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Car, bike show

Keith's Muffler and Brakes is holding its ninth annual Mustangs, Mufflers and Motorcycles Car and Bike Show to benefit breast cancer efforts 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at the The Coliseum, 34250 Ford at Wildwood.

Free food and tons of raffle prizes will be available during this fund-raiser, including gift baskets, coolers, gift certificates to restaurants, hair salons and tattoo parlors. The grand prizes will be a 1967 Harley-Davidson golf cart and "Willy's Ride" pit bike. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Holloway.

"For the past nine years we have held this fund-raiser and 100 percent of the proceeds go to benefit breast cancer awareness," said Keith's Muffler and Brakes owner Keith Dahlka. "Over the last eight years we have raised more than \$53,000 for the American Cancer Society.

"It's unbelievable how many people turn out for this event. We are expecting almost 300 classic cars and bikes. We are very grateful to everyone who supports this show."

Blood drive

The Westland Jaycees and the Westland Rotary Club have partnered up to host a blood drive 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36551 Ford, Westland.

Donors must be at least 17 years old to donate. Those who are age 21 and older will be entered to win a 20-month lease on a 2010 Mercury Milan and donors age 17 and older will be entered to win four Cedar Point tickets plus a \$50 gas card. Everyone will receive a free T-shirt from the American Red Cross.

To sign up for an blood donation appointment, call Mary McGaw at (734) 748-8515.

Patriots Day

The city of Westland will remember those who died on Sept. 11, 2001, with a memorial service at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13.

The service will be conducted by St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School and will be held on the south steps of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford.

This marks the sixth year for the service, which remembers those who perished due to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon as well as honors those who continue to serve and protect our community.

"This is the community's opportunity to pay respect to our country's first responders and to honor the bravery they demonstrate," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "We want to show respect to the families and victims to know they will not be forgotten."

Pastor Kurt E. Lambart of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland will preside over the memorial service, which will include performances by the St. Matthew Jubilee and Cherub Choirs as well as the Lutheran High School Westland Choir.

Prayers for justice were source of support for murder victim's family



Laci Green

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It took more than a year for Laci Green's former boyfriend to be tried and convicted of murdering the Westland nursing student.

Throughout that time, Edward and Barbara Green relied on prayer and faith as they sought justice for their 22-year old daughter.

"The whole experience has been an overwhelming burden. We prayed everyday for justice for Laci and God came through," said Edward Green. "There is a sense of relief that justice has been served. But the loss of our daughter is a burden to us. You hear parents say their child was an angel and special. You think that's parents and take it with a grain of salt. Other people say it

about Laci — she touched so many lives."

Having twice rejected plea bargains and waiving his right to a jury trial, Robert James-the-First Howard, 26, of Dearborn Heights was convicted of first-degree murder after a two-day bench trial before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Michael Hathaway.

Since the Greens' top wish — hav-

ing their daughter back — was impossible, Edward Green said the best outcome he hoped for was someone being held accountable for Laci's murder.

Scheduled to be sentenced to life in prison without parole on Wednesday, Sept. 16, Howard has been incarcerated since his arrest

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Cousins stress fresh at new restaurant

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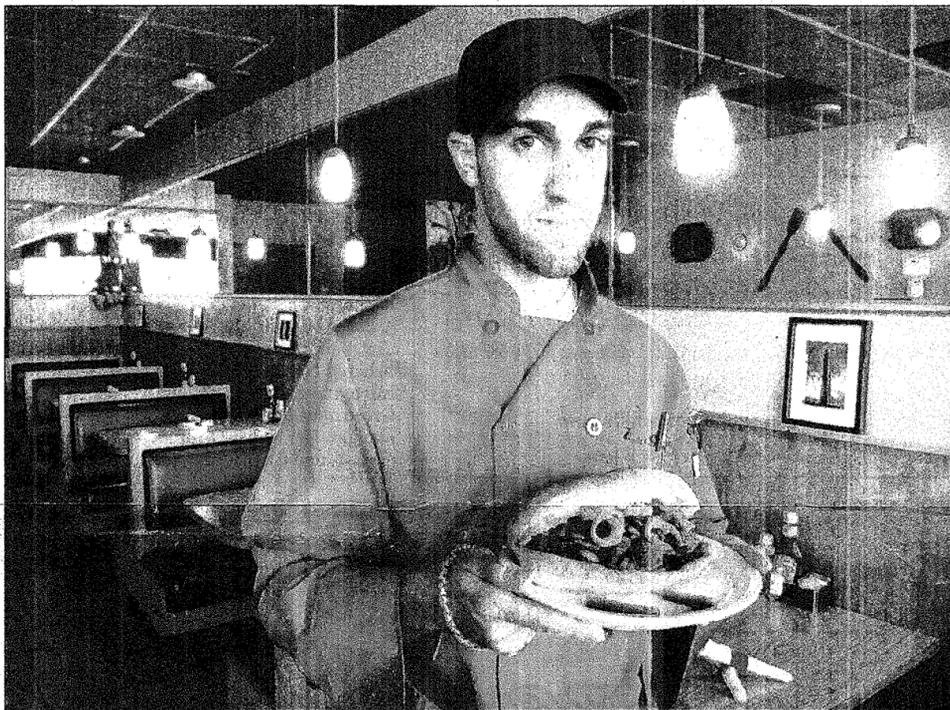
BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The state of the economy in Michigan is cause for concern, but Eddie Sarrage and his cousin, Zack Mahayne, believe their new restaurant will succeed because it offers quality food at fast food prices.

The two Canton men have opened Zack's Shack, a 55-seat restaurant in Westland's north end that features American, Southwest and Mediterranean foods.

"I want to try and grown and do what I can to make it grow," said Sarrage. "We have big dreams. This is a personal test. If we can get it off the ground, we can do another place."

According to Sarrage, the food selection is a reflection of "where we grew up, where we lived and what we ate." A Caesar salad shares space with a taco salad, fattoush and tabbouleh under salads and the choices include Philly cheese steak, falafel wrap and Chicken Twister under sandwiches.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eddie Sarrage shows off Zack Shack's Philly cheese steak that he says is as close as it gets to the real Philadelphia style sandwich.

Along with a selection of hamburgers and paninis, there's also a Southwest platter with quesadilla, taquitos, tacos and nachos and a Mediterranean platter with falafel, grape leaves, kafta, tabbouleh and

hummus on a bed of rice. The latter is the most expensive item on the menu at \$9.99 but is large enough to "fill up two people," Sarrage said.

And Mahayne has contributed his recipe for chili, aptly named Zack's

Famous Chili.

The emphasis, according to Sarrage, is on fresh. Most of the food is fresh and made in-house. The juice

Please see **RESTAURANT, A2**

Woman sentenced to prison for placing baby in trash bag

A Westland woman has been sentenced to five to 15 years in prison for placing her newborn baby boy in a trash bag and placing him in her parents' garage.

Valeeka Gartrell, 28, had entered a guilty plea to first-degree child abuse while mentally ill before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Richard Skutt after being found mentally competent.

Gartrell chose to accept a plea agreement rather than try an insanity defense and face trial on a more serious charge of assault with intent to murder, which could have brought penalties up to life in prison.

Gartrell gave birth April 23, 2007, in her parents' house. Family members noticed she was bleeding, but didn't realize she had deliv-

ered the baby boy until they took her to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. They returned home and found the newborn alive in the garage.

Free on bond and staying with a cousin since shortly after the incident, Gartrell had originally entered the plea in March and was scheduled to be sentenced in April.

Gartrell has been allowed supervised visits with her baby, who will be 2 in April, and her older daughter. The children have been in the custody of their grandparents.

Gartrell's case had been long delayed as experts sought to determine whether she was competent for court proceedings and whether she could be held criminally responsible for her actions.

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W-W's Baracy details need to reinvent district

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bad economic news has hit the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, and Superintendent Greg Baracy knows it all too well.

"We can't any longer maintain the status quo," he said of the lack of legislative action on school funding during the largest deficit since the Great Depression. "There is absolutely no relief in sight."

Speaking last Thursday at Westland Rotary, Baracy cited the "ongoing structural problem" of the last decade. There's been no inflationary increase in school funds in eight years, he said, and money taken back by the state three of those years.

Michigan's lost some 107,000 students in the last five years, and the per-pupil funds that accompany them. "They're moving out

of the state with their families," said Baracy, adding new graduates are also leaving for jobs.

He detailed the district's 21st Century Schools Initiative, which began in June. District officials and the school board have already cut over \$18 million from the operating budget.

The 21st Century effort aims toward district reform, including cuts, and reimagining and doing differently the work of educating students. Baracy said 17 percent of payroll goes to the state's retirement fund for educators, and health insurance costs \$15,000 average per staffer.

"We're at a point where we're trying to be proactive," he said.

In Wayne-Westland, a citizen committee and the school board are working on what the superintendent called "right-sizing," which could include closing buildings. The plans could

include reconfiguration of grade levels.

Baracy pointed out the need to be transparent, to avoid the difficulties experienced by the Livonia school district with its recent Legacy effort.

"We're going to have to look at our schools and possibly some school closings," Baracy said. Some buildings are now at 50 percent capacity, which is too low.

"It's very emotional for adults," he said of school closings, adding students tend to have few problems when buildings close. Baracy was involved in closing several Wayne-Westland schools in 1994, and said that went well although some parents were emotional.

New opportunities, like instrumental music and foreign

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also is fresh squeezed, and the breads are from a bakery in Dearborn.

The two men have experience at both ends of the dining spectrum with a combined 30 years of experience in the food and beverage industry. Mayhane has worked for such national chains as KFC, Pizza Hut and Wendy's, while Sarrage has managed a high-end hotel and several restaurants in the Washington, D.C., area.

The two cousins opened the restaurant in late July. They spent two months fixing up the interior to reflect the difference cultures featured on the menu.

"We didn't want to give one ethnicity dominance," said Sarrage. "The colors we picked are subtle, and the music goes from Arabic to American to Spanish."

They have seen business slowly pick up to the point where they have a few regulars. Some have found the restaurant by word of mouth, others have picked up the carry-out menus they left at other businesses. They're also picking up cus-

tomers from the Art Van store located across Wayne Road from the restaurant.

Their hope that over the next three-four months, the business will continue to grow and stabilize. Admittedly, it's been scary opening a business during a recession, but they have set both long- and short-term goals and "we're going to do everything in our power to make them happen," Sarrage said.

"This is the first restaurant I've owned," he said. "It's kind of exciting. I've got a passion for it."

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Salvation Army media center to open Sept. 14

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Target Corp. recently came through with a \$25,000 grant for a Wayne-Westland Salvation Army media center. Officials are eager to show off the new center to the community with an open house 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at the corps center, on Venoy south of Palmer in Westland.

"We have all of our furniture in," said Capt. Derek Rose,

corps commander with wife Joanna. "The only thing we're missing is our books."

"It's pretty much going to be open to the community," he added of the Sept. 14 event. "They can stop by, check it out."

The media center, with 10 desktop computers, can accommodate about 15 people at a time. Students in the after-school program will use it afternoons.

"The huge thing this year will be the multimedia center,"

said Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries. "I think they're really going to benefit from that."

In addition, the media center will be open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday for community adults, for such uses as job searches. Derek Rose noted filtering software has been installed, as well as a security system.

The center's focus is on learning, although there's also a Wii for fun.

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language in elementaries, will be possible, if savings come through.

He described the Big Three automakers' fate: "You know what happened to them. We're no different." School districts need to avoid state takeover or bankruptcy, Baracy said.

The Wayne-Westland district now has about a \$9 million annual deficit.

One Rotarian was concerned about young teens in the same school as 18-year-olds. The plans aren't complete, Baracy said, but probable configurations would be K-4, 5-6, 7-8 and the current 9-12 for high school.

He said research shows children and teens so grouped do well educationally and developmentally.

He agreed the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center has a great reputation and serves students well. Baracy's concerned about new state requirements for graduation that limit electives students can take.

"I'll bet there aren't many people in this room that use Algebra II," which is required, he said. Baracy favors courses like electronics and computer-aided design that teach similar concepts to students who have trouble with Algebra II.

The district hopes to present the plan to the school board this coming January and begin implementation in fall 2010.

Used Book Sale

Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, will have a Used Book Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, with a special of buy 4 and get one free of same type item. The hours will be noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, which also will be the Bag Day Sale. Bring in a medium size bag or buy a cool green reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2. Fill a bag for \$4. Money raised pays for many of the programs at

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the library for all ages. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

Mom-to-Mom sale

Table space is available for a Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. Rental fees are \$20 for an 8-foot long table and \$10 for 5-foot circular table. Rack space is \$5 and large item space is \$1 per item.

Admission will be \$2 for 9 a.m. early birds and \$1 after 10 a.m. Strollers will be allowed

after 11 a.m. For more information, call Cheryl at (734) 425-3561 or (734) 765-8115.

Learn To Skate

It's time to get your little one on the ice. Registrations are now being accepted for the fall learn to skate program at the Mike Modano Ice Arena on Wildwood at Hunter. Classes start Sept. 26. If your youngster wants to play hockey, the Timbits program, offered through the Westland Hockey Association and starts Sept. 12.

For more information, call the arena at (734) 729-4560.

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after Laci Green was found strangled to death in a grassy field near her parents' home on the southwest side of the city May 7, 2008.

Green's parents, friends of Laci Green and police officers were among the witnesses who testified during the trial. The Greens testified that they had encountered Howard outside their home on Dunn Court just a few hours before their daughter was found dead.

Based on their investigation, police testified that they believed Howard took a taxi-cab to meet and talk with Laci Green outside her home late at night. Her body was discovered around 6 a.m. Police tes-

tified that their investigation indicated Howard was angry with Green for ending a relationship with him and dating another man.

Edward Green had told warned his daughter not to be alone with a former boyfriend after she had broken off the relationship — not advice specifically aimed at Howard. "This was the first boyfriend she had broken up with. I was trying to advise her — I was trying to be a father. I guess it went in one ear and out the other," said Green.

It was through his daughter that Green found the Charisma Life Church in Canton, which has provided so much support over the past 15 months.

"I'm Catholic, so I'd go there. Laci and her mother would

go to the other church. When Laci died, the preacher did the eulogy and talked to me," said Green. "I could see why she liked it. It's young and very uplifting — I like it myself."

The Greens and their supporters weren't praying for vengeance against Howard.

"We prayed that if Robert was the killer, don't let him get off. As a Christian, I'm supposed to forgive but I'm not quite there with Robert," said Green. "He hasn't admitted it or said that he was sorry. I'm very mad at Robert but I couldn't left that be with me 24 hours a day. I wanted justice for my daughter and I got it. It took a lot of prayer."

Green also appreciated the efforts of Westland police officers and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

"I give my deepest thanks to the Westland police for responding so fast — they caught him (Howard) in minutes," said Green. "The detectives and prosecutor did a wonderful job in court. You read about people getting off due to mistakes."

The Greens regularly visit an impromptu memorial at the spot where Laci's body was found and cherish memories of their daughter.

"Some people have a regret that they didn't say I love you. I made it a point each night to tell her I loved her and hug her. I'd flip her hair — she'd say, 'Dad, I'm in my 20s,'" Green said. "But she is always your little girl. She knew that I loved her."

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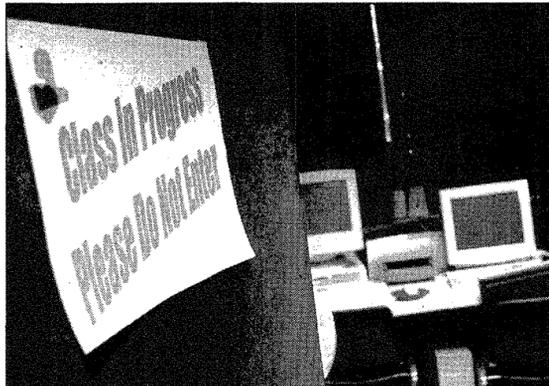
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Still 'Open'

Food bank flourishes while fixing faults

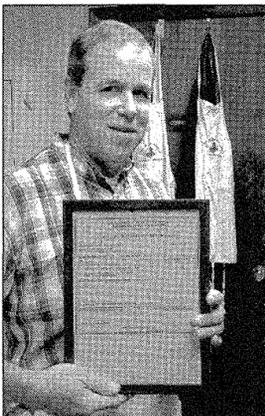
BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton food bank serving hundreds of families has fixed dozens of building and fire code problems that earlier raised fears the facility could be shut down.

Township officials flatly rejected rumors last spring they intended to close Open Door Ministry, which last Thursday alone provided food for 1,200 people in 356 families.

Instead, local officials helped guide Open Door through a laundry list of code violations that ministry leaders and volunteers have addressed, allowing them to get a new certificate of occupancy.

"We worked with them very



Pastor Steve Darr got a certificate of occupancy for the building that houses Open Door.

heavily from our end to try to find some solutions, and it has been very positive," Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett said. "We gave them a clean bill of health."

Open Door Director Steve Darr conceded ministry leaders still need to address a separate zoning issue before allowing clients to assemble inside the building to pick up their food, in what was formerly an old cardboard factory on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue.

Until then, ministry leaders have developed a system allowing clients to drive up outside the building and get their food from volunteers who bring it to them. Darr



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It's not just a matter of handing out food. Someone has to deal with lots of cardboard. Jackie Darr breaks down boxes.

said Open Door serves people from communities such as Canton, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Livonia, Romulus, Inkster, Ypsilanti, Belleville, Wayne and Romulus.

On Monday afternoon, Darr proudly showed a new, framed certificate of occupancy hanging on a wall inside the building — proof that building and fire code issues have been addressed.

"I feel really good that it," he said. "It's good we've been able to overcome this obstacle."

Open Door, spearheaded by Canton-based Connection Church, rents the building from a company that paid to fix most of the interior prob-

lems. Ministry volunteers also pitched in.

What seemed like a daunting task in mid-May had led to the following measures, among others:

- A new emergency exit door was installed by the parking lot and another was improved elsewhere in the building, giving the building three up-to-code escape routes.

- New, lighted exit signs have been placed throughout the vast facility, only a portion of which Open Door actually uses.

- A sprinkler system — one that hadn't been inspected in years — has been upgraded to meet fire codes.

- Some fire extinguishers have been replaced and

inspected.

- Two old staircases that failed building codes have been ripped out. They mostly led to interior storage areas that Open Door can do without.

- New, wooden steps have been installed outside a rear exit.

- Interior walls and partitions that didn't meet building codes have been torn down.

Open Door gets its food — everything from canned goods to meat to cakes — from places like Wal-Mart, Kroger, Sam's Club and Target, and perishable goods are stored in nine freezers. Food is delivered to the facility by two nonprofit organiza-

tions, Gleaners Community

Food Bank and Forgotten Harvest.

Open Door also has rooms in which volunteers help clients hone their computer skills and provide information on job listings.

Already this year, the ministry has given 734,595 pounds of food to 34,247 people — most of them repeat customers. Darr said the need for help has increased during the economic downturn.

Only a few new clients have been accepted as Open Door strives to address its building issues. The organization also is need of volunteers. For more information or to help, call (734) 397-1777, Ext. 201.

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Angela Hospice holds remembrance walk

Angela Hospice is inviting friends, families, and community members to the second annual Walk of Remembrance. Experience fellowship in the beautiful outdoors with a common goal in mind - to honor, remember, and celebrate the loved ones who have passed.

The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning at Madonna University in Livonia. Registration will be at 8 a.m. The 3K and 5K routes will weave through the grounds of the Felician Sisters. Refreshments and activities for all ages will follow.

Angela Hospice held its first Walk of Remembrance last September with more than 500 participants. The event was very well-received.

"We were so happy with the walk last year," said Rebecca Hyman, social work and bereavement manager. "It was a very meaningful and uplifting experience for everyone."

Advance registration is



Rain didn't dampen the spirit of participants in Angela Hospice's first Walk of Remembrance last year.

being accepted for this year's event. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Participation is free for those age 5 and under. Proceeds will benefit Angela Hospice services, including caring programs for terminally ill adults and children

and loss counseling available to the entire community without cost.

For a registration form or for more information, visit Angela Hospice online at www.AskForAngela.com, or call events coordinator Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045.

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Woman reports safe, rent money stolen by sister

Larceny

Police were called to a home in the 32000 block of Hillsdale Court Aug. 31 when a resident told police that her sister, who had also lived at the home until a week earlier, had stolen a safe from her bedroom. The sister had returned to collect her belongings. The woman said a babysitter at her home called her at work when the sister took the safe, which contained \$345 in rent money and personal documents.

Car stolen

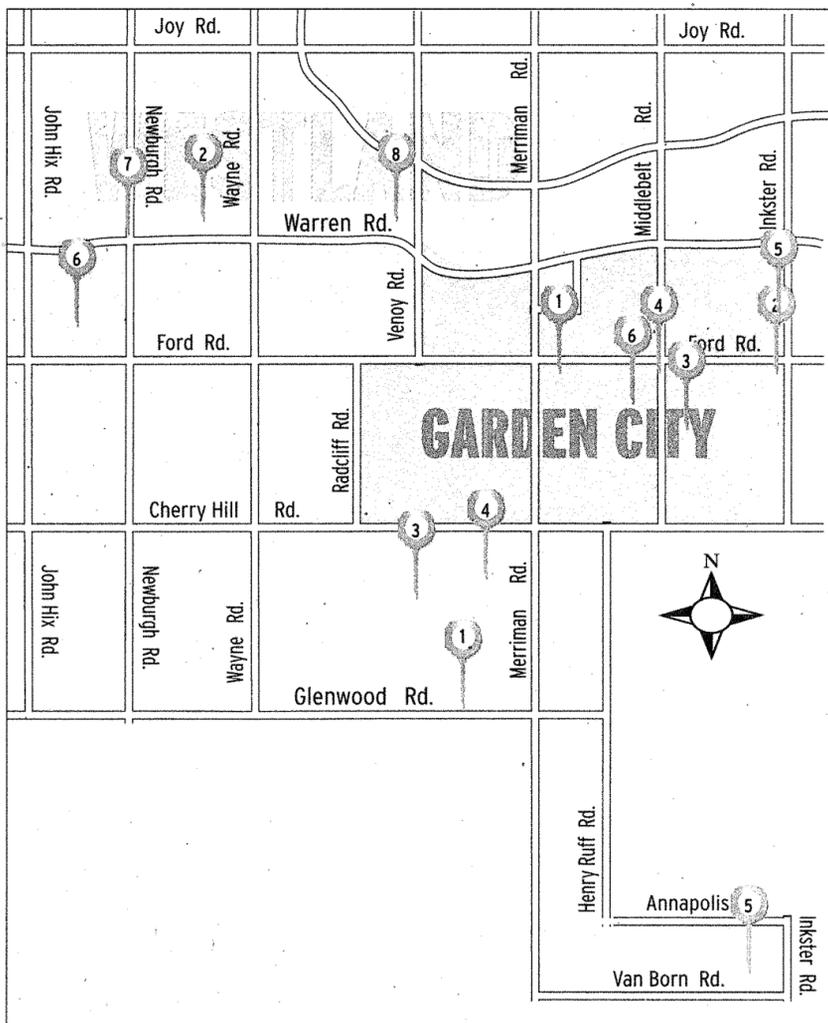
A resident of an apartment in the 31000 block of Cowan told police Aug. 26 that when he left for work, he found his car had been stolen. The man had the key and told the officer he was current on the payments for the 2007 Dodge Charger, valued at \$21,000.

Vandalism

An Adams Middle School student was arrested for breaking a window at Westland Rainbow Child Care, 2855 S. Venoy, Aug. 25. A witness called police after seeing the girl break the window and gave the officer the girl's name, along with a description and location. When the officer located the girl and returned to the business to assess the damage, other witnesses came forward to report seeing the girl break the window. She was later released to her mother.

Bike stolen

On Aug. 26, a resident in the 1400 block of Beatrice told police that someone had



stolen his bicycle after he left it parked outside the Regal Market, 1520 S. Merriman. He said a man in a hooded sweat-shirt rode off on the bicycle. The officer watched a surveillance video of the suspect riding off on the bicycle.

Vehicle theft

On Aug. 27, a resident in the 27000 block of Powers told police that someone had broken into his garage and stole a 2006 moped valued at \$2,000.

The side door had been forced open.

Larceny from a vehicle

A GPS unit valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a vehicle parked at a home in the 38000 block of Warren Aug. 27. The owner told police that the vehicle had been left unlocked.

Vandalism

A Westland man told police Aug. 30 that someone cut

the tire on a vehicle owned by his girlfriend while it was parked outside Randazzo's Fruit Market, 6701 N. Newburgh. The man said the vehicle belongs to his girlfriend and he was using it while she was out of town. The damage was set at \$300.

Stolen car

On Aug. 25, a Berkley man told police that someone had stolen his 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo while it was parked in front of his parents' home in the 600 block of S. Hawthorne. The owner said the vehicle was locked, he had all of the keys and was current on the payments.

- By LeAnne Rogers

Tickets issued for dogs roaming neighborhood

Dogs at large

A resident who lives in the 31200 block of Birchlawn was ticketed about 9:45 a.m. Aug. 28 for letting her two pit bulls roam the neighborhood and for allowing one to be unlicensed.

A neighbor complained to police that she has observed a continual problem with these dogs, one of which is black and the other white. She decided to call the police after she was "charged" when she was riding her bicycle with her infant son aboard.

She said that she was unable to get to her home until the dog owners chased off the dogs.

Another witness corroborated the woman's statement and helped to load one of the dogs into the police car.

The police officer also observed a dog roaming the back yards.

The police had some difficulty getting the owner to come to the door to be interviewed. When she did, she said that she was missing her two dogs and added that she has trouble keeping them in the home.

Her dog was licensed but the other dog that belongs to her daughter, who is in jail, is unlicensed. She may have to give the dogs away, she told police.

Drunken driving

Police arrested a 24-year-old Dearborn Heights man for drunken driving after they observed him about 2:30 a.m. Sept. 1 on eastbound Ford at Inkster Road speeding and weaving in and out of the traffic lanes.

The man admitted to drinking five beers.

Bowling ball damage

Two residents reported recently that someone damaged their cars with a bowling ball.

A resident in the 29020 block of Hennepin said that a bowling ball damaged his windshield sometime before 10 a.m. Aug. 29. There was also a large dent in the car hood. The police found the

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bowling ball about 10 feet east of the vehicle.

In another similar incident, a driver who parked his truck in the 31480 block of Alvin said that he heard a loud noise about midnight Sept. 1 but waited until morning to check it out.

The police confiscated the bowling ball that damaged his vehicle.

Drunken driving

An off-duty police officer from an undisclosed city helped Garden City police arrest a drunken driver following an accident about 3:25 a.m. Aug. 30 at Ford and Middlebelt.

He called the police and followed the 2001 Ford Explorer which had been involved in a hit and run accident. The suspect, a 40-year old Garden City resident, who was subsequently arrested, told police that he couldn't stop fast enough because the pavement was wet.

He admitted drinking eight beers and refused to take a preliminary breath test, according to the police report.

Property damage

An employee of Garden City Hospital reported that when she finished work at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 30, she found the driver's side window on her vehicle smashed and someone had stolen the navigational device.

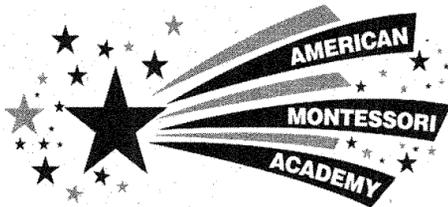
A resident in the 10300 block of West Rose Street also said that someone stole a GPS unit from his 2008 Ford pickup truck which was parked unlocked in the driveway sometime before Aug. 29.

Theft

The manager at the Arby's store, 30049 Ford, reported that sometime before 8 a.m. Aug. 30, someone stole a case each of roast chicken, beef and turkey from a store freezer which was undamaged.

- By Sue Buck

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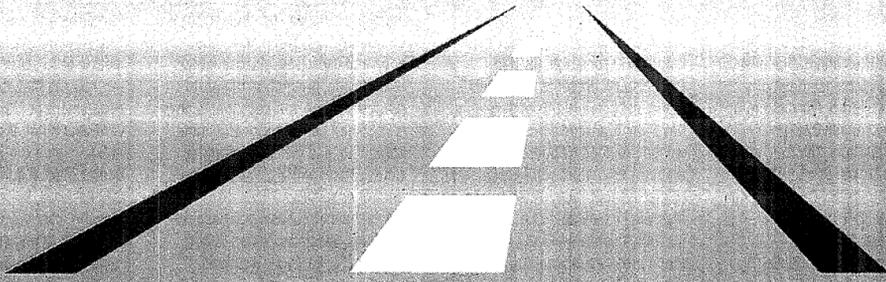
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HOSPITAL WELLNESS CALENDAR

Garden City Hospital, at 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup includes:
Tuesday, Sept. 8
 Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help strengthen and define muscles, as well as increase flexibility. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.
 Yoga (1 of 4) at 4 p.m. The four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 to register.
Wednesday, Sept. 9
 Diabetes Community Health Fair &

Foot Screening Day 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In conjunction with the American Diabetes Association, Garden City Hospital presents "Diabetes Community Health & Foot Screening Day." The to attend. Foot screenings will be provided by podiatrists, and diabetes educators will be available to discuss foot care. Other screenings will include ankle brachial index for PAD, balance and fall prevention, blood pressure, bone density, fast-

ing blood glucose and cholesterol. Demonstrations will include chair yoga and exercises, glucose meter information, prevention of sports-related injuries, low cost sports physicals, Sleep Center tours and home screening, and massages (call for times). There will also be giveaways and other surprises. This free event will be held at Garden City Hospital's Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland.

Appointments are recommended for foot screenings only. For more information or to schedule a foot screening, call the Diabetes Education department at (734) 458-4330. CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, from 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 for more information.
 Alzheimer's Support at 7 p.m. Family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join this free monthly support group. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Allan Breake Medical Office Building, lower level classrooms. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.
 Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Support Group at 7 p.m. A free support group for people who are hard of hearing is held every second Wednesday of the month. Call (734) 458-3381 for more information.
 Eating Disorders Support Group at 6:30 p.m. is for individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Men, women and teens invited to attend. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, Sept. 10

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.
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 Yoga (1 of 4) at 6:30 p.m. The four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 to register.
 Rheumatic Disease Support Group at 6:30 p.m. aims to bring individuals together who are struggling with destructive rheumatic diseases such as lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis. Caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Kelly at (734) 458-3231.
 "Focus on Living" Cancer Support at 7 p.m. A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. Call (734) 458-3311 for more information.

Police target drunken drivers through Labor Day

BY LEANNE ROGERS
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Drunken drivers will continue to get extra attention from Westland police through the Labor Day holiday weekend.
 Since Aug. 21, two additional patrol officers have been assigned to target drunken driving enforcement. The additional officers begin working after 10 p.m. for five or six hours.
 "We had 13 drunk driving arrests in 10 days. That's just for this program. I don't have the numbers for regular (patrol) drunken driving arrests," said Westland police Sgt. Ron Kroll of the traffic bureau.
 The extra patrols are part of the national drunken driving "Over the Limit. Under Arrest" crackdown funded with federal traffic safety dollars administered by the Office of Highway Safety Planning.
 Labor Day isn't a holiday particularly associated with alcohol consumption, but there are a lot of vehicles on the road as summer draws to a close.
 "They (the OHSP) are looking the number of people on the road. Labor Day and July 4 are the two biggest driving holidays in the summer," Kroll said. "Last year, more people died in impaired driving crashes in August than in any other month."
 Officers arrested 18 drunken drivers during the July 4 holiday period as part of the crackdown.
 During last year's Labor Day weekend, 12 people were killed in crashes on Michigan roads; four of those fatalities involved alcohol.
 Under Michigan law, a motorist can be arrested for drunken driving with a 0.08 blood-alcohol level or higher.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 September 21, 2009**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 6:58 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed changes to the False Alarm Ordinance as follows.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 COUNTY OF WAYNE
 CITY OF GARDEN CITY

PROPOSED ORDINANCE # _____

FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EXCESSIVE FALSE ALARM FEES; PROVIDING FOR FAILURE TO PAY; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ALARM USER DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. PURPOSE.

The purposes of this ordinance are to promote the responsible use of security alarm systems in order to facilitate the effective and efficient response to alarms by the Garden City Police and Fire Departments. Furthermore, the provisions of this ordinance are intended to reduce the number of false alarm activations and responses by Garden City Police and Fire Departments. It is not the intention of this ordinance to interfere with the contractual obligations between alarm businesses and alarm users or to supersede any provisions of State Law.

Response to false alarms consumes many hours of valuable law enforcement and fire responder time and resources, reduces mental preparedness of officers responding to alarms in the event that an actual emergency exists, and presents significant health, safety and welfare hazards to the citizens of Garden City. Those who utilize faulty alarm systems or errantly operate alarm systems which repeatedly generate false alarms that necessitate public safety (police and fire) response are impacting valuable public safety resources and it is deemed that the adoption of a false alarm ordinance is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Garden City.

Sec. 1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this division, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- a. **Alarm administrator** is the City Clerk of Garden City.
- b. **Alarm business** means the business, by an individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity, of selling, leasing, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving, installing or monitoring an alarm system.
- c. **Alarm dispatch** means a notification to the police or fire department by the alarm business that an alarm, either manual or automatic, has been activated at an alarm site and police and/or fire responders have been dispatched to the alarm site.
- d. **Alarm site** means a single premises or location served by an alarm system or systems. Each tenancy, if served by a separate alarm system in a multi-tenant building or complex shall be considered a separate alarm site.
- e. **Alarm system** means any device or assembly of equipment designed for the detection of fire, medical emergency, unauthorized entry on or into any building, place or premises, or for the alerting of others on or off premises of the commission of an unlawful act, or both, and when activated causes an audible and/or visual signal or transmits a signal or message to which law enforcement officers and/or fire responders are expected to respond or which would imply to a reasonable person that public safety personnel (police or fire) are needed at the alarm source to investigate a criminal activity or emergency. The following devices shall not constitute an alarm system:
 - (i) Alarm devices affixed to motor vehicles; and
 - (ii) Hand held portable personal safety devices.
- f. **Alarm user** means any person, firm, partnership, company, association, corporation or owner, tenant or lessee or their authorized agent or representative of premises at which an alarm system is installed, maintained or utilized.
- g. **False alarm** means the activation of an alarm system resulting in a response to the building, place or premises on which the alarm system is located by the Garden City Police Department or Garden City Fire Department when the responding police and/or fire personnel find no evidence of a fire, medical emergency, or criminal offense or attempted criminal offense after having completed a timely investigation of the alarm site.

False alarm shall not include an alarm dispatch which is cancelled by the alarm business or the alarm user prior to the time the responding police and/or fire personnel reach the alarm site; however, robbery and hold-up alarms shall not be subject to cancellation, i.e. police and/or fire personnel shall continue to the alarm site.

Acts of God, including violent conditions of nature; such as, earthquakes, high intensity winds, extreme storms including thunderstorms, lightning, electrical surges and utility failures which interrupt the alarm service through no fault of the alarm user shall likewise not be considered false alarms.

h. Monitoring means the process by which an alarm business receives signals from an alarm system and relays an alarm dispatch request to the Communications Center for the purpose of summoning public safety response to the alarm site.

i. Notice of non-compliance means a formal 30-day notification by the alarm administrator, advising of the intent to put the alarm business in substantial default status leading to lien.

Sec. 2. Fee for excessive false alarms.

To defray the cost of responding to false alarms and to discourage the continuation of repeat false alarms, the alarm user of the alarm site shall pay to the City a false alarm fee as set by the City Council for the fourth and any subsequent false alarm during any calendar year that the alarm system is activated and responded to by the Police and/or Fire Departments, and the service called for is not needed.

a. **Notification; assessment of fee.** After the alarm administrator has recorded three (3) fire-related and/or police-related false alarm occurrences within a calendar year for a given alarm site, the alarm administrator shall notify the alarm user, in writing, by first class mail or hand delivery, that additional false alarm occurrences will result in the imposition of service charges in accordance with the above fee schedule. Failure to receive such notification does not waive or nullify any service charges. A fourth or subsequent police and/or fire related false alarm occurring within any calendar year shall result in a per occurrence false alarm charge as set by the City Council to the alarm user of the alarm site. Such fees will be invoiced periodically as determined by the alarm administrator.

b. **Disposition of false alarm fees.** All fees and service charges collected under this ordinance shall be paid into the treasury of the City of Garden City.

Sec. 3. Failure to pay fee; Lien.

False alarm fees under this ordinance shall at once become a debt to the City and shall be paid to the City Clerk within sixty (60) days from the date of invoice. In the event the false alarm fee is not paid within sixty (60) days from the date of invoice, a service charge as set by the City Council shall be added. A Notice of non-compliance will be sent with the adjusted fine amounts. Fees and service charges remaining unpaid for thirty (30) days shall be filed as a lien on the property, and shall have the same character and effect as a lien created by general law for state and county taxes, until paid.

Sec. 4. Exceptions.

The following circumstances shall not constitute a false alarm, and no fee shall be assessed:

- a. Alarms activated by a person working on the alarm system with prior notification to the Garden City Communications Center.
- b. Alarms which can be substantiated as being activated by disruption or disturbance of utility company facilities or motor vehicle-utility pole accidents.
- c. Alarms indicating an actual intrusion or other illegal activity, i.e. not false alarms.

Sec. 5. Alarm user duties.

- a. To be familiar with the provisions of this ordinance.
- b. To maintain the alarm system in good working order, periodically test, and take reasonable measures to prevent the occurrence of false alarms.
- c. To instruct all persons who are authorized to place the alarm system into operation, in the appropriate method of operation and to lock and secure all points of entry, such as doors and windows.
- d. To inform all persons who are authorized to place the alarm system into operation of the provisions of this ordinance, emphasizing the importance of avoiding false alarms.
- e. To provide a sign or notice posted on or near every audible device with the name and twenty-four (24) hour telephone number of the person or company responsible for the maintenance of the system. The notice shall be posted in such a position as to be readable from the ground level outside and adjacent to the building. All silent alarm systems shall include a posted notice on the premises which provides the same information.

SECTION II. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION IV. REPEAL.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION V. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of the City Clerk, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

ALLYSON BETTIS
 City Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: August 27, 2009
 Publish: September 3, 2009

**CITY OF WESTLAND
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Thursday, September 17, various items of the City Westland, Department of Public Works will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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5795562001	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	2FAFP71W71X124468

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Thursday, September 16, 2009, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold. Registration fees apply.

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools, William D. Ford Career - Technical Center

Career Technical Programs

Each year, Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center offer career/technical programs to the high school districts of Wayne-Westland, Melvindale, South Redford, Redford Union, Crestwood, Dearborn Heights #7, and area private schools. These programs are designed to prepare high school students for a broad range of employment and training services and are offered under the guidance of certified teachers, counselors, and cooperative education coordinators. For further information on course offerings and admissions, please call (734) 419-2100 or visit our website www.wvcsd.net/ctc.

The following is a list of programs being offered during the 2009-2010 school year:

Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technology, Business/Computer Technology, Child Day Care, Computer Aided Design/Drafting (CADD), Computer Aided Manufacturing/Machining (CAMM), Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts/Hospitality, Desktop Publishing, Digital Media, Electronics/Robotics Technology, EMT, Graphic Design, Graphic/Printing Communications, Health Occupations, Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration (HVAC), Media Production, Medical Assisting, Web Design: Integrated, Welding Technology.

All career-technical programs comply with Federal Laws and Regulations of the U.S. Department of Education. It is the policy of Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center that no person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, gender, marital status, disability, or limited English proficiency shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity to which it is responsible or for which it receives financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education. Furthermore, the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center will encourage participation by all of the above. Questions concerning Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender, should be directed to: CTE Director, William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185, (734) 419-2100.

Inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, should be directed to: CTE Director, William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185, (734) 419-2100.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rummage sale
The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 17-18, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 19. There also will be a bake sale, refreshments and hot dogs. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

Ronald McDonald House Gala
The Ford Motor Company is presenting The Ronald McDonald House Gala on Sept. 26 at The Detroit Institute of Arts. The Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association and DTE Energy will host this black-tie gala with all proceeds benefiting the Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor. Formerly known as Aviators' Ball, the Gala is in its fifth year. The event will include dinner, live and silent auctions, entertainment, an afterglow party and many surprises throughout the evening. The Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor provide a "home away from home" each year to nearly 1,600 families whose children are hospitalized nearby with serious illnesses. For Ronald McDonald House Gala tickets and sponsorship information, call (734) 316-2511 or visit the Web site at www.rmhgala.com.

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

Car show
American Legion Post 32 host a car show 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening throughout the summer at the post, 9318 Newburgh, just south of Ann Arbor Trail. The post kitchen is open and serves a variety of dinners for \$7 each and also have grilled items like hot dogs, hamburgers and sloppy joes outside. There also is a DJ, 50/50 raffle and bake sale hosted by the American Legion Riders. Everyone is welcome.

School registration
St. Damian School is accepting students for the 3-4-year-old preschool

program as well as students in kindergarten through eighth-grade. The school is fully accredited by MNSEA, with certified, experienced teachers, hot lunch program and many other school programs and extracurricular activities. A licensed morning and afternoon latchkey is available. School tours are available upon request. St. Damian School is at 29891 Joy in Westland. Call (734) 427-1680 for more information or visit the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.

Crafters needed
St. Theodore CCW has table rental available for \$25 for its Fall Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Contact Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voicemail 10) or Mary Ellen at (734) 261-8821. No vendors.
• Crafters are needed for the 21st annual Arts and Crafts Show Saturday, Nov. 21, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb Moga at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia Moore at (734) 522-9653.

Community Baby Shower
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's 12th Annual Community Baby Shower will be held 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Wayne County Community College's Downriver Campus in Taylor. The Community Baby Shower is a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants up to 3 months of age by Sept. 24. Parents will receive valuable information and resources regarding their new bundles of joy. Guest speakers will share information regarding family safety, parenting tips and healthy relationships. Participants will also enjoy lunch, prizes and raffles throughout the event. Call for information regarding on-site childcare. Space is limited. Call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 122, for more information or to register. Callers who reach a voice mailbox should leave their name and telephone number so that their call can be returned and the registration process can be completed.

Used Book Sale
Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, will have a Used Book Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, with a special of buy 4 and get 1 free of same type item. The hours will be noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, which also will be the Bag Day Sale. Bring in a medium size bag or buy a cool green reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2. Fill a bag for \$4. Money raised pays for many of the

programs at the library for all ages. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Fish Dial-A-Ride
Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Higher Rock Cafe
The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

EDUCATION

Willow Creek
Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment in its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. Willow Creek is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information, call the preschool at (734) 326-0078.

St. Damian
St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.

YWCA preschool
The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available. For more information on these programs, or to enroll your child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

VOLUNTEERS

First Step
First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for

volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers
Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

VNA Hospice
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Seasons Hospice
Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

Literacy Council
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Heartland Hospice
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise
The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. For information, call Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918.

Writing Group
Story Circle Women's Life Writing Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free. For more information about story circle, go online to www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shephy@yahoo.com.

TOPS
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) M128 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

Democratic Club
The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

Citizens for Peace
Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

In Harmony
The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652,

or attend a rehearsal.
Veteran's Haven
Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

Silver Strings Dulcimer
Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>.

Garden City Kiwanis
The Garden City Kiwanis Club meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

Garden City Rotary
The Garden City Rotary Club meets at 12 noon Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed. Please join us there.

Habitat help
The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

Hospital retirees
The Oakwood-Annapolis Retirees meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne. All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

Radio Club
The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. The club is open to people who are interested in ham radio. Call Ben (W8AAA) at (734) 425-2629.

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OUR VIEWS

Parents: Resolve to get involved

We're all so used to celebrating the New Year in January, but when you think about it, every calendar year has two of them. What's the second one? The first day of the NEW school year.

Next week, students and teachers, not to mention the support staffs, will be headed back to school in the Wayne-Westland and Garden City school districts. For first-time kindergartners, it will be an exciting day. For seniors in high school, it'll be the start of the countdown to graduation. In between, it will mean hard work to advance to the next grade.

Getting kids ready to go back to school is more than a trip to the store to buy new clothes and school supplies. It means coming up with a game plan to help students succeed. One way to do that is through parental involvement. Parents can't sit back and let the teacher do it all. They have to take an active role in their children's education. They need to become a partner with their child's teacher or teachers to foster learning and achievement.

Why? According to a Michigan Department of Education report, the more parents participate in schooling, in a sustained way and at every level — from advocacy and decision making and oversight roles to fund-raisers and boosters, as volunteers and para-professionals, and as home teachers — the better for student achievement.

The earlier in a child's educational process parent involvement begins, the more powerful the effects. The most effective forms of parent involvement are those which engage parents in working directly with their children on learning activities at home, the report noted.

Parents' expectations play an important role in their child's academic achievement and social adjustment with their expectations. In fact, decades of research show that when parents are involved students have higher grades, test scores and graduation rates, better school attendance, increased motivation, better self-esteem, lower rates of suspension, decreased use of drugs and alcohol and fewer instances of violent behavior.

The pressure is on for students to succeed. From No Child Left Behind to the state's new high school curriculum, the message is quite clear. There is no room for failure, all children must succeed so they can be productive members of our society.

Like the Jan. 1 New Year's Day, we urge parents to make a resolution for the September New Year's Day to get involved in their child's education. Get active in your school PTA, go in and talk with your child's teachers. Go to the open houses and parent-teacher conferences. Work with your kids at home.

We all want our kids to do well in life, so take the time to give them a good start. The investment we make today will foster our children's success in the future.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

• Give credit where it's due

"It's been almost two decades since the Observer broke the story about the contamination ..."

Nice of the OE to take credit for "breaking the story" when it was actually a parent, and now current Westland City Council member Cheryl Graunstadt that "broke the story." If it wasn't for the persistence of a parent (who at the time was probably labeled a "terrorist" by LPS), the children would still be wallowing in toxic soup on that playground since LPS already knew it was built on an uncontrolled waste dump site.

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• Let commissioner speak

Mr. Plakas - please stop blowing chances to improve our city by shutting down those who can help. You got where you are with the support of the people. You have served them well over the years by listening and reacting to the needs of the constituency. If you don't have the will or the patience to continue, simply move aside. Ms. Webb is a part of the community and she brings useful information to the table.

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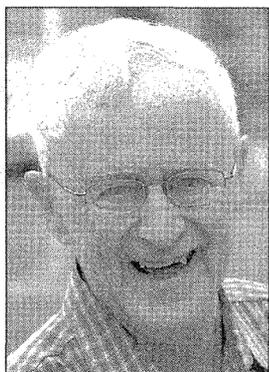
What's the most memorable thing you've done this summer?

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



"I enjoyed some time with my friends in Traverse City."

- Joanne DeHetre
Garden City



"Delivering Meals on Wheels. I've been doing it for nine years."

- George Raymond
Garden City



"Probably helping a teacher who teaches dance and lost her leg. It makes me feel good."

- Arlene Holladay
Westland



"I just came back from Drummond Island. It's the most beautiful place on Earth, truly, truly, truly."

- Mary Ellenburg
Garden City

LETTERS

Triumph and tragedy

We all in certain ways have experienced lifestyle changes due to the state of the economy. Those of us who still have jobs, or have retired comfortably from long-standing careers, may not feel the desperation of many people in our community, neighborhood, and even those closer to home, in our families. Yes, there are programs and agencies available to assist; however, the need today far outweighs the availability of resources such as this one.

For many years, the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College provided an avenue for people who were in transition. Not only did it provide support through the education process, as well as various professional resources, it gave each individual a priceless sense of confidence that they, too, could succeed.

The Center's Radcliff campus housed the Women's Boutique. The concept of a cost-free source for previously owned business apparel was born and implemented in 1993. In the ensuing years, it provided our students access to business attire to assist them making a successful transition from home or school into the workforce. It gave them the feeling of confidence and the needed boost in self-esteem. It was a gift that kept giving. No student who came through the Boutique's door left empty-handed. Most departed with armloads of much-needed clothing. There was always a smile and often tears of joy.

To all of the donors, you have no idea how many people you have helped. To the recipients, I am blessed to have been able to work with you. The Women's Boutique at Schoolcraft College Radcliff Campus ended its era (1993 to 2009) on May 28, 2009.

As a staff member, I have seen many who triumphed as they progressed through the program. The real tragedy here is that a place with a heart and helping hand will no longer be available during a time in our country when it is most desperately needed. Should we not be reaching out and extending a second hand rather than closing up shop completely? It doesn't matter how many people in life that you help, what matters is that you helped at all.

Joan M. Farrell
Novi

Bless you, Ted Kennedy

When I heard that Sen. Edward "Teddy" Kennedy passed away, I was deeply saddened. I know we knew it was coming, but to me it meant something special. When I was 16, I hitchhiked to downtown Detroit to of all places Kennedy Square to try and see someone I truly admired, Sen. Ted Kennedy.

I got about 10 feet from the stage and stared and listened in total amazement that I was actually that close to a Kennedy. I still have the picture I took that day. When I was in school, almost every report I ever wrote was about the Kennedys. I was fascinated by them.

I remember what I was doing when President Kennedy was assassinated. It was not quite two weeks before my eighth birthday. I remember all the people in tears. I was living in Bell Gardens, Calif.

We moved back to Westland in 1965. I met a couple on our street Barrington who were working with Robert Kennedy's election for President. I can't remember their names, but they were telling me that after he left California, he was going to Chicago, then to Detroit. They promised they were going to do

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everything possible for me to meet him. I was probably the happiest kid in Westland. It was months before my 13th birthday.

I can tell you exactly what I was doing that morning. I was getting ready for school and a very good friend of the family that knew I was going to meet him called and said turn on the TV. Sen. Kennedy had been shot. As a 12-year-old who idolized the Kennedy family, I was devastated. I never got over it. It was something in my life I never will forget.

When the Democratic convention was on and they nominated President Obama, I was so moved that Sen. Kennedy came from Massachusetts and delivered that speech to the American people. I was so moved. I was fortunate to know someone that was there, and when all the people held up the Kennedy signs, I wanted one so bad. Again seeing him get up out of his bed and doing what he did, I was amazed.

My friend brought me one of those signs. I have it framed and hanging. Two things I have that I will cherish forever: I took a picture of Sen. Kennedy that day at Kennedy Square, and when I met him in Washington, I still have the signed picture he gave me. It is also framed.

My thoughts go out to all the people who admired this man, who really did work for the people. The Kennedy legacy will live forever. Joe, John, Robert and Ted will live on forever.

Now he joins his brothers in Arlington, together forever. I can't wait to get there and see all of them together again, and I will.

Thank you, Sen. Kennedy, for all you did. Thank you for the picture, and thank you for spending the last years of your life trying to get a health program for the American people. God bless you. You will be missed.

Bud Somerville
Westland

Don't revamp health care

Over the last month, I wrote to Congressman Dingell to tell him why I didn't like this health care bill that the Obama administration tried to ram down our throats again like they did with the other bills.

I got eight responses all on the same day (Aug. 3, 2009) and guess what? They were all the same response. No matter what I had asked him or what I had said, he sent the same standard form letter in response to each one of my letters.

In those letters he stated that he has since he became a congressman he has introduced the same bill that his father did before him on health care. This is a direct quote from that letter:

"This much anticipated, much-needed revamp of our crippled health care system

will lower costs and increase choices and access to quality, affordable health care."

Just what is crippled? Seems to me the Canadian, Great Britain, and Scandinavian and other countries where a national health care plan was initiated are crippled, not our system.

Apparently he has not read the bill because on page 42 it states that the "Health Care Commissioner will decide on the plans" we will have no choice.

Page 145 states, Employers must auto-enroll employees in the government plan and no choice is permitted. Page 29 reads "health care will be rationed."

Page 203 says flat out, "The tax imposed under this section shall not be treated as tax." We will be taxed and at least 6 percent to start with so how in the world does this plan save us money, increase choices and give us access to quality health care if it rations our choices, increases waiting periods and raises taxes?

They think they "know what's best for us" and they keep throwing the same old garbage that 47 million are without health care when in all actuality there are more like eight million that truly need it that cannot afford it.

There is no need to "revamp" our system when it needs a few tweaks to get it back on track, but the politicians know that the money they stole out of the general fund for pet projects that was meant for Medicare and Social Security are about to come due and they need money fast to cover their respective asses. Medicare is \$80 trillion in the red and the IOUs need to be covered or we are in serious trouble!

You would think that after all of these years John Dingell put into public service and introducing this legislation he would have come up with a better plan that didn't destroy the quality of health care we currently have.

There (was) a gathering of patriots opposed to this government health care take-over in front of the Canton Wal-Mart on Ford Road Aug. 22 from noon to 2 p.m. ... share your frustrations with others that believe in this country.

Phil Solarz
Westland

Support health reform

The America's Affordable Health Choices Act would provide significant benefits to those of us who reside in the 11th Congressional District.

Under the provisions of this act, 9,800 seniors would avoid the doughnut hole in Medicare Part D, up to 12,000 small businesses could receive tax credits to provide coverage to their employees and 43,000 uninsured individuals would gain access to high quality, affordable health insurance.

There are also measures in the act which will reduce health care costs, increase competition among health care insurers and require that our health care dollars be used more efficiently. Affordable health care for all and the better use of health care dollars — that's a goal we should all be able to agree on.

It's time for our political leaders to stop playing politics and solve the health care crisis. It's time for Americans to stop paying more and getting less. Therefore, I encourage other concerned constituents of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter to call him at (734) 632-0314 and let him know we need him to support health care reform rather than obstruct it.

Catherine Neill
Plymouth



Downtown Farmington's Harvest Moon Dance offers food, entertainment and more.

Fashion show

See fashions, have lunch and help the Longacre house in Farmington Hills at the same time on Oct. 1 at Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile in Farmington Hills.

The 40th Annual Fall Fashion Show to benefit the Longacre House starts with a fashion boutique at 10:30 a.m. with the luncheon and fashion show beginning at noon.

Women's fashions will be provided by Chico's at Laurel Park and children's fashions will be provided by Gap at Orchard Place.

Proceeds from the annual Fashion Show will go toward restoration and upkeep of the historic home, which the city of Farmington Hills acquired in 2006. The city has made extensive improvements including landscaping and interior upgrades and renovations to the house, which was built in 1869.

The elegant and charming 20-room Georgian-style mansion has become a desirable venue for weddings, showers, and special events. The Longacre House also hosts popular programs such as

Victorian teas, cooking shows, and music lessons.

Tickets to the 40th Annual Fall Fashion Show to Benefit the Longacre House are \$35. Charge tickets by calling (248) 477-8404 or mail checks made out to "Friends of the Parks" to The Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

The Fashion Show is sponsored by Friends of the Parks, a non-profit community service organization that sponsors projects that promote and enhance the City of Farmington Hills parks system. To view a slide show or virtual "mini-tour" of the Longacre House, go to www.longacrehouse.org.

Dessert time

Longtime Detroit-area favorite, Sanders, reopened the doors of their new flagship store recently at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Since its first soda fountain opened in 1875, Sanders has tempted customers with its famous candies, fudge toppings and baked goods as well

as desserts, including its popular ice cream sodas and hot fudge cream puffs.

Located on the lower level of the Nordstrom Wing, the new Twelve Oaks store not only offers these signature treats, but also is the first Sanders location to bring back — y popular demand — Sanders' vintage sandwiches, soups and light morning fare.

Twelve Oaks is at I-96 and Novi Road.

Stuff a truck

Donate to Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Livonia, and you'll get a coupon worth 20 percent off apparel and 15 percent off cosmetics at the store.

Goodwill will accept monetary donations and clean, gently used clothing and textiles to help "stuff a truck" from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Donations will support Goodwill Industries job

training programs and career services helping residents secure jobs by overcoming barriers to employment. Goodwill Industries is the only organization solely dedicated to fighting unemployment in Metro Detroit.

From Sept. 16 until the end of the campaign on Sept. 29, shoppers will receive two discount coupons when dropping off a completed Goodwill Pay It 4ward envelope containing \$25 or more at a participating location. Pay It 4ward centers around envelopes to be filled with dollar bills, passed from person to person, until they reach 25 people. More information on the campaign can be found at <http://www.payit4ward-detroit.org>. New envelopes will be available for pick-up at each store.

Parisian at Laurel Park is located at 17625 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Trunk show

Pendleton in downtown

Northville will hold its Spring 2010 Trunk Show Sept. 10-12th. Customers who attend the show will be able to view samples from Pendleton's Spring Collection. All items are available for special order at no obligation. This is a great opportunity for special size, petite and plus customer to shop.

Pendleton is located at 119 Center in downtown Northville, (248) 596-9820.

Harvest Moon

Tickets go on sale Saturday, Sept. 5 for downtown Farmington's Harvest Moon Dance on Oct. 2.

The event, held at Sundquist Pavilion features live music, hand crafted beers, fall cuisine from downtown restaurants and commissioned art pieces.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door. For a list of

advance ticket sales locations, visit www.DowntownFarmington.org. The dance is designed for age 21 and older.

Garden tips

Nancy Szerlag, master gardener and author of *Perennials for Michigan* and *Annuals for Michigan* will be share tips on fall lawn and garden care in a presentation called "Put the Garden to Bed" 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Art Van Furniture, 29905 W. 7 Mile, Livonia. Refreshments will be served. Call for reservations at (888) 619-2199.

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It's time to take your shot on Patriot Golf Day

practiced. I warmed up with two buckets of balls. I thought I was ready.

Then I stepped up to the tee at the 133-yard, No. 7 par-3 at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course and took my shot Monday in the Detroit News Hole-in-One Contest.

Actually, I took four shots and never hit the green which looks out toward Eight Mile Road.

Yes, it was a humbling experience before a gallery of onlookers.



Brad Emons

There was even an announcer at the table who asked prior to my sad four-shot spectacle where I got my hole-in-one.

"San Diego, California (1995)," I responded.

"Is that a GAM (Golf Association of Michigan) course?" the announcer cracked. As I was teeing up my ball I wondered that even if I had gotten remotely close to the pin, would it have counted anyway?

As I walked back to the parking lot and my car, I muttered to myself: "I waited two hours and 15 minutes for this?"

But then I remembered what retired Army Maj. Ed Pulido had to say only an hour earlier to the Hole-and-One onlookers

and participants.

Pulido was there on behalf of the Folds of Honor Foundation, which provides postsecondary scholarships for children and spouses of military servicemen and women killed or disabled while serving our country.

Pulido, executive director of the Folds Foundation, wears a prosthetic right leg after he was wounded when a roadside bomb went off and he was shot while serving in Baquba, Iraq, in 2004.

Pulido made an impassioned plea to support Patriot Golf Day, which is this weekend (Sept. 4-7).

Golfers nationwide can take part by donating a minimum

of \$1 to benefit Folds of Honor when they play a round this weekend. And as a thank you for using an American Express Card, American Express will match your donation.

In its first two years, Patriot Golf Day has raised \$3 million to send military spouses and children to school. There are more than 40,000 spouses and children of disabled service members that do not qualify for federal education funds.

Patriot Golf Day was the brainchild of a Michigander, Dan Rooney of Grand Haven, an F-16 pilot for the Air National Guard and PGA professional who served three tours of duty in Iraq.

On Monday, the Detroit News/GAM Hole-in-One Contest raised approximately \$2,300. Contestants could hit an additional two balls by donating \$10.

It didn't help me to hit the green and it didn't get me close to the pin, but it was \$10 well spent.

And if you have the inclination to play this weekend, make a donation.

You can register at your local course for Patriot Golf Day by visiting www.patriotgolfday.com.

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Double duty: Coach fills void at Churchill

See capsule outlook of area boys cross country teams on Page B2

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pat Daugherty is doing double duty this fall and doesn't mind at all.

He's wearing two hats — one is a Madonna University cap where he coaches the men's and women's cross country squads,

while the other is a Churchill Charger cap where he has stepped in as the interim boys coach.

Daugherty, who serves as Churchill's head girls track and field coach in the spring, is filling in for John McGreevy, the 15th-year who is recovering from summer surgery.

"When (Churchill A.D.) Marc (Hage) asked me if I could step in for John I said, 'absolutely,'" Daugherty said. "John has been my mentor and great friend for 10 years. I had to clear it with my A.D. Bryan Rizzo at Madonna University first. Once Bryan said 'OK,' I notified Marc and took the temporary job for coaching the boys team at Churchill."

McGreevy, a Churchill High counselor currently on medical leave, hopes to return before the season ends.

The schedules only conflict on two dates.

The first is on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Cass Benton Park where MU competes in the Detroit Titan Invitational, while Churchill is at the Kensington Lakes Activities

Association meet the same day at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

The other is the Division 1 high school state finals on Saturday, Nov. 7, at MIS in Brooklyn, while MU is at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference meet in Grand Rapids.

Churchill girls coach Sue Tatro and Churchill boys track and field coach Rick Austin will also fill in during the interim.

"John is doing much better following surgery and could be back during the season," Daugherty said. "I keep in contact with John several times a week and he is doing better each day. We hope to have him back soon. I am excited to be coaching the Churchill boys this season, but I fully understand that this is John's team and we will be waiting for him to return when he's ready."

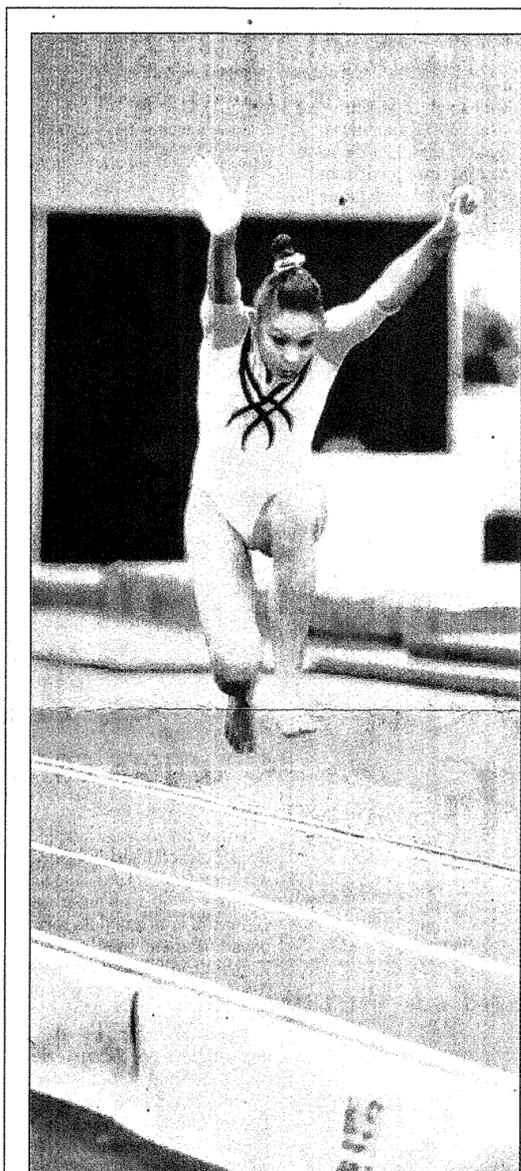
The Chargers' first test will be Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Cass Benton where they will defend their Public Schools of Livonia Invitational title.

Churchill must replace first-team All-Observer pick Mark Waterbury, who was lost to graduation. But the Chargers return seniors Mark Freyburg and Quinn Osgood, along with junior Tom Windle.

"I see Novi as the favorite for the (Kensington) Conference title and it's anybody's guess about the South division with several teams, including us, in the mix," Daugherty said. "We have a challenging schedule and hope to be at our best and healthiest at the KLAA and regional meets."

Meanwhile, both Livonia Franklin and Livonia

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Tumbler excels

Livonian Cassandra Skinner, who will be a freshman this fall at Stevenson High, is headed to the USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling Selection Event, Sept. 25-26, in Las Vegas, Nev. A member of AGT Flip City in Warren, Skinner qualified June 24 in San Jose, Calif. in the Junior Olympics Nationals after finishing runner-up in the Female 13-14 Level 10 power tumbling event. She also placed eighth in double-mini trampoline. Two of the top three selected will compete for the U.S. in the World Age-Group competition, Nov. 14-22, in St. Petersburg, Russia.

53-0 loss sets back Warriors

Lutheran High Westland football coach Paul Gusé knew his Warriors would have a rough go of it Saturday against a much-improved Dearborn Heights Annapolis squad.

What he didn't know was his troops would be taking on the Cougars minus the multi-talented Ethan Haller. The

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5-foot-10, 180-pound senior was missing from the lineup due to a fractured hip that was diagnosed a couple of days ago.

The result was a 53-0 setback.

"He was 70 percent of our offense last year, and without him we didn't have a chance offensively," said Gusé, whose team trailed 39-0 at halftime. "He's our best player on both sides of the ball."

Annapolis certainly took advantage of Haller's absence on defense as the first two times the Cougars touched the ball, they found the end zone including a 65-yard touchdown run by Jesse Cernuto and a 35-yard TD dash by Twan Crowe.

"It was 13-0 five minutes into the game and that definitely changes what you want to do offensively, and it just went downhill from there," Gusé said. "We knew from seeing them they were going to be good."

Corey Allen had a game-high 145 yards on eight carries and two TDs for the Cougars, while Cernuto added 107 on nine attempts and three TDs. Quarterback Eddie Bennett threw for one TD (to Crowe) and also had an interception return for a TD.

"They beat us up pretty good last year (43-6) and they are even better this year," Gusé said. "They were great in the trenches and they dominated us."

3-0 C'ville girls clip Eagles

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With two matches already under their belts, the edge clearly belonged to the Trojans of Livonia Clarenceville.

Battling Redford Thurston Tuesday in nonleague girls volleyball play, coach Wendy Mershman's club performed with much

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hammering out consecutive 25-19, 25-22 and 25-20 wins over the Eagles.

"We're playing as a team and that's making the difference," said Mershman, whose squad improved to 3-0 on the year. "We were in control pretty much every game and right now the way we're playing, we're probably exceeding expectations."

Senior setter Ashley Welch, all 5-foot-6 of her, played a huge role in the victory as she handed out 23 assists and came up with five digs.

Senior outside hitter Kat Hall proved to be a valuable force on the front line with 10 kills and five aces, while senior

outside hitter Ashley Devon chipped in with six kills.

"Their outside hitting made a big difference," said Thurston coach Scott Gray, who was getting his first look this season at the young Eagles. "They were much bigger than we were up there, and we just didn't do a very good job of blocking."

Senior Breanna Taylor turned in a strong showing for the Eagles by recording seven kills and one block. Senior Rachel Smith contributed six kills and three aces, junior.

"I guess for the first match it was sort of what we expected," Gray said. "We had not played a match yet and I think we had some jitters out there. Some kids were playing positions they had never played before. We were neck-and-neck with them up to a certain point in all three games."

Warriors clip Crestwood

Lutheran High Westland edged above the .500 mark Tuesday with

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MU rules in Early Bird

The Madonna University women's volleyball squad may have gotten a rankings boost in the next NIAA national poll after completing a four-game Saturday in the Early Bird Invitational hosted by the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

In the first match, the 12th-ranked Crusaders upended No. 13 Olivet Nazarene in four games, 25-21, 17-25, 25-23, 25-21 as junior

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outside hitter Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) collected a career- and match-highs with 17 kills and 20 digs, respectively. She was named to the All-Tournament team along with senior outside hitter Mary McGinnis, who added 16 kills.

Sophomore middle hitter Karie Altman contributed 13 kills, while senior setter Inta Grinvalds handed out 52 assist-to-kills. Sophomore libero Amanda Koszela added 19 digs on the defensive side.

Sara Byrne led Olivet Nazarene (3-1) with 13 kills.

Against Northwestern Ohio, the Crusaders needed four games to improve 4-0 overall as McGinnis had 23 kills, while Altman and Dempsey contributed 13 and 11, respectively.

Koszela and Dempsey led the defense with 15 and 14 digs, respectively.

Grinvalds also had 52 assists. Katie Luebke led Northwestern Ohio (1-3) with 20 kills.

Lady Ocelots 4-0

Schoolcraft College opened its 2009 season last weekend with four straight victories, all 3-0 sweeps.

On Friday, the host Lady Ocelots downed Delta College (25-23, 25-10, 25-16) and Alpena CC (25-7, 25-11, 25-12).

On Saturday, host Schoolcraft bested Alpena (25-10, 25-11, 25-15) and Delta again (25-15, 25-18, 25-11) to improve to 4-0 overall and 4-0 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference.

SIDELINES

MSU's Abron MVP

Michigan State University sophomore volleyball player Kyndra Abron (Livonia Churchill) was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week after earning tournament MVP honors last weekend in the MSU Showcase.

The 6-foot-2 former 2008 Miss Volleyball had 14 kills and a .571 hitting percentage as the 20th-ranked Spartans defeated No. 12 Southern Cal, 3-2. It was MSU's first win over a Pac-10 school since 1976.

Abron also collected 18 kills in a win over North Carolina and eight kills with an .800 hitting average in the victory over the University of Albany (N.Y.).

"I am very proud of Kyndra's performance this past weekend at the MSU Showcase," said MSU coach Cathy George, whose team is 3-0 overall. "She really stepped up and into her element, and definitely had a breakout weekend for the team. She provides great depth for this team coming off of the bench, and I look forward to seeing what she can do for the team the rest of the season."

Kat Hall hailed

Livonia Clarenceville senior Kat Hall was named the MaxPreps/American Volleyball Coaches Association's Player of the Week in Michigan (for Aug. 23-30).

The 5-foot-8 outside hitter and all-around player had 11 kills, four aces, seven digs, one block and one assist in a Clarenceville victory.

PP&K champions

Among the age-group winners in the local NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition held Aug. 26 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center included: Jay Hopson (12-13), Joshua Barnes (10-11) and Christopher Williams (8-9).

Emily Sitler was runner-up in the 10-11 age division.

Winners will to regional competition, Oct. 10, in Dearborn.

O&E men's golf

The Observer & Eccentric Men's Open golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

Entry fee for the 36-hole medal play event is \$95 (cart not included). Maximum handicap is 20 and you must have a current U.S. Golf Association index to participate.

Entries, open to the first 120 who sign up, close at noon Thursday, Sept. 17. (Entry forms should be sent with a check or money order payable to T.J.W., Inc.)

Pairings and starting times will be available after noon Friday, Sept. 18 by calling (248) 476-4493.

Hole-in-one club

On Aug. 29, Livonian Bridget Carrott used an 8-iron to ace the 126-yard, No. 8 hole at Grand Haven Golf Club in Grand Haven.

Carrott shot 93 for the round.

Churchill 1st in Silver Division at Portage Northern tourney

Last year's state Class A semifinalist Livonia Churchill is off to 8-2 start to the girls volleyball season after back-to-back tourneys over the weekend.

On Saturday, Churchill lost its opening-round match to Delton-Kellogg (20-25, 12-25) before winning six straight en route to the Silver Division title at the 28-team Portage Northern Invitational.

Churchill defeated Allegan (25-6, 25-11), Sturgis (25-9, 25-10), Battle Creek Harper Creek (25-21, 25-9), defending state Class D champ Battle Creek St. Philip (25-23, 25-17), Vicksburg (25-12, 25-19) and Niles (25-16, 25-17).

Top individual performers on the day for the Chargers included setter Cory Urbats (137 assist-to-kills, 41 Digs); Cierra Yetts (46 kills, seven ace serves, 21 digs); Sarah Suppelsa (47 kills, seven aces, four blocks); Taylor Kerr (78 digs, six aces); Kristi Walker (41 digs, 11 aces); and Darcy DeRoo (19 kills, 44 digs, three blocks).

On Friday, Churchill won two-of-three matches in the Livonia Ladywood Quad defeating Troy (25-20, 26-24) and the host Blazers (25-16, 24-26, 15-8), while falling to Clarkston (21-25, 17-25).

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Urbats led the Chargers with 67 assists, 33 digs and four aces, while Yetts had 36 kills and two blocks.

Other standouts for Churchill included DeRoo (15 kills, 18 digs, nine assists); Erin Menard (eight kills, three blocks) and Kara Kempinski (17 digs, four aces).

Spartans start 4-2

Kelly Vellucci recorded 28 kills, 15 assists and four aces on Saturday as Livonia Stevenson captured four-of-six matches in the Carleton Airport Invitational.

The Spartans defeated Trenton twice, 25-13, 25-17 and 23-25, 25-17, 15-6; Allen Park, 25-12, 25-18; and Dearborn, 25-17, 21-25, 16-14.

Losses came against the host Jets (13-25, 16-25) and Novi (19-25, 16-25).

Other individual standouts for Stevenson included Reina Tyl (23 kills, nine aces); Monika Rudis (10 kills); Kristen Balhorn (four aces, eight blocks); Claire LeBlanc (33 assists, eight aces); Shelby Wilson (38 digs, eight aces); Jordan York (15 digs); Coley Favaro (three blocks); Amanda Wigand (four kills, two

blocks); Lauren Corbeil (five kills); and Catherine Licata (three kills, two blocks).

Patriots open 0-3-1

Livonia Franklin, going 0-3-1 on the day, got a total of 45 assists from sophomore setter Rachael Kapchus and 25 kills, 15 digs and five blocks from junior middle hitter Chelsea Williams in Saturday's Walled Lake Central Tournament.

In pool play, the Patriots split with Farmington (25-20, 17-25) before losing to Walled Lake Northern (15-25, 14-25) and Port Huron (19-25, 24-26). In the Silver Division, Franklin fell to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (21-25, 25-19, 6-15).

Other individual standouts for the Patriots included senior outside hitter Liz Hollaway (21 kills, 12 digs, 30-for-30 serve receive); junior outside hitter Amanda Borio (12 kills, 10 digs, five aces); and sophomore defensive specialist Nicole Williamson (19 digs, five aces).

"Despite the losses, I was impressed with our serve reception and spike defense," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "Rachael (Kapchus) is making progress. Her decision making and timing with the hitters improved each game."

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: John McGreevy, 15th year; Pat Daugherty (interim coach).
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: Livonia City champs; third (KLAAs South); seventh (Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Mark Waterbury (first-team All-Area); Nathan Wise, Steve Zoski.

Leading returnees: Tom Windle, Jr.; Quinn Osgood, Sr.; Mark Freyberg, Sr.; Ryan Keeling, Sr.; Stephen Charnley, Jr.; Ryan Wise, Soph.; Michael Greer, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Sam Yurgil, Fr. John Kalil, Fr. Ben Yates, Fr.

Daugherty's 2009 outlook: "We will have a lot of questions to answer. We lost five or six seniors who scored throughout the season. However, we do have a great group of seniors who love running and work extremely hard. They'll dictate this team's success. We are looking for solid years from Quinn Osgood and Tom Windle and hoping for fourth-to-six other guys to step-up and make this team successful. Ryan Keeling and Mark Freyberg are two seniors who have experience running big time meets and will be counted on this season."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Walt Reasor, sixth year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: fourth (KLAAs South); eighth (Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Pete Walby (second-team All-Area); Dylan Taylor, Alex Curry.

Leading returnees: Austin Jones, Jr. (second-team All-Area); Nik Gherardini, Sr.; Bobby Wilson, Jr.; Robert Freed, Sr.; John Ferreira, Sr.; Zach Belanger, Sr.; Kevin Meloeche, Jr.; Preston Elliott, Sr.; Dawson Barnes, Sr.; Chad Walters, Soph.; Erik Czech, Sr.; Justin Wizinsky, Jr.; Mitch Wittenberg, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Joe Steckel, Sr.; Mike Witt, Fr.; Bryan Schuit, Sr.; Kars Petersen, Sr.; Josh Bessmer, Soph.; Paul Crain, Jr.; Gabe Martinez, Soph.; Mike Johnson, Jr.; Justin Bohlen, Jr.; Kevin Reidy, Jr.; Brian Reidy, Soph.; Muntadar Al-Hussani, Sr.; Ian McCracken, Fr.; Josh Robertson, Fr.; Bill Crandall, Jr.; Andrew Barnes, Fr.; Kevin Lindsay, Sr.; Kyle Shingbery, Sr.

Reasor's 2009 outlook: "Our team should improve significantly in the standings this year. Our boys have worked extremely hard in the off-season and have set their goals high. We have 30 members on the team this year which is by far the highest in my tenure. The size of our team has led to great competition for the varsity spots which is a great thing for our program. Nik Gheradini, Austin Jones, and Bobby Wilson are primed to have great seasons and are sure to add more medals to their varsity jackets. With the help of (coaches) Evan Sirena and Tobin Jones, this should be the best season the Franklin boys team has had in some time."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Jerry Young, second year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: fifth (KLAAs Central); ninth (Kensington Conference); 11th (Division 1 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Shawn Howse, Brian Fenech, Jordan Burger, Eric Plisko.

Leading returnees: Joe Urso, Jr.; Matt Williams, Jr.; Andrew Longhi, Jr.; John Lynch, Soph.; Travis Gosselin, Sr.; Adam Chudzinski, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Jacob Adams, Soph.; Ryan Petrul, Soph. Joey MacDonald, Soph.

Young's 2009 outlook: "We'll definitely be improved. Our depth is much better. A lot of our younger kids are running well. We have no outstanding runner, but a good grouping. We hope to move up in the conference and division. We have some kids who will be further up in the pack individually. We had a good team camp off Lake Michigan (Shelby). It went real well. I'm pleased."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Jess Shough, 21st year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: fifth (KLAAs South); 10th (Kensington Conference); 11th (Division 1 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Tim Boes (second-team All-Area); Eric Mlynar, Jeff Adkins, Ryan Vichinsky.

Leading returnees: Steve Shak, Sr.; Ruben Maya, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Jason Suarez, Soph.; Mike Dalton, Fr.; Ryan Boes, Jr.; Kevin Wacker, Soph.

Shough's 2009 outlook: "We graduated a good group of seniors, so we'll be quite young this year. The core of the runners we have, have been training hard all summer and we look forward to a great season."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Kevin Miller, second year.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: sixth (KLAAs South); 12th (Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: None.
Leading returnees: Darryl Ison, Jr.; Tyler Gendron, Jr.; Brandon Lykoski, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Darren Homborg, Fr.; DeShaun Keys, Fr.; Kyle McKague, Soph.; Dionte Burton, Fr.

Miller's 2009 outlook: "We only have eight boys. It's a young team that is looking up for the future. We have to develop them and get them further along from the high 18:00s to the low 17:00s for next year."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Jeremy Fabris, fourth year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).

Last year's finish: third (Metro Conference); sixth (Division 4 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Spencer Lyle (first-team All-Area), Alex Kemp, Zechariah Robinson.

Leading returnees: Jeremy Kohtz, Jr.; Joshua Kirk, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Daniel Bunge, Fr.; Peter Silanpaa, Fr.; Eric Smith, Fr.; Philip Welte, Soph.; Edward Lee, Jr.

Fabris' 2009 outlook: "We're going to be a very green team, but that's what happens when your returning members only have one year of experience. We'll be very young, but we have some decent talent coming in, so that helps. Kohtz and Kirk are stronger than last year with Kirk looking to be our number one runner. Bunge and Smith, while young, possess a solid work ethic to go with their talent, and that should shorten their learning curve. There's a good possibility that we'll have more kids join once school starts, so that should help us with depth. We'll be joining a conference in which we can be a little more competitive, and our regional does not change. I would be happy with one or two state qualifiers."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Vince Marsico, first year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Notable losses to graduation: None.
Leading returnees: David Gibson, Soph.; Corey Coughlin, Jr.; Alex Molnar, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Eric Into, Fr.
Marsico's 2009 outlook: "Our goal is to have depth. We only have four runners right now and that's not enough to have a team. We just have to work hard and get better every day."

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

SOUTH LYON INVITATIONAL
Aug. 29 at Island Lake State Park
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 31 points; 2. Northville, 78; 3. Livonia Franklin, 86; 4. Canton, 98; 5. Temperance Bedford, 116; 6. South Lyon, 158; 7. South Lyon East, 221; 8. Oregon (Ohio) Clay, 22; 9. Ann Arbor Skyline, 223.

Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19 minutes, 05 seconds (5,000 meters).

Other Franklin finishers: 14. Brittany Dilley, 21:09; 16. Tiffany Lambie, 21:31; 21. Megan Wickens, 21:48; 34. Mallory Church, 23:03; 41. Ashley Davidson, 23:25; 44. Tiffany VanOrden, 24:02.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 46 points; 2. Temperance Bedford, 67; 3. Oregon (Ohio) Clay, 110; 4. Northville, 119 (won tiebreaker); 5. Canton, 119; 6. Walled Lake Central, 131; 7. South Lyon, 165; 8. Livonia Franklin, 227; 9. Ann Arbor Huron, 231; 10. South Lyon East, 245; 11. Ann Arbor Skyline, 331.

Individual winner: Kyle Roche (Walled Lake Central), 16:04 (5,000 meters).

Franklin finishers: 11. Nik Gherardini, 17:13; 24. Bobby Wilson, 17:37; 61. Joe Steckel, 19:06; 65. Robert Freed, 20:10; 67. Kevin Meloeche, 20:31; 69. Zach Belanger, 20:46; 71. John Ferreira, 21:09.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 27
WAYNE MEMORIAL 29
Aug. 31 at Wayne (flats)

Individual winner: Shelby Dermery (C'ville), 24:30 (5,000 meters).

Clarenceville finishers: 1. Dermery, 24:30; 4. Tara Hennes, 29:32; 5. Ava Dark, 32:36; 8. Amber Cummins, 41:11; 9. Michelle Martinez, 43:30; 10. Yaritza Miranda, 59:30.

Wayne finishers: 2. Holland Boertje, 25:16; 3. Jennifer McCaffery, 28:13; 6. Alana Cyrus, 33:19; 7. Sydney Ball, 40:19.

Dual meet records: Clarenceville, 1-1 overall; Wayne, 0-1 overall.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS
WAYNE MEMORIAL 22
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 33
Aug. 31 at Wayne (flats)

Individual winner: Darryl Ison (Wayne), 19:57 (5,000 meters).

Wayne finishers: 1. Ison, 19:57; 3. Tyler Gendron, 22:15; 4. Ryan Stammer, 22:56; 5. Darren Homborg, 24:47; 9. Kyle McKague, 33:40.

Clarenceville finishers: 2. David Gibson, 21:46; 6. Corey Coughlin, 27:12; 7. Erik Into, 27:13; 8. John Adams, 29:43.

Dual meet records: Wayne, 1-0 overall; Clarenceville, 0-2 overall.

Crusaders get IU signee Donehue

Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced a late addition to his volleyball roster on last Friday with the addition of Indiana University signee Kathleen Donehue, a 6-foot middle hitter from South Lyon, who left the program in the spring.

Donehue was named to the Under Armor/American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America second-team in 2008 and was a finalist for the



Donehue

Miss Volleyball award in Michigan as a senior.

An All-State selection for the Lions, Donehue holds the school record for career kills (1,370) and digs (719). She was named the Ann Arbor News Player of the Year in 2008. "We were very fortunate

to sign just an outstanding student-athlete in Kathleen," Abraham said. "She is a dominant player at the net with the ability to hit from the outside and the middle. With her size, strength, speed and whip for an arm, she'll be a go-to player and provide a lot of excitement for Crusader fans."

"She has the ability to terminate and is a big-time blocker. I think she is going to fit right into the chemistry of the team."

Another big win

Chargers corral Mustangs, 2-1; improve to 4-0

Senior defender Adam Bedell tallied his third game-winning goal of the season Monday as host Livonia Churchill continued its torrid boys soccer start with a 2-1 Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover win over Northville.

The Chargers, now 4-0 overall, have posted victories over perennial state powers Livonia Stevenson, Salem, Dexter and Northville.

Erik Bird's free kick from 50 yards out was controlled in the box and headed back across in front of the Northville net by Tyler Varney, who placed a perfect pass into Max Washko.

The senior forward knocked it home to give the Chargers a 1-0 lead before Northville's senior captain Doug Beason answered with a free kick just before the half to make it 1-all.

Early in the second half, Stephen Foster made a nice move and was taken down in the box. The 6-foot-6 Bedell then scored on penalty kick to provide final margin of victory.

"They (Northville) pounded us pretty hard the rest of the game and we held on," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We played disciplined defense. We've been playing great defense and playing as a team. I'm proud and happy. It was a nice victory and I'm impressed with how they're playing." Northville standouts in

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addition to Beason included junior center-midfielder Nick Peper, senior forward Dave Hammond and senior defensive midfielder Joey Zywiol. "They (Churchill) had two set pieces and took advantage," said Northville coach Henry Klimes, whose team slipped to 1-2-2 overall.

DE LA SALLE 3, STEVENSON 0: On Tuesday, Mich'ele Lipari scored twice as unbeaten Warren DeLaSalle (5-0) pulled away in the second half with a pair of goals to down Livonia Stevenson (1-2-1) at Pontiac Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Andrew Agosta also scored for the Pilots, while goalkeeper Rocco Sbrocca had seven saves en route to his third shutout.

The Spartans got solid efforts from goalkeeper Conner Burton and defender Adam Dabkowski, along with forward Chris Sergison.

"Chris put in a lot of work, but goals are hard to come by right now," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said.

"Being in the (indoor) venue against a powerful opponent and a longtime rival created a big-time atmosphere that a lot of our players haven't experienced. Hopefully we'll learn from the challenge and experience and will be more prepared later in the season."

LIGGETT 2, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0: Goals by senior captains Noah Saganski and Dan Zukas carried Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (2-0-1, 1-0) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory Tuesday at Lutheran High Westland (0-1, 0-1).

Saganski's goal came with 25:58 left in the first half, while Zukas scored with 34:33 left in the match.

The Warriors were outshot 15-8 as sophomore goalkeeper Jake

Fairbairn made six saves in the first half followed by freshman Nick Andrzejewski, who had seven in the second half.

"I was pleased what we did today considering it was our first game," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "All-in-all we did well defensively and in the middle for having not played together."

"Our shape looked good. We changed our formation and structure offensively in the second half and did not lose much defensively."

CLARENCEVILLE 5, WAYNE 0: Gareth Hintzman scored twice and added two assists Monday as Livonia Clarenceville (2-0-1) rolled to non-conference win at Wayne Memorial (0-2).

Jimmy Powrie, Phil Strachan and Ardit Dushkaj also tallied goals for the Trojans, who led 3-0 at intermission. Jimmy Moody had two assists.

Goalkeeper Mike Schiffman made five saves for his second shutout of the year.

W.L. WESTERN 8, FRANKLIN 2: Adam Wright's hat trick and one assist propelled Walled Lake Western (3-1) to a KLAAs crossover win Monday at Livonia Franklin (0-3).

Kyle Alsheskie added two goals and two assists, while Nick Lewin also had a big night with a goal and three assists.

Sophomore forward Jordan McGuire scored twice (including a penalty) kick for the Patriots, who trailed 3-2 early in the second half before Western struck for five unanswered goals.

"We were pretty much hanging in there, but often we were two steps behind and our one-touch was terrible," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "After the fifth (Western) goal we gave up. They were beating us to the ball. We had a lot of great moments, but we'd lose the ball and not recover."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Thursday, Sept. 3
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Riv. Gab. Richard, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Waterford Kettering, 7 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Howell at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Pinckney at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 3
Luth. Westland at Bedford, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 3
Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday, Sept. 3
N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Luth. Westland Time Trials, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Thursday, Sept. 3

Ladywood vs. R.O. Shrine at Ferndale H.S., 6 p.m.

G.P. North at Stevenson, 6 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Stevenson at South Lyon, 4 p.m.

Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Garden City at John Glenn, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 3

Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.

Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. For a complete listing of events online please go to hometownlife.com.

SEPT. 3-9

Bethany dance

8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine 27101 W. Chicago Road, at Inkster Road, in Redford. Admission \$10 includes refreshments. Tango lesson runs from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information at (734) 261-5716.

Teens and finance

Four-week series meets 7:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 9, at Way of Life Christian Church, 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth. Aimed at teens, 13-18. Call (313) 289-2477 to register.

SEPT. 10-16

Mom-to-mom

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, west of I-275, north of Michigan Ave., in Canton. Presented by Mothers of Preschoolers. Admission \$1. For more information e-mail to CCMopsMom@gmail.com.

Marriage series

Classes run 6:30-8 p.m., Sundays, beginning Sept. 13 through Oct. 4, at Way of Life Christian Church, 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information call (734) 340-5551

Pomegranate Guild

The organization, which studies and creates Judaic needlework, kicks off its 2009-2010 season at 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt,



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'Joseph' takes to local stage

The Farmington school district/Community Musical Group presents the musical 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10, 12 and 13, in the Hunt Auditorium at North Farmington High School. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12 and 2 p.m. Sept. 13. Tickets are \$12 for students and senior citizens and \$15 for adults. Call (248) 425-5202. No tickets sales on Sept. 4 or 7. Cast members (left to right) are Jerry Morrissey as Pharaoh, and Dean Streck as Joseph. Jillian Wallach, on hiatus from her national tour in 'Annie,' is the narrator. They are joined by the brothers and others cast members (background). The production is a sassy and boisterous retelling of Joseph's dream interpreting skills and his brothers' extreme jealousy after Jacob, their father, gives a beautiful coat to Joseph to show his love for him. The musical, written by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice, weaves its way through each dire situation that befalls Joseph. The Hunt Auditorium is at 32900 W. 13 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Farmington Hills. The group is organizing a Hanukkah table display and also working on community projects

such as teddy bears for children and butterfly pieces for a Texas exhibition. The group meets the second

Sunday of the month. For more information call Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337.

MOMS meeting

7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia. The group, which meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, focuses on devotions, topics pertaining to moms of school-age children, and Christian socializing. The book "Raising Great Kids" by Cloud and Townsend is the theme this year. For more information call Susan at (248) 478-3643.

Women's Bible studies

Women of the Word Bible Studies meets 9:15 a.m. or 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 15 at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton. Five courses of study will be offered: Precept Ministries - Matthew Part 1, mornings and evenings; Precept Ministries - Revelation Part 1, mornings; Beth Moore - Believing God, mornings; Beth Moore - Wising Up, Wherever Life Happens, mornings; Jennifer Rothschild - Me, Myself, and Lies, evenings. Register at www.women.cbjoy.org or call Lee Anne Young at (734) 455-0022, Ext. 144.

Interfaith Journey classes

The series starts Sunday, Sept. 13 at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills. Classes meet at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and will be grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all. The program complements the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. For more information on classes or to register visit www.uufarmington.org/uucf/re.htm, call Jennifer Teed at (248) 478-7272 or e-mail to dre@uufarmington.org.

SEPT. 17-23

Breakfast meeting

Bethany, a group for separated, divorced and singles, meets 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, next to Tim Horton's, in Garden City. For more information call Kathy M. at (734)

513-9479.

Mass and fellowship

2:15 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, just south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Aimed at widowed men and women. Includes refreshments and social time. Arrive by 2:15 p.m. Mass begins promptly at 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a peer support group in the Detroit Metro area. Come and meet new friends in a safe, friendly setting. For more information call Pat at (734) 459-5508 or Justine at (734) 455-6939.

ENDOW

Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, part of the ENDOW series, will run Monday, Sept. 21-Nov. 9, at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road. ENDOW is a women's study group designed to help women discover their God-given dignity and femininity through the richness and authenticity of Catholic teaching. A second series, On The Christian Meaning of Suffering, runs Thursdays, Sept. 24-Nov. 12. Both series run 7-9 p.m. Register at www.endowonline.com. A \$60 registration fee is required for materials. For more information call Michelle Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Reconciliation

David J. Conrad will present a two-part series on the sacrament of confession, 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 23-30 in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Refreshments; free admission. RSVP to (734) 425-5950.

SEPT. 24-30

Health fair

9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 26, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. Includes free bone density screening, free body fat analysis, cholesterol screening on site for \$12 per person with on site counseling regarding results, free blood pressure screening, massage therapy and other services. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

Movie

See "Fireproof" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. The screening is free and it's followed

by six weeks of free classes on Fireproofing Your Marriage, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 30 - Nov. 4. Free Bible classes are available for children of all ages during the class. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

Grief recovery

Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power, Farmington. Grief Recovery deals with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Members of Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Detroit Metro area, will facilitate. \$20 fee covers all materials. For information or to register call Gail at (248) 477-5438.

ONGOING

AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Classes/study

Antioch Preschool, an academic program complemented by Christian education, is now enrolling 3- and 4-year-old children for the 2009-2010 school year. A new toddler class is offered Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Extended stay enrichment for 3's and 4's is offered Wednesdays - children bring their lunch and enjoy literacy activities until 3 p.m. Antioch Lutheran Church, celebrating its 50th year, is located at 13 Mile and Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. For information contact Sharon Dettler, preschool director, at (248) 626-7906, Ext. 28, or e-mail to antiochpreschool@sbcglobal.net.

New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville, offers a jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays, a reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays. (734) 846-4615

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is designed to reduce stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Scripture studies, from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

Learner's Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions - at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.

Bible study, 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-5280.

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CHRISTINE M. BAYER

Age 85, died August 29, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Helmut E. Bayer for 61 years. Loving mother of Katherine Bayer and Richard (Susan) Bayer. Dear grandmother of Christopher (Alice), Brian (Hope) and Adam (Leslie) Bayer. Great-grandmother of seven. Funeral service was held Wednesday 10am (in-state 9:30 am) at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington, MI 48335 Visitation was held Tuesday 12-8 p.m. at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 blk w of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to Salem United Church of Christ or the American Heart Association. www.thayer-rock.com



ANNE LOUISE INGALL (KUHN)

Was born on Adams St. in Plymouth Oct. 2, 1922 & died in Plymouth Sunday, August 30, 2009. Anne spent her entire life in Plymouth & still lived in her home of 63+ years on Hartsough St. There was no better place on earth for her. She loved her home town. Anne worked her entire life with her first "real job" being at the Ford Phoenix Plant right here in Plymouth which was very unique back in 1942 as it was an all woman plant & they earned the same wage as men at that time. She was one of the "Rosie the Riveter" gals. She retired from Burroughs Corp., worked a few years at Plymouth K-Mart & then was the "Ticket Lady" at the Penn Theater until health issues forced her to retire at 80+ years old. She was an active member of the Plymouth VFW Auxiliary for many years. She was pretty much home bound the last couple years but still very much involved with her family. She especially loved cats, politics, her country & her home town. She was thankful she was able to see history made in Nov. 2008 election. Anne was the last surviving child of 13 born to John & Hattie Kuhn of Plymouth. She is preceded in death by her husband, Dave Ingall, a daughter, Bonnie Jewell Crackel (Ingall), a granddaughter, Tammy Crackel, her sister, Inez Cramb, & brother, Chuck Kuhn. She is survived by her son, David Ingall & daughter, Marie (Norm) Long (VanEvery) both of Plymouth & her precious kitty, Patches; 7 Grandchildren: Mark (Carol) Wells, Michael Wells, Robert Wells, Anthony Wells, Jennifer (Ivan) Ortiz, Jim (Roxanne) Crackel & Scott (Wendy) Crackel. Also 14 Great Grandchildren: David, Steven, Emily, Whitney, Amber, Anne, Nick, Philip, Jessica Wells; Lexus & Jasmine Olds, Jim, Jessica & Chelsea Crackel and 6 Great Great Grandchildren. One nephew, Richard (Joan) Cramb & one niece, Judy (Dale) Shepherd; Dear Brother-in-law, Larry Ingall, & Sister-in-law, Harriet (Oliver) Ackerly of Florida. Visitation Friday, September 4th from 2pm-9pm and Saturday September 5th from 1pm until time of Memorial Service at 3pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. Dave and Marie give thanks to God for his timing, mercy and love. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com.



JEAN C. ORTNER

July 2, 1939 - August 27, 2009. Beloved Wife of the late Richard. Dearest Mother of Greg Herbert, Lynne Herbert and Noelle Frederickson. Loving Grandmother of Kyle. Mrs. Ortner was Born in Parkersburg, WV, and graduated from West Virginia University. She was the owner of The Great Frame Up in Farmington Hills. Funeral Service was Monday at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Visitation was Sunday 4-7 pm. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

JEAN L. WELCH

Of Livonia, died Tuesday, September 1, 2009 in the loving care of her family. She was 86 years old. Mrs. Welch was preceded in death by her loving husband Robert Eadon Welch (d.1951). She is survived by her loving daughters Janet Welch (Ben Hare) and Jill Welch (Scott Potter) and grandchildren Andrew Eadon Harvel, Bryan Welch Potter, Mara Elliott Harvel, and Kristin Welch Potter. Graveside services to be held at Evergreen Cemetery, Brown City, Thursday, September 3, 2009, 12 Noon. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors in Milford at: 248.684.6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.



ELIZABETH BUZA

Age 79, of Westland. Loving wife of the late Colman. Dearest mother of Juanita Buza Jensen, David J. (Cheryl) Buza and Russell B. (Cindy) Buza. Proud grandmother of five grandchildren: Nicholas, Brady, Casey, Dana and Erin. Loving sister of Gilbert (Bupps) Greaves. Visitation was on Wed at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). A Funeral service on Thursday 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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United Methodist Church goes whole hog for annual festival

Plymouth First United Methodist Church will get into the fall festival spirit with a little celebrating of its own Friday, Sept. 11. Its second annual Hog and Corn Roast is open to the public and will start at 6 p.m., at the church, 45201 North Territorial, Plymouth Township. "It's Fall Festival time in Plymouth, so we did ours on Friday night," said Liz Ramsay, church member. Plymouth's Fall Festival starts at noon on Sept. 11, with most activities - including a taste fest, carnival, craft booths, live entertainment and more - scheduled for Sept. 12-13. The church festival will offer lots of activities,

too. "There will be horseshoes and volleyball, ladder golf and we'll have a fire pit with storytelling around it," Ramsay said. Last year the church served more than 100 meals, which included roasted pork, chicken and corn. "Added to this year's lineup are homemade pies from the church ladies, We'll have additional people this year because we have a (wedding) rehearsal dinner that Friday." For more information about the church's second annual Hog and Corn Roast, call (734) 453-5280. -By Sharon Dargay

Westland-Garden City Strictly Business

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Patrick Mayette, vice president for sales/marketing, explains the automotive finishes area of the Plymouth facility.

Paint store partners with customers

Observer: Please tell us about your business.

Painters Supply & Equipment Co. is a leader in Automotive, Industrial, Fleet and Architectural Paint supplies and distribution in the Midwest. We have 21 stores throughout Michigan and Ohio and we are PPG's largest Platinum Distributor in those markets. We serve Collision Centers from both Automotive Dealerships and Independents. Our customers include: Jack Demmer Automotive Group, Dick Scott Dodge, LaFontaine Automotive Group, Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury, LaRiche Chevrolet, Blackwell Ford, Glassman Automotive Group, North Brothers Ford & Lincoln Mercury, Crestwood Dodge, Tom Holzer Ford, Gordon Chevrolet, Pat Milliken Ford, Bob Sellers Buick/Pontiac/GMC, Northville Collision, Schrader Collision, Colonial Collision and Livonia Collision, just to name a few. We also serve our local counties: Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Macomb and supply to some of metropolitan Detroit's most famous landmarks like The Henry Ford, Comerica Park and the Motor City Casino.

Observer: How did you decide to open your business?

Painters Supply: It was easy. Our Plymouth location provided the opportunity to service our customers the best. Our store is very accessible via several major freeways (I-275, I-94, M-14, I-96) so it is quick and easy to both deliver products to our customers quickly or have them visit us at the store.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Painters Supply: Plymouth is a close-knit community of which we are proud to be a member. It has a sense of a family environment and that is the way we are as a company - a big PSE family!

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Painters Supply: We have a very different approach than our competitors. When we partner with a new customer, it is exactly that - a partnership. We have a strong team in place to support our customer's business and we provide consultant-style services to ensure the long-term growth

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- **Your name and title:** Chet Taurence, CEO
- **Your hometown:** Grosse Ile
- **Business opened when:** Business opened in 1952, Plymouth expansion 2009
- **Number of Employees:** 160
- **Hours of operation:** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon
- **Your Business specialty:** Paint products (sandpaper, tape, brushes, equipment, etc.)
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and profitability of our customer partners. Paint is not treated as a "commodity business" at Painters Supply. When you sign with PSE, you are signing with a team of professionals that will look after your business as its own. We will assist in creating lean processes within the shop and manage inventories in order to minimize expenses. We will consult with our customer prospects on their booth layout to determine which products and materials would best suit them before we get started. Along with our paint partner PPG, we provide industry training to ensure our customer partners have all the latest tools and knowledge to perform at the highest level. We continuously supply our customers with the latest products and technologies to ensure they're on the cutting edge from a competitive standpoint. Our #1 goal is to build very strong partnerships with leaders in the industry to position all parties for success over the long term.

Observer: How has the business changed since it opened?

Painters Supply: New technologies have been brought to market which allows collision centers to improve quality, efficiencies and profitability within the shop. One technology in particular is PPG's Envirobase and Aquabase Waterborne

paint lines. Painters Supply has remained very busy installing waterborne systems throughout Michigan and Ohio due to its huge popularity. Not only is it easier to spray, we find that you don't need to use as much material to get the job done and the dry time between coats drops significantly. The color match is phenomenal; much clearer than typical solvent based systems and the match to the color chip is spot on! From an environmental perspective, the waterborne product dramatically reduces harmful VOC's (volatile organic compounds) in the air by 80 percent compared to solvent-based systems. Over 60 shops in the state of Michigan have already elected to "Go Green" with PPG's waterborne system and there are several more in the planning stages now. We anticipate this success will continue and this is the main reason we are expanding our Plymouth PSE store. With this new expansion, we have doubled our paint mixing capacity, doubled our delivery fleet and improved parking for our customers coming from Garden City.

Observer: How has the economy effected business?

Painters Supply: We have been fortunate to gain significant market share due to the success of the PPG waterborne product and the enhanced PSE team and support structure put in place by Painters Supply's management team. This has offset to a large degree the existing shops that have slowed in business due to the economic conditions.

Observer: What is in store for the future?

Painters Supply: We are looking to put a facelift on the Plymouth Store's frontage. Designs are in the works for a brownstone design which will improve esthetics significantly on Ann Arbor Road. We will also look to put more emphasis on other market segments. We are looking to grow our Industrial, Fleet and architectural business'. We currently offer Pratt & Lambert which is a great product for residential and commercial buildings. We also carry all types of coatings products to address all industrial and fleet applications.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual car show

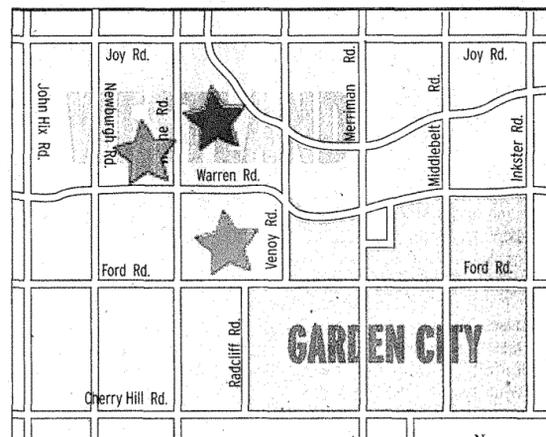
Keith's Muffler and Brakes is holding its ninth annual Mustangs, Mufflers and Motorcycles Car and Bike Show to benefit breast cancer 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at the The Coliseum, 34250 Ford at Wildwood. Free food and tons of raffle prizes will be available during this fund-raiser, including gift baskets, coolers, gift certificates to restaurants, hair salons and tattoo parlors. The grand prizes will be a 1967 Harley Davidson golf cart and "Willy's Ride" pit bike. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Holloway.

Win a Corvette

In honor of Art Van Furniture's 50th anniversary celebration, Michigan's largest furniture retailer is giving away a fully-restored 1959 red Corvette. The contest, which runs until Oct. 31, is open to all drivers 18 years or older who live in Michigan, Ohio or Indiana. Simply go to the Art Van web site - www.artvan.com - and complete the registration form to enter. The winner will be randomly selected from all eligible entries by Nov. 12. You'll find Art Van at 8300 Wayne Road in Westland.

October Fest

Tickets can be ordered now for Ashley's Beer and Grill's Oktoberfest 2009 Party 6 p.m. to midnight at the restaurant at 7525 Wayne Road, in front of Macy's, in Westland. Oktoberfest started in 1810 to celebrate the October 12th marriage of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig to the Saxon-Hildburghausen Princess Therese. Today Oktoberfest is mainly a celebration of beer. The highlight of Ashley's celebration will be 12 different Oktoberfest kegs from the Hofbrau House (the original Oktoberfest beer), Bell's, Arcadia, Avery, Arbor Brewing, Weihenstephaner, Sam Adams, Flying Dog, New Holland, Southern Tier, Spatan and Point Brewery. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event. They include your choice of 10 samples from the Oktoberfest kegs, plus German food and live music, all included in the ticket price. They can



be ordered on line at www.ashleys.com. For more information, call (734) 525-1667.

Shop and save

Shopping at Aeropostale for those back-to-school clothes? Then you'll want to visit the Westland Shopping Center Web site - www.westlandcenter.com - and print out the coupon for \$10 off every time you spend \$50. The neat part about it is the coupon can be used over and over through Sept. 20. Grab your coupon and head for the shopping center at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

Wing of a benefit

Buffalo Wild Wings customers can now enter a raffle for a chance to win a one-of-a-kind Great American Chopper Pro-Street, valued at \$26,000, and support a great cause at the same time. Patrons can purchase raffle tickets at select metro Detroit area Buffalo Wild Wings locations, including the Westland restaurant, for \$10 each from their server, and all proceeds benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, a statewide agency whose mission is to help families cope with leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders. The Westland Buffalo Wild Wings on Wayne Road just north of Hunter will have the motorcycle on display Monday, Sept. 28, through Sunday, Oct. 4. The grand prize raffle drawing will take place at 5 p.m. Nov. 7 at Buffalo Wild Wings, 1873 E. Big Beaver

ONGOING

Copper Country treat

Mention pasties and you automatically think of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. You can get one of those Copper Country favorites at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe at 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The pasties are made from an old family recipe that's been passed down for generations. They made with ground sirloin, potatoes, rutabaga, onions and carrots. They are old-fashioned and made fresh in the bakery by Baker Charlie. Stop by and try one. Also available are chicken pot pies and pizza rolls. Call (734) 261-3680 or (888) 715-4479 at least an hour before and Charlie will bake them for you. You can pick them up hot and ready for lunch or dinner.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Top company

For the third year in a row, TDS Telecommunications Corp. has been named one of metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For by the Michigan Business & Professional Association.

"It's an honor to again be named one of the area's best employers," said Dave Wittwer, chief executive officer and president of TDS Telecommunications Corp. "Being named to the list three consecutive years is a true testament to our employee's satisfaction with the

company. We take great pride in offering a dynamic environment that's flexible, challenging, rewarding, and fosters growth."

The selection of the winning 101 Best and Brightest Companies is the result of independent research that evaluates each entry in the following categories: communication, community initiatives, compensation and benefits, diversity and multiculturalism, employee education and development, employee engagement and commitment, recognition and retention, small business, recruitment and selection, and work-life balance.

What makes TDS a great place to work, according to Cathy Sionkowski, market manager for TDS, is the fact that employees are empowered to delight customers.

"TDS offers an extremely motivating environment that's fast-paced and family-friendly," she said.

TDS provides telecommunications services for businesses in metro Detroit and throughout the nation. The company offers a suite of services including voice and data solutions, business phones systems, and hosted Internet Protocol services.

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NEW PATIENTS



Storm warning

The 16-and-under Livonia Storm wrapped up its season recently by capturing the Lookouts Tournament in Clinton. Members of the Storm include: Katie Bone, Lauren Brenner, Nicole Emery, Jessica Emery, Amber Gelinis, Sidnee Mattison, Naomi Oxendine, Amanda Shaltis and Breanna Taylor. Storm is coached by Mark Bone, Brett Emery, Dennis Mattison, Kathie and Joe DeBono.

Girls fastpitch tryouts

The Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball organization will hold 2010 season tryouts for the following age groups at Bicentennial Park (diamonds nos. 9 and 10):

Girls 12-and-under: 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13;

Girls 16-and-under: 1-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13. All ages will try out from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Bicentennial Park.

To download a registration form or for more information, visit www.livoniastorm.com.

Youth baseball tryouts

The Westland Youth Athletic Association, a member of Pony Baseball, will conduct Bronco tournament team tryouts for ages 11-2 (as of May 1, 2010) at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at Jaycee Park in Westland. Tryouts are open to Westland and non-Westland residents. For more information, call Greg Hovermale (734) 721-0098 or Chuck McBay at (734) 604-9910.

The Livonia Baseball Club will stage 2010 travel tryouts for its under-10 team from noon to 2 p.m. and its under-12 team from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 7).

For more information, call Mike Turbin (under-12) at (313) 303-9728 or Joe Jakacki

SPORTS ROUNDUP

(under-10) at (734) 469-4217.

Girls basketball league

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's fall girls basketball league for ages 10-13 will start the week of Sept. 21 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Team placement tryouts will be from 6-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. Practices will be held Friday, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 followed by games on Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6 and 13.

Registration for LCRC pass holders is \$49; for Livonia residents (\$58); and for non-residents (\$65). All fees include T-shirt. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 8.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Boys basketball league

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a pair of fall boys basketball leagues including Division I (ages 9-11) and Division II (ages 12-14) the week of Sept. 21 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Team placement tryouts will be from 6-7 p.m. (Division I) and 7-8 p.m. (Division II) on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at the LCRC. Division I practice dates are Tuesday, Sept. 22 and 29; followed by games Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3-10. Division II prac-

tics will be Thursday, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1 followed by games on Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5 and 12.

Registration for LCRC pass holders is \$49; for Livonia residents (\$58); and non-residents (\$65). All fees include T-shirt. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 8.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Fall hoops league

Madonna University will sponsor a Sunday fall basketball league at 1 p.m. (ages 11-13) and 3 p.m. (ages 14-16) beginning Sept. 13 (through Oct. 25).

Each player will be guaranteed a minimum of seven games and will receive instruction prior to each game. (Game times will vary each week.) The cost is \$125 per player (includes reversible jersey).

For more information, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com (click on summer camps link at the top of the page).

Women's hockey league

An adult women's beginners hockey league begins its fall session (Sept. through Jan.) at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

The registration fee of \$190 includes a refundable jersey fee \$10.

No experience is necessary. Games scheduled at 7:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. on Fridays.

For more registration information, visit www.macrhl.com.

Britons boot Lady Ocelots, 2-1

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE SOCCER

Schoolcraft's women's soccer team saw its perfect ledger fall by the wayside Tuesday evening as host Albion College netted two first-half goals and hung on for a 2-1 win.

The loss left head coach Deepak Shivraman's squad with a 2-1-0 record heading into an 11 a.m. Saturday match at home against Jackson Community College.

"We felt this was a great opportunity for our program to take on a quality program like Albion," Shivraman said. "Anytime you allow a goal early like we did, it kind of rattles you because you come in with a certain game plan and then you have to regroup right away."

"I thought we had some opportunities in that first half, but they did a good job

of keeping us away. Then, in the second half, we regrouped and repossessed and got some really good opportunities."

The Ocelots made good on one of those opportunities - a penalty kick from midfielder Stephanie Gutowski (Livonia Stevenson) late in the second half.

Two other chances for the Ocelots clanged off the crossbar.

Jen Poelstra and Kristen Donzilla (Salem) split duties and performed solidly between the pipes for Schoolcraft.

"I thought both goals they scored could have been handled better by our defense, but overall it was a good performance by our club," Shivraman said.

Last weekend, the Ocelots

earned identical 5-0 wins in Henkimer, N.Y., vs. Sussex (N.Y.) and Jamestown (N.Y.).

Emily Navas (North Farmington) got the Ocelots off and running in the first game as she netted a goal 15 minutes into the opening half.

Kristen DeClerk scored three times vs. Jamestown.

Schoolcraft men 1-0-1

The Schoolcraft men's soccer team played to a 1-1, two-overtime tie Saturday as Nate Sergison (Livonia Stevenson) scored the lone goal against seven-time NJCAA Division II defending champ Herkimer (N.Y.) Community College.

Ian McDonald-Wilkins was in goal for the Ocelots.

On Sunday, brothers Joe and Dave Carner combined for three goals and three assists as the Ocelots rolled to an 8-0 victory over Frederick (Md.).

VOLLEYBALL

FROM PAGE B1

a 25-15, 25-16, 25-20 triumph over visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood, which was playing its season opener.

Rachel Storck sparked the

Warriors, now 3-2-1 overall with 12 kills and eight digs. She was also 14-of-16 serving with one ace.

Emily Wilson added seven kills, while Emilie Freeman chipped in with five kills.

Alyssa Shirkey was a perfect 13-of-13 serving with three aces and setter Lauren Switzer handed out 17 assists.

"We did some good things that we want to build off of, but we do have some things to work on in order for us to get better," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We just need to get a little better everyday and hopefully everything will continue to come together as the season progresses."

DAUGHERTY

FROM PAGE B1

Stevenson both expect to be greatly improved.

The Patriots return second-team All-Area pick Austin Jones, a junior, along with senior Nik Gherardini, while Stevenson is expects big

things from juniors Joe Urso and Matt Williams.

Westland John Glenn, under 21st-year coach Jess Shough, is rebuilding, while rival Wayne Memorial returns its entire lineup led by junior Darryl Ison.

Livonia High Westland, which lost first-team All-Area performer Spencer Lyle, moves from the Metro

Conference to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Livonia Clarenceville will stay in the Metro and compete for the first time as a varsity sport as rookie coach Vince Marsico looks to complete a full lineup of five runners.

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 8 SOUTH LYON 1
Sept. 1 at South Lyon
No. 1 singles: Clayton Northey (LS) defeated Mike Detizio, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Josh Rochette (LS) def. Alex Whybra, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Kevin Francisco (LS) def. Eric Quang, 6-3,

6-2; No. 4: Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Tommy Slankard, 6-4, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Jeremy Paul-Kyle Wilson (SL) def. Kyle Fan-Paul VanGilder, 6-2, 7-6; No. 2: Josh York-Paul-Franchina (LS) def. Mike Shears-Jared Chioniere, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Marcus McCathey-Kaeman Holman-Rayos

(LS) def. Brett Yenke-Dakota Heidt, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Lukis Rudis-Jeff Sondergaard (LS) def. Austin Welsh-Alex Martin, 6-0, 6-2; No. 5: Sean Wallace-Jacob Ratliff (LS) def. Kyle Spratke-Tim Harper, 6-3, 6-3.
Stevenson's dual match record: 3-0 overall, 1-0 KLA Central Division.

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 Livonia Clarenceville (0-1) at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (0-1), 4 p.m.
 Plymouth (1-0) at Brighton (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Canton (1-0) at White Lake Lakeland (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Walled Lake Northern (0-1) at Salem (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Lutheran Westland (0-1) at Riverview Gabriel Richard (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Birmingham Groves (0-1) at Farmington (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Pinckney (0-1) at Westland John Glenn (1-0), 7 p.m.
 Wayne (1-0) at Waterford Mott (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Ferndale (0-1) at North Farmington (1-0), 7 p.m.
 Howell (1-0) at Livonia Stevenson (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Livonia Churchill (0-1) at Waterford Kettering (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin (1-0) vs. Walled Lake Western (0-1), 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4
 Redford Union (0-1) at Belleville (0-1), 7 p.m.
 Redford Thurston (1-0) at Dearborn Edsel Ford (1-0), 7 p.m.
 Garden City (0-1) at Dearborn Fordson (1-0), 7 p.m.
 Rochester (0-1) at Farmington Harrison (1-0), 7 p.m.
Last week

Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Cranbrook	Cranbrook
Brighton	Brighton	Plymouth	Brighton
Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem
Richard Farmington	Richard Farmington	Lutheran Westland	Richard Farmington
Glenn	Glenn	Glenn	Glenn
Mott	Wayne	Wayne	Wayne
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Stevenson	Howell	Stevenson	Howell
Churchill	Kettering	Kettering	Kettering
Franklin	Franklin	Western	Franklin
Belleville	Belleville	Belleville	Belleville
Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford	Thurston	Thurston
Fordson	Fordson	Fordson	Fordson
Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
10-4 (.714)	9-5 (.643)	8-6 (.571)	11-3 (.786)

GOLF RESULTS

PREP GIRLS GOLF RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 199
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 226
Sept. 1 at Whispering Willows
Plymouth scorers: Kelsey Murphy, 39 (medalist); Chloe Marentic, 48; Sarah Thompson and Mardy Kirsch, 56 each; Maggie Furlong, 57; Christy Pattison, 58.
Churchill scorers: Stephanie Panaretos and Jackie Burdette, 54 each; Jordyn Shepler, 57; Shelby Longworth, 61; Maggie McGowan, 68; Margo McClain, 75.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA South Division; Churchill, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA South.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 231
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 231
Aug. 31 at Idyl Wyld G.C.
Glenn scorers: Heidi Irvine, 46 (co-medalist); Michelle Bishop, 55; Samantha Baker, 57; Justine Woodard, 62; Megan Bache, 75.
Franklin scorers: Alexis Smith, 46 (co-medalist); Mariah Barcus, 55; Georgia Patrick, 67; Jennifer Rellingier, 70; Kayla Buchaczeko, 81.
Dual match records: John Glenn, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA South; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA South.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S GOLF RESULTS
UNIV. OF ST. FRANCIS

COUGAR INVITATIONAL
Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at Cobblestone G.L. (Kendallville, Ind.)
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bethel College (Ind.), 643 (won tiebreaker); 2. St. Francis (Ind.), 643; Marian College (Ind.), 645; 4. Madonna University, 340-349-689; 5. Wheaton College (Ill.), 692; 6. Northwestern Ohio, 731; 7. Indiana Tech, 737; 8. Davenport University, 748.
Medalist: Angela Gauck (Marian), 76-73-149; 83-78-161; 19. (tie) Sara Simmitch, 87-83-170; 22. Chelsea Bathurst, 85-80-165; 32. (tie) Mariel Meyers, 91-95-186; 42. (tie) Caitlin Steele, 95-99-194.
UNIV. OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO RACER INVITATIONAL
Aug. 28-29 at Hawthorne Hills G.C. (Ohio)
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Walsh (Ohio) University, 634 strokes; 2. St. Francis (Ind.), 656; 3. Madonna University, 679; 4. Northwestern Ohio, 695; 5. Indiana Tech, 715; 6. Defiance (Ohio), 847.
Medalist: Kim Smith (Walsh), 72-79-151.
Madonna finishers: 8. Michelle Hall, 87-79-166; 10. (tie) Chelsea Bathurst, 86-82-168; 12. (tie) Mariel Meyers, 86-84-170; 18. Sara Simmitch, 85-90-175; 25. Caitlin Steele, 96-92-188.

Advertorial
TEE TIME Your local golf guide

Links golf in Ireland

By David Graham

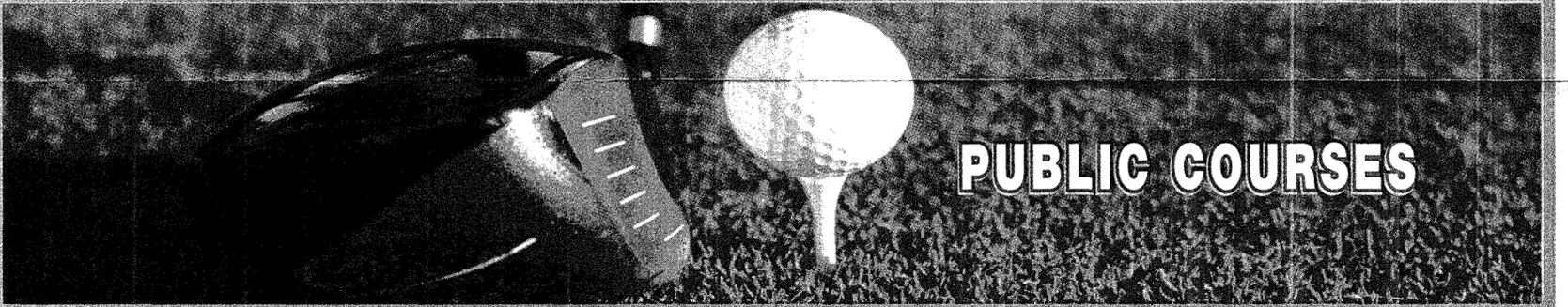
If you ever have the chance, go to the Emerald Isle and experience "links" golf. The game originated in that setting in Scotland and is not that common for us in Michigan. We do have some samples of it around the state including the Gailes Course at Lakewood Shores resort in Oscoda and Arcadia Bluffs on Lake Michigan to name a couple. If you need tree lined fairways to enjoy your golf avoid links golf. But if you want to try your hand at managing your game through the mounds and valleys of a links land, you might find it to be an extraordinary experience. Over the past three years, the Golf Association of Michigan has partnered with Sullivan Golf & Travel to take groups to Ireland. The last two years we traveled to southwest Ireland and played the following courses: Waterville, Tralee, Ballybunion, Lahinch, Dooks and

Old Head. As noted, trees are quite scarce on these courses but you might be surprised to learn that Palm Trees can be found at Waterville (apparently the Gulf Stream moderates the temperature enough for these trees!). When playing these courses, it is always good to have at least one caddie serving your group. While they tend to carry doubles, a four-some can be served nicely by a single caddie who carries two sets of clubs but is able to provide direction to all of the members of the group on the tee when you are faced with the inevitable blind shot. While not common to have blind shots on courses in Michigan, it seems to be very much the norm in Ireland and can be found on many of the golf holes off the tee — aim for a distant mound or hill or church steeple. At Lahinch Golf Club, there is a par 5 hole (named "the Klondyke") that requires a long second shot over a

large hill covered in heather (very long and unforgiving grass). On the crown of the hill is a small hut where a club employee spends their day with a red flag. As you learn, the hole you are playing crisscrosses the 18th fairway and you cannot hit your shot until it is clear and you receive the red flag to play away! Presuming you succeed making it over the hill with your second shot, you have a fairly simple third shot into the green but don't be too long as you may cozy up to the stone wall behind the green or worse, over the wall onto the road. The next hole is a 185-yard par 3 called "the Dell." The right half of the green is visible from the tee and the left is hidden by another very tall hill covered in heather. There is a white aiming stone positioned on top of the hill that serves as your target. Depending on wind direction and strength, your caddie will direct you to aim at or to the right or left of the stone. If your

distance control is accurate, you should find your ball somewhere on the dance floor. As noted above, the wind is a huge part of the experience on a links course. Since you are not protected by trees and located along side the sea, the wind has such an impact that the preferred ball flight is a lower trajectory that helps to minimize its impact. While it can be maddening to have your ball blown off track into the heather and worse, it is such fun to correctly assess its impact and to hit your ball to your target by correctly gauging its impact. At Ballybunion, we played on what seemed to be an extremely windy day. I estimated it to be a 3 club wind. When I asked my caddie if he had this strong of wind frequently, he smiled and replied that this was a relatively calm day and I should see what it would be like when it really blew. That day, it took a full driver to reach the green on one of the par 3's

into the wind. I was humbled to think what it would be like to play "when it really blew." Beyond the wind, the heather and the blind shots, your visit also includes a visit with the gorse. If you hit your ball into the heather, if you can find it, the best you can typically do is hit your ball back into the fairway with your sand wedge. This will work most of the time. But with gorse, a plant that is a dark green, sprawling, prickly shrub, if you find the ball, chances are likely that you take a drop for an unplayable lie. While it is interesting to look at, avoid at all costs. Golf in Ireland has proven to be an addicting experience that is truly extraordinary. Beyond the golf, the people, the food and the Guinness are beyond compare! David Graham is the Executive Director for the Golf Association of Michigan.



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RELIGION

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1445, Ext. 200.
 ■ Bible talks, 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

■ Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to eic-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

■ Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.

■ A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820.

Concerts

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

Fellowship dinner

Dinners will resume Sept. 17 at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Dommers are at 6 p.m., Thursdays. Call (313) 534-7730.

Films

10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Guitar Praise game precedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events are free. (248) 476-8222

Hall rental

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

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

Prayer

■ Music, singing, prayer at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through entrance #2, at the back of the church. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

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

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

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

Singles

■ Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile,



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Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office. All fitness levels welcome.

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

Soup kitchen

Learn about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit by participating in its "Day of Service" program. Dine with guests at the soup kitchen, tour the Earth Works urban garden, and take a self-guided tour of the

Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

Support

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

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

■ The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at 41711 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org for information.

■ Overeaters Anonymous

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

■ St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care is provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

■ Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. for this weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

■ Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

■ Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

■ Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville offers Celebrate Recovery, a recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care is free, available by calling (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

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Auditions slated for models, singers

Want to model? How about sing? Or appear in films? Two audition opportunities and a series of classes can get you closer to your goal.

If you're interested in fashion modeling, head to the open casting call today, Thursday, Sept. 3, at Stage 3 Productions, 27500 Donald Court in Warren. Sessions run noon-4 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. and are open to both men and women ages 14-30. No previous runway experience is required.

Women must be within 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 11 inches tall. Men must be between 5 feet 11 inches and 6 feet 3 inches tall. Models must attend the open call with a headshot and a full-body photo, although they need not be professional prints.

Women should wear a skirt, form-fitting top and high heels, while men should come dressed in fitted jeans and a fitted shirt. In addition to their headshot, models will be asked to fill out their sizes before the audition. Models selected at

the open call must attend a call back on the afternoon of Sept. 8 at The iGroup in Southfield. The finalist will be awarded spots on the runway for Fashion In Detroit and a one-year contract with The iGroup.

Fashion in Detroit will celebrate the work of national and local designers. Created by Joe Faris, Season 5 top-six finalist of Bravo's hit series Project Runway, the two-day inaugural event is positioned as the highlight between the New York and Los Angeles Fashion Weeks. The show will be held at the Detroit Zoo, 1-6 p.m., Oct. 1-2. For more about the event, visit www.fashionindetroit.com. For more about The iGroup, visit www.theigroup.com.

Singers in grades 6-12, can learn new singing skills, make new friends and perform publicly through the Farmington Hills Youth Choir.

This year, the Youth Choir will rehearse and perform with the renowned Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings musicians at their "Holiday Brass" concert, and also

perform at the State Capitol in Lansing. Brian Christian, who holds a master's degree in music from the University of Michigan, directs the choir. He also teaches in Farmington Public Schools.

Fall auditions will be held Wednesday, Sept. 16 at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road. Open auditions will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; scheduled auditions will be earlier, from 5-6:30 p.m. Appointments for auditions can be made by calling the Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1857. Rehearsals will be held 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 23-Dec. 16, 4:30.

For younger singers, the new Farmington Hills Choraliers offers a non-audition opportunity for children in grades 2-5. This program will introduce younger singers to vocal techniques, sight reading, solo and group singing, with a performance at the end of the season. The class meets 4:30-6 p.m., Mondays, Sept. 21-Dec. 14 at Longacre House. Registration for the Choraliers is now open. Call the Cultural Arts Division at

(248) 473-1857 for registration information.

Both the Choraliers and the Youth Choir are open to residents and non-residents, with non-residents required to pay an extra \$5 fee. Half-year membership is \$75; full-year membership (fall to spring) is \$125.

Wayne State University's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts is offering an intensive, "on your feet," workshop on auditioning for films. Auditioning for Feature, Commercial and Industrial Films provides 10 contact hours of coaching spread across four consecutive Saturdays and is offered Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Each Saturday, students perform mock auditions and receive coaching from professional actor and workshop instructor, Laurie Meeker (SAG/AFTRA/AEA).

"This is one-on-one training, rather than a group lecture setting," said Meeker. "Students gain effective techniques that enable them to prepare for and perform in professional film audi-

tions." Both sections of the workshop are open to a maximum of only 20 paid registrants.

"Getting cast in a professional film demands a considerably different approach and preparation than stage acting, namely the ability to present a skillful audition in 30 seconds," said CFPCA Associate Dean, Steve Peters. "This workshop is designed to provide that training, a how-to course in auditioning for three different kinds of job opportunities in the southeast Michigan market, feature films, commercials and industrial films."

Registration for Auditioning is \$195 (non-refundable), payable via credit card (with valid ID) or exact dollar amount in cash, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday at Wayne State University's CFPCA Linsell House (under Buildings at campusmap.wayne.edu). Registrations are being accepted on a first-paid, first-served basis. Payment deadline is Oct. 5. For more information contact David Romas at ac2942@wayne.edu or (313) 577-5448.

Monthly 'slam' open to wanna-be storytellers

If you have the gift of gab, check out WDET Detroit Public Radio's monthly Detroit Moth StorySLAM and put your storytelling skills to work.

You'll get a chance to tell your five-minute story — no notes scripts or cheat sheets allowed — on stage and possibly on the radio if your name is one of 10 randomly pulled from a hat at the monthly performance.

StorySLAMs will be held on the first Thursday of each month at Cliff Bells, 2030 Park in Detroit. Storytellers must share a tale based on true-life experience and on the evening's theme. Upcoming themes are firsts for Oct. 1, blunders for Nov. 5 and cars for Dec. 3.

After each story, three teams of judges, chosen from the audience, give a score. The teller with the highest score goes on to compete in the Detroit GrandSLAM alongside nine other local slam winners.

The Moth is a non-profit organization dedicated to the art of storytelling. Since its inception in 1997,

countless people have listened to more than 3,000 stories told by people from all walks of life, from Moby, Sam Shepard, Ethan Hawke, and Lili Taylor to a fire fighter, pickpocket, and a hot dog-eating champion. Interest in The Moth's concept continues to grow, with sold-out crowds for every event in New York and Los Angeles.

Tickets for the Detroit StorySLAMs are \$5 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. and stories start at 7:30 p.m.

The Moth Radio Hour, a limited-run radio series featuring storytellers recorded at Moth events, will air on WDET, 101.9 FM, in the weeks leading up to the StorySLAM's Detroit debut. Listen for it at 7 p.m. Fridays, starting Sept. 4 and 4 p.m. Saturdays, starting Sept. 5. The series will be rebroadcast the week of the StorySLAM debut — Sept. 28-Oct. 2 — at 7 p.m.

For detailed guidelines on how to participate at a MothSLAM, either as a storytelling contestant or a judge, go to www.themoth.org/storyslams_participate.

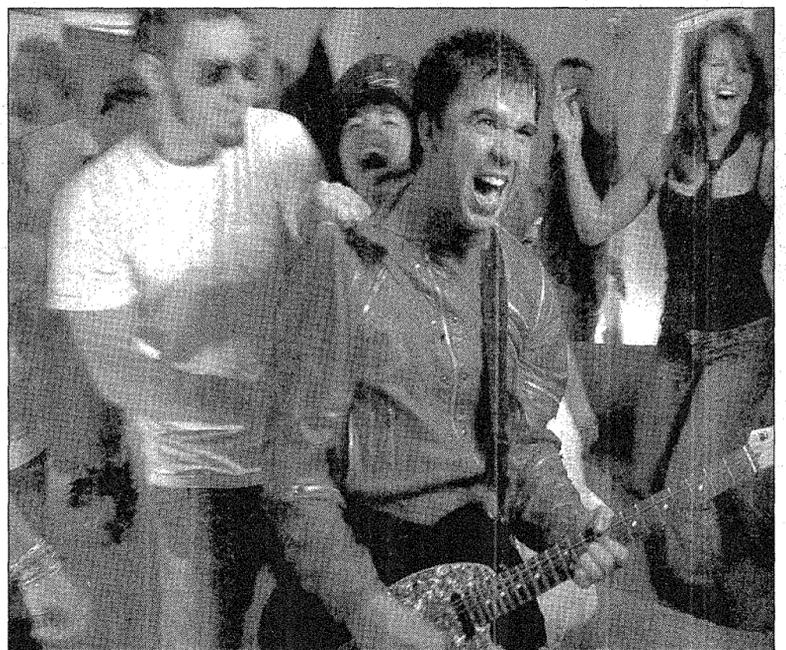
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"Offering the use of your home, land or business as a location can be fun and profitable," said Michael Grabemeyer, locations manager of the Michigan Film Office. "We are growing an exciting new industry in Michigan and this is one way that an average citizen can get involved."

The Film Office approves all submissions before posting them on the Web site, and reserves the right to withhold or correct any submissions. There is no guarantee that a submission will be used. For questions, call (800) 477-3456, fax (517) 241-0867 or e-mail info@michigan.org.



Rockin' weekend

Guitarist JTX is among the musicians performing at the four-day Arts, Beats and Eats festival this weekend in downtown Pontiac. The event includes musical performances, including appearances by Candlebox and Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, a cafe featuring Michigan-inspired menu items, children's activities and a juried fine arts show. Hours are 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 5-6 and 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday, Sept. 7. For more information, visit www.artsbeatseats.com or call (248) 334-4600.

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Detroit Artist Market
Time/Date: Sept. 11-Oct. 17
Location: 4719 Woodward Avenue, in the Detroit Cultural Center
Details: "Landscape - A Modern Sequel" with works by Yoriko Cronin, Andrew Krieger, Nicole Macdonald, Catherine Peet, George Rahme, and Corine Smith. Meet the artists at a reception, 6-9 p.m., Sept. 11. Free
Contact: (313) 832-8540 or visit www.detroitartistsmarket.org

Eastern Michigan University
Time/Date: Elements of Photography, Sept. 3-Oct. 2, Coping with the Unknown, Sept. 8-Oct. 2
Location: Photography in the University Art Gallery, 900 Oakwood on EMU's Ypsilanti campus; Coping in the Ford Gallery, in Ford Hall, north of Cross Street at Normal Street on EMU campus
Details: Photography exhibit features work of nationally and internationally acclaimed photographers. Artist reception is 4-6 p.m., Sept. 9. Coping shows the work of Joe Meiser and Adrian Hatfield. Artist reception is 4-6 p.m., Sept. 10.
Contact: (734) 487-0465 or e-mail to jlockel@emich.edu

Farmington Hills City Gallery
Time/Date: "Studies of Place and Views of Space" through Sept. 25
Location: Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Works by Rachel Reynolds and Robert Zahorsky
Contact: (248) 473-1856

Holocaust Memorial Center
Time/Dates: 4-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 6, wine and cheese reception for "Portraits of Zinkov," an exhibit of compelling paintings by Alan Zola Schulman
Location: 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: The portraits in this eight-week exhibit are based on the "Zinkover Memorial Book," a collection of Yiddish and Hebrew narratives with low-quality black and white photographs from the town of Zinkov, Ukraine
Contact: (248) 553-2400, ext. 23

Livonia City Hall
Time/Dates: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 2-30
Location: On Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: The Livonia Artist Club exhibits paintings, colored pencil, collage, pastels and photography of approximately 25 artists; the club meets at 7 p.m., the third Monday of the month at the Civic Center Library in Livonia
Contact: For more information call Doree Dziobak at (734) 416-1774

Lotus Arts Gallery
Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

Northville Art House
Time/Date: Sept. 4-20, Northville Camera Club Exhibit, "A Moment in Time," opening reception 6-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4
Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville
Coming up: See plein air artists painting 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, in the Art House Gardens
Contact: (248) 344-0497, or visit www.northvillearts.org

Village Theater at Cherry Hill
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Sept 2-27
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Private collection of 19th century paintings on display; wine and cheese reception 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10 with collectors David and Judy Johnson of Washtenaw County Contact: (734) 394-5300 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater

BENEFITS

Dawn Farm Jamboree
Time/Date: 1-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13
Location: Dawn Farm, 6633 Stoney Creek Road, Ypsilanti
Details: Free admission. Proceeds for the farm that helps recovering alcoholics and drug addicts, raised through an auction, gift tables and sales. Live music by NoteWorthy, hayrides, pony rides, rock climbing wall, children's tent, chair massages, farm tours, live and silent auctions, vendors, food and beverages. Farm fresh eggs available for purchase
Contact: (734) 485-8725 or visit www.dawnfarm.org

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Go Comedy!
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Details: Improv most nights. Three original sketch comedies 8 p.m. Thursdays: Jeremy Conn and Garrett Fuller, both of Garden City, in their one-act comedic play, "Travel Earth Timeshares," through Sept. 24. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays
Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall
Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays
Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit
Details: Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free
Contact: (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com



Learn about baking with fruit at farmer's market

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Shirley Chrisman has a surefire method for removing peach skin.

"When I peel peaches, to make easier, I hold them under hot running water for a few seconds. The peel will come off easier," said Chrisman, who works in the bakery and store at Kapnick Orchards, south of Tecumseh.

"Peaches are at their peak. We have wonderful peaches for baking, canning, cobblers, anything."

Kapnick is among the farms, greenhouses and orchards that sell fresh produce and plants at Garden City Farmer's Market from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. every Wednesday.

This Wednesday, Sept. 9, a representative from Kapnick Orchards will offer a seminar in "using fresh fruits in baking" at 10:30 a.m. at the market, located in the Garden City Town Center Plaza, Ford Road and Middlebelt. Market shoppers can bring a lawn chair and join the outdoor class.

Although Chrisman isn't scheduled to teach the session, she has a few tips of her own on using fresh fruit.

"You want it to be fresh and you want it to be ripe. Most peaches, when you buy

them, aren't ripe yet. They need to set out room temperature on newspaper and ripen."

She said peaches are perfect now for use in jams and jellies. She prefers freezer jam because little cooking is required.

"You just take your fruit and peel it and cut it up. You can mash it. I put it in the blender," she noted. "And then you need Sure-Jell. You stir the peaches in a bowl with sugar, add boiling water to the Sure-Jell mix and stir the Sure-Jell into the fruit. It makes the best strawberry and peach jam. Even cherry jam. It tastes like the fruit itself."

"I just put it in jars in freezer but you can put it in plastic containers."

Her recipe calls for two pounds of peaches, washed, peeled and cut into small pieces, four cups of sugar and one box of Sure-Jell. The sugar is stirred into the mashed two cups of fruit and allowed to stand for 20 minutes. The Sure-Jell mix goes into a cup of boiling water.

"You stir it constantly and then stir it into the fruit and sugar mix for three minutes."

She allows the mixture to cool off for 23 hours before packing it into freezer containers.

Garden City Farmer's Market is open Wednesdays through Oct. 28. Here's a

list of a few other local farm markets:

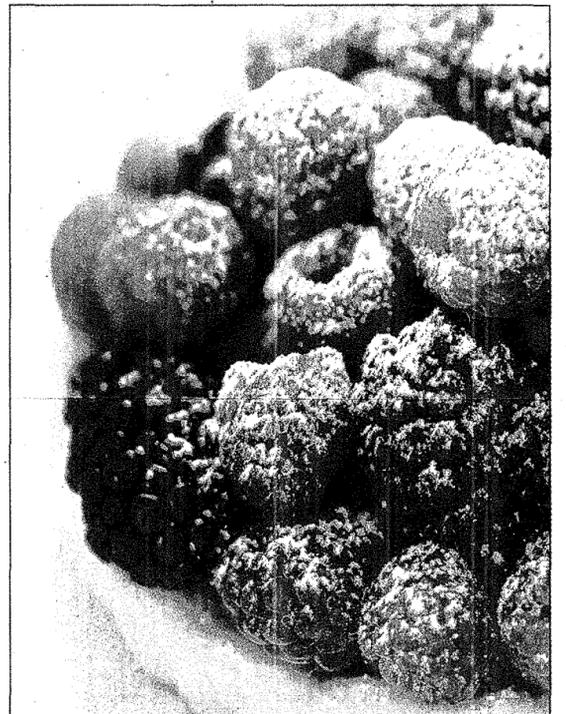
■ 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, through Oct. 25, 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. Home grown foods and hand-made goods, including vegetables, fruits, herbs, bulbs, grains, meats, plants, honey, syrup and more. (734) 398-5570 ext.5

■ 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturdays. Season ends in October. Located at The Gathering across from Kellogg Park, next to the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, plants, fresh bread, baked goods and garden crafts. Most vendors are Michigan growers and producers. (734) 453-1540

■ 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, through Oct. 10, at Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago Road, Livonia. Fruits, vegetables, flowers, jewelry, handmade crafts, bamboo plants, garden art, homemade honey and more. www.wilsonbarn.com

■ 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sundays through Sept. 27, at the Marquee, located in the town hall complex, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford. (313) 387-2771

■ 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays, through Nov. 21, at the Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, located on Grand River Ave., between Power and Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington. www.downtownfarmington.org



CITY BITES

Dine & Dash

Garden City — Visit Amantea's Restaurant, Sports Venue Bar & Grill Albert's on the Alley, Rogala's and McDonald's all in one night during the 5th annual Dine & Dash, 6-10 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 10 years, \$18 for senior citizens and \$75 for a party of four and include a souvenir Dine & Dash shirt that doubles as your "ticket" for the evening.

Participants will take bus transportation to visit all of the participating restaurants, which will serve free appetizers and in some cases offer live entertainment.

The event is a sell-out every year. To order tickets, call the Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 422-4448.

Festival foods

Plymouth — If the phrase "all you can eat" is your siren's song, you won't want to miss the 4th Annual AM Rotary Spaghetti Dinner 4-8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12 in the northeast corner of Kellogg Park, during Plymouth's annual Fall Festival. Eat at the "Italian Street Cafe" in the park and enjoy the music while dining or carry out. Tickets are \$8 in advance at C. L. Finlan Insurance, Monroe Bank in Plymouth, New Liberty Bank, the Plymouth Symphony Offices, and Travel Leaders in the Kroger Shopping Center. Or \$9 at the door. Kids 2-12 pay \$4. Kids under 2 eat for free. Call Kate Rosevear at (734) 455-5810 for tickets or more information.

Make sure to leave room for the Rotary Club's Annual Chicken

BBQ on Sunday, Sept. 13 at the park. The club will fire up the grills from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., serving in the park and sending take-out orders from West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail. Advance tickets are \$10, available from Horton Plumbing, 1382 W. Main Street. Or buy tickets on-site for \$12 from Rotary Ticket Booths located at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street and Penniman and Main Street.

If pancakes are your preference, head the Kiwanis Club's annual breakfast, 7-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, across from Kellogg Park and next to the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Pay \$5 in advance or \$6 on site at the festival ticket booth on Main at Penniman. Call Jim Grutza at (734) 216-2858 for advance tickets.

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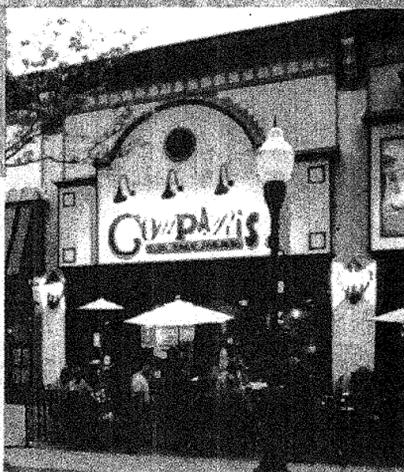
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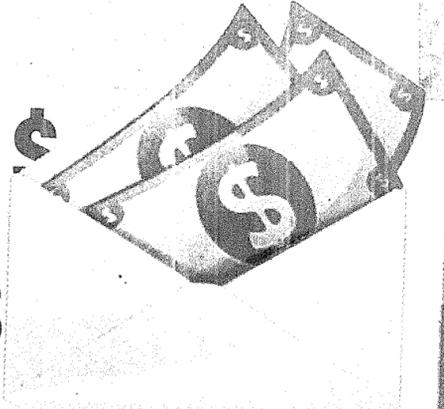
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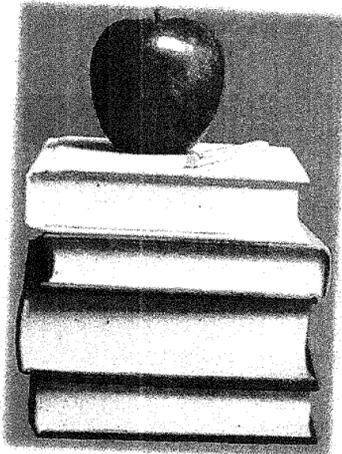
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