Pat McHugh (LS) def. Robert Fortney-Daniel Landstrom, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 2: Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Eric Slusarski-Eric Newman, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2).
No. 3: Alex Cook-Ben Bagazinski (LS) def. Mike Appel-John Tabor, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 4: Zwin Deng-Vishal Joshi (LC) def. Matt Nguyen-Evan McWilliams, 6-4, 6-7 (7-5).
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 8-2-1 overall, 7-2-1 W.L.A.A.; Churchill, 8-2-2 overall, 6-3-1 W.L.A.A.
WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 7
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1
Sept. 26 at W.L. Northern
No. 1 singles: Tim Smolen (WJG) defeated David Criss, 6-4, 6-1.
No. 2: Nick Majje (WLN) def. Rob Fraser, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 3: Alex Gaucher (WLN) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-3, 6-2.
No. 4: Matt Rohloff (WLN) def. Gordie German, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Mitch Kelley-Matt Ranch (WLN) def. Zach Ernat-Jacory Frowner, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 2: Bobby Bell-Grant Fournier (WLN) def. Jeremy Profit-Nick Hubbard, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 3: Nate Paulson-Niraj Wagh (WLN) def. Khari Stargell-Shahid Hussain, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 4: Doug Hammes-Steven Olson (WLN) def. Zach Edwards-Matt Starkey, 6-0, 6-0.
Glenn's dual meet record: 1-10 overall, 0-10 W.L.A.A.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4
WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 4
Sept. 24 at W.L. Northern
No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated David Criss, 6-3, 6-2.
No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Nick Majje, 6-1, 6-4.
No. 3: Akshay Moorthey (LC) def. Alex Gaucher, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 4: Alex Clos (LC) def. Matt Rohloff, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Bobby Bell-Steven Olson (WLN) def. Robert Fortney-Daniel Landstrom, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 2: Mitch Kelley-Matt Ranch (WLN) def. Eric Newman-Eric Slusarski, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.
No. 3: Cole Davis-John Andrew (WLN) def. John Tabor-Mike Appel, 6-4, 6-3.
No. 4: Nate Paulson-Niraj Wagh (WLN) def. Kyle Stoppa-Zwin Deng, 1-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.
Churchill's dual meet record: 8-2-2 overall, 6-2-1 overall.
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
Sept. 21 at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Tim Smolen, 6-3, 6-2.
No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Rob Fraser, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 3: Akshay Moorthey (LC) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 4: Alex Clos (LC) def. Gordie German, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Robert Fortney-Daniel Landstrom (LC) def. Zach Ernat-Jacory Frowner, 6-0, 6-4.
No. 2: Eric Newman-Eric Slusarski (LC) def. Jeremy Profit-Nick Hubbard, 6-0, 6-4.
No. 3: Pat Moroney-Cameron Norscia (LC) def. Khari Stargell-Zach Edwards, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 4: Andy Clark-Vishal Joshi (LC) def. Shahid Hussain-Matt Starkey, 6-0, 6-0.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 8-2-1 overall, 6-2 W.L.A.A.; John Glenn, 1-9 overall, 0-8 W.L.A.A.

NOVI INVITATIONAL
BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Sept. 22 at Novi
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi (A), 21 points; 2. Birmingham Seaholm, 16; 3. University of Detroit Jesuit, 13; 4. Canton, 10; 5. (tie) Livonia Stevenson, Novi (B), Flint Powers Catholic and Rochester, 9 each.
INDIVIDUAL FLIGHT FINALS
NO. 1 SINGLES: David Farah (FP) defeated Mani Nandavan (Novi A), 6-3, 6-0.
3rd place: Gino McCallathney (LS) def. Evan Frederick (BS), 6-0, 6-3.
5th place: Michael Cole (U-D) def. David Kang (C), 6-1, 6-2.
NO. 2 SINGLES: Brad Bolke (FP) def. Gourtham Kondapi (Novi A), 6-3, 6-2.
3rd: Patrick Cole (U-D) def. Mike Darouie (C), 6-0, 6-1.
5th: David Foreman (BS) def. Nikhil Devarakonda (Novi B), 6-2, 6-4.
NO. 3 SINGLES: Ryan Bell (Novi A) def. Justin Luedel (C), 6-2, 6-1.
3rd: Paul Olexa (U-D) def. John Fisher (FP), 7-5, 6-3.
5th: Scott Miller (BS) def. Jordan Keller (R), 6-1, 6-1.
NO. 4 SINGLES: Carson Crandall (Novi A) def. Graham Gilbert (BS), 7-5, 6-1.
3rd: Alex Silbert (R) def. Joey Greenwald (U-D), 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.
5th: Nick Adams (FP) def. Ryan Hanz (C), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.
NO. 1 DOUBLES: Andrew Green-Will Stewart (BS) def. Justin Farooq-Ameya Sohani (Novi A), 6-1, 6-1.
3rd: Mike Greco-Pat McHugh (LS) def. Derek Richad-Brent Womack (Novi B), 6-4, 6-3.
5th: Davide Iacobelli-Andrew Bitwin (U-D) def. Shinya Abe-Ben Kaliris (R), 6-0, 6-3.
NO. 2 DOUBLES: Ryan Goodman-Jason Hsu (Novi A) def. Tucker Blake-Ed Benda (BS), 6-3, 6-2.
3rd: Shawn Wetherhold-Nishant Tilak (R) def. Matt Schaffer-Chip Switzer (R), 7-5, 6-3.
5th: Vince Brennan-Michael Wilson (U-D) def. Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS), 2-6, 6-0, 6-3.
NO. 3 DOUBLES: Tim Oh-Greg Richter (Novi A) def. Matt Vandendorp-Michael Isaacs (BS), 6-1, 6-2.
3rd: Majeed Abdul-Wahab-Kyle McGuire (Novi B) def. Patrick Levandowski-Andy Pung (U-D), 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.
5th: Ben Bagazinski-Alex Cook (LS) def. David Dingo-Ryan Evans (C), 6-2, 6-4.
NO. 4 DOUBLES: Nathan Farooq-Vishnu Venugopal (Novi A) def. D.J. Lydy-Bennett Thompson (BS), 6-4, 7-6 (7-9).
3rd: Cory Hurst-Adam Payne (C) def. Mouli Mandaparty-Zhao Wang (Novi B), 7-5, 6-1.
5th: Jimmy Kingsley-Collin Evanson (R) def. David Wilson-Mike Aiello (U-D), 6-4, 6-1.

ELEMENTARY SOCCER

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage two different six-week indoor soccer leagues for students in kindergarten-first grade and grades 2-3 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard. The kindergarten and first-grade league will be at 9 a.m.; 10 a.m.; and 11 a.m. Saturdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8, 15; while the grades 1-2 league will be 1 and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9 and 16. The first meeting of six will be used as an evaluation and fun soccer session with the intent of diving up registered child on equal teams of 11. Skill development, not winning, will be stressed. For more information, call Barb Gamber at (734) 466-2918. Registration for LCRC pass holders begins Oct. 8; Livonia residents, Oct. 9-10; and non-residents, Oct. 11.

ADULT HOCKEY STANDINGS

LIVONIA OVER 30
HOCKEY STANDINGS
(As of Sept. 23)
Stants Excavating 2-2/1/5 points
LaSalle Bank 2-1/1/5 points
Hunt's Ace Hardware 2-1/0/4 points
Daily Restaurant 2-1/0/4 points
D&G Heating & Cooling 2-2/0/4 points
Zaschak Enterprises, LLC 1-1-2/4 points
Livonia Auto Body 1-2-0/2 points
Coldwell Banker/G&G Plumbing 0-3-0/0

Dordeski's goal triggers Ocelots

A beautiful dribble by sophomore defender Nick Dordeski through four Macomb CC defenders set up the open-net game-winner with 58 seconds left by Michael Iyoha, as Schoolcraft College earned a 2-1 home men's victory Wednesday. Iyoha won the Michigan Community College Athletic Association match with a backheel into the open cage after Dordeski (Livonia Stevenson) turned the Macomb defense (and goalkeeper) inside out. But Macomb (2-3-1, 2-1-

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0) held on to a 1-0 lead until about 12 minutes remained, when Brad Spencer converted a feed from Stevenson product Louie Djokic. The goal was a "terrific shot into the top corner," Ocelots assistant coach Eric Scott said. The Ocelots trailed at half-time, despite outshooting their opponent 11-4, because of Daniel Agosto's header over goalkeeper Chris Riley's head in the 44th minute.

The victory improved Schoolcraft's record to 6-2-2 overall and 3-0-0 in the conference.
NO. 2, DAVENPORT 2 (WOMEN): Lauren Hess (Livonia Ladywood) and Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson) scored goals Friday, but Madonna University (6-3-2, 5-1-1) had to settle for a draw with host Davenport University (2-8-1, 1-5-1) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match played at Caledonia. Rachel Thompson assisted on Allie's goal. Ashley Phillips and Jaeline Huff (53rd minute) scored for the Panthers.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 196
SALEM 252
Sept. 27 at St. John's
Franklin scorers: Paige Scarpace, 39 (medalist); Georgia Patrick, 46; Samantha McAtee, 53; Samantha Nesbitt and Natalie Polkowski, 58 each; Lauren Beahon, 62.
Salem scorers: Natalie Barnett, 56; Mary Johnson, 62; Kelly Janiczek, 67; Lizzy Moosian, 67.
Franklin's dual meet record: 6-5 overall, 5-5 W.L.A.A.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 200
LIVONIA STEVENSON 228
Sept. 26 at Fox Creek
Central scorers: Sarah Johnson, 35 (medalist); Kelly Miller and Riley Collins, 54 each; Jenni Arbrahm, 57.
Stevenson scorers: Gabrielle Sabatini, 49; Claire Massman, 55; Elizabeth Grace, 60; Natalie Cicchelli and Shelby Pichotta, 64 each.
Dual meet records: Central, 4-5 W.L.A.A.; Stevenson, 4-4 W.L.A.A.
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 101

PLYMOUTH 207
Sept. 26 at Idyl Wyld
Franklin scorers: Paige Scarpace, 41 (medalist); Georgia Patrick, 46; Heather Bacon, 48; Natalie Polakowski, 56; Heather deGuise, 61; Jennifer Heilinger, 64.
Plymouth scorers: Missy Gosbee, 43; Patricia Burns, 46; Liz Cizek, 57; Megan Hagerty, 61; Christy Pattison, 65.
Dual meet records: Franklin, 5-5 overall, 4-5 W.L.A.A.; Plymouth, 1-7 W.L.A.A.

Humming along
Country Day is Spartans' latest victim

So far during the 2007 boys soccer season, Livonia Stevenson hasn't missed a beat. On Friday, the 2006 Division I state runner-up and No. 2-ranked Spartans improved to 13-0 overall with a 1-0 win over host Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, rated No. 3 in Division 3. Dylan Green scored the game-winning goal with only six minutes remaining off an assist from David Simor. Goalkeepers Justin Collins (first half) and Conner Burton (second half) combined for the shutout. "It was one of the first times this season that we had to overcome some adversity, it was good to fight out a win against a strong team," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. On Wednesday, turned in an impressive performance with a 5-1 victory over visiting Livonia Churchill. With the victory, Stevenson upped its record to 9-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Churchill falls to 7-6-1 overall and 4-4-1 in the Lakes. "It was probably our most solid team performance of the season from top to bottom," Richters said. "I'm proud of the energy level the kids played at." Stevenson bolted out to a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Chris Long (from Joey D'Agostino) and Simor (from Ricky Chrzasz). The Spartans added three more goals during the second half before Churchill could counter. Adrian Fylenenko, Nick Anagnostou and Chrzasz all found the net with Brian Klemczak, Brandon Kopitz and Nate Sergison each drawing assists. Churchill's Vinnie Carozza's corner kick late in the second half that may have been tipped in by Kyle Schwarz ruined Stevenson's shutout bid. Burton played the first half in goal for Stevenson, while Collins finished up. "They (Stevenson) played extremely well and we didn't," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We played pretty poor defense. They found the holes and finished with the ball. The first 20 minutes for us was O.K. We created a couple of good opportunities and had a break-away, but did not finish whereas they created a couple of chances and finished." In the last meeting between the two teams on Sept. 5, Stevenson came away with a 2-0 win at Churchill. "I can't say enough of how impressed with Lars (Richters) and how outstandingly the way he always has his boys prepared and organized," Friedrichs said. "He had such a nice game plan and that's a sign of good coaching, especially when it's the second go-around."

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who lost back-up goalkeeper Jordan McKindles with 18 minutes left. "We had to switch some things around. Players got open and the usual happened. We lost our marks again and Colin (Rolf) got through, as skilled a player as he is." Tyler Floyd and Thomas Madigan also scored for the Wildcats, who led 3-0 at halftime. Rodopoulos singled out the play of midfielder-forward Joe Boettcher, along with Noel Romo and Travis Matthey. CLARENCEVILLE 5, HARPER WOODS 0: Five different players scored Friday as host Livonia Clarenceville (4-9, 3-5) rolled to a victory over the visiting Pioneers. Goal scorers for Clarenceville included Phil Strachan, Matt Garant, Matt Parent, Mike Schiffman and Daniel Pepaj. Phil Heidler notched the shutout in goal. HURON VALLEY 2, PARKWAY 2: Tyler Waganam and Aaron Howell tallied goals Friday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-12-1, 0-4-1) snapped a 32-game streak without a win dating back to the 2005 season by playing Sterling Heights Park Christian (2-10-1, 2-4-1) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division game. Zach Champagne scored both goals for the Eagles. NORTHVILLE 8, FRANKLIN 0: In a W.L.A.A.-Western Division game Wednesday, senior captain Masato Morioka scored twice and Alex Marilley added two assists as the host Mustangs (11-1-3, 6-1-2) rolled to the mercy-rule victory over Livonia Franklin (3-9, 2-7). Other Northville goal scorers included Steve Lempe, Latif Alashe, Bobby Kruse, John Hatzis, Doug Beason and Andrei Ionescu. Nick Kolbow also contributed an assist. Senior goalkeeper Albert Kief notched his fourth shutout of the year. "We played well the first half," said Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos, whose team trailed 3-0. "We made a few small errors. We got caught off-guard on a couple of decent through balls, but the second half things broke down."

W.L. NORTHERN 5, JOHN GLENN 0: Brendan Rogers scored a pair of goals Wednesday as Walled Lake Northern (8-4-2, 4-3-2) blanked host Westland John Glenn (2-11-1, 0-9) in a W.L.A.A.-Lakes Division encounter. Aaron Rosenberg, Austin Rogers and Kyle Rutz also tallied goals for the Knights, who led 1-0 at intermission. Goalkeeper Kyle Huismann, with backup help during the final 25 minutes from Brian Johnston, earned his eighth shutout of the year. "We played a better game than we have the past few games," Glenn coach Reavis Olive said. "I thought Jeff Thompson and David Kalvelage were solid on defense, and as always Khalid Suleiman was solid in the middle along with Nelson Kenne." Zach Redden went all the way in goal for the Rockets. CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: Kyle Britmeyer and Mark Edwards scored two goals apiece as the W.L.A.A.-Western Division leading Chiefs (10-2-3, 7-1-1) rolled past host Wayne Memorial (0-12-2, 0-9). LUTH. WESTLAND 0, LUTH. NORTH 0: On Thursday, host Lutheran High Westland (8-3-3, 4-3-1) and Macomb Lutheran North (6-5-3, 4-1-3) battled to a scoreless draw. Warriors goalkeeper Micah Hausch, who made eight saves, earned his seventh shutout. "They (Lutheran North) probably had more chances than we did, but we made a late run at the end," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "Anytime you go zero-zero with Lutheran North, it's a good showing. They're a big, strong team, but we held our own. It was a good effort by the guys. We held tough."

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2007 CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA: Please take notice that a City General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007, IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city, or township clerk's office. The Livonia City Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving registrations of electors to vote. The office is located at: 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan. Candidates for the following offices will be voted upon: Mayor, City Treasurer, City Clerk, City Council. This notice is given on behalf of the Election Commission, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan. VAL VANDERSLOOT City Clerk. Publish: September 30, 2007

Zebras squander 2nd-half lead 'T.D.' Brown left legacy in area bowling circles

Walled Lake Western scored the final 22 points of the football game Friday night to claim a come-from-behind, 36-26 victory over host Wayne Memorial.

The Warriors also clinched the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division championship with one game remaining.

Western, which owns a five-game winning streak, is 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the division. Every other team in the division now has at least two losses.

This Friday, the Warriors play host to Plymouth in the division finale.

Wayne (3-3, 2-2) led 20-7 at halftime, but Western got within six in the third quarter

on Sam Welch's 3-yard run and a successful PAT.

Anthony Baskin's 10-yard run put the Zebras on top, 26-14, but it was all Warriors from there.

Welch scored from 2 yards and passed to Montel Nix-Fleming for a 60-yard touchdown. Welch ran for the two-point conversion after the TD pass to give Western a 29-26 lead in the fourth quarter.

The Warriors wrapped up the win with Andy Buchanan's insurance touchdown run of 38 yards.

In the first half, Wayne senior quarterback D.J. Freeman passed 8 yards to Alan Freeman for the first touchdown of the game, and he connected with Eric Williams

for a pair of 22-yard TD tosses. Alan Freeman ran for two after the third score to give the Zebras their 20-7 lead.

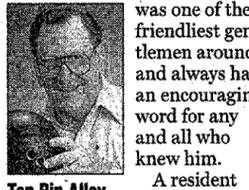
After the first Wayne TD, Nix-Fleming returned the kick-off 85 yards for a touchdown and a 7-6 advantage with the PAT.

Western, which rushed for 319 yards, had a 384-347 edge in total offense. Buchanan rushed 19 times for 170 yards, Welch 16 for 134. Welch also was 4-of-6 passing for 65 yards.

Wayne had 193 yards on the ground and 154 through the air. D.J. Freeman gained 112 yards on 18 carries, and he was 8-of-11 passing for 154 yards. Ramsey Hart had an interception for the Zebras.

"TD" is gone. He was well known by his first two initials. He passed away on Sept. 24 at the age of 75.

Theron D. Brown was a fine bowler, he was one of the friendliest gentlemen around and always had an encouraging word for any and all who knew him.



Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

He made lots of friends wherever he went, having served his country for 27 years in the Air Force, and later working for the Oakland County Road Commission. It was through bowling and golf that he was able to expand his horizons. He excelled at both sports.

"He was the most likable and kindest person I've ever met," said Lisa Bishop, a former pro bowler and avid golfer who

know Brown well. "He had his first 300 game this year (in January). He was just very good at everything he did."

Bishop, an avid golfer herself, also mentioned what a good golfer Brown was, but she said he did it his way.

Michelle Mullen talked about his ever-present helping hand, at those times when she had to move some equipment after her coaching times were finished. That's just the way he was.

As for myself, I had never met TD Brown, but I sure wish I had. His passing was sudden and unexpected. He was a one-of-a-kind and those whose lives he touched will never forget him.

Most local bowlers know all about the Greater Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame.

Anyone who is elected and given these honors makes it on the basis of outstanding performance on the lanes or in the meritorious service category.

The selections for this year based on performance include: Virginia Austin, Detroit; Carol Davis, Lake Orion; Quintin Greene and Mike Lee, both from Dearborn Heights.

Honored for meritorious service category are George Zainea of Grosse Pointe and yours truly (Al Harrison), a native of Southfield.

In case you're wondering

how I made it?

It was a combination of many things, including providing all the latest scoops about the local bowling scene, 10 years of service as a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, years of service on the John P. Gavie and Old Timers Tournament committees (including a one-year stint as Old Timers president).

There was also involvement in several bowling charities including the Stroke Out Child Abuse of Evergreen Children's Services, the Mayflower Senior/Youth Challenge (which I helped get started as secretary of his Sunday league for over 20 years). I also helped in the bowlers' battle against the unfair treatment by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, which resulted in establishing an amended law, signed by Gov. John Engler in the presence of the group led by Tom McKay and Mark Martin.

I am truly both honored and elated by this selection. The induction ceremonies will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road, in Warren.

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Glenn rallies past 'Vikes, 28-21

Westland John Glenn rallied with 14 fourth-quarter points Friday night to take a 28-21 victory from host Walled Lake Central in a Western Lakes Activities Association football game.

Quarterback Keshawn Martin scored the winning touchdown with 3:51 remaining when he ran 20 yards on a busted play.

Charles Woodford was stopped in the middle of the line, but the ball wound up in Martin's hands, who escaped the defense for the decisive score.

Earlier on the nine-play, 52-yard drive, the Rockets lined up to kick a field goal,

but Woodford passed 15 yards to Pat Jensen for a first down instead. It was the Rockets' lone pass completion of the night.

Glenn tied the score, 21-21, with a 52-yard touchdown run by Woodford at 10:11 in the fourth quarter, capping an 80-yard drive in four plays.

Central's Steve Robinson started the scoring with a 20-yard run in the first quarter.

The Rockets countered with an 8-yard touchdown run by Woodford, but the Vikings regained the lead when quarterback Cody Rzeznik scampered 50 yards for a score in the final minute.

Glenn tied the score with

Martin's 66-yard run early in the second quarter, but Central took a 21-14 lead into halftime when fullback Mike Dennison plunged the final 3 yards at the end of an 11-play, 69-yard drive.

Central outgained Glenn, 365-254, and had a 16-7 advantage in first downs.

The Rockets had 239 rushing yards. Martin carried 13 times for 115 yards and Woodford 14-for-97. The Vikings had 262 yards rushing and 103 passing. Rzeznik gained 126 yards on 13 carries, Dennison 117 on 17 rushes. Both teams are 2-2 in the WAAA Lakes Division; Glenn improves to 3-3 overall and Central falls to 2-4.

Silverbacks stall Diesels, 12-7

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG
SPECIAL WRITER

All good things come to an end...

The Detroit Diesels, coming off their seventh straight win, and the London (Ontario) Silverbacks coming off their fourth straight shutout - everything a season finale should be. But the final outcome wasn't

to be as Detroit fell to the Silverbacks, 12-7, in a North American Football League clash Sept. 22 at Livonia Franklin. The Diesels ended the Silverbacks shutout streak on the first offensive drive with a score, but in the next period, a London defender picked off a pass, raced downfield and pitched to a teammate for the touchdown. The extra point

attempt bounced off the crossbar leaving Detroit leading by one. The Silverbacks scored the game-winning TD with three minutes left in the game.

Although an ugly loss, the Central Lakes Division champion Diesels have life. With this week off, they gear up for the first-round playoffs beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 at Livonia Churchill H.S.



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Demolition grid tryouts

Tryouts for the Detroit Demolition, five-time national women's football champions, will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 at Detroit Southwestern High School.

For more information, call Steve Lipsen at (248) 496-9084; or e-mail him at steve.lipsen@hotmail.com.

WYAA girls fastpitch

The Westland Youth Athletic Association Lightning will stage registration for their fastpitch girls softball program (ages 8-18) from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the WYAA Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland.

Birth certificates are required. For more information, call Bruce Iannicello at (734) 729-7736; or visit www.wyaa.org. You can also call (734) 421-0640.

Adult women's hockey

An adult women's beginner hockey league will begin its fall session (Oct. through Jan.) at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

The registration fee is \$190 (includes jersey). Games will be schedule for 7:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. on Fridays.

You can register online at macrhl.com.

Coaches wanted

Westland John Glenn is seeking a ninth-grade and JV girls basketball coach for the 2007-08 season.

For more information, call Glenn athletic administrator Brian Swinehart at (734) 419-2311; or

e-mail him at swinehart@wwcs.k12.mi.us.

Livonia Clarenceville High School has a coaching opening for a varsity assistant wrestling coach.

Interested applicants can call athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 919-0217; or send a resume, cover letter and references to: Kevin Murphy, Clarenceville H.S., 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

You can also contact him via e-mail at KMurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us. Resumes will be accepted through Nov. 1.

Livonia Ladywood is seeking a girls varsity competitive cheer and girl JV competitive cheer coach for the 2007 winter sports season.

Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Adult flag football

Class A, B and C teams are wanted for the Adult Flag Football State Championships, Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 20-21, in Holland.

The cost is \$300 per team (by Oct. 8). The tournament is a two-game knockout.

For more information, call Ericka at (616) 355-1130 or (248) 391-6950.

Men's fall basketball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a seven-week Monday or Wednesday evening men's fall basketball league (ages 18 and up) at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's Main Gym, located at 15100 Hubbard, Livonia.

Games times will rotate between 6:30 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.; 8:30 p.m.; and

9:30 p.m.

Registration starts for LCRC pass holders starts Oct. 8; Livonia residents, Oct. 9-10; and non-residents, Oct. 11. The team registration deadline is Oct. 22.

The fee is \$320 per team (official fees are \$24 per game, per team). For more information, call Barb Gamber at (734) 466-2918.

Adult co-ed volleyball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage an eight-week, adult six-vs.-six co-ed volleyball league for ages 18-and-up on Wednesday evenings, beginning Oct. 17 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Games times are 6:30 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.; and 8:30 p.m. at the LCRC's Mac Gym (Court No. 1). There will be three rally scoring games up to 27 points per night.

The team registration fee is \$280. The registration deadline is Oct. 10. For more information, call Barb Gamber at (734) 466-2918.

Youth baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 2008 WaCo Wolves, a 13-and-under travel baseball team, will be held throughout the month of October on an individual basis.

The Wolves will play in the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association and in 11-to-12 tournaments during the spring and summer months.

The Wolves will also compete in the Nike Invitational held during the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Livonia pentathlete winds up 32nd at Beijing Olympic stop

A dress rehearsal was staged Sept. 16 for the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics as the top modern pentathletes from around the globe competed in the last World Cup Final even of the 2007 season.

In her quest to make Olympic history, Livonia native Sheila Taormina wound up 32nd out of 36 with 4,748 points.

Egypt's Aya Medany captured the title with 5,536 points, only eight ahead of silver medalist Elen Rublevska of Latvia.

Sara Bertoli took the bronze with 5,520.

Taormina, a Livonia Stevenson High grad, was one of three Americans to make the trip to China.

Michelle Kelly (Chatam, N.Y.), who has already secured a spot on the U.S. team for Beijing in 2008, was 23rd with 5,160, while Emily Shertzler

(Hersey, Pa.) took 29th with an even 5,000.

Taormina, 15th in the Olympic qualification power rankings, had the fastest clocking among four heats in the 200-meter swim with a time of 2:07.54 (1,392 points) and was 13th overall in the 3,000-meter run in 10:35.51 (1,180 points).

In the other three disciplines, Taormina slipped to 36th in the shooting (856 points), 35th in fencing (eight wins and 27 defeats for 592 points) and 33rd in the equestrian ride (728 points) aboard a horse named Sing and Drink.

Taormina, a former All-America swimmer at the University of Georgia, is attempting to make history by becoming the first woman to qualify for the Olympic Games in three different sports.

In the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta, Ga., Taormina captured a gold medal when she

swam the third leg of the women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay. She also finished sixth and 23rd, respectively, in the women's triathlon at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia and Athens, Greece.

Her top modern pentathlon performance in 2007 came back in March when she earned a silver medal in the World Cup (No. 2 event) in Cairo, Egypt.

Athletes automatically qualify for an Olympic berth by finishing first at a World Cup event.

There will be three more opportunities to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, including next May's 2008 World Championships. The remaining seven Olympic slots will be determined by the World Cup ranking from the Olympic qualifying season, June 2007 through June 1, 2008.

Fearful mom must deal with past

I was sexually abused as a child but never told anyone. Now I am the married mother of a daughter that is afraid to leave her with her father because I will not let what happened to me happen to her. When I was her age a family member would get me alone and I cannot stand the thought of that happening to my daughter. We have no contact with this person but I am still afraid of everyone, including my husband. I know that my husband would never do that to her — he's not like that. He's a kind and loving man but I can't get the fear out of my head. He thinks that I think that he's a bad father and it hurts him that he can't take her anyplace without me. I never let him change diapers or give her a bath and I know that he feels hurt but I can't help it. I want to trust him but I'm afraid of what might happen if I'm wrong. I won't let my daughter get hurt like I

did. I feel guilty and worried all of the time and I wonder how long it will be until my husband leaves me over this. Please help me.

This letter is not really about your husband or your daughter so much as it is about you and the negative impact that the abuse that you suffered has had on your sense of security, control, and trust. Because of the vile betrayal that you endured in your past you feel unable to let your guard down in the present. If you do, you're afraid that your daughter will face the consequences.

The stress and anxiety that you are living with must be unbearable. This stress must also be having a significant impact on your husband and daughter's daily functioning and interactions. In essence, this pain that you are carrying around is also hurting those that you love.

I can't even begin to address the fears that you have regarding your husband and daughter because it is clear that you have never had the opportunity to deal with this abuse. I commend you for the courage that you have shown by contacting me with the intention of addressing these horrible experiences. It is this kind of strength and effort that is required if you are to truly deal with your past and move into the present. I strongly encourage you to contact a therapist so that you can begin the healing process, not just for yourself, but for your husband and daughter as well.

It is not uncommon for victims of abuse to keep these experiences to themselves. Sometimes this is out of fear of the abuser and other times it is fear that they themselves would be blamed or seen in a negative light if the abuse were ever revealed. The truth is that there is no shame in being the victim of abuse, that dishonor is reserved for the victimizer. And when these experiences and the negative beliefs that accompany them are allowed to fester, the emotional and behavioral difficulties that result are increased dramatically.

So again, I strongly encourage you, and every other victim of abuse, past or present, to contact a qualified mental health professional. As difficult as this may seem, it is a far better alternative to the price that is paid for silence. And only through the therapeutic processing of these events can a person begin to re-establish their sense of self, security and trust.

Is it permissible to discipline a child that is playing at your house but is not yours? There is a neighbor girl that comes to my home and lies, cheats and steals. She talks back to me and does not respond when I speak to her. I don't know what to do. I've tried speaking to her mother about these issues with little response. My daughter wants to play with her, but I am not willing to tolerate such behavior in my home. What can I do?

In the first place, I would not discipline a child that was not mine unless I had discussed the matter with the other parent and had come to some sort of an agreement. There are far too many concerns that are raised by this approach. To be safe, I am not recommending this as the best course of action.

I believe that the most effective plan is to establish a policy that whenever these behaviors are demonstrated and she does not respond to your intervention with the appropriate level of respect, she will be asked to leave and will not be invited back for a specified period of time. I would discuss this rule with her and each time she comes over and I would enforce it with firm consistency (which means each and every time without exception).

Terry Wilamowski is a therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and their families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Send questions or comments to terry-wilamowski@yahoo.com.



Stas' Wisniach and his Club Polka Reunited Orchestra in April 2003 on the site of the former Tip-Top Inn on Detroit's west side. Members include Bob Lymeris (left), Wally Gomulka, Paul Onachuk, Art Buczkowski, Stas' Wisniach, and Harry Walker.



Stas' Wisniach at a gig in June 1965. Steve Dzoba (saxophone) is in the background.

DOM POLSKI

What: Showing of film Dom Polski: Dance Hall Days of Detroit's Polonia. The Hot Club of Detroit opens.

When: 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6
Where: Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River, east of Farmington Road, Farmington. Call (248) 474-1951.
Tickets: \$15. Advance tickets may be purchased at box office. For information, call (248) 477-8518 or visit www.hornman-detroit.com or www.farmingtoncivic.org.

Dance hall days

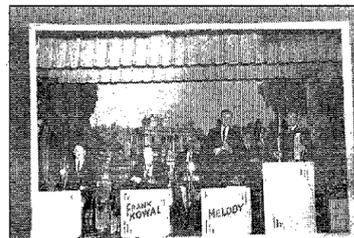
Film focuses on Polish music, culture

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Laurie Palazzolo never dreamed the short documentary she wanted to produce about Polish-American dance hall musicians would turn into a feature-length film focusing on the culture in Detroit in the 1900s.

As a young girl, Palazzolo remembers her father, Ted Gomulka, leaving the house to play trumpet three to four nights a week with his brother Wally, friend Stanley (Stas') Wisniach, and musicians whose names would become well-known not only in halls, beer gardens and clubs, but throughout the Detroit area.

Palazzolo and chief editorial adviser and researcher Susan Tyszka sorted through some 3,000 photographs from the era, eventually selecting the 1,700 used in the film along with interviews of musicians and footage of the assembly



Frank (Kowal) Smith & his Orchestra, a popular east side band in the 1930s and 1940s.

lines where the immigrants worked after coming to this country. The documentary covers the east side community which settled on Chene then migrated north to Hamtramck, and the west siders in the Michigan Avenue and Buchanan area.

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Tony Greco (left), Mary Galasso and Alex Fedrigo are longtime members of the Italian American Club of Livonia.

Italians celebrate 30 years together

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Mary Galasso cried as she watched the DVD on the history of the Italian American Club of Livonia. Over the last 30 years Italian American families in the area have celebrated together, socialized and built the impressive facility on Five Mile with hundreds of hours of donated labor.

On Columbus Day, Galasso, the club president, and the members share their heritage with the community at the 30th annual dinner dance at which the DVD will be shown. As part of the celebration, the club's Charitable Foundation will award 10 scholarships of \$1,000 each to high school students in southeast Michigan.

"We were raising families. Both of us were in business," said Alex

COLUMBUS DAY DINNER DANCE

What: Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, elegant family-style dinner, entertainment and dancing to Intrigue. Black tie preferred.

When: 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7
Where: Italian American Club of Livonia Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, east of I-275, Livonia
Tickets: \$60. For reservations, call (734) 953-1137, press 2 and then 2 again



The Italian American Club of Livonia.

Fedrigo referring to himself and Tony Greco. "That's when we were approached to serve on a committee to plan a fund-raiser for (Livonia Mayor) Ed McNamara. We met each other and liked each other and founded the Italian club."

Greco and Fedrigo weren't

alone in founding the club. Ben Celani and Ann and Patrick Tivolacci were among the officers who met at Nicky's then Celani's Action Distributors then Corsi's before the organization bought the old Rosedale Gardens club

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People who care

Benefit supports Angela Hospice programs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dorothy Scannell believes when one person gives it inspires others so she's hoping Ethel Standley's story motivates Angela Hospice supporters to revisit the 60s at the Light Up a Life benefit Saturday, Oct. 13, at Rock Financial Showplace.

The 93-year-old Standley is receiving end-of-life care from Angela Hospice, but during World War II she served the country as a Navy Wave and most recently donated a bus to the Lutheran Home-Livonia where she lives. Another woman read about it and donated a bus to her home.

"When people hear what other people do it transforms their lives," said Scannell. "Ethel glows when she hears how many people enjoy going out on the bus."

Angela Hospice is not only caring for Standley as she battles congestive heart failure, but takes some of the burden off Scannell who is her caretaker. The two were in the service together and stayed friends through the years.

"When my husband had to go into hospice, I had heard so much about Angela I asked the hospital if I could switch the provider to Angela," said Scannell, 88. "They try to make people comfortable and take the stress out of it. When I had a problem with a bill last week they told me they would take care of it. The volunteers are very helpful. Ethel's legally blind so she's not sure who is the person caring for her when they walk into the room. The nurse from Angela Hospice comes in and checks on her and leaves notes for me."

Pat Bracken brought Angela Hospice in for her father Paul Garanich in 2002 and her mother in July. Bracken's father suffered from lung cancer he developed from black lung exposure in Pennsylvania. Her mother was diagnosed with colon and pancreatic cancer April 1. She died July 24. Thanks to Angela Hospice Bracken, her sister Cyndi Garanich and brother Andrew



Volunteers Debby Kearns of Dearborn Heights and Ramona Keatta of Plymouth discuss the 1960's-theme decorations for the Oct. 13 Light Up a Life Benefit to raise money for Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Garanich were able to find comfort in the days before and after their deaths.

"Dad was under mom's care. Angela was great," said Pat Bracken of Redford. Bracken is business coordinator at Henry Ford Medical Center in Plymouth. "They gave mom all the support and knowledge she needed to take care of dad. They came in and gave her a break when needed. The support helped her through that. You pick up the phone and they're there. That helped the family greatly. With mom we took care of her. We all work. We rotated shifts and were able to do that because of Angela. Anytime I called them with a question at night I got an answer immediately. Towards the end they were there not just for mom, but for the family. Afterwards they called immediately to check on us. You really can't say enough about them. It take special people to do a special job."

All proceeds from the Light Up a Life benefit the many caring programs of Angela Hospice. Development manager Alice Barringer and a committee are making sure guests have fun

while supporting the nondenominational nonprofit. She's planning to wear a blue and white checked jumper that looks like a 1960 Catholic school girl's uniform. She hopes guests dress in 1960s attire as well. Limbo and best dressed look of the 60s contests are just part of the festivities. Silent auction items include a trip to the top of the Mackinac Bridge, cocktail party for 50, a wine tasting in your home, Pistons and Red Wings suites, and spending a morning with Dick Purtan and his crew on WOMC.

"There will be bands and dancing, raffles and auction items. The theme is Groovin' and Cruisin' through the 60s so the decorations focus on flower power. There will be flowers hanging from the ceiling. The band is The Reflections who wrote the song just like Romeo and Juliet, and during the auction The Stubbs Girls do kind of a Supreme's type act," said Alice Barringer. "We're raffling off a 1969 Buick Electra convertible donated by Classic Auto Rentals of Birmingham, and a trip to Mexico."

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DANCE HALL

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The Dom Polski (Polish home) halls served as gathering places for Polish Americans.

"I could visualize the entire film," said Palazzolo of Farmington. "I jokingly say we're like the reality show of filmmakers. We had nothing to work with. We were recycling index cards. It was a long process."

The film follows the publishing of her book, *Horn Man*, distributed by Wayne State University Press. Palazzolo began writing about the musicians when her father became ill in 1998. Five years and more than 100 interviews later the book was published.

Ted Gomulka, who had recorded on the Decca label, wrote the music for songs like *There's a City Called Hamtramck* on the back of his pay stubs. Her mother Ruth would then write lyrics.

Tyszka's mother and sister frequented the halls where the musicians played. She has a box full of dance programs from St. Cyril, St. Bartholomew's and Veteran's Hall along with the Grande, Graystone and Arcadia ballrooms.

"On weekends there were at least 100 dances going on in halls, empty stores. They would take the streetcar from Hamtramck," said Tyszka. "People went every weekend."

KEEPING STORIES ALIVE

Palazzolo didn't want the story of the dance hall days to die. She believes there is a large audience for the film. According to the 2000 U.S. Census; Michigan was second in the country with some 855,000 people of Polish descent.

On Oct. 6, she presents the film at the Civic Center in Farmington. The Hot Club of Detroit opens the program.

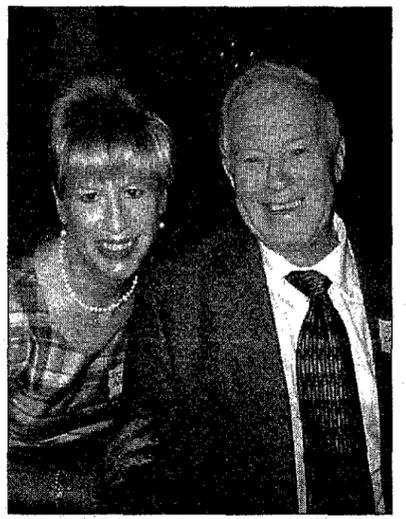
"The musicians and widows were so helpful. They pulled out photos and posters," said Palazzolo. "I really wanted to bring that to light, the west side settlement. It was as significant culturally as Hamtramck. I wanted it preserved."

"A unique phenomenon of the west side were the Polish and Ukrainian musicians who played together. In my book I say the Polish was the heart of the music, the Ukrainians the soul."

Once the book was published in 2003, Palazzolo realized that someone needed to tell their story on film. At the time she was taking care of Wisniach. The accordionist had quit playing his instrument two years before. Palazzolo flew out to California where Wisniach had been living and brought him back to Michigan. Wisniach resumed his love affair with music, playing three nights a week at Luigi's in Farmington and then four nights a week at Fonte D'Amore in Livonia.

During this time, Palazzolo reunited Wisniach with the Club Polka band he led for many years on the Channel 7 television show of the same name. The film revisits the era and the spirited dance music sprung from Polish heritage.

"It was the second generation who created the American art form, the polka culture," said Palazzolo. "They became musicians playing



Laurie (Gomulka) Palazzolo and Stas' Wisniach

jazz, swing, Big Band, and the polka sound. The film talks about the horn which is not used in Poland in folk music, neither was the accordion. They developed their own sound.

"Stas' was one of the greatest musicians to have come out of Detroit. He was the only musician to have his own show with my uncle Wally Gomulka. They brought polka music to a larger audience. It was quite a phenomenon, people dancing to the polka, a variety show with popular singers, comedians, classical dancers and musicians, jazz musicians like Dizzy Gillespie with polkas interspersed throughout the show."

PROCESS TOOK TIME

The Dom Polski film was four years in the making although for two years on hold when the money ran out. Palazzolo did receive a couple of small grants through a private trust fund for the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, and a mini grant from the City of Detroit.

"The music licensing costs are very high, several hundred dollars per song," said Palazzolo. "If it were on TV it would cost thousands of dollars, a major theater even more. I negotiated it in a licensing agreement."

Wisniach served as Palazzolo's inspiration. He lost the use of his legs after spine surgery in 2001 which left him in a wheelchair.

"He told me I could do it and never to give up believing in myself," said Palazzolo. "The film premiered in April at the Village Theater in Canton and we're bringing it back by popular demand. We had the east side premiere May 11 at the American-Polish Century Club in Sterling Heights. It was a complete sell-out. The third showing was there in June, the fourth in July. People are still calling and asking where it will be shown. We wanted to have it in Farmington at the Civic Theater because it's an art deco style theater and fits with the time period depicted in the film."

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ITALIANS

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house for \$33,000 and renovated it in the 1980s.

"Social night was Wednesday night. There were Palm Sunday brunches, spaghetti dinners catered in, and bocce courts," said Greco. "We outgrew it quickly."

When Greco assumed the presidency in 1990, he had a dream.

The club bought the land east of I-275 in 1991. The new 26,000-square-foot club house and banquet facility was opened in 1994.

"People kept saying the club's going to die. I said, No, the club's not going to die. It took a lot of working together, excavators, construction people.

"We didn't have a lot of money," added Fedrigo, a past president. "We raised dues and instituted a \$1,000 lifetime due which quite a few people took advantage of and we asked everybody to help."

"It was a lot of people's dreams," said Greco. "It's true what they say, where there's a will, there's a way."

Fedrigo said "the club has done an amazing job keeping people together."

Today, 875 families belong to the club, 350 of which are



Mary Galasso

active members. The banquet center subsidizes the club by hosting events.

"We're booked Fridays and Saturdays, even some Sundays for weddings, corporate functions during the week," said Mary Galasso who became a member in 1977.

"The club is open Tuesday through Saturday. Thursday night is pasta night for members and their guests. There are bowling and golf leagues and bocce on three indoor and two outdoor courts, Italian language classes, a once a month regional dinner which is a potluck where members bring a dish to pass from their own area, and a wine tasting



Alex Fedrigo

in mid September. We always have something going on. I'm excited about the upcoming Verdi concert (Oct. 11) by an ensemble from La Scala (opera house in Italy). I'm hoping it will be an elegant function. Any music lovers are welcome."

Ann Tavolacci remembers celebrating her 50th anniversary with her late husband Pat at the club last year. Pat was a pipefitter in Local 636. He made it his life's mission to oversee construction of the new facility.

"I'm going with all my kids to Columbus Day. We're going to sit there and toast him. The club is primarily about family.



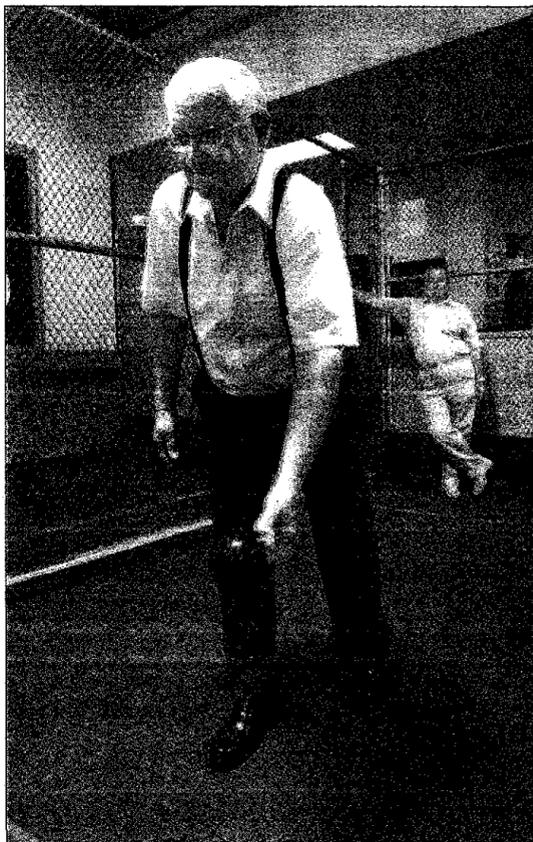
Tony Greco

From the beginning, we tried to include the children," said Tavolacci, who was named the 2000 Italian of the Year by the club.

The club encourages young people to join Amici for members from age 18 to 40. Dante Cerroni directs the group and will be honored as this year's outstanding Italian of the Year on Columbus Day. The 29-year-old Cerroni is the club's vice president.

"Tony and my children belong to the club so it's carried down," said Fedrigo, 84 of Livonia.

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Alex Fedrigo tosses a bocce ball on one of the club's indoor courts. Tony Greco waits his turn.

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smoothly and avoid the most common wedding mishaps.

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Eye for critters

Bloomfield Hills photographer even makes bugs look good

BY SHARON DARGAY
COMMUNITY LIFE EDITOR

It's easier to ask Judy Yaker where in the world she hasn't photographed animals.

"I haven't been to Antarctica and Australia," she answers. "I'd like to go to Australia. I've been to Fiji, but I didn't have a camera then."

These days, the Bloomfield Hills woman travels mostly because of her photographic skills and interest in the wildlife she sees through her viewfinder.

"I'm going to the Galapagos again and to Africa again. When I go to Africa I want to see cheetahs and leopards. I want to see the big cats. Everything else is gray."

Her photos from those and other trips, are on display through Nov. 25 at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. Yaker is donating all proceeds from the sale of the photos to the Detroit Zoological Society. She also paid for the artist reception that launched her exhibit.

"Local real estate developer and Detroit Zoological Society board member Burt Farberman donated all proceeds from his wildlife and nature photography exhibition at the Ford Education Center last fall, but to my knowledge Judy is the only one to donate toward the artist's reception," said Patricia Mills Janeway, communications director for the society. "I believe that's a first for us."

Yaker also donates to the



Judy Yaker, 61, of Bloomfield Hills loves to photograph 'critters,' in her back yard, at the Detroit Zoo and around the globe.

What: A photo exhibit of more than 170 color and black and white images of nature and wildlife taken by Judy Yaker of Bloomfield Hills
When: Through Nov. 25
Where: The Ford Education Center Exhibit Gallery at The Detroit Zoo
Details: All proceeds from sale of the photographs benefit the Detroit Zoological Society. Admission to the exhibit is free with paid entry to the zoo of \$11 for ages 13-61, \$9 for senior citizens, age 61 and older and \$7 for children, ages 2-12. Children under 2 are admitted free.

zoo annually as a member of its Renaissance Circle. She approached the zoo about exhibiting her work, showed her portfolio and "it was a go."

"It's an honor to be there. I was pretty excited," she said. Yaker, 61, supplied a polar bear photo from one of her

trips to Manitoba, Canada, for use on an invitation when the Detroit Zoo opened its Arctic Ring of Life exhibit. She also has donated prints for a zoo auction and permitted the zoological society to use one of her tiger cub photos on thank you notes.

FAVORITE 'BIG CATS'

She and her camera were fixtures at the zoo's tiger habitat when triplets were born in 2000.

"I think the tiger keepers knew me. I used to go there more often than I do now. I was there all the time with those guys. I got to know them and I always talked to them. I didn't know which was which, but I called them by name."

She even arranged to visit two of the cubs after they were shipped to Minneapolis, Minn. After touring behind-the-scenes with a zookeeper and then called the cubs by name as they walked their outdoor exhibit.

"They stopped and turned and came over to me," she said. "It was so cool."

Although Yaker has photographed Japanese cranes and snow monkeys in the Far East, polar bears in Canada and traveled with her camera to the Galapagos Islands, Iceland, Costa Rica, East Africa, Norway, Scotland, England, Finland, Italy, Russia, France, and Ecuador, the Detroit Zoo has always been one of her favorite locations to shoot tigers in the winter.

"I like to go when it's snowing to give it that Siberian feel," she explained.

But even her suburban backyard yields enough subject matter to keep her Canon Mark II's with its 500 mm lens busy. Her exhibit at the zoo includes whimsical close-ups of beetles and spindly-legged insects clinging to leaves.

ANNIVERSARIES



Garrs celebrate 65th

John and Loretta (Bunting) Garr of Westland celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 12 with family at Amatea's Restaurant.

The couple married in San Luis Obispo, Calif., in 1942 before John was shipped out during World War II. He returned to the states after serving four years abroad.

They have two children, Elizabeth of Westland and Douglas of Las Vegas. Two granddaughters Karen (Ted) Bester of Hartland and Laura (Jason) Morris of Pittsfield Township and four great grandchildren, Allison, Teddy, Alex and Trey.

John is retired from Michigan Lead Battery and Loretta retired from Seaway Hospital.



Augers celebrate 50 years

Eugene John Auger and Claudine Charlotte (Brown) Auger of Livonia are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The Augers were married Oct. 12, 1957 at First Baptist Church of Livonia.

The Augers had five children: the late Eugene Le Auger, who died in 1985; Anita Kay Lomas of Livonia; Amanda Claudette Berry of Traverse City; Eric Eugene Auger of Livonia and Anna Marie Auger of Livonia. The have two grandchildren, Mary Selena Carmichael of Westland and Tina Kay McKennon of Livonia and two great grandchildren, Adin Scott McKennon and Elijah Christian Johnson.

Eugene worked is retired from the Livonia Water and Sewer Department and owned A&C Sewer Cleaning. Claudine is a homemaker.

They are active member of the Haas Lake RV Park. Interests include gardening, reading, traveling, camping and taking care of their three dogs. An anniversary celebration will be held Oct. 13.

BIRTHS

Brooklyn Alaina Rodriguez

Michael and Melissa Rodriguez of Superior Township (formerly of Canton) announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Alaina Rodriguez.

Brooklyn Alaina was born Aug. 26, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has an older brother, Caleb.

Grandparents are Michael and Mary Ann Dziekan of Canton and Israel and Isabel Rodriguez of Canton.

Elijah James Richards

Proud parents Molly Richards and Aaron Hooper announce the birth of their son, Elijah James Richards, on Sept. 24, 2007.

Grandmothers are Aggie Richards (mother of Molly) and Cheryl Hooper (mother of Aaron). Elijah also has an aunt, Sarah Richards.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Foster-Appelman

Daniel and Karen Foster of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, and formerly of Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Marie Foster, to Brett Andrew Appelman, son of Barbara T. and Henry Appelman of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 2000 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is now attending DePaul University and is a candidate for a master of business administration degree. She is employed at Wilton Industries as an associate production manager.

The future groom is a graduate of Community High School in Ann Arbor and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1995, a bachelor's degree from DePaul University in psychol-



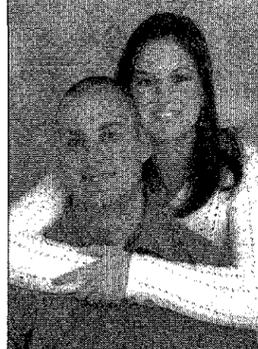
ogy, a master's degree in forensic psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He received a law degree from the University of Wisconsin Medicine Law School. He is employed as a criminal trial attorney in Chicago. A November wedding is planned in Gevena, Ill.

Webber-Hall

Robert Webber of Livonia and Janice Webber of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jillian Webber, to Dusty Hall, son of Linda and Harvey Hall of Livonia.

Jillian and Dusty are both 2000 graduates of Livonia Franklin High School. Jillian is a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan Dearborn and is currently a graduate student at Wayne State University studying school counseling.

Dusty will graduate from Wayne State University in May 2008 with a degree in physical education. He is a substitute teacher and football and track



coach with Livonia Public Schools. A December 2007 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

Hines-Bernhardt

Scott Bernhardt and Erin Hines will be married in mid-October at United Methodist Church in Garden City.

Erin is a 2001 graduate of Garden City High School and is currently employed by Farmington Family Physicians

Scott is a 2001 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2004 graduate of the Fire Academy. He is currently employed by St. Mary's Hospital.

The couple will make their



home in Garden City after a honeymoon in Hawaii.

Henderson-Gallup

Steven John Henderson of Plymouth and Kimberly Rae Henderson of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Marie Henderson to Steven Hill Gallup, son of Karen and Douglas Gallup of Concord, Mich.

The bride-to-be received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and master's degree from Marygrove University. She is employed at Lincoln Middle School in Ypsilanti.

The future groom is employed by the Occupational Health and Safety Department



of the University of Michigan. A December wedding is planned.

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TSAO aims to transform the lives of children and families by engaging them in wholesome,

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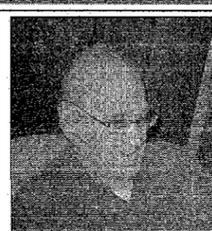


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BARBARA A. RAMSEY
Age 82, September 25, 2007. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Jeff (Hermine) Ramsey, Denny Ramsey (Barb Clarke), and Joan M. (Kevin) Feeheley. Cherished grandmother of Joshua Ramsey, Emily Ramsey, Jacob Ramsey, Katie McKee, Rachel Feeheley, Joel Ramsey, Megan Feeheley, Sarah Rose Feeheley, and Spencer Smith. Barbara was a retired teacher for Farmington Public Schools. Funeral Services were held Saturday at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. www.thayer-rock.com



JOHN CARL HILTY
Age 59, died Monday, September 17, 2007, at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. John had many talents and interests. He was an outdoorsman and spent many hours hunting and fishing at a cottage on the Pine River. He was a gourmet chef and caterer, and a lover and caregiver of animals. John was a beloved family man and is survived by his mother, Dorothy Hilty; sister, Susan Hilty; his nephews, Carl and Daniel Zimring, and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins. Preceded in death by his father John Carl Hilty. Inurnment was held at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial Tributes U of M Cancer Center Lymphoma Program or Michigan Humane Society. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500 View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

MADALENE A. WALSH (Henley)
Age 86, September 25, 2007. Former wife of the late Jack Henley. Loving mother of Anita Henley-Molnar and Janet Smigielski. Dear grandmother of Sara, Julie, Eric, Jill and Luke. Madalene was a former Ballroom Dance Instructor and Secretary in the Real Estate Industry. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Monday from 9:30am until Memorial Service at 11am. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.rgharris.com

CATHERINE JANE CLEARY
Livonia, MI. Age 92, died September 26, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington

In Memory Of

IN MEMORY OF ALLISON MAY NEWMAN
May 7, 2004 - Sept. 22, 2006

You touched so many lives in such a short time. We are hurting as much today, as we were a year ago when we first learned of the tragic news of how your life was taken away from you by the hands of another. Our hearts are broken. We pray for justice, not only for your sweet spirit, but also for other children who have also lost their lives in a similar way. Love Always and forever, Daddy, Grandma & Papa Newman, sister Chrissy, Aunt Becca, Uncle Bob, cousins Hannah, Zachary, and Great-Granny.

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WARREN DURAND BROWN
September 26, 2007. Age 96. Loving husband of the late Katherine. Dear father of Vicki Hurd and Charles Warren Brown. Beloved grandfather of Brian Hurd. Brother of the late Wade Brown. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vass, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 5-7pm. Funeral service Monday 11am at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin. Visitation begins at church 10am. Memorial tributes to The Endowment Fund of Franklin Community Church or the Salvation Army. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Detroit Cody

Class of 1957
A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5, 2007. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD, champagne toast and much more. This invitation is to all 50s graduates. Call 800-859-9502 or e-mail lorel@wideopenwest for details. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and much more.

Detroit Cooley

Class of 1947
A 60th reunion luncheon 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For information, contact Dave Vaughn at (248)380-6939 or Reta (Ansell) Steinhaus at (248) 851-4682.

Classes 1960-63

6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at St. John's Armenian Cultural Center, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. For information and tickets, call Joyce (Karagozian) Obenhoff (586)754-3984, Sharon (Wand) Witberg (586)977-1469 or (586)864-2352, Roger Avie (248)476-5400 or Robert Postolan (248)788-2746.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary

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Detroit Henry Ford

Class of 1977
Looking for classmates for a 30-year reunion. Information at henryfordhighschool.com.

Detroit Holy Redeemer

Class of 1957
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Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1957
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Detroit Osborn

Classes of 1970, '71, '72
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Detroit Redford High School

Class of 1954
Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. \$40 per person. Classes of 1953 and 1955 are invited. For more information, www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com or Doug King at (248)478-3621 or dking000@ameritech.net.

Detroit Sacred Heart

Alumni weekend
Dinner bash 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, Sacred Heart Activity Building, \$20. Reunion Mass 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, Sacred Heart Church. Contact Barbara (Battle) Hunt at (313)568-7303, Maxine (Jaggers) Adames at (313)526-6322 or Almeta (Carruth) White at (313)862-2064

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Looking for classmates to plan 30th reunion. Call Elaine (Stewart) Conn at (248)-476-4821 or shakaconn129@yahoo.com.

Class of 1997

A 10-year reunion, 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007 (Thanksgiving weekend), Cheli's Chili Bar in Detroit. For information, visit www.fhscloasof1997.com.

Garden City High School

Class of 1972
A 35-year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct. 13, 2007. For more information, contact Lori Howe Richardson at (734)421-7808 or lhowerich@hotmail.com or Sharon Burke Parkila at (734)421-3108 or sparkil72@aol.com.

Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, e-mail, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace.com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set yet.

Garden City East

Class of 1977
Saturday, Oct. 6. Casual attire. Cost is \$35 per person. Contact Teri Harrelson (Falconer) at (734) 421-2286 or Kim Orsette (Gallinat) at (734) 762-6357 or GCEAST1977@aol.com.

Lakeland

Class of 1982
A 25th reunion 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 24, 2007, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Limited amount of rooms at a discount until September. Ticket purchases due by Oct. 15. Contact Lisa (Perna) Hartman for tickets at musicuse@comcast.net or Laura Lovelace at lauralee@comcast.net for more information.

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Livonia Bentley High School

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Class of 1982

A 25th reunion, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007 at Baker's of Milford. For information visit www.classmates.com or call 877 376 1703

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com.

Class of 1966, 1967

A 41st and 40th reunion will be held Oct. 20, 2007, 6:30 to midnight. Tickets are \$50. Call Tom Kujath at (248)888-9535.

Livonia Churchill High School

Class of 1997
10 Year Reunion 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel. For information and tickets, send e-mail to CHS97@CHSChargers.info or visit www.snowdenhq.com/chs97.

Livonia Stevenson High School

Class of 1987
The Class of 1987 at Stevenson High School meets for its 20th reunion on

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Melvindale High School

Class of 1967
A 40 year class reunion, Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at the Double Tree Hotel in Dearborn beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Donna Labare Wright at (313) 277-8870 or dewcrews@aol.com or Ron Morris at (734) 676-8111 or ronniem67@hotmail.com.

Oak Park High School

Class of 1962
A 45-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Peking House, Royal Oak. Also a get-together 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at Ginopolis in Farmington Hills. For information, call Shelley (Cherin) Wasserman at (248)626-1303.

Plymouth High School

Class of 1968
Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734) 451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Dearborn Heights Riverside

Class of 1977
A 30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at Warren Valley Banquet Center, Dearborn Heights. For more information and to make reservations, please contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

Roseville High School

Class of 1957
Seeking classmates for 50th reunion, Oct. 13, 2007. Contact Rich Crowe at (248)583-9784 or e-mail: crowe_123@hotmail.com.

Royal Oak Kimball High School

Class of 1977
A 30th reunion, 6-12 p.m. Oct. 6 at Berkley American Legion Hall, 2079 W. 12 Mile, Berkley. Cost \$25 per person includes buffet dinner, beer, soft drinks, DJ and photographer. Casual dress. Organized by Sue (Bush) Carlin and Evelyn (Alverson) D'Arca. For information, contact Sue at (248) 788-2109.

Southeastern (Detroit)

Class of 1987
A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Faison at (313) 220-4769 or tntfaison@aol.com

Southfield High School

Class of 1956
Reunion Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at Southfield Embassy Suites, 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield. Contact Pat Sievert-Schmidt at (248) 476-0102 or patry2@hotmail.com

St. Anthony Elementary

All classes
A reunion for all alumni from all years will take place the weekend of Oct. 6 and 7. On Oct. 6 the reunion will be at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$45 (\$50 at the door). Please e-mail mrk14@yahoo.com or call (734) 995-9243.

St. Francis de Sales

Class of 1967
A 40-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at Ginopolis on the Grill, Farmington Hills. Dinner and dancing. For more information, contact Gloria (Mishik) Bobrowski at (734) 462-1372, jewlery4u@ameritech.net or Chuck Zuccarini at (734) 425-3788, kzuc@aol.com.

St. Mary of Redford

All classes
St. Mary of Redford School Alumni "All Class Sock Hop" (Reunion) will be held Saturday, Oct. 6; 4 p.m. Mass, 6 p.m. Reunion. For further information, please contact: Dave DiPonio at ddiponio@wadetrim.com or (313) 363-6153 or Jamie Sloan at jes521970@aol.com or (248) 391-0607. The Sock Hop will be held in the "Old" SMR Gym on Mansfield in Detroit.



Members of the prestigious La Scala opera house orchestra perform at the Italian American Club of Livonia Thursday, Oct. 11.

La Scala ensemble to perform at Italian American Club

Eleven musicians from the famed La Scala opera house in Milan, Italy will perform 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Italian American Club of Livonia Banquet Center. The concert by the prestigious Ensemble Strumentale Scaligero (La Scala Instrumental Ensemble) is presented by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan in cooperation with the Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation and the Italian Consulate in Detroit.

In making the announcement, John Zaretti, president of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, emphasizes that these great artists will not only offer a varied and rich program from their classic repertory of music by Mozart, Vivaldi, Rossini, Verdi, and other composers, but that at the

end of their program will also accompany the world renowned basso Michele Pertusi, soprano Eva Evola and baritone Dino Valle, artistic director of the Verdi Opera, in a series of famous opera encores. Pertusi is the winner of the 2006 Grammy Award for best opera recording for his interpretation of the feature role in Verdi's *Falstaff*, and presently performs at New York's Metropolitan Opera.

The Ensemble Strumentale Scaligero is an instrumental group established in 1989 by ten musicians of the Teatro alla Scala.

The nucleus of the group is a double quintet (five strings and five winds), to which were added sax, piano, accordion and percussion, depending on the type of music played. With this formation the

Ensemble can play a repertory spanning from late Baroque and jazz to ethnic music and the classics from Vivaldi to Piazzolla.

The Ensemble has been invited to perform by the most important institutions in Italy and Europe, and participated in concerts in Lebanon, Moscow and Vienna, on assignment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2003, 2005, and again this year, the Ensemble was invited to tour and perform in major cities in Japan. The Ensemble has also recorded several CDs.

Tickets are \$25, students \$15. For reservations or information, call (734) 953-9724 (at the prompt press 2, 2), or John Zaretti, Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, (734) 455-8895 or send e-mail to verdiopera@comcast.net.

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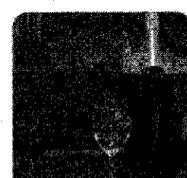
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Fruits, veggies help keep brain sharp

Brad from Waterford e-mails asking what he can add to the diet to keep his brain sharp?

Brad, pile your plate high with fruits and vegetables! Researchers followed a group of more than 1,600 people for 10 years. They watched their diet and measured their mental sharpness.

They found those who ate foods with high flavonoids had better cognitive function than those who did not eat as many foods with flavonoids. Flavonoids are nutrients found in fruits and vegetables.

You get an added benefit with these foods, because they are also full of antioxidants and fiber.

Cognitive function typically declines with age. With this new study, experts hope adding more good food to a person's diet could help slow that decline.

Grace from Southfield e-mails asking what she can do to lower her chances of getting Parkinson's disease?

Grace, the answer is exercise! Researchers followed more than 150,000 men and women and kept a close eye on their diet and lifestyle factors. Experts found those who did 30 minutes of moderate to intense physical exercise each day decreased their risk of developing Parkinson's disease by 40 percent! They also believe Parkinson's patients can improve their physical performance and their daily activities by exercising. Parkinson's disease is a motor system disorder. As it progresses people may find it difficult to complete simple tasks.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Avoiding the scalpel

Laser treatment relieves enlarged prostate symptoms

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Holmium Laser is allowing Dr. Surendra Kumar to treat his patients without the use of a scalpel. The Westland urologist avoids traditional surgery



Kumar

whenever possible to treat enlarged prostates.

Technological advances in medical devices continue to reduce hospitalization and recovery times as well as blood loss during procedures not to mention pain and discomfort.

"Open surgery is a fairly bloody procedure. Patients may need transfusion before or after," said Kumar who specializes in the treatment of prostate disease at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Westland.

"The Holmium laser has been used for prostate treatment since the early '90s but was only about 60 watts. The 100 watt laser became available four years ago. I started using it to avoid doing an open surgery or a TURP (transurethral resection of the prostate). With the laser there are minimal complications, little or no bleeding, minimal discomfort. With a TURP a patient would stay in the hospital about three days, open surgery about seven days. There's a huge difference. Patients don't need any narcotics after the procedure."

The Holmium laser is a major

advancement in the treatment of benign enlargement of the prostate (BPH), according to Kumar. So far, he's successfully treated 150 patients with enlarged prostates. Kumar expects laser usage to grow in the future as the population ages.

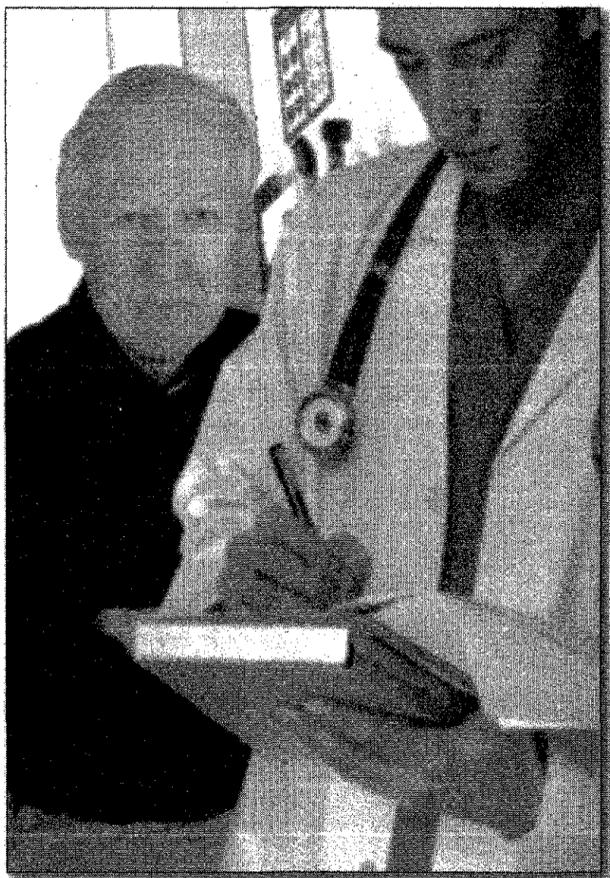
"It's used to relieve obstruction for an enlarged prostate. From age 50 and on men start to develop benign prostate hypertrophy. They have trouble urinating. Eighty percent of men in their 80s will have enlarged prostates and one in four will need treatment," said Kumar.

"If it's small enough it may be taken care of with medication like Flomax. When they get larger or complications start and medications are not working at all, they need a surgical procedure. The standard surgical procedure (TURP) scrapes out the prostate gland from inside, but you can only remove a certain amount of prostate on the inside then open surgery is necessary."

While most of Kumar's patients are in their 60s and 70s, men in their 80s and 90s could benefit from the minimally invasive procedure.

Henry Jackson was in his mid-60s when urination became so difficult he went to a Belleville Health Clinic physician who referred the Ypsilanti man to Kumar. Five weeks after receiving a Holmium Laser treatment Jackson is amazed the procedure required no incision and only a two-day hospital stay.

"I had absolutely no pain at all and I got up myself to walk in



the evening of the surgery," said Henry Jackson. "Since then I've had no problems urinating."

Kumar expects the next generation of lasers to be even more effective.

"It's always better and better. I'm always looking forward to getting more powerful machines," said Kumar. "It's not experimental. We already have

seen the advantages mainly because of the fact there's no discomfort. After treatment they are not having any trouble urinating. Patients are able to sleep through the night. Before treatment they keep waking up many times because the bladder can't empty completely."

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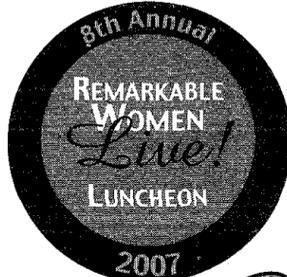
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Making Strides fund-raiser

Dr. Jason Lawlor, Livonia Back To Health Chiropractic Clinic Director, will perform all first day services for new patients, which includes a consultation, thorough exam, any necessary x-rays and a report of findings for a minimum donation of \$15 from Oct. 1-31, at the clinic, 16801 Newburgh, Ste. 109, Livonia. All money raised will go to the American Cancer Society in support of Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. For more information or to make an appointment, call (734) 432-7071.

Flu shots

Shoo the Flu at the Zoo will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, at the entrance to the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. The Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan will immunize adults, as well as children 6 months and older. Flu shots are \$25, pneumonia shots \$40. Medicare Part B, HAP, Priority Health, cash or check accepted. Please bring insurance cards. Parking is free, but regular zoo admission fees apply if attending the zoo after immunization. The VNA Flu-Busters will be at other locations throughout the flu season. For a schedule, visit www.vna.org or call the Flu hot line at (800) 296-8660.

Nursing refresher

RN Refresher Course helps licensed nurses, who have been away from clinical practice for more than two years, re-enter the job market. Nurses can register now for the course, which runs 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday Oct. 22 to Nov. 8, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The early registration fee is \$750. After Oct. 5, the course costs \$800. For more information or to register, call (734) 432-5449 or send e-mail to Marilyn Harton at mharton@madonna.edu.

Fall classes

Take an exercise or self-management course from the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter beginning in September. Classes include a warm-water exercise program; a land-based exercise program; Tai Chi, a graceful, flowing sequence of movements from Sun-style tai chi, and a six-week self-help program that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self-management. Classes are available in locations throughout Michigan. For more information, call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Divorce support group

Legal aspects of divorce with Susan Elkouri presents an overview of the process of filing for divorce, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Women's Resource Center, Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 462-4443.

Sharing & Caring

Date night is a 6:30 p.m. dinner and support for partners and patients diagnosed with breast cancer within the past year, Thursday, Sept. 27, guest speaker is clinical psychologist Bruce Hillenberg. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585. Sharing & Caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors. It is affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital.

Diabetes Review

The American Diabetes Association and Great Lakes Medical Supply hold a series of free, one-hour educational seminars, at the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 29699 Southfield Road. A certified diabetes educator will speak about diet, exercise, medications, stress, the importance of glucose testing and A1C testing. To register, call Felicia McGee at (888) DIABETES (342-2383), Ext. 6697. Locations and dates include 6-7 p.m. Oct. 9, Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. 11 Mile, and 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 3, Alfred Noble Branch Library, 32901

Plymouth Rd., Livonia. The class is conducted by a certified diabetes educator and covers meal planning and portion size, exercise, medication updates, stress management, blood glucose testing and more.

Flu shot clinics

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Livonia Urgent Care, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia, (734) 542-6100, and Western Wayne Urgent Care, 2050 Haggerty, Ste. 140, Canton, (734) 259-0500. The cost is \$25, but it is covered for those with Medicare.

Holiday cards

The American Lung Association of Michigan (ALAM), a part of its efforts to raise funds to support lung health research, education and advocacy, is selling holiday cards in a variety of styles and price ranges. Interested customers may request an album to examine, and cards may be customized with individual's, family's or company's name. Purchases made before Sept. 30, will be entitled to a 20 percent early buyer discount. Large quantity discounts also available. To see samples of the cards, visit www.buyholidaycards.com. To preview an album or for information, contact Betty McNeil at (248) 784-2030 or toll free at (800) 543-5864.

Educational classes

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill began the fall Families in Action 10-week series of educational classes 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, for family members in the tri-county area whose loved one is experiencing some form of mental illness, at St. Regis parish center in Bloomfield Hills. The cost for 10-sessions is \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, includes a workbook. Since space is limited, call (248) 348-7196 for program and registration information, or register on the AMI web site at www.ami.oakland.org.

UPCOMING

Scleroderma conference

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Embassy Suites, Southfield. Designed to provide people with scleroderma as well as their caregivers, families, friends and healthcare professional with a day of hope, inspiration and knowledge. Registration is \$30. CEUs will be available to RNs for \$10 more. Call (248) 865-7259 or visit www.scleroderma.org/chapter/michigan/hhh.shtm.

Elder care

Managing the Care of Older Adults 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Speaker is Carol Mills. Frailty and memory loss often jeopardize older adult's ability to remain in their own home. Participants attending this presentation will learn about services provided by professional geriatric care managers, ways to improve the quality of life for older adults and their families, available community resources, services and support to enable older adults to remain safely in their homes. The presentation is part of the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Senior Health Connection program which offers adults age 55 and over special programs and discounts including free lecture series, AARP Safe Driver Program, free blood pressure screenings, Westland Mall and Laurel Park Place Walkers Clubs, discounts on health education classes, women's programs. To register for an event, identify yourself as a senior and enjoy the benefits. The presentation is free, but registration required. To register, call (734) 655-8950, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Skin care

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, an evening dedicated to life-long skin care, promotions will be available on all skin care products, cosmetics, injectables, and laser treatment, at Celestial Institute of Plastic Surgery, 42680 Ford Road, west of Lilley, Canton. Space is limited. RSVP by Oct. 3, at 1-866-411-CIPS.

Diabetes support

Navigating the Grocery Aisles for Good Nutrition is the presentation 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The speaker is St. Mary Mercy Hospital Registered Dietitian Katie Dooley. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation, however all are welcome. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. No charge. Pre-registration not required. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For more information, call (734) 655-8961.

Candid conversation

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital hosts a Candid Conversation About the Journey: Life After Breast Cancer 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester. Cancer survivor Jill Elkenberry and husband Michael Tucker from NBC's long-running hit series, L.A. Law, will serve as the event's keynote speakers and address the topic of coping with the emotional aspects of breast cancer from diagnosis to recovery. Event attendees will also hear from a panel of physicians and other breast cancer survivors. Following the panel discussion, there will be an open question and answer session. The event is open to the public and registration is required to attend. Registration is \$25 per person and will be available through Oct. 10. For more information or to register for the event or Webcast, call 1-800-372-6094.

Parkinson's research presentation

Hosted by the Michigan Parkinson Foundation 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 13, in Kresge Hall, Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Michigan Parkinson Foundation's Jay M. Gorell, MD Memorial Lecture will host Dr. Un Jung Kang, director of the APDA Advance Center for Parkinson's Disease Research, University of Chicago, discussing New Developments in Parkinson's Disease: From Genes to Therapy. Kang will be joined by a knowledgeable panel of experts from Michigan who will elaborate on the latest research and treatment for Parkinson's Disease. Kang is also Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs, Department of Neurology, University of Chicago. He is a clinician scientist, specializing in the diagnosis, treatment and research of neurodegenerative disorders that manifest abnormal involuntary movements, such as Parkinson's disease. He chairs the biomarker working group for Parkinson Study Group, and serves on review committees and advisory boards for various organizations. People with Parkinson's disease, their family and friends, and health professionals are invited to attend at no charge. Reservations are advised by calling (248)433-1011 or (800) 852-9781.

Plus-size clothing sale

2nd Annual Community Plus-Size Clothing Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, on the St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Michigan Bariatric Institute patients are selling their plus-size clothing they no longer need. Gently used clothing for women (sizes 12-32) and men (sizes 38-60, and up to 5XL). Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Sleeve Gastrectomy at MBI's upcoming Educational Seminars 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 and Nov. 28, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Interactive speakers are Tallal Zeni, MD, medical director and post-op patient. Call (734) 655-2693, (or Toll free (877) Why-Weight), to register for the free seminars.

Program to focus on elder care

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is presenting a talk on Managing the Care of Older Adults 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The speaker is Carol Mills.

Frailty and memory loss often jeopardize an older adult's ability to remain in their own home or manage their resources.

Participants attending this presentation will learn about services provided by professional geriatric care managers, ways to improve the quality of life for older adults and their families, available community resources, services and support to enable older adults to remain safely in their homes. Representatives from local senior care organizations will also be available to answer your questions.

The presentation is a component of the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Senior Health Connection program which offers adults age 55 and older special programs and discounts including free lecture series, AARP Safe Driver Program, free blood pressure screenings, Westland Mall and Laurel Park Place Walkers Clubs, discounts on health education classes, women's programs, and more. Simply call to register for an event, identify yourself as a senior and enjoy the benefits.

The presentation is free, but registration is required. It is presented through Trusted Solutions, a division of Trinity Home Health Services, a program of geriatric care management services dedicated to improving the quality of life for older adults and their families by connecting them to the resources, services and support that will enable them to remain safely in their homes.

To register, call (734) 655-8950, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

WALKING FOR A CAUSE

Out of the darkness walks

To benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention which funds research and education programs to prevent suicide and save lives, increase national awareness about depression and suicide, and assist survivors of suicide loss 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Metro Beach Park, Mt. Clemens. 3 mile walk. 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at Kensington Metro Park, Milford. For information, visit www.outofthedarkness.org or call (248) 669-1898.

Making Strides

Against Breast Cancer 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Belle Isle Park, Detroit, to raise funds for the American Cancer Society to fight breast cancer. Donations will be collected at the walk or may be made online by visiting www.cancer.org/strides/online. Registration for the 5-mile noncompetitive walk begins at 7:30 a.m., walk at 9 a.m. For more information, call (248) 557-5353 or visit www.cancer.org/stridesonline.

Diabetes walks

Step Out to Fight Diabetes is the fund-raising walk of the American Diabetes Association to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. The 5K walks take place

Oct. 13, at the Detroit Zoo (Royal Oak), and Oct. 20, at Michigan Stadium (Ann Arbor). For information, call (888) DIABETES (1-888-342-2383) or visit www.diabetes.org/detroit.

KDB Melanoma Walk

Second annual walk is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 13, at Kensington Metropark (East Boat Launch), 2240 W. Buno Road, Milford. Entry fee is \$30 adults (age 18 and up), \$20 ages 10-17 and seniors. Children under age 10 free. The first KDB Melanoma Walk was held Oct. 14, 2006 in memory of Katherine Denise Bowers who lost her battle to Melanoma cancer on August 23, 2006. The event raised over \$27,600.00. All proceeds were donated to the Melanoma Research Foundation for research to find a cure for the devastating disease (www.melanoma.org or 800-MRF-1290).

Melanoma strikes people of all ages, all races, all economic levels and both sexes. It is the most common cancer for women ages 25-29 and the second most common cancer for women ages 30-34. The incidence of melanoma is increasing faster than any other cancer. For more information, call Tricia Edwards at (313) 408-5988, visit www.melanomawalk.org, or send e-mail to triciae363@comcast.net.

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Bring your present medicines. Bringing the bottles is even better than a list. In listing a medicine, you may make a mistake in name or dose. The bottle label gives the information a physician needs. Knowing what you are taking now provides a doctor with data that may help in diagnosis and prevents him from giving you a new medication that may interfere with your present medical program.

List your allergies to past medications or other allergies you have experienced to foods or the environment. This knowledge helps in explaining present symptoms.

Bring the results of laboratory tests or imaging such as x-rays, CT scan and MRI scans done over the last 3 years. This data confirms past diagnoses and helps your doctor avoid repeat testing.

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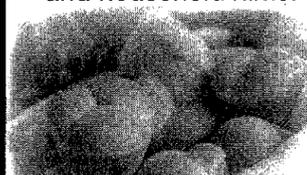
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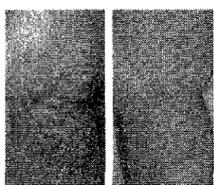


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