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Book sale

Buy one book, buy a bag of books. Whatever your penchant, you'll find it at the Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library Used Book Sale this weekend.

The sale is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18-19, with a special of buy four and get one free of same type item. The hours are from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, which also will be the Bag Day Sale. Bring in a medium-sized 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.

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

Election forum

The Westland Monitors are hosting a Meet the Candidates event at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Joy Baptist Church.

Residents can ask questions of the eight candidates for Westland City Council in the November general election. Four positions — three four-year and one two-year — will be filled.

The event will last two hours and only questions from the audience will be used. Refreshments will be served.

The goal of the Monitors is to increase voter turnout for local elections by at least 35 percent. Joy Baptist Church is at 37055 Joy, between Wayne Road and Newburgh in Westland. For more information, call the group at (734) 721-4142.

Census jobs

Census 2010 and Westland Works. What do they have in common? Jobs.

Next year, 2010, is the United States decennial census, and it's very important that all Westland citizens are counted. Federal and state dollars administered at the local level are based upon population and census data. But it's also important to put residents to work.

That's why the city now has Westland Works, a new program designed to provide a listing of employment opportunities in the city, including census jobs. Check out the Westland Works page at www.cityofwestland.com. Or visit the census jobs Web site at <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/>.

Blood drive

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church will hold an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the church at 36660 Cherry Hill between Newburgh and Wayne Road.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors. Call the church office (734) 728-1088 for a blood donation appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

W-W seeks line of credit to cover costs

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

No one is immune to Michigan's poor economy and getting paid late just adds to the cash flow problem.

That's the situation causing the Wayne-Westland Board of Education to authorize the administration to seek a \$6 million line of credit. The money won't be borrowed unless necessary.

"More than 50 percent of Michigan

school districts are in the situation of borrowing. We've avoided doing it for 10 or 12 years," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services.

The district has been drawing down its fund balance — effectively a savings account — for several years, Martin said, leaving it currently at \$10 million or 9 percent of the general fund budget.

The state's change of its fiscal year to an Oct. 1 start means the school

districts don't receive a state aid payment until three months after the start of their fiscal year. As a result, Martin said the district can have a cash flow problem, hence the need for the line of credit.

"We run many federal programs that require funding and then we get reimbursement," Martin said. "There are two ways to borrow. We could borrow from the state, but the line of credit will be more cost-effective. The problem is that the state gives you the

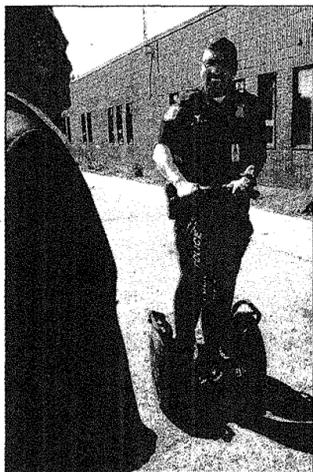
money in a lump sum. With the line of credit, we can borrow only what we need at intermittent times."

The district won't borrow on the line of credit unless it becomes necessary, Martin said.

"In 2000, the state was on the same fiscal year as the us, but was having financial and cash flow problems," he said. "They put that problem on the schools by changing their fiscal year."

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Crowd pleaser: 450 turn out for police open house



Adam Hammons talks with Officer Daniel Serrano, who was demonstrating a Segway personal transporter used by the Westland Police Department.



Isaiah Bonner, Sam Serrano and Sophie Serrano pet police dog Friday during the Westland Police Department open house.

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Westland Police Department hosted a party and plenty of people showed up.

An estimated 450 turned out for the department open house Saturday — the first time in about 13 years that the public had been invited for a visit.

"It went great. We had a lot more people show up than we had anticipated," said Deputy Chief Alan Ramsden, who organized the event. "We didn't have enough food; we weren't expecting to feed the masses."

The open house included tours of the station and demonstrations by the Tactical Response Unit — the department SWAT team — Tasers and a brief visit by the Michigan State Police helicopter. Officer Jason

Brassfield volunteered to be the subject of the Taser demonstration.

"Part of our Taser training is having to be exposed to the Taser. That was his (Brassfield's) experience so he can carry the Taser on duty,"

Ramsden said, adding his fellow officers enjoyed seeing Brassfield zapped. "We thought it was hilarious."

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Limited space available for community garage sale

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be bargains galore Saturday at Westland's annual Community Garage Sale.

Only about seven of 99 available spots — parking spaces in the lot west of City Hall — are still available. Rentals are \$25 for prime spots around the perimeter and \$20 for

inner spots.

"I've been here 12 years, so we've been doing this for at least that long. I don't know how far back it goes before that," said Maggie Braden, Bailey Center supervisor. "We usually sell out the 99 spaces."

Sellers can start setting up their items beginning at 7 a.m. for the sale, which runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bargain hunters start lining up

around 8:30 a.m.

"We have people who sell crafts, a lady who makes candles and all different kinds of stuff," Braden said. "It's not just things you would see at a normal garage sale."

No one has ever tried to count the number of shoppers who turn out for the Community Garage Sale, but Braden said it's a good number.

"For the most part, the parking

lots are full. We have to have a staff person make sure someone is pulling out of a parking space to let someone else park," Braden said. "Usually we have a good crowd."

City Hall is located on Ford just west of Central City Parkway. Any remaining sale spaces can be rented until Saturday. For more information, call (734) 722-7620. The sale is held rain or shine.

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Conover pursues her passion for writing

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Courtney Conover's personalized license plate puts it succinctly — it reads "WRITER."

The former Westland deputy mayor is pursuing her passion — writing — as a professional career. A story about her childhood pet Prince, a German shepherd-beagle mix, will appear in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: What I Learned From the Dog*. The book hits stores Sept. 22.

"I started to throw myself into the writing community — forums and Web sites. I mentioned that my skill was first-person narrative essays that I can spin into stories," said Conover, 32. "Someone suggested *Chicken Soup for the Soul*."



Courtney Conover

The essay included in the book focuses on Prince, the dog Conover got when she was in fifth grade. It was 1985 and the dog got his name from a

popular band, Prince and the Revolution.

"I'm an only child. My fondest memories are of Prince — he was like my sibling," Conover said. "I thought this was really a topic I could relate to. I was working (as deputy mayor). There was only one day left to submit the story. I wrote it the night before."

It took a while before she was notified her essay would be included in the book, but Conover said she now has five other stories submitted to the *Chicken Soup* publishers. One story is about Conover's mother.

"She doesn't know that I wrote about her. This is a genre that lights me up. I like making sense of things that happen to

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Be a Star

Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team invites girls and boys in the fifth- through eighth-grades to team. A meeting will be held at 6 p.m. today (Sept. 17) for new and returning members and clinics will be held 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, in advance of tryouts on Oct. 22.

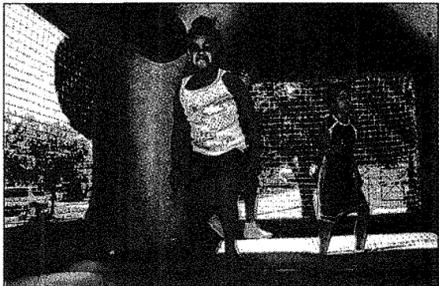
The Stars competition team (Varsity) requires a season-long commitment and girls must try out to make the team. The performance team (Junior Varsity)

is open to any girl or boy who would like to join. You do not have to try out but students need to attend practice each week.

Fees are \$185 per season for the performance team and \$210 per season for the competition team. The only additional charge is for the \$20 uniform deposit which is paid at the time of uniform distribution.

Practices are at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford. For more information, call the center at (734) 722-7620.

Emma Reske enjoys the bounce house that was available to youngsters attending the Westland Police Department open house.



OPEN HOUSE

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There were demonstrations by the department's canines — Drago with his handler Officer Grant Allen and Friday with Officer Joe Bobby.

The helicopter made a brief stop after it was called to assist in the search for a missing child in Leelanau County.

The open house started with a ceremony honoring police

department retirees, who received a commemorative coin.

"We had a huge amount of retirees attend which was very nice, and we had a very nice ceremony," Ramsden said.

There was a constant flow of residents coming through during the three-hour open house.

"People got to see a lot of great demonstrations, they went on tours. They got to see everything," Ramsden said.

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Ford employees build legacy of caring

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Michele Wysocki was among 25 Ford Motor Co. employees who planted trees and flowers Friday at Wayne County Family Center.

By mid-day, the Livonia resident was watering a line of arborvitae and mums that lined a fence outside a playground area at the Westland facility.

"I'm really proud to work at Ford and the fact that we're volunteering to help people in really hard times," she said. "Ford is everywhere doing stuff like that."

Brent Gordon of Westland enjoyed being out on a beautiful day and knowing he was making life a little better for people he would probably never meet and who would never know that he was there.

"It's nice to be able to do something for people who haven't had the opportunities I've been given," Gordon said. "Plus, it's a day off work."

Steve Alexander of Livonia said he liked that the volunteer work day fell on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

"I see an ongoing need to help out in the community and I wouldn't feel right if I didn't," Alexander said.

The trees and flowers the 25 Ford employees planted not only looked nice, but served as a buffer from the kids in the playground and the street it abuts.



PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Brent Gordon of Westland was among Ford Motor Co. volunteers who worked at the Wayne County Family Center on Sept. 11.

Wayne County Family Center is a partnership of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan and Wayne County, offering transitional shelter for homeless families.

Wysocki, Gordon and Alexander were among more than 8,000 Ford volunteers in 15 states and 40 countries who took part in the fourth annual Global Week of Caring.

Local volunteers involved Friday in Ford's Accelerated Action Day worked at southeast Michigan shelters, family centers and other nonprofit projects during the Community Building event.

Volunteers were expected to contribute 30,000 man-hours of labor to helping those in need from orphanages to the disabled and homeless.



PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Michele Wysocki of Livonia joined 25 Ford Motor Company employees in planting trees and flowers at Wayne County Family Center in Westland Friday.

"Ford has been a neighbor in this community and across the country for its 106-year history starting with Henry Ford," said Jim Vella, president of the Ford Motor Co. Fund and Community Services.

"A neighbor needs you more in tough times than good times," said Vella, a Canton resident. "And in Michigan, we've experienced an economic tsunami. We're trying to be part of the solution as opposed to being a part of the problem. I can only see our efforts expand in this area."

"To get out and see our people working with non-profit projects and to see all the things some of us take for granted, it really is a touching day for me personally," he added.

The event wasn't planned to coincide with the anniversary of 9/11, "but we are aware of President Obama's call to service for Americans," Vella said. "This is something we are going to continue to do in good times and bad times."

The 700 Ford volunteers in southeast Michigan alone "says a lot about the company," he added.

Ford volunteers "make a world of difference when we come together as One Ford and provide a helping hand to people in need during these difficult economic times," said Janet Lawson, director of Ford Volunteer Corps.

Many of the organizations benefiting from Friday's volunteer effort also received mini-grants from Ford to buy the tools, supplies and materials needed to complete their projects.

"Ford is building for the future with innovative new vehicles that feature cutting-edge technology," Vella said. "This current generation of Ford employees and retirees is proud to write the next chapter of corporate responsibility by carrying on the company's long legacy of caring."

Ford Motor Co. encourages salaried employees to take two work days per year and volunteer in their local area. Last year, more than 20,000 Ford employees and retirees performed 100,000 hours of work on community projects — the equivalent of \$2 million of in-kind corporate contributions.

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1530	Richard Fountain	boxes, totes, dresser
2020	Adrienne Bryant	dresser, mattress
2026	Adrian Lowery	boxes, bags, dresser
2158	Ellen Neeley	boxes, totes
2176	Rudy Lewis	boxes, luggage, totes
2230	Garfield Rogers	boxes, totes, dresser
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2478	Rokena Harry	totes, chairs, table

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3046	Shavonne Watkins	boxes, totes, tv
4008	Jeremy McCauley	table, dresser, Yamaha 250 VIN 509-003719

4022	Roberto Colvard	boxes, bags, totes
4051	Antoine Murry	boxes, totes, speakers
4065	Dwayne Cooksey	bike, washer, dryer
4082	Jacqueline Jackson	bags, tv, sofa
5009	Pritrina Blount	boxes, totes, tv
5023	Gary Scott Giraud	boxes, totes, toys
5106	George Bojarski	boxes, totes, bike
6023	Rechell Smith	boxes, bags, tv
6037	Tracie Breuer	Honda motorcycle VIN HM319HM0B4501

6040	Lisa Arnold	boxes, bags, totes
6131	Richard McNamee	boxes, totes, tv
7055	Richard Wallner	boxes, bags, totes
7130	Tisha Goree	boxes, bags, tv
9036	Julie Villagomez	boxes, bags, tools
9108	Helen Nelson	totes, washer, dryer

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CONOVER

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me," she said. And what did Conover learn from Prince?

"Prince lived life with the uncanny combination of gusto and compassion in a way that only a dog can and we as people should. Quite simply, he lived in the moment," Conover writes. "If we fail to experience pleasure, if we fail to experi-

ence excitement ... don't we fail to experience life?"

As he got older, Prince had some health issues that made getting around painful.

"He never lost his zest for life, you couldn't keep him down. It hurt him to go down

the stairs or get on the bed, but he did it," Conover said. "It's easy to say a dog had it made, but we can dwell on challenges and things that aren't going well instead of what is going well."

Conover is scheduled to read her story and sign copies of books purchased:

• 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, in the East Court near Borders Express in Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland).

• 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Book Fair at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham.

• 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty, Northville.

A University of Michigan graduate, Conover became a television reporter and producer for WLTN (Channel 19) in Columbia, S.C. She has also worked as an auto show product specialist and narrator for Honda and Jaguar. In 2007, she was appointed deputy mayor of Westland and resigned in May 2009 to focus on writing. Her work has appeared in the *Ann Arbor Observer*, *Woman's Life* magazine and *The Artisan's Well*.

She and her husband, Scott, a former Detroit Lions offensive lineman turned personal chef, reside in Wayne.

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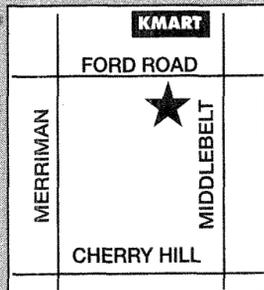
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Robber takes cash, cigars from 7-Eleven

Robbery
Police were called to 7-Eleven, 1826 S. Merriman, just after 4 a.m. Sept. 14 after a clerk reported being robbed.

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The officer noted a language barrier with the clerk who indicated he was alone in the store and making coffee when a man entered, wearing a ski mask. The man was also described as wearing a backpack.

The suspect ordered him to open the cash register, the clerk said, then reached over the counter to grab an undetermined amount of money from the drawer. The man also grabbed 15-20 Swisher Sweets cigars which he put into the backpack as he had done with the cash.

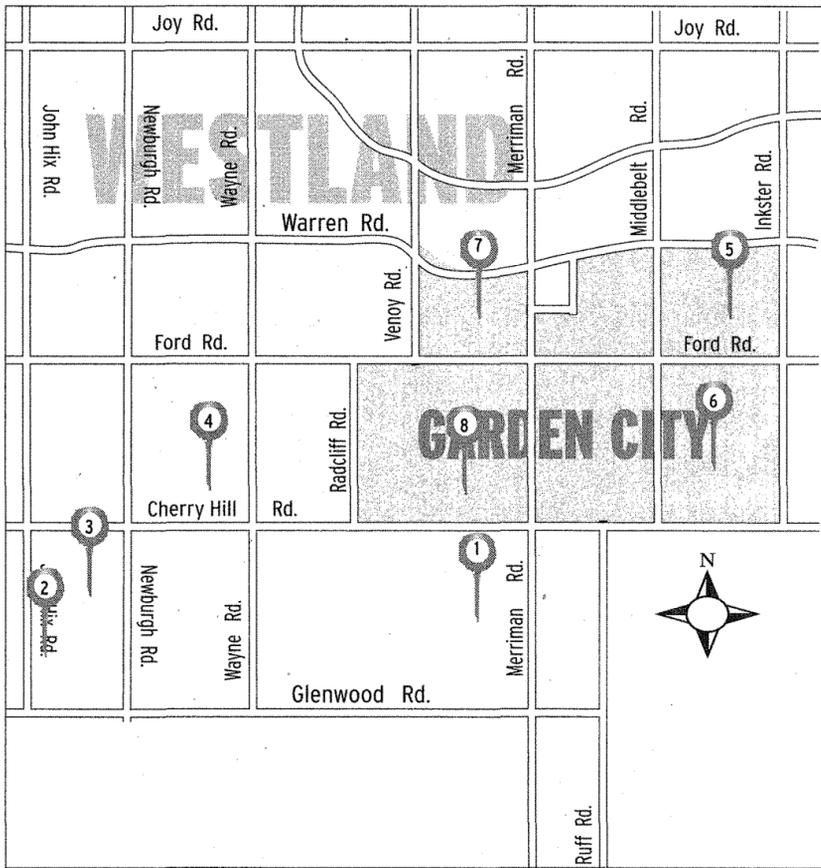
The clerk told police that due to the mask, he wouldn't be able to recognize the suspect. A customer who was arriving told police he nearly ran over a man running eastbound across Merriman and provided a description.

Garden City police provided a dog and handler who conducted a track for the suspect that ended at a home in the 30000 block of Barrington.

Stolen vehicle

On Sept. 14, a resident in the 2400 block of S. John Hix told police that her husband went outside in the morning to find one of their vehicles missing and the second propped up on a floor jack with all four tires and rims missing. The vehicles had been parked next to each other in the driveway, the woman said.

The husband also had found the side door to the garage



open, and the officer noted small pry marks on the door. The stolen vehicle was described as a 2004 white Lincoln LS, valued at \$43,000. The tires and rims stolen from a 2004 GMC Yukon were valued at \$3,500.

Larceny

The pastor of Cross Walk Community Church, 38600 Palmer, told police Sept. 10 that he heard a vehicle in the field behind the building. Going outside, he said the truck stopped for him as it came back around the building. When he told the man and woman they were wrong for stealing, the pastor said the female passenger made a comment about picking up equipment from a roofing job.

The men drove off westbound on Palmer. The pastor said the

church roof had recently been replaced by a company but he didn't recognize the suspects or the truck.

Reported missing were several sections of a roller system valued at \$2,500 and a 30-foot ladder valued at \$350. The pastor told police that the items were at the rear of the church where there is only a field, so the suspects must have been behind the building previously.

The man and woman, who had a black and tan dog, were driving a Ford F150, faded dark blue with a loud muffler.

Mower stolen

On Sept. 10, the pastor at Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill told police that someone had taken a riding lawn mower valued at \$2,000. He said someone had

cut the lock off the storage shed to take the mower.

Break-in

A resident of Hunters West Apartments, 6501 Yale, told police he returned home Sept. 10 to find that someone had entered the apartment through an open window. The apartment had been ransacked. Reported missing was \$670 in cash and a car stereo valued at \$299.

Vandalism

A resident in the 35000 block of Fairchild told police Sept. 14 that someone had smashed the rear window of her vehicle, causing \$500. She said she noticed the damage when she went to the mail box.

- By LeAnne Rogers

Lawn equipment stolen from church

Identity theft

A Garden City man filed a complaint with police Sept. 10 about someone using his name to obtain a Valero credit card and run up \$1,166 in charges.

The man discovered the problem when he received a collections letter from an attorney representing the credit card company. The man obtained a copy of the application and found that the culprit used his driver's license number and e-mail address that was only a digit from being correct.

He told police he was a victim of identity theft in 2007.

Retail fraud

The owner of a cell phone store declined to prosecute an 18-year-old Romulus resident who was caught by police Sept. 10 after he took a phone and accessories from the Dearborn Wireless store at 27602 Ford.

An employee told police the man asked to purchase the phone and accessories and indicated he would pay with a credit card. But when another customer entered the store, he grabbed a bag, containing the items from the counter and fled.

The employee also told police that the man had done the same thing at their store at 211 Middlebelt.

A 13-year-old girl was caught trying to take a pair of Hannah Montana socks, costume jewelry and nail polish from Kmart, 29600 Ford, Sept. 14.

A loss control officer watched the teen removed the items from their packaging and hide them in her pants pockets. She selected several others pairs of socks that she paid for before leaving the store.

Break-in

A member of the Board of Properties at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, told police that someone cut the lock off a shed sometime between Sept. 7 and Sept. 10 and took a Craftsman lawnmower

and Yard Machine. The items were valued at \$535.

Suspended license

A 28-year-old Dearborn Heights man was ticketed Sept. 10 for driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance and improper lane usage after he cut across the northbound lanes of Middlebelt north of Ford in front of a police car. The officer saw the man pull into the left turn lane and wait for traffic to pass before he pulled out. The officer said he had to brake to avoid a collision with the other car.

Larceny

An acoustic guitar and AM-FM stereo radio with CD player were stolen Sept. 10 from a car parked on Dover near Cambridge. The owner said the vehicle was locked, however, the culprit got in through a slider window that was closed but not locked because it was malfunctioning.

A license plate was stolen Sept. 13 from a vehicle in the 30000 block of Pardo. The owner told police the vehicle had been parked on the street across from his home and that the theft happened between 2 a.m. and 1 p.m. that day.

Vandalism

The resident of the 31000 block of Kathryn told police she didn't hear anything when a bowling ball was thrown through the front windshield of her car sometime between 5 p.m. Sept. 11 and 9 a.m. Sept. 12. The car, a 2008 Chevrolet, had been parked on the easement in front of her home.

Stolen vehicle

A Ford F-350 was stolen from the driveway of a residence in the 30000 block of Dawson between 2 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Sept. 12. The owner told police the truck had been parked and locked. In it was a tool box filled with assorted tools, circular saw, screw gun and sawsall.

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CLS celebrates 25 years of helping the disabled

Westland resident Ray Schuholz has reason to be happy, thanks to the efforts of people like Alice Saules of Canton.

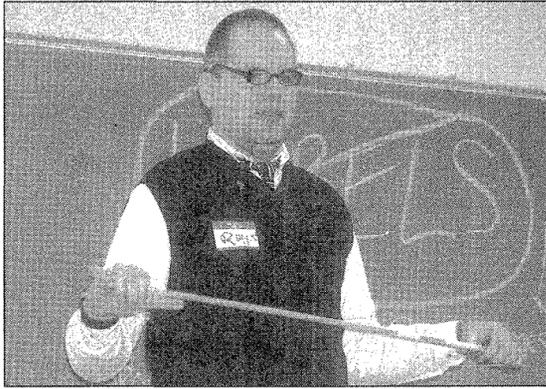
Schuholz used to live at the Plymouth Center for Human Development, but the efforts of people like Saules, leader of the Plymouth ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens), he now has the opportunity to live and work in the community.

"I love my life and it's all because of a few concerned parents and several agencies that knew closing down those places was the right thing to do," said Schuholz.

The effort began in the 1970s with a group of diehard parents, called The Plymouth ARC. The parents, including Saules, Saules, whose son was in Plymouth Center at the time, suspected abuse and neglect was happening at the Plymouth Center.

"I got together with concerned parents and we fought long and hard to shut that place down," said Saules. "We even went as far as filing a lawsuit. We won; it was one of the sweetest victories of my life!"

"I saw Alice Saules in the hallway one day and I begged her to help me get out of that place," said Schuholz. "It was



Ray Schuholz of Westland teaches the staff of Community Living Services how to respect people.

awful; there were no choices, no freedom in there. Today I have my own apartment, I hire and fire my own staff, I help train staff and teach them how to respect people with disabilities."

Schuholz is a part of Community Living Services which is celebrating 25 years of promoting inclusion, full citizenship and a self-determined life for people with developmental disabilities with a dinner this evening (Sept. 17) at Laurel Manor in Livonia. More than 800 people are expected to join in on the celebration.

CLS, a private not-for-profit organization, is funded by the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency and provides supports and services to more than 2,700 adults and children in Wayne County. It also has an office in Oakland County and is funded by the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority.

"To remove people from the pangs of institutional warehousing, we developed hundreds of group homes," said Jim Dehem, CLS president and CEO. "While group homes



In the mid-1970s, Ray Schuholz stood on the steps of the State Capitol and spoke on behalf of the developmentally disabled.

served their purpose, having your own home with those you want to live with are a measure of freedom and equality. Today, over 62 percent of the people we support live in their own homes."

"Our mission for freedom and full community membership remains," he added.

Over the last 25 years, many things have been implemented to help people with disabilities live their lives

to the fullest. Beginning in 1996, the state passed a law mandating the use of Person-Centered Planning. It was the very beginning of Self-Determination which is based on five principles of freedom, authority, support, responsibility and confirmation.

The Person-Centered Plan is similar to a New Year's list of resolutions and goals. Once a year, the person meets with friends, family and people that

support them and they discuss and plan their year. It's made a huge difference in the lives of thousands of people with disabilities.

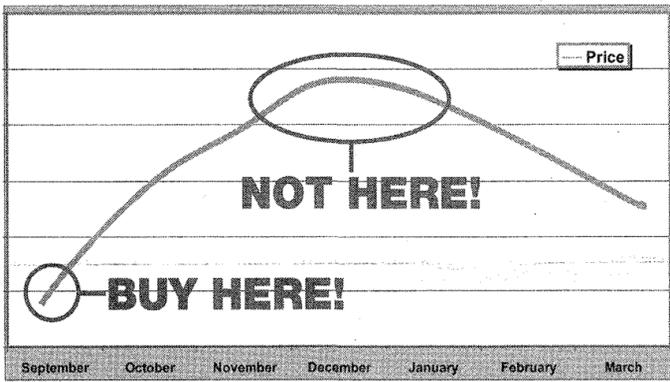
"Recently, I attended a presentation at the International Conference on Self-Determination, where four men supported by CLS in Wayne and Oakland counties told their stories," Dehem said. "Two had been in institutions, one just last year. The other two had been aimlessly involved in one community program after another. Each of these men spoke of how their lives had changed by being respected and able to direct purchase and control their pursuits beyond 'a disabled life.'"

"Each had pride far beyond what they felt before," he said. "Their disability was no longer their life - it was hardly an issue. They proclaimed their freedom. They spoke with passion and joy."

For more information about Community Living Services, call (734) 467-7600 or visit its Web site at www.comliveserv.com.

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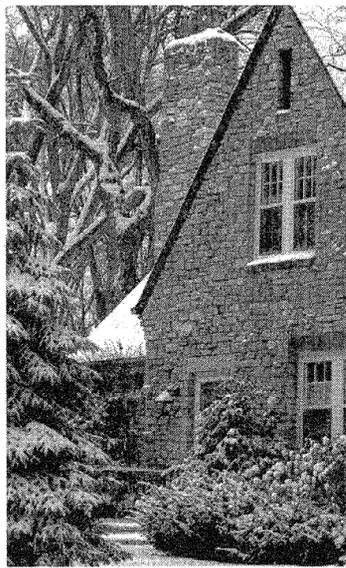
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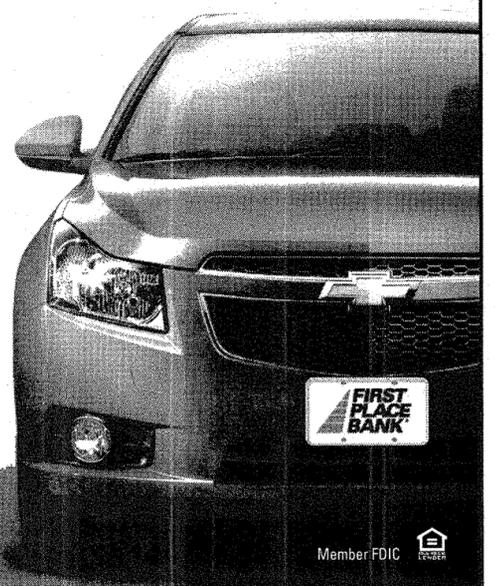
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HOSPITAL WELLNESS CALENDAR

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

Monday, Sept. 21
Childbirth Education (2 of classes) at 6 p.m. The six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours. There is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330.

Tuesday, Sept. 22
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.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (2 of 4 classes) at 9:30 a.m. A comprehensive series, participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Strength and Stretch at 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 (3 of 4 classes) 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. 23
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.

First Aid (ARC) at 6 p.m. This American Red Cross class teaches how to care for injuries, sudden illness and other emergencies at home or on the job. The class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center at 6701 Harrison, north of Maplewood. There is a \$25 fee. Participants will receive a three-year certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.
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. 24
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Saturday, Sept. 26
Men's Health: Prostate Cancer Screening Day 8:30 a.m. to noon. Garden City Hospital will offer prostate exams by specialty physicians, and laboratory screening. The physician examination is free of charge. There is a fee of \$8 for lab testing, which includes PSA and cPSA (complex PSA). Appointments are necessary, and can be scheduled by calling (734) 458-4330.

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

Cruise kicks off Bob-Lo boat restoration effort

Remember riding the boat to Bob-Lo Island? Remember the names of those two boats?

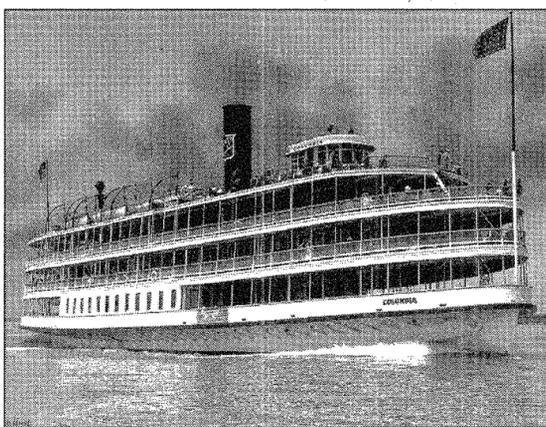
One was the Ste. Clair, the other Columbia. The former is no more, but the latter is now the focus of the SS Columbia Project, committed to restoring the National Historic Landmark Vessel to its former glory.

Westland and Garden City residents can relive those memories at the project's first official fund-raising event, a cruise on the Detroit River aboard the M.V. Friendship, 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

The event will celebrate the beginning of work on the ship and to raise awareness and resources for the full restoration of the SS Columbia, the beloved Bob-Lo boat that plied the waters of the Detroit River for 89 years.

From 19-year-old deckhand to full Captain of the Columbia, Captain Art Herralta will be on board to share 43 seasons of life stories, including, finding the love of his life because of the Columbia. Joel Stone of the Detroit Historical Society, who crewed as a DJ aboard the Columbia, is compiling music for the cruise to span the 89 years of the ship's journeys to Bob-Lo Island.

Guests are invited to bring their own memorabilia, share



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Noted marine photographer Bill Taylor took this photo of the SS Columbia during the interwar period.

memories, and reminisce about this magnificent floating time machine as they dine on pizza delivered by the J.W. Westcott II mail boat and view both the Columbia and its sister ship, the Ste. Claire. Guests will have the opportunity, if they would like, to share their memories on camera for the benefit of generations to come.

Participants will begin their journey back in time steps from where the Columbia was launched 107 years earlier.

The Friendship will depart from the dock behind the Portofino Restaurant, 3455 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte. The dock adjoins the site where the Columbia was built in 1902.

Boarding will begin at 1:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$30 per person. Additional information about the cruise and the SS Columbia can be found at www.sscolumbia.org or by calling (212) 228-3128.

Built in 1902, the Columbia is America's oldest surviving passenger steamship, and one of only two remaining works by one of our greatest naval architects, Detroit native Frank E. Kirby. Donations to the project can be made by calling (248) 546-9712, electronically at www.sscolumbia.org or by sending a check to SS Columbia Project, 1574 Westbrook Dr., Madison Heights MI 48071.

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| B045 Pamela Copeland | boxes, cabinet, chairs |
| B104 Rhonda Houston | bags, washer, dryer |
| B128 Dwain Puryear | boxes, bags, totes |
| B176 Tammy Whitehead | bags, totes, table |
| B185 Tabita Latham | boxes, dresser, totes |
| B260 Naeena V Love | boxes, bags, tv |
| C013 Ted Konesky | boxes, bags, dresser |
| C044 Gloria Moss | sofa, tools, tv |
| D017 Austin Goman | boxes, chairs, table |
| D030 Aaron Daniels | boxes, totes, bike |
| E023 Carol Lyons | boxes, bags, totes |
| F006 Jennifer Collier | boxes, totes, tv |

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| 106 Jerry Victory | boxes, bags, dresser |
| 231 William D. Lane | boxes, chair, sofa |
| 305 Harold Stoll | chair, grill, fish tank |
| 404 Steven Niebizydowski | boxes, bikes, tool box |
| 621 Lisa Valdes | table, chairs, loveseat |
| 919 Aaron Cusmano | boxes, bags, totes |
| 943 Larry Cooper | boxes, bags, dresser |
| 1013 Linda Shuttleworth | bags, grill, chairs |

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 2460 Gully Rd., Dearborn Hgts., MI, October 3, 2009 @ 1:05 PM.

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 - #435 Kenneth Lang
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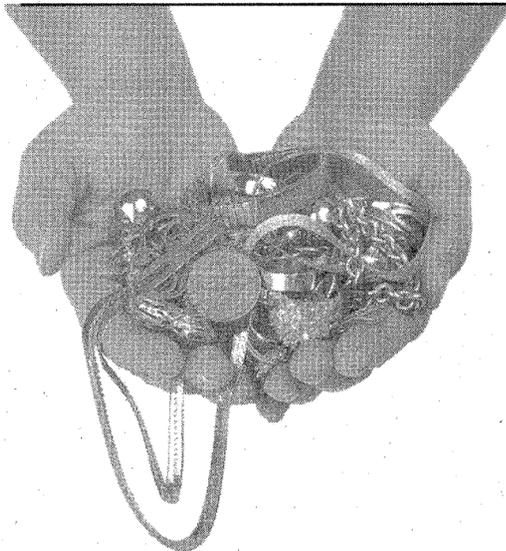
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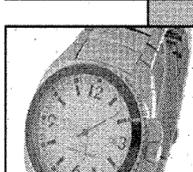
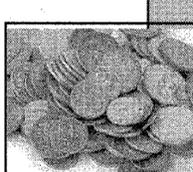
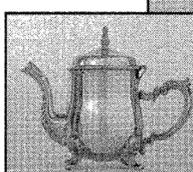
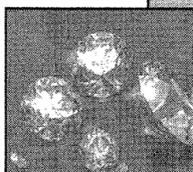
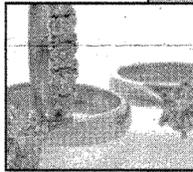
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Police, fire events good for residents

First impressions make a difference. How you introduce yourself to one person or to an entire community shapes the way people think of you now and in the future.

In Westland, the city's police and fire departments took different approaches in introducing themselves to residents. The fire department invited average citizens to see what it's like to be a firefighter through its Citizens Fire Academy, while the police department opened its door to residents with an open house this weekend.

We have stereotypical ideas of what our men in blue do. Fire fighters rescue kittens from trees and save people's lives. Police officers write tickets and arrest people. The former makes us feel good, the latter doesn't.

That's why what the two departments did in the past few months is so important. Giving residents a chance to see what a firefighter's job entails or get up close and personal with police officers, helps eliminate misconceptions about the two departments.

The fire academy was the idea of Assistant Fire Chief Scott Neal who learned about it during a class at Eastern Michigan University. Residents who enrolled in it got to wear turnout gear to do a search and rescue in a smoke-filled house, used the Jaws of Life to extricate a "victim" in a car accident and check out the interior of a med evac helicopter.

At the police open house, officers took time to remember their colleagues who have retired and who have passed away. But the somberness was quickly replaced with activities that introduced residents to the department in a friendly, non-confrontational way. Most people who see a jail are being locked up. On Saturday, visitors got to see it as part of the open house. They also got to see different police equipment and demonstrations, including those by the K-9 and SWAT units and use of the TASER.

The role of our police officers and firefighters is to keep us safe in our homes, at work and on the road. Theirs is not an easy job, and events like the citizens academy and open house go along way in letting people know why they do what they do.

We applaud the Westland Fire and Police Departments for their efforts to better inform residents about their who, what, why and when of what they do and look forward to seeing more events like these in the future. After all, an informed public goes a long way in dispelling myths and confrontation about our men and women in blue.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Are you happy to be back to school?

We asked this question at the Schweitzer Elementary School in Westland and Memorial Elementary School in Garden City.



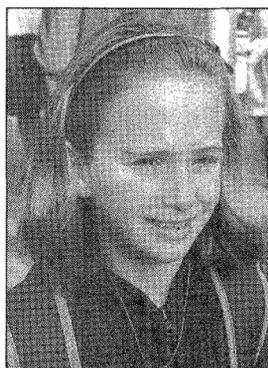
"Yeah, because I can do a lot of stuff like music class. I like art, too."

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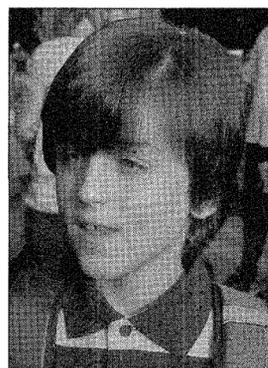
"Yeah, because it's the first day of school."

Nate Glenn Jr.
Westland



"Yeah, because school is fun and I'm new to this school."

Gwendolyn Voice
Garden City



"Yeah, a little, because when you're in school you only get to play on weekends."

Connor Pickens
Garden City

LETTERS

Center continues outreach

In her Sept. 3 letter to the editor, titled "Triumph and tragedy," Joan M. Farrell expressed concern over the closing of the Women's Boutique at Schoolcraft College. She labels the closing a "tragedy" and asks the question, "Should we not be reaching out and extending a second hand rather than closing up shop completely?"

The fact is, Schoolcraft College is continuing this outreach, using an approach that upholds the Boutique's tradition of caring while offering the potential to serve even more people.

Over the years, many women have turned to Schoolcraft College to receive the education they need to begin a new career. For some of them, paying for school and taking care of their families meant that there was little money left over for purchasing that much-needed new outfit to wear to job interviews. The Boutique offered them quality used and donated clothing, as well as caring volunteers to help them with selection. The idea was to send the women into the job market looking great and knowing that the college cares about them.

The Boutique required a large time commitment among volunteers and staff to receive, sort and organize the clothing, and it required women to come to the Radcliff Center at specified times. The new approach takes the College out of the business of managing an inventory of clothing but retains the most important benefits of the program: Access to free clothing and personal attention from caring volunteers.

Under the new approach, \$50 Kohl's or other store gift cards are being purchased with funds raised from Women's Giving Circles, our annual Spaghetti Dinner and other fund-raisers. Criteria are being established for determining which students can benefit from the program. The \$50 amount was chosen because it is enough to purchase clothing suitable for the workplace. Volunteers also will be available to serve as professional shoppers.

The previous model served approximately 60 women per year during selected months when the Boutique could be staffed by volunteers. The new model will make the benefits of the Boutique accessible to both men and women year-round. Meanwhile, the clothing that had been in the Boutique inventory has been donated to Jackets for Jobs, Lighthouse and The Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan, charities that maintain active inventories of professional attire for individuals entering the job market.

We are proud to be able to retain the noble works of the Boutique in a manner that focuses on helping students in an efficient and effective manner.

Stacey Stover
Director of the Transitions Center
Schoolcraft College

Service to country

The eighth anniversary this year of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that killed thousands of American citizens was marked by a welcomed refocusing of our nation's efforts to honor and remember the tragic events of that fateful day.

Sept. 11 has been appropriately designated as Patriot Day, and this year it was also the first officially-designated National Day of Service and Remembrance. This National Day of Service and Remembrance was the cul-

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mination of a seven-year effort started by 9/11 family members and support groups to establish a service day as a way to honor the victims and heroes of that day and to rekindle the national spirit of unity and compassion that followed the attacks.

This first officially-designated Sept. 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance was marked by service projects in all 50 states, with tens of thousands of volunteers turning out in Michigan and in all 50 States to paint and refurbish homes, run food drives, spruce up schools, reclaim neighborhoods, and support and honor veterans and first responders.

President Obama, in a proclamation regarding Patriot Day and the National Day of Service and Remembrance, said "Working together, we can usher in a new era in which volunteering and more service is a way of life for all Americans. Deriving strength from tragedy, we can write the next great chapter in our nation's history and ensure that future generations continue to enjoy the promise of America."

For seven years the grief and anger of Americans over the terrorist attacks was cynically used by the Bush administration for political gain and to justify under false pretenses the invasion and occupation of a nation that had no involvement whatsoever in the attacks. For seven years the terrorist attacks were used as a phony excuse for the trampling of civil liberties and to attack the patriotism of those that dared question the misguided actions and criminal conduct of the administration. However, the era of dividing Americans for partisan purposes has thankfully ended, despite the continuing temper tantrums and juvenile behavior displayed by so-called "teabaggers" and other right-wing operatives.

Our United States Constitution begins with the words "We the People." It does not begin with "Me the Individual." There is no finer way to honor the memory of those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks than to volunteer to work in service to our nation and all 300 million her people.

Joe Golonka
Westland

Be thankful for 'teabaggers'

The only truth and knowledge that Joe Golonka knows is what he reads on all the liberal blog sites such as "The Daily Kos or The Raw Story or Firedog Lake" and he repudiates this garbage back in our local newspaper, never offering a shred of evidence to his cause. I've reads many of his articles in which he likes to used the liberal attack language and power words meant to incite and anger then states that

the Republicans are the hate-mongers. I'm sure he is cutting and pasting from the sites I mentioned above or similar ones.

The people that spoke out in outrage of Obama indoctrinating our school children did so based on the questions he sent ahead of his speech in which he asked teachers to ask students questions, such as what can I do to help the President achieve his goals? Another was, pick the most important three words the president used in his speech and tell me what you think of how they were used and what he is trying to tell us. This is what the outrage was about, not the simple speech about education, he reverted to when people spoke out against his political move to indoctrinate school kids, some of which will be voting in two or three years.

Conservatives believe in cutting taxes across the board. Conservatives believe in the power of the free market that has brought us out of every recession we've ever had no matter what the Democrats try to tell you. We want government out of private enterprises such as the banks, auto, energy and health care Industries. We believe in free speech, a free press and the right to practice whatever religion we desire. We are the keepers of the 2nd Amendment of our Constitution, we believe in self-protection.

The liberals in this country believe that they should control everything and everybody. They'd love if they could take all of our money we earn through taxation and hand it back to us as they see fit. There is other names for this type of government, you may recognize a few of them - progressive, socialist, Marxist and communist.

We have debated "actual facts" at every turn in this health care debate. The Republicans in the House have had a bill HR 3400 for quite some time but the speaker Princess Pelosi will not let them bring it to the floor, nor have they let a Republican in the room to discuss this bill or any other since April of this year.

Democrats never bring up tort reform, which is directly responsible for 50 percent of the cost increases. Democrats don't want to hear about eliminating the fraud in Medicare to the tune of \$80 billion a year, they state that they "have been fighting it for years." Really? Give me a year and I'll have it cleaned up. They don't want to fix it because that money is in their piggy bank (AKA the general fund) and we might find out where it is actually going.

They never tell you that the government started the HMOs in the 1980s and these are the companies that decided health care no longer should be a break-even investment that they should show a profit and let Wall Street invest in these companies. Every time government gets involved in a private enterprise, it costs us more money.

This current plan will create 53 new government agencies; let me say that again 53 new agencies like Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and the Post Office which already costs us trillions. Obama stated that this health care will NOT cover illegal aliens, so if that is the case, why did the Democrats defeat not one but two bills that the Republicans introduced that would guarantee that illegals would not be covered?

Joe should be damn happy that these "tea baggers" spoke up to protect their freedoms and his.

Phil Solarz
Westland

Wine and roses at Plymouth Ladies Night Out

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If you've had your eye on Kid Rock's Made in Detroit clothing line, tonight's the time to buy.

GiGi's Mode will offer 10 percent off Made in Detroit merchandise during Ladies Night Out, happening 5-10 p.m. tonight throughout the streets of downtown Plymouth.

The trendy boutique is among dozens of shops, salons and restaurants participating in the annual event presented by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

According to Teri Fry, event manager for the chamber, local businesses are planning all sorts of treats including refreshments, prizes, pampering and great prices.

At GiGi's Mode, located at 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, owner Beverly Whitby has stocked up on extra Made in Detroit merchandise, ranging from signature tees and hoodies to fitted track jackets and military-style hats. But Whitby also hopes to highlight other offerings at her store, like American-made Heart and Crown T-shirts, lightweight Raj scarves, Big Buddha handbags and knee-high scrunch boots by Naughty Monkey.

"We also have a great short suede bootie by Volatile with an open toe," Whitby said.

Around the corner at 294 S. Main St., That's Awesome will feature storewide discounts and an expanded selection of Jack-E-Ohs jewelry. The boutique, attached to Salon Awesome, also will raffle off a



GiGi's Mode will mark down Made in Detroit merchandise during Plymouth's Annual Ladies Night Out tonight.

gift basket stocked with \$200 worth of merchandise.

At Sean O'Callaghan's Public House, 821 Penniman Ave., Ladies Night Out happens to coincide with the tavern's annual Halfway to St. Patty's Day Party.

"That's automatically going to be a big party right there," said owner Kevin Khashan.

In honor of the occasion are \$5 Corned Beef Melts, \$3 whiskeys, \$4 Guinness drafts and live music by the Sean O'Reilly Band. Ladies also can take advantage of Thursday Happy Hour prices from 3 p.m. to close, including \$3 drafts, \$4 wine and half-off select appetizers like Scotch Eggs, Calamari,

Cheeseburger Sliders and Spinach Dip.

Fry said Ladies Night Out has been extremely popular the past five years and she doesn't expect the sagging economy to put a damper on attendance.

In fact, hours have been extended in anticipation of the crowds.

"It's great for the retailers. It brings lots of people into town," Fry said.

Every guest is invited to stop by the Chamber of Commerce at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, where Mr. 48170 will be passing out free roses provided by Ribar Floral.

"We expect more than 500 ladies having fun with their moms, their cousins, their daughters," Fry said.

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Borders has secured 80 copies of *The Lost Symbol*, each signed by author Dan Brown, and will place them in 80 Borders and Waldenbooks stores for lucky readers to claim in a nationwide treasure hunt. Borders will deliver clues to the locations of the books via Twitter at twitter.com/BordersMedia through Sept. 24. Each clue will direct readers to the approximate super-secret location of "The Lost Symbol Golden Ticket," hidden somewhere in the 80 stores, which readers must discover to claim their free, signed copy of *The Lost Symbol*. Headquartered in Ann Arbor, Borders Group, Inc. is a leading retailer of books, music and movies with approximately 25,000 employees. Visit www.borders.com for locations and online shopping.

Goodwill sale

Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia will host its semi-annual Goodwill Sale Sept. 16-29. Conducted by The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. and Goodwill Industries, the event invites customers to donate clean, gently

used clothing and home textiles. In exchange for every item, customers will receive one coupon for 20 percent off apparel and 15 percent off fragrances, cosmetics and home merchandise.

The sale generates millions of pounds of clothing donations sold in more than 2,300 Goodwill stores. Revenue funds job training, employment placement and other community programs for people who need it most in local communities.

Other participating Parisian stores are located at Village of Rochester Hills and The Mall at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township.

Fashion In Detroit

The Motor City will transform into Fashion City during Fashion In Detroit at the Detroit Zoo Oct. 1-2. The event features runway shows by Farmington Hills native Peter Soronen, Troy's Joe Faris of "Project Runway" fame, Betsey Johnson, Familia Couture, Kevin Christiana, Marlaina Stone, Kevan Hall, Carhartt, DivaGroove and Kid Rock's Made in Detroit. Tickets are \$75 per day. Visit www.fashionindetroit.com.

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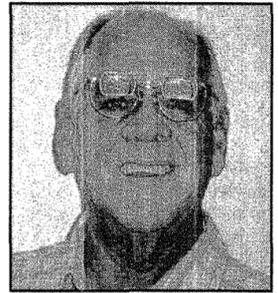
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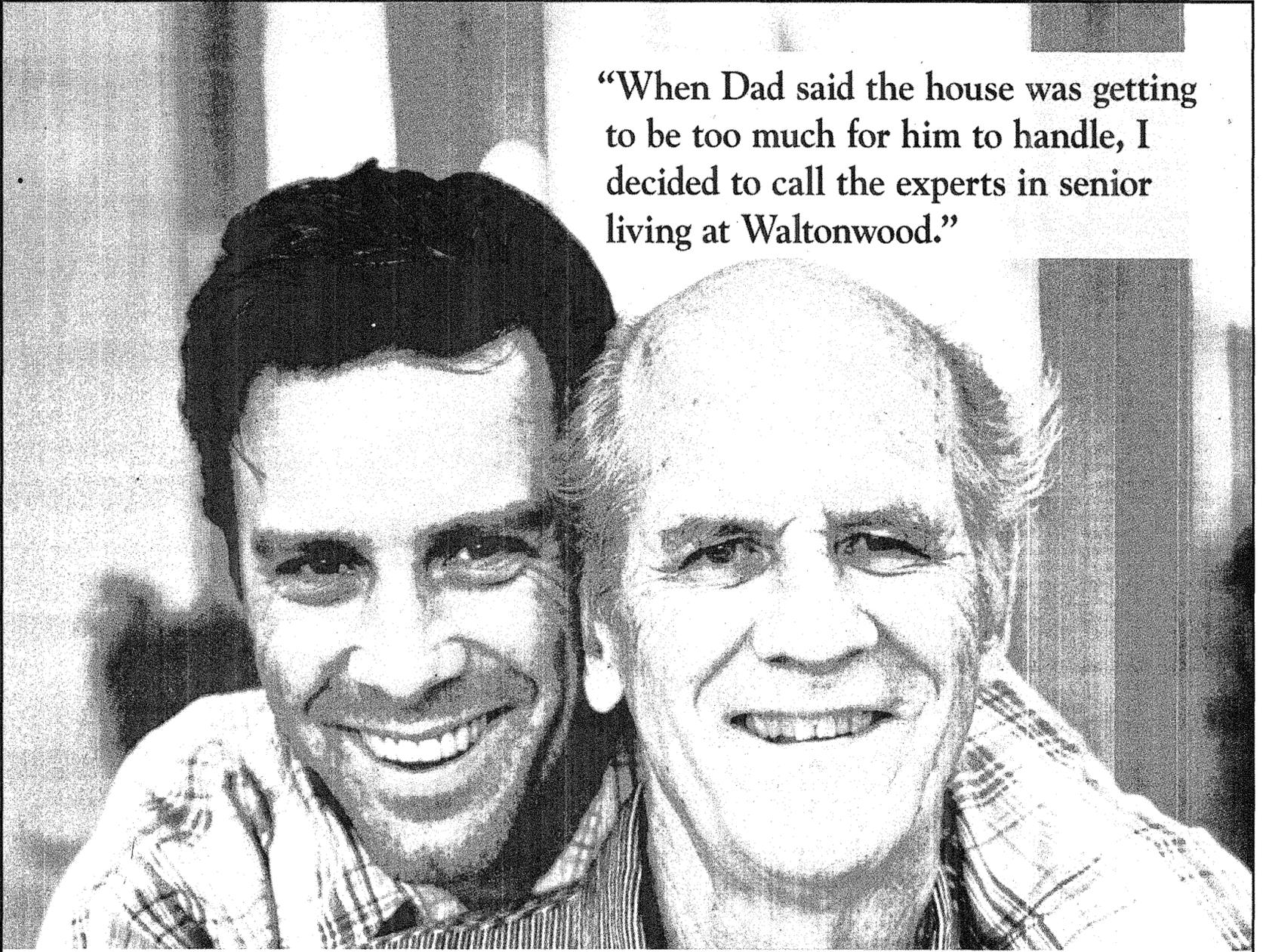
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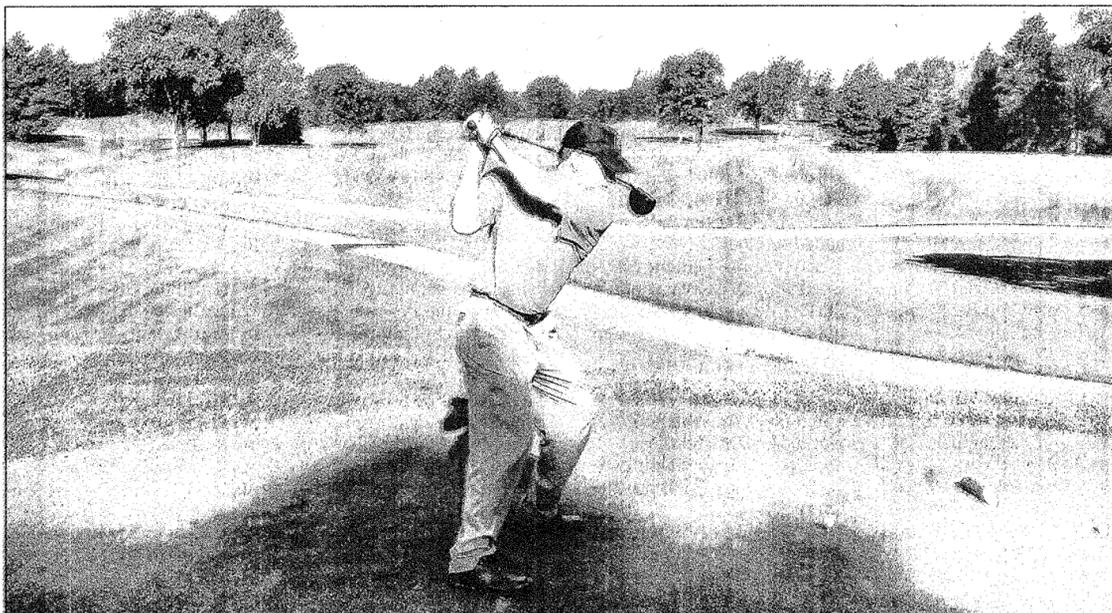
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Thomas Proben, 57, of Redford takes some swings in preparation for next month's Re/Max World Long Drive Championships to be held in Nevada. Proben will be competing for the title in the Super Senior (53 and older) Division.

Grip it and rip it

Redford's Proben aims to be hit among seniors

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Proben, who routinely flies the ball 320 yards of the tee, said will be looking for something a little extra from his specially made Geek and Bang Golf drivers.

Thomas Proben is getting better with age — better at hitting the golf ball farther. A lot farther.

Proben, part of the legendary golfing family from Redford, is about to engage in every golfer's dream — participation in a long-driving competition.

And not any long-driving competition, either. On Proben's schedule is the Re/Max World Long Driving Championships to be held Oct. 25-30 at Mesquite Regional Sports and Events Complex in Mesquite, Nev.

Proben, 57, is entered in the Super Senior (53 and older) division of the prestigious event and licking his chops at the opportunity to show the world what dedication, determination and a little God-given talent can really do. "I know I can fly the ball 320 to 325 yards on a regular basis," said Proben, who qualified for the finals last month with a superb showing in regional competition held in Conneaut Lake, Pa. "My goal in the next month is to get

it closer to 350 on the fly. I would take 340, but I'd like to get it to 350."

Proben, a graduate of Thurston High School who eventually went on to play collegiately at Eastern Michigan University, is certainly taking measures to achieve that goal as he not only has been working on technique and purchasing new equipment allowed in the championships, but he's also returned to the gym for workouts with former bodybuilder Mark Sanford to strengthen key parts of the body.

"He has a great work ethic," said Sanford, also of Redford, who competed in bodybuilding some 20 years ago. "I told him back in February when we met you have to get up in the morning and be willing to work. He showed up then and is still showing up today and working hard."

Golf has been in the Proben household for as long as Thomas can remember. He, along with his brother Bob, were introduced to all sorts of athletics at a young age by their father Eddie.

Please see **PROBEN, B3**

Orbiting: Rockets win title

Junior middle blocker Halie Baker racked up a total of 43 kills and seven blocks Saturday as Westland John Glenn ended a long volleyball tournament drought by sweeping the third annual Berkley Invitational.

The Rockets, now 9-6-1 overall, defeated KLA A Kensington Conference foe Northville in the championship match, 29-27, 25-22, after eliminating Monroe in the semifinals, 25-21, 25-22, and Warren Regina in the quarters, 25-23, 25-14.

Glenn also posted pool play wins over Regina (26-24, 25-23), Auburn Hills Avondale (25-22, 25-23) and Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart (25-13, 25-22).

"This year's credo is 'play hard, play smart, play together,'" Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "If we continue to do that, then we are going to be successful. It's nice to see that our hard work in the off-season is beginning to pay dividends."

Other offensive standouts for Glenn included Lauren Baker (22 kills) and Brittani Robinson (21 kills).

Brooke Zywick anchored the defense with 94 total digs, while Katie Down contributed 58 digs and 11 ace serves.

It was a strong performance by our team

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, B2**

SIDELINES

Bears sign Shaw

To shore up their special teams unit and linebacking corps after the loss of starting middle linebacker Brian Urlacher to a season-ending wrist injury, the NFL's Chicago Bears agreed to terms Monday on a one-year contract with free agent Tim Shaw, a former Livonia Clarenceville High and Penn State University standout.

The 6-foot-1, 236-pound Shaw, a former fifth-round pick in 2007 with the Carolina Panthers, has appeared in 17 NFL games the past two seasons, registering 17 tackles primarily as a special teams player.

Shaw was recently released by the Jacksonville Jaguars after recording nine tackles in four preseason games. He played four games last season for the Jaguars and 14 for the Panthers in 2007.

Shaw is scheduled to make his first appearance in a Bears uniform Sunday at Soldier Field against the defending Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers.

Warner leads MSU

Former Livonia Churchill High standout Shannon Warner shot an even-par 72-73-71-216 to lead host Michigan State to the Mary Fossum Invitational women's golf title held last weekend at Forest Akers' West Golf Course in East Lansing.

Warner, a sophomore and former two-time MHSSA Division 1 medalist, tied for third individually as the Spartans edged Purdue for the team title, 875-878.

Hole-in-one club

Richard Ford, 62, of Livonia, used a pitching wedge to ace the 129-yard, No. 7 hole, Sept. 10, at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

For Ford, who shot 39, it was his first hole-in-one in 48 years.

Spartan riders first

Livonia Stevenson High's equestrian team, coached by Megan Durham, captured first place among team District 1B Division schools in the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association's competition Saturday at Milford High School.

The Spartans, who compiled 116 points to beat out Holly by six spots, were led by top individual scorer senior Maria DeCapite.

Other members of the Spartans include Nicole Serafyn and Claire Beer, juniors; Brianna MacKenzie, Jessie Earnest and Erin Pauley, sophomores; and Shelby McMillan, a freshman.

The Spartans will compete again at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, and Oct. 3, at MIHA competitions in Milford.

Upstart Cougars tame Tigers, 3-0

Garden City's first-ever boys soccer encounter in the newly-formed Western Wayne Athletic Conference

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proved to be a success Monday night as the host Cougars downed previously unbeaten Belleville, 3-0.

The Cougars, now 3-2-2 overall, got what proved to be the game-winning goal in the 17th minute from Andrew Htihy from 12 yards out off an assist from senior Tyler Arban.

Garden City added two late goals with senior Simon Outlaw scoring in the 74th minute from sophomore Richard Blevins followed by Arban's unassisted goal with only one minute remaining.

Junior goalkeeper Robert Zembo made eight saves to record his second shutout.

"I thought we outplayed them possession-wise," Garden City coach Bill Torni said. "It was a physical match, tackle-to-tackle. We got the shots we wanted, but we shot a lot of them wide. They (Belleville) would counter with the long ball. They hustled."

Torni also singled out the effort of junior sweeper Justin Vincent.

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String music

Livonia Stevenson's No. 1 singles player Clayton Northey hits a forehand in Tuesday's 7-2 KLA A Central setback to Salem. The Rocks' Brett Foster came away with a 7-5, 6-3 win. See boys tennis results on page B3.

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Wildcats block Glenn in KLAA South match

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Front-court presence helped catapult host Plymouth to a 3-0 victory over Westland John Glenn in a matchup of KLAA South Division girls volleyball teams.

The Wildcats (2-0) earned hard-fought wins of 27-25, 25-23 and 25-19 largely to the work up front by senior middle blocker Kelly Smoltz (six kills) and junior outside hitters Dani Risi (14 kills) and Kayla Bridge (10 kills).

And it was Smoltz to finish the deal, with several tips, spikes and blocks to score Plymouth's final points and send the home fans home happy.

"Nothing gets past Kelly," said interim head coach Sarah Marody, filling in for Kelly McCausland (who missed the game due to a funeral). "She can pass, she can hit and she reads the court well."

Other Plymouth players to help the cause were senior setter Katie Salo (26 assists) and junior libero Mariah Tesarz (31 digs).

Marody said the 3-0 result was not indicative of how tough the Rockets (9-7-1, 0-2-0) fought.

"They have a great coach, they're well-disciplined girls and it was a competitive game," Marody said. "But our defense was outstanding, nothing hit the floor (and) they were communicating."

Glenn head coach Julian Wargo credited the Wildcats' front-row play along with his team's habit of falling behind early on in the games.

"We dug ourselves into a hole early in all three sets, falling behind as much as seven points," Wargo said. "When you spot a team like Plymouth that many points, it's hard to battle back."

Wargo noted that Smoltz, Risi and Bridge "changed how we ran our offense. We were able to close the scoring gap and nearly pulled ahead a couple of times in all three sets, but we just couldn't put the ball away when we needed to."

Glenn received strong efforts from several players including middle blocker Halie Baker (10 kills), outside hitter Brittani Robinson (seven kills) and libero Brooke Zywick (15 digs).

Contributing six assists each were setters Lauren Baker and Sarah Headrick.

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All-Livonia final: Chargers bolt past Stevenson for UM-D crown

It was an all-Livonia final in Saturday's University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational Tournament with Churchill getting the best of rival Stevenson, 27-25, 25-13.

The Chargers, now 15-2 overall, reached the championship match with victories over Detroit Renaissance (25-17, 25-14) and Dearborn Edsel Ford (25-18, 25-15).

In pool play, Churchill downed New Boston Huron (25-18, 25-13), Taylor Truman (25-11, 25-6) and Belleville (25-11, 25-14).

Setter Cory Urbats had a big day with 118 total assist-to-kills to go along with 33 digs.

Other leaders Churchill included Sarah Suppelsa (56 kills, 13 digs); Cierra Yetts (36 kills); Kristi Walker (37 digs, 12 aces); Taylor Kerr (76 digs, seven ace serves); and Erin Menard (16 kills, seven blocks).

Stevenson (8-4-1) finished runner-up posting wins over Dearborn Fordson (25-15, 25-10); Woodhaven (25-17, 25-15); New Boston Huron (25-22, 26-24) and Trenton (25-17,

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25-12). The Spartans also split with Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (22-9, 27-28).

Kelly Vellucci and Reina Tyl were Stevenson's top hitters on the day with 46 and 31 kills, respectively. Tyl also had a team-best 11 blocks and 10 aces, while Kristen Balhorn added 10 blocks.

Setter Claire LeBlanc finished with 59 assists, while Shelby Wilson had a team-high 32 digs.

Patriots reach gold

Livonia Franklin earned a first place finish in pool play at the UM-Dearborn Tournament before falling to Trenton in Gold Division, 20-25, 11-25.

The Patriots (2-4-1) opened with victories over Dearborn Edsel Ford (25-22, 25-19) and Flint Powers Catholic (25-10, 25-21), while splitting with Dearborn Heights Annapolis (24-26, 25-22).

Junior Chelsea Williams led

the Patriots with a total of 24 kills, 12 digs, nine aces and seven blocks on the day.

Other Franklin leaders included Liz Hollaway (20 kills, eight digs, six aces, five blocks); Amanda Borio (14 kills); Savannah Haig (11 blocks); Nicole Williamson (12 digs) and Kate Zurenko (12 digs).

Tuesday's roundup

Nicole Kempinski had seven ace serves, 12 digs and eight assists Tuesday as host Livonia Churchill improved to 16-2 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA South Division with a 25-11, 25-12, 25-6 win over Wayne Memorial.

Kills leaders for the Chargers included Darcy DeRoo, eight; Sarah Suppelsa, seven; Kaylie Secord and Cierra Yetts, six each.

Yetts also served eight aces, while setter Cory Urbats had 17 assists and four aces. Megan Miller contributed four digs and two aces.

Kelly Vellucci's 11 kills carried Livonia Stevenson to a 25-

16, 25-14, 25-16 win Tuesday over visiting South Lyon, the defending KLAA Central champions.

Setter Claire LeBlanc had 15 assists, while Shelby Wilson and Reina Tyl combined for 21 digs as the Spartans improved to 9-4-1 and 1-1.

Junior Leah Miller finished with nine kills Tuesday as visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran posted a 26-24, 25-18, 25-21 triumph over MIAC Blue Division foe Newport Lutheran South.

Other contributions from the Hawks, now 3-6-3 overall and 1-0 in the MIAC Blue, included senior Kelly Kubinski (five kills); sophomore Paige Schmidt (17 assists); and senior Devon Linderman (five aces, six digs).

"We started slow in the first game, but we played better in games two and three," Huron Valley co-coach Kris Ruth said. "Hopefully, we can build on this outing for next conference game (Thursday at home vs. Novi Franklin Road Christian)."

Madonna spikers roll in WHAC opener, 3-0

In a match that lasted only an hour, the Madonna University women's volleyball team opened Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play Tuesday with a convincing 25-12, 25-11, 25-15 victory at Siena Heights University.

The defending WHAC champion Crusaders, ranked No. 9 in the latest NAIA national poll, improved to 12-1 overall with the victory.

Mary McGinnis led MU's offensive attack with 11 kills, while Karie Altman and Katie Czarnecki added seven and six, respectively.

Setter Inta Grinvalds had 33 assist to kills.

The loss drops to the Saints to 2-8 overall.

3-1 at Martin Classic

Three-of-four isn't bad. That's what the Crusaders finished in last weekend's Julie Martin Memorial Classic.

MU closed out play Saturday with identical 3-0 wins at the Activities Center over the University of Windsor (25-10, 25-19, 25-14) and Shawnee State of Ohio (27-25, 25-23, 25-23).

Three Crusaders notched double-digits in kills against Windsor (0-4) including Anastasija Seremetjev (12), McGinnis (11) and Anastasija Baranovska (10).

Grinvalds had 42 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Koszela added 10 digs for the Crusaders (11-1).

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Both Koszela and McGinnis were named to the All-Tournament team.

Against Shawnee State (5-2), Livonia Franklin's Liz Dempsey had a team-high 14 kills, while McGinnis and Altman added 13 and 10, respectively.

Grinvalds dished out 44 assists, while Koszela had 14 digs.

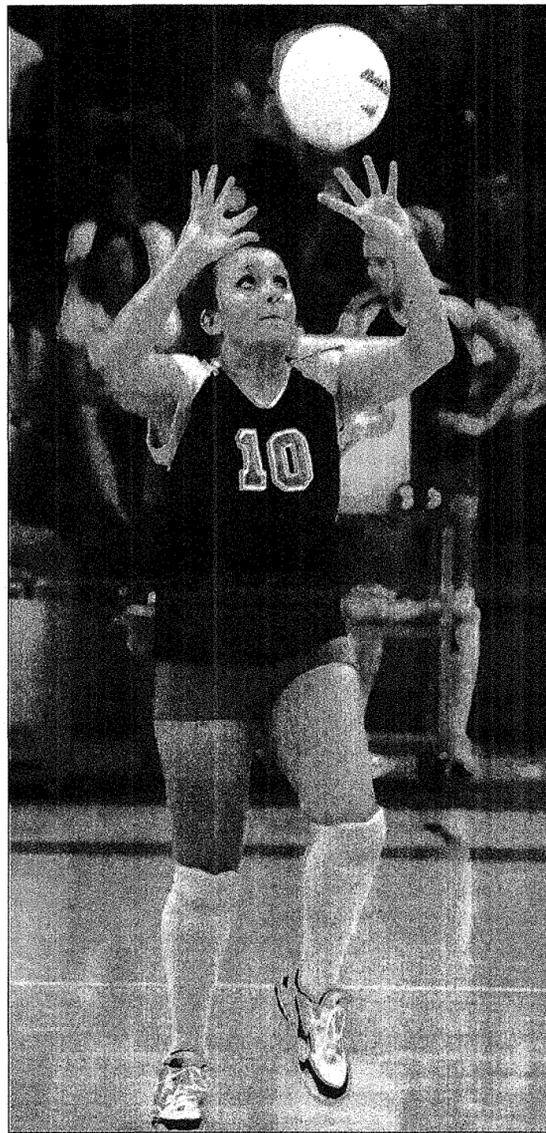
The feature match was Friday night as Brazilian Arlene Ferreira, a transfer from National American University (N.D.), registered 22 kills as University of Texas at Brownsville handed MU a 25-21, 22-25, 25-16, 25-19 setback in a battle of NAIA nationally-ranked teams.

UT-Brownsville, ranked No. 26 in the NAIA National coaches poll, won all four matches in the Martin Classic to improve to 10-1 overall.

The Skorpios also got 14 kills from Valquiria Caboco (San Paulo, Brazil) and 11 kills from Judith Boel (Almen, the Netherlands).

Setter Dainarah Bracero (Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico) dished out 51 assist-to-kills, while Anayeli Trevino finished with a game-high 17 digs.

Dempsey and Altman each had 12 kills for the ninth-ranked Crusaders, while McGinnis added 11. Grinvalds finished with 35 assists and 12 digs, while Koszela had a team-high 13 digs.



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Rachael Kapchus and Livonia Franklin faced Canton in girls volleyball action Tuesday.

Canton's Kielty kills Pats in division matchup

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As usual, 5-foot, 10-inch outside hitter Jordan Kielty was the go-to person for Canton in Tuesday's girls volleyball match against Livonia Franklin.

The senior co-captain came through with four-point service runs at the end of both the second and third games and put the icing on the cake as the host Chiefs earned convincing 25-9, 25-15 and 25-15 wins to take the KLAA South Division contest.

But Kielty came up big across the board. She wound up with nine kills along with 10 assists and four aces as Canton improved to 2-0 overall and in the South. Franklin drops to 2-5-2 and 0-2.

"Jordan Kielty again had the most kills, she is our strongest player and best leader," said Canton head coach Mary Kryska. "She is a person I'll never take out of the game, because even when you put in all your subs like today, you still need that backbone that keeps everybody together."

"And that is pretty much Jordan, so everyone looks to her all the time."

Kielty had a solid supporting cast, too. Canton also featured strong production at the stripe from senior outside hitter Torry Riley and senior middle hitter Allison Trapp (five aces each).

Senior defensive specialist Lauren Masuga, like Riley, also

served well and also collected 11 defensive digs to lead in that category.

Other players sparking the victory for the Chiefs included sophomore outside hitter Kristen Muer (six kills, nine digs) and senior setter Traci Breitmeyer (seven digs, 10 assists).

"It (strong serving) keeps them anticipating every single time," Kryska explained. "It keeps us aggressive and keeps our momentum going."

She hopes that will again be the case on Thursday, Sept. 24 when the Chiefs visit division rival Livonia Churchill in a match that could determine which team gains an upper hand in the division.

Meanwhile, the Chiefs long serving stints all night kept the Patriots on their collective heels, said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez.

"When they served it to us, we couldn't receive (well)," she said. "We couldn't pass the ball to get our offense going. But when they serve that many serves in a row consistently, I give a lot of credit to (Canton's) servers."

Franklin's top performers for the night included seniors Liz Hollaway (four blocks, three aces, five digs); Savannah Haig (four blocks); and sophomore Nicole Williamson (six digs).

"I thought we blocked well," added Jimenez, looking for positives to build on.

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VOLLEYBALL

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today," Wargo said. "It was a very competitive field with Northville and (Pontiac) Notre Dame Prep both receiving high seeds in the championship round. We had to overcome some shaky serving early in the day and really step up our defensive passing in the afternoon. I know that our physical size isn't going to blow our opponents away, but you can't underestimate the size of our hearts and our

desire to win."

Warriors fall in finals

Lutheran High Westland made it all the way to the finals Saturday of the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran Tournament before Plymouth Christian Academy came away with a 19-25, 25-22, 15-9 triumph.

The Warriors reached the championship match with a 25-14, 25-19 semifinal win over Livonia Clarenceville after beating Novi Franklin Road in the quarterfinals, 25-18, 25-8.

In pool play, Lutheran

Westland downed Huron Valley (25-18, 25-18), Franklin Road (25-7, 25-14) and Clarenceville (25-14, 25-15).

"Overall, a good day," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team is 9-3-1 overall. "We are obviously disappointed to lose in the finals. We committed too many errors late in set three that PCA was able to capitalize on. They are a good team and against good teams you can't give them free points, so that is something we want to work on."

Kills leaders for the Warriors included Emilie

Freeman (38) and Rachel Storck (33). Storck also had 12 blocks, including eight solo, while Freeman had six solo and four assist-blocks.

Setter Lauren Switzer finished with 85 assist-to-kills, while digs leaders included Nicole Zehel (36), Storck (28) and Taylor Wiemer (26).

Zehel also finished with 14 aces, while Freeman added 12.

"We did go 5-1 on the day and made the finals of a tournament, so we can be happy with that and build off of the good things we did as we move on this season," Wade said.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 18
Divine Child at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Annapolis at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Redford Union vs. Robichaud at Hilbert (Kraft Field), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 19
Lutheran N'west at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 17
S'field Christian at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Clawson, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Warren Regina, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 19
Clawson Tournament, 8 a.m.

Flushing Tournament, 8 a.m.
UM-Dearborn Invitational, 8 a.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 17
John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Wash. Christian, 5 p.m.
Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18
Garden City at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at A.P. Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Country Day, 7 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 17
Clarenceville at Country Day, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18
MSU Spartan Invitational, TBA.
Saturday, Sept. 19
DeLaSalle Inv. at Stoney Creek Park, 9 a.m.
New Boston Huron Invitational

at Willow Metropark, 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Sept. 17
Redford Union at Fordson, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Edsel Ford, 6 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, Sept. 17
Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Thurston vs. Garden City at Beech Woods (S'field), 3 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 19
Grosse Ile Invitational, 3 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, Sept. 17
Franklin at Pinckney, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 19

Monroe Quad Invitational, 8 a.m.
Adrian Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Friday, Sept. 18
Ladywood at Mercy, 4:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 17
Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Henry Ford CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18
UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Lakeland (Ohio), TBA.
Saturday, Sept. 19
Schoolcraft at Lakeland (Ohio), TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 19
Schoolcraft at Owens CC (Ohio), 1 p.m.
Madonna at Siena Heights, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 19
Madonna at Siena Heights, noon.
TBA - time to be announced.

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Bloomfield Hills Lahser (1-2, 1-1) at North Farmington (1-2, 1-2), 7 p.m. Farmington (1-2, 1-2) at Rochester (1-2, 1-2), 7 p.m. Birmingham Seaholm (0-3, 0-2) at Farmington Harrison (3-0, 2-0), 7 p.m.	Lahser Rochester Harrison	Lahser Farmington Harrison	Lahser Rochester Harrison	Lahser Farmington Harrison
Friday, Sept. 18 Dearborn Heights Robichaud (1-2, 0-1) at Redford Union (1-2, 1-0), 7 p.m. Garden City (0-3, 0-1) at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (1-2, 1-1), 7 p.m. Dearborn Divine Child (3-0, 0-0) at Livonia Clarenceville (1-2, 1-1), 7 p.m. Dearborn Heights Annapolis (3-0, 1-0) at Redford Thurston (2-1, 1-0), 7 p.m. Plymouth Salem (0-3, 0-1) at Novi (1-2, 1-0), 7 p.m. Westland John Glenn (3-0, 1-0) at Plymouth Canton (3-0, 1-0), 7 p.m. Plymouth (2-1, 0-1) at Wayne (2-1, 0-1), 7 p.m. Livonia Stevenson (1-2, 1-0) at South Lyon (0-3, 0-1), 7 p.m. Livonia Franklin (2-1, 1-0) at Livonia Churchill (1-2, 0-1), 7 p.m.	Union Garden City Divine Child Thurston Novi Canton Plymouth Stevenson Franklin	Union Crestwood Divine Child Thurston Novi Canton Plymouth Stevenson Franklin	Union Crestwood Divine Child Thurston Novi Canton Plymouth Stevenson Franklin	Union Crestwood Divine Child Thurston Novi John Glenn Wayne Stevenson Franklin
Saturday, Sept. 19 Rochester Hills Lutheran N West (2-1, 1-0) at Lutheran Westland (0-3, 0-1), 1 p.m.	Northwest	Northwest	Northwest	Northwest
Last week	9-2 (.818)	9-2 (.818)	5-6 (.455)	11-0 (1.000)
Overall	28-13 (.683)	29-12 (.707)	23-18 (.561)	33-8 (.805)

PROBEN

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Proben, a graduate of Redford Thurston High School, feels his spot in the long drive championships is like a new lease on golf.

"Our dad taught us all the sports," Thomas said. "I started out playing baseball, then ice hockey, went to speedskating and even played football. My first love was baseball, then it turned to golf once I started caddying (age 14) at Western (Golf and Country Club)."

Proben joined the golf team at Thurston and went on to do the same with the Hurons of EMU. While at EMU, he took part in a pair of long-driving championships involving Mid-American Conference players. He won it twice.

"I've always been able to hit it a long way," Proben said. "Sure I had aspirations of being a touring pro, but I just wasn't good enough. Believe me, if I was good enough, I would have been there."

Missing out on playing professionally — unlike Bob, who enjoyed a stint on the PGA Tour beginning in the late 1970s — didn't mean Thomas missed out on playing the game altogether. His background in the sport enabled him to come across many great talents, including legendary golfer Henry Picard, who brought home two major championships (Masters, PGA) in the 1930s.

Proben heard about Picard from other club pros and decided to pay a visit to him in the mid-1970s. What he heard and what he observed through that visit has been instrumental in Proben's development as a bomber off the tee.

"I saw him hit the ball when he was in his 70s and, oh my, what a beautiful swing," Proben said. "He was a big influence. Without him, I wouldn't be able to hit the ball as far as I do today."

"The biggest thing I learned from him was the grip," Proben added. "I have the original interlocking grip which has the thumb off (the shaft). That gives me a little more length on my backswing, which creates more clubhead speed. If people can turn their shoulders — take the club back farther winding up — they can hit the ball farther. It's all turn and flexibility."

AND EQUIPMENT

Proben latched on with two well-known club makers with a history of producing long-driving champions — Geek and Bang — and has noticed quite a difference in distance.

Proben said he had been hitting his old Callaway Warbird (20-year-old driver) close to

300 yards and then pounded the golf ball nearly 30 yards farther the first few times he tested Geek (6-degree loft) and Bang (7.5-degree) equipment.

"Going from a 44-inch driver to 50 is a big adjustment," Proben said. "I know I'm still not at my peak. I'm still not in that strong hitting position yet. And once I get there, I don't care what happens because I will be happy I made it to the world championships."

"All of this is like a second chance with golf," added Proben, who has his heels dug firmly back into the sport as this summer he found himself employed as a greenskeeper at Oakland Hills Country Club. "It's a whole new ballpark with the long-driving competition because I've found a whole group of people who help each other with swings and equipment. It's a big fraternity out here."

"When you go through life and you have some ups and downs and curveballs thrown your way, you start going back to what was a happy moment. We'll, a happy moment was when I was caddying and around golfers. Maybe that's what brought me here. You know God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble, so here I am eating humble pie and I'm happy. Believe me, this is a great experience for me and maybe working on this championship course will rub off on me."

Proben has all of his friends and family members behind him in his quest to bring home a world title, but he says there is one thing missing on his resume — a nickname.

"I've had some of the people here (Oakland Hills) say we're going to call you Thomas 'Mow-green' Proben or Thomas 'Bunker-buster' Proben," he said. "They both sound good, but I don't know. Maybe we should have the readers come up with something more special."

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Hat trick carries Spartans, 5-0

Alex Vrsovski's hat trick enabled Livonia Stevenson to post its first KLA Central Division boys soccer win of the season Tuesday night at home against South Lyon, 5-0.

Stevenson, now 2-3-1 overall and 1-1-1 in the division, also got goals from Camden Iwasko and Nick Degillio.

Chase Matson chipped in with two assist, while Brendan Mulcahy added one for the Spartans, who led 3-0 at halftime.

"I was just happy we were able to finish some of our chances tonight," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "We worked hard again tonight. We were pretty good at creating a number of chances and we scored some quality goals. I'm pleased with that."

Goalkeepers Donald

BOYS SOCCER

Grandahl (first half) and Conner Burton (second half) combined for the shut-out.

The loss drops to the Lions to 3-5-2 overall and 0-2-1 in the KLA Central.

CHURCHILL 8, WAYNE 0: It was over at halftime as Livonia Churchill (8-0-1, 2-0-1) rolled to a KLA South Division mercy-rule win Tuesday afternoon at Wayne Memorial (0-6, 0-3).

Tim Devine scored twice for the Chargers, ranked No. 4 in the latest Division 1 statewide coaches poll.

Both Max Washko and Tyler Varney each contributed a goal and assist for Churchill. Adam Bedell, Ian Guerin, Jeff Thomas and Joel Mancewicz added the other goals, while Erik Bird chipped in with two assists.

Brian Bartig played the first half in goal for the Chargers and earned the shutout.

Wayne's top performers included Ryan Raymor and Kevin Glass.

PLYMOUTH 6, JOHN GLENN 0: In KLA South Division encounter Tuesday, the host Wildcats (4-3-1, 2-0-1) jumped out to a 4-0 halftime lead in the victory over Westland John Glenn (2-5, 1-2).

"It's the best game we've ever played, but we don't believe we can score," Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada said. "We attack, attack and miss. I don't know if we're scared when we play these teams."

Mortada singled out the play of senior midfielder Nelson Kenne, who was often triple-teamed.

"He played good," Mortada said. "All my boys played good."

CANTON 7, FRANKLIN 0: Sophomore goaltender Ryan Tikey made 15 saves Tuesday as Livonia Franklin (0-6, 0-3) averted the mercy against the host Chiefs (6-2-2, 3-0) in a KLA South Division matchup.

Connor Ferguson and Mitch Posuniak each scored two goals for Canton.

"We had some good moments," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos

said. "We had some ball movement and some opportunities on net. We just have to play with consistency. We need to play a full game."

In addition to Tikey, other Franklin standouts included junior defender Dillon DeBeliso and sophomore stopper-midfielder Fred Shatara.

CHURCHILL 3, FARMINGTON 1: Livonia Churchill (7-0-1), ranked No. 4 in Division 1, erupted for three second-half goals Saturday to subdue the host Falcons (5-5) in a non-league encounter.

Senior Max Washko tallied the first and third goals for the Chargers. Tim Devine assisted on the first, while Jacob Kobylarz assisted on the second.

Stephen Foster's goal from Ian Guerin gave the Chargers a 2-0 lead.

Farmington scored with a minute left to spoil the shutout bid.

"We played an uninspiring first half and didn't accomplish anything we wanted to do," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We played a good second half and came out real hard."

Austin saves day for Crusaders

Jessica Austin scored both goals, including the game-winner in the 107th minute, to give the Madonna University women's soccer team a 2-1 double overtime win Saturday over visiting Spring Arbor University at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

With the non-conference win, MU improves to 2-4 overall.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Austin, who hails from Livonia Franklin, scored in the 29th minute off an assist from Rachel Thompson to make it 1-0 for the Crusaders. Spring Arbor (2-4-1) tied it in the 61st minute on a goal by Jales DeBiasi.

MU goalkeeper Brittany

Warner made 10 saves, while Spring Arbor's Flo Atar, who came on for starter Christina Riske in the 46th minute, had four stops.

MU men falter, 3-1

Pat McGrath scored a pair of goals, while A.J. Mueller added a goal and assist Saturday as host Ohio Dominican pinned a 3-1

non-conference loss on the Madonna University men's soccer team.

Daniel Amaya scored unassisted in the 21st minute, but the Panthers answered with three second-half goals to improve to 4-1 overall. Justin Wheeler also assisted on a pair of goals.

MU, which dropped its third straight, falls to 0-3-1 overall.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 7, LIVONIA STEVENSON 2
Sept. 15 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Brett Foster (Salem) defeated Clayton Northey, 7-5, 6-3; No. 2: Jacob Scott (Salem) def. Josh Rochette, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Dion Walker (Salem) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-3, 7-5; No. 4: Vince Sabatini (S) def. John Kang, 6-3, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Brock Foster-Josh Perrin (Salem) def. Josh York-Paul Franchina, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Mike Kuum Andy Steinman (Salem) def. Paul VanGilder-Kyle Fan, 6-4, 6-2; No. 3: Kaeman Holman Rayos-Marcus McCalhany (LS) def. Cody Hazen-Alex Zullowski, 7-5, 5-7, 12-10 (super tiebreaker); No. 4: Zenik Pelekh-Greg Siewski (Salem) def. Lukis Rudis-Jeff Sondergaard, 6-2, 6-0; No. 5: Tyler Foley-Elliott Stout (Salem) def. Sean Wallace-Jacob Ratliff, 7-6, 7-5.
Stevenson's dual match record: 4-3 overall, 2-3 KLA Central Division.

PLYMOUTH 9
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
Sept. 15 at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Zach Ernat, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Matt Dwan (P) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Andy Mitchell (P) def. Tommy Ruark, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Pat Bailey (P) def. Andrew McGrath, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Grant Senkbiel-John

Lopus (P) def. Mitch Dean-Khari Stargell, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Drew Leist-Ian Flemming (P) def. Carlo Tejada-Nick Stone, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: John Heize-David Choos (P) def. Conner Monroe-Wayne Woodard, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Cameron Earls-Akash Yerukola (P) def. Shane Wiewert-Jacob Toarmina, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; No. 5: Kyle Brzezinski-Kyle Yergenson (P) def. Ion Villaroman-Josh Wakeford, 6-0, 6-1.
Glenn's dual match record: 2-7 overall, 2-4 KLA South Division.

GARDEN CITY 6
DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD 2
Sept. 14 at Crestwood
No. 1 singles: Tim Tiberia (DHC) defeated Ken Shnerpunas, 6-0, 6-3; No. 2: Shane Mitchell (GC) def. Bobby Herrick, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5; No. 3: Tommy Gniwek (DHC) def. Brandon Kennedy, 6-0, 7-5; No. 4: Connor Biers (GC) def. Mo Ghazale, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Nate Kalinowski-Zack Vera-Burgos (GC) def. Dom Democco-Vince Democco, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Kirk Barikmo-Matt Wright (GC) def. T.J. Lynch-Mike Bourdage, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Eric Mays-Drew Bonello (GC) def. Ricky Gonzales-Matt Fix, 2-6, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Chris Castenada-Nabil Safah (GC) def. Adhem Elbezza-Paul Rodriguez, 6-4, 6-1.
GC's overall dual meet record: 3-1-1.
NOVI 9, LIVONIA STEVENSON 0

Sept. 14 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Carson Crandell (N) defeated Clayton Northey, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Peter Zhang (N) def. Josh Rochette, 6-0, 6-3; No. 3: Pavan Ray (N) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-4, 6-0; No. 4: Alex Brizard (N) def. Vince Sabatini, 7-5, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Nathan Farooq-Greg Richard (N) def. Josh York-Paul Franchina, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Jason Carlless-Kyle McGuire (N) def. Paul VanGilder-Stimjae Holman Rayos, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Chaitanya Kanitkar-Vishnu Venuogopal (N) def. Kenny Nikkila-Kaeman Holman Rayos, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Bill Bell-Andrew Cho (N) def. Lukis Rudis-Jeff Sondergaard, 6-0, 6-1; No. 5: Ani Ravi-Zhao Wang (N) def. Sean Wallace-Jacob Ratliff, 6-0, 6-1.
Stevenson's dual match record: 4-2 overall, 2-2 KLA Central Division.

FARMINGTON 8
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 1
Sept. 14 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Brent Roberts (F) defeated Matt Cezat, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Ziwen Deng (LC) def. Prashanth Viswanathan, 7-6 (7-1), 6-2; No. 3: Koushik Yadati (F) def. Mike Houghan, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Tae-Hyung Kang (F) def. Vishal Joshi, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Lokesh Pagadala-Joey Amis (F) def. Rushi Patel-Joseph Mulka, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Subhag Edupuganti-Akilesh

Sivalumar (F) def. Fred Beshara-Alex Zuccarini, 7-6 (7-2), 6-1; No. 3: Akhil Gupta-Ashish Kumar (F) def. Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg, 7-6 (7-1), 7-6 (7-1); No. 4: Joe Zimmer-Andy Greig (F) def. Mikey Inglis-Kyle Appel, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Rohit Bhandange-Kassish Kanumust (F) def. Tejas Soni-Mayuresh Iyer, 6-3, 6-4.
Churchill's dual match record: 3-4 overall.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 9
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
Sept. 11 at W.L. Western
No. 1 singles: Krishana Mahajan (WLW) defeated Zach Ernat, 6-4, 6-7 (1-7), 6-1; No. 2: Dan Wang (WLW) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Andrew Zuscia (WLW) def. Nick Stone, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Josh Sperling (WLW) def. Andrew McGrath, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Michi Watanabe-Seth Goldmar (WLW) def. Mitch Dean-Tommy Ruark, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: Ajay Gokhale-Josh Bez (WLW) def. Wayne Woodard-Khari Stargell, 6-4, 6-2; No. 3: Matt Hart-Scott Klein (WLW) def. Conner Monroe-Joey Wakeford, 6-0, 6-4; No. 4: Jake Rosenberg-Andrew Lieberman (WLW) def. Josh Wakeford-Ion Villaroman, 6-1, 6-0; No. 5: Andy Carlson-Mark Zuschlag (WLW) def. Shane Wiewert-Ainsworth Orr, 6-0, 6-2.
Glenn's dual match record: 2-6 overall, 2-3 KLA South Division.

SOCCER

FROM PAGE B1

"He did a good job," said the GC coach.

The loss drops Belleville to 6-1 overall.

CLARENCEVILLE 1, SKYLINE 0: Senior midfielder Phil Strachan's unassisted goal, his fourth of the season, carried Livonia Clarenceville (4-2-1) to the non-conference win Tuesday at Ann Arbor Skyline.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Mike Schiffman, getting help from senior sweeper Gavin King, made 10 saves to notch the shutout.

ROEPEL 3, LUTH. WESTLAND 0: Werner Roennecki tallied two goals and one assist Tuesday as Birmingham Roeper (3-3, 2-2) earned the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division triumph

over host Lutheran High Westland (1-3-2, 0-3-2).

Senior midfielder Carter Sims added the other goal for the Roughriders, who led 3-0 at intermission.

"We just have to keep people off the board and find a way to get one goal," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said.

OAK. CHRISTIAN 1, LUTH. WESTLAND 0
(OT): Overtime was unkind Saturday to Lutheran High Westland (1-2-2, 0-2-1) as the Warriors fell to host Auburn Hills Oakland Christian in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division match.

Dylan Anderson's goal in the 90th minute proved to be the difference for the Cougars, the defending Division 4 state champions and ranked No. 4 in latest statewide coaches poll.

It was the third straight overtime game of the week for the Warriors, who got a sterling performance in goal from Nick Andrzejewski.

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GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 212
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 222
Sept. 14 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scorers: Jordyn Shepler, 48 (medalist); Stephanie Panaretos, 50; Jackie Burdette, 53; Shelby Longworth, 61; Maggie McGowan, 64; Margo McClain, 68.
Glenn scorers: Heidi Irvine, 49; Michelle Bishop, 53; Samie Baker, 55; Justin Woodard, 65; Megan Bache, 67.
Dual match records: Churchill, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLA South Division; John Glenn, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLA South.
SOUTH LYON EAST 212
LIVONIA STEVENSON 239
Sept. 14 at Fox Creek
S.L. East scorers: Elena Moore, 48 (medalist); Brenna Bush and Stephanie Carson, 54 each; Taylor Jones, 56.
Stevenson scorers: Sarah King and Brynn Cavanaugh, 59 each; Chelsea Phillips, 60; Andrea Burford, 61.
Dual match records: S.L. East, 2-2 KLA Central; Stevenson, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLA Central.
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 188
CANTON 225

Sept. 11 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scorers: Jackie Burdette, 41 (medalist); Jordyn Shepler, 44; Stephanie Panaretos, 50; Shelby Longworth, 53; Maggie McGowan, 56; Margo McClain, 70.
Canton scorers: Mary Elizabeth Winther, 52; Erin Lixie and Paige Osler, 56 each; Kayla Lagola, 61; Megan Baumgart, 67; Kayire Lobb, 69.
Churchill's dual match record: 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLA South Division.
PLYMOUTH 185
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 209
Sept. 11 at Idyl Wyld
Plymouth scorers: Kelsey Murphy, 42 (medalist); Sarah Thompson, 44; Chloe Marentic, 49; Maggie Furlong, 50; Mandy Kirsch, 51; Christy Pattison, 60.
Franklin scorers: Alexis Smith, 47; Georgia Patrick, 52; Mackenzie Meyers, 54; Mariah Barcus and Lauren Beahon, 56; Haley Szpara, 57.
Franklin's dual match record: 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLA South Division.
COLLEGE MEN'S GOLF RESULTS
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ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
JAMBOREE NO. 3

Sept. 12 at Lenawee C.C. (Adrian)
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Cornerstone, 291 strokes; 2. (tie) Madonna and Davenport, 292 each; 4. Indiana Tech, 300; 5. Aquinas, 307; 6. Siena Heights, 317; 7. Concordia, 328.
Co-individual medalists: Tommy Lucko (Madonna) and Ryan Zwiier (Cornerstone), even-par 71 each.
Other Madonna finishers: 7. (tie) Nick Sears and Jimmy Uelman, 73 each; 16. (tie) Kyle Lawrey, Brett Quitiquit and Steve South, 75 each.
WHAC JAMBOREE NO. 2
Sept. 11 at Noble Hawk G.C. (Kendallville, Ind.)
TEAM STANDINGS: Cornerstone, 285; 2. Madonna, 286; 3. Davenport, 290; 4. Indiana Tech, 303; 5. Aquinas, 322; 6. Siena Heights, 329; 7. Concordia, 344.
Individual co-medalists: Jimmy Uelman (Madonna) and Chet Vandenberg (Cornerstone), 2-under 69 each.
Other Madonna finishers: 3. (tie) Nick Sears, 70; 11. (tie) Steve South, 73; 13. Kyle Lawrey, 74; 15. (tie) Brett Quitiquit, 77; 17. (tie) Tommy Lucko, 79.

Spartans hire Knoph as new varsity coach

BY BRAD EMONS
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Knoph hasn't coached on the high school level for nine years, but that doesn't mean she's been away from the game.

Knoph was recently named the varsity girls basketball coach at Livonia Stevenson High. She replaces Paul Tripp, who resigned in August after one season because of personal reasons.

GIRLS HOOPS

"Jennifer will bring knowledge, a strong work ethic and great passion to our girls basketball program," Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said. "She is a strong leader and I believe our program is in very good hands."

Knoph, an English teacher for the past 13 years at Stevenson, spent two seasons as the Spartans JV coach under Wayne Henry before stepping down to start a family. She also spent a year as the Spartans' varsity softball coach.

"When I had my fourth child I stopped coaching," Knoph said. "But I did coach basketball and softball in CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). My kids are older and into their own athletics, so I felt it was time to get back into it."

Knoph played basketball at Dearborn Divine Child High where she helped the Falcons to a state Class B championship in 1989. She is a graduate of Madonna University where she played two seasons of softball.

Knoph will be the Spartans' fourth varsity girls hoop coach in four years.

Stevenson finished 7-14 last season and lost its leading scorer Kaylee McGrath to graduation.

"I felt the need to be involved with the girls and bring some stability, especially since I'll be in the building," Knoph said. "We're young, but we've got so much talent. Once we get the girls to buy in and believe, we'll build a family-type atmosphere. I think we have some good leaders that we can develop. And if I can put them in the right position, they'll rise to the challenge."

Official preseason practice begins Nov. 9.

"I'm excited, I can't wait to get started," Knoph said. "And if I do a good job, I hope to be around a long time."

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TEE TIME *Your local golf guide*

The GAM Marker: What does it mean to a golfer?

By Jim Evanoff

A Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) Marker signifies that a course has official United States Golf Association (USGA) course ratings and slopes and has been measured accurately, all completed by your state golf association. For many golfers, the terms, "course rating," and "slope," shown on golf course scorecards are mysteries.

Golfers want to know what the terms mean and why they are important to the golfing experience. In order to answer these questions, the objectives of the USGA, the developer of the rating system, and of GAM, licensed by the USGA to determine the ratings of Michigan courses, must be understood.

In a nutshell, the rating and slope values result in a USGA handicap system intended to make golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. The system provides a fair, course-handicap for players, regardless of ability and can be adjusted

as a player's skill level changes. Golf course rating is a complex process based upon data gathered by the USGA while observing real golfers on real courses and is periodically revised as new data is obtained. More than 100 authorized golf associations and several-thousand golf clubs utilize the system. Courses must be re-rated at least every 10 years, or after significant course changes, to maintain a certified USGA rating.

The two basic premises that underline the system are that players will try to make the best scores at every hole in accordance with USGA's Rules of Golf and will post every acceptable round score on all courses that have been rated in accordance with USGA's procedures.

The goal is for the golfer to obtain a USGA Handicap Index, which compares any golfer's scoring ability to that of a scratch golfer on a course of standard difficulty, defined by the USGA as having a Slope Rating of 113. The index is portable from course to course. The golfer can convert this index to a specific course handicap

based on the USGA Slope Rating Chart. The USGA course rating represents the course's playing difficulty for a scratch player under normal playing conditions and is based on hole yardage and course obstacles that affect scoring ability. The Slope Rating is an indicator of the relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch golfers. Courses are rated from each set of tees for both scratch and bogey golfers and the number of handicap strokes received in a match is determined from the slope rating.

At this point, a few more USGA definitions are required before briefly describing the rating procedure.

A "scratch" golfer can play to a course handicap of zero on any USGA rated course. A male scratch golfer, for rating purposes, can hit tee shots 250 yards and reach 470-yard holes in two shots. A female scratch golfer hits tee shots an average of 210 yards and can reach 400-yard holes in two shots. A male "bogey" golfer has a course handicap of approximately 20 on a course of standard difficulty (Slope of

113), can hit tee shots an average of 200 yards and reach a 370-yard hole in two shots at sea level. A female bogey golfer has a handicap of approximately 24, can hit tee shots on average of 150 yards and reach a 280-yard hole in two shots.

These scratch and bogey yardage capabilities are important since the GAM rating teams evaluate the effects of golf course obstacles in proximity to the shot landing areas. The obstacles include landing area topography, fairway widths, green target size and surface, recoverability and rough, bunkers, out of bounds/extreme rough, water hazards, trees and psychological shot effects. Factors such as roll on soft or hard fairways, tee pad elevation, doglegs and prevailing winds can also affect the actual course playing length. When the rating process has been completed, the obstacle values, which are on a 0 to 10 scale of difficulty, are totaled and multiplied by relative weight factors and converted to strokes that affect the final USGA Course Rating and Slope.

Obtaining accurate USGA course yardages is the first and key step in the above process. Each hole must be measured from all tee positions as defined by USGA procedures. Measurements are made from permanently placed GAM markers to the center of the green, utilizing electronic measuring devices. Measurements are made along the male scratch golfer's line of play as intended and designed by the course architect.

Hopefully this description of the rating process clears up some of mystery and results in increased enjoyment of the game for golfers of all abilities.

Full details on Course Rating are contained in the "USGA Course Rating System Guide" and "The USGA Course Rating System," available only to authorized golf associations, such as the Golf Association of Michigan.

Jim Evanoff is the GAM Chairman of the Course Rating Department.

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Observer: What makes your business unique?

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Observer: How did you decide to open your first business?

After losing my job in March, I decided to spend the summer at home with my children. I had time to do my own little projects around my house and realized how much I truly loved organizing and being organized. My home ran efficiently and I saved my family time and money. We spent our summer hiking, camping, and enjoyed the lakes.

I realized after talking to people, how much of a need there was for this sort of service. With families with two working parents, it is difficult to manage time efficiently without life systems in place. With baby



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boomers left with an empty nest and just too much stuff, they just don't know where to start to downsize and streamline their lives.

I had always wanted to start my own company and just did not know which direction to take. All of the pieces just fell into place after that and an idea

was born. Once I made the decision, I began researching the market and reading every book I could on the subject. I did some volunteer work to gain experience, and Simple Spirit was off and running. I have been really enjoying myself since then.

How did you decide to locate in the Westland community?
 I live in Westland. Westland really is "The All American City." I have been here for two years, and my husband and I have just purchased a new house within the community. It is a great place for family, fun, and general "togetherness." I feel Simple Spirit can flourish in the environment that Westland offers. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

In this business, each situation is unique. Every client is different, with different needs and goals. One thing that stays the same is the trip down memory lane. During the sorting process, clients come across all kinds of little mementos of their past. There is always a funny little story or anecdote to share about this trinket or that one. Memories from some old stationary from your childhood. I think that might be one of my favorite parts of the job.

Fiscal responsibility good for economy

Since the economic crisis last year, the amount of personal debt Americans are taking on has dramatically reduced. In other words, people are not using their charge cards like they used to. In fact, over the last year, the savings rate in the United States has increased. It's gone from virtually 0 percent a year ago to approximately 5 percent.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The issue that was being discussed by a panel recently on TV was whether this was good for the U.S. economy.

Some commentators said since the U.S. economy is consumer driven, when consumers spend less it is bad for the economy. On the other hand, others said that consumers taking on smaller amounts of debt and becoming more fiscally responsible would, ultimately, be good for the economy.

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As far as I am concerned, this is somewhat of a ludicrous discussion. My reasoning is it is always good when consumers live within their means and keep personal debt to a controllable amount. The thought that a consumer living above their means day-to-day is good

for the economy is nonsense. Ultimately, the bills have to be paid and if there is no money to pay them, then defaults occur. A default means that debts will have to be written off and that is not good for the economy. The fact that American consumers are becoming fiscally more responsible is good news for the U.S. economy.

It's just not consumers who are becoming more fiscally responsible, it's also the financial institutions. A couple years ago, consumers were flooded everyday with offers to borrow money. Most of those deals have dried up. It wasn't too long ago that anyone could borrow whatever he/she wanted to. It's good to see that things are changing. After all, the key to lending money is ensuring it will be repaid.

CHANGE

I believe American society is experiencing a fundamental change. We are moving away from a buy, buy society to one where people think before they buy.

If consumers — you and I — reduce purchases and become more fiscally responsible, there will be a short-term hit on the economy. However, long-term, our economy will be in much better shape if families and financial institutions are more fiscally responsible.

If families had been more financially responsible we would

not have experienced the bubble that burst with regards to real estate. In addition, American taxpayers, would not have had to pay hundreds of billions of dollars to bail out financial institutions that were fiscally irresponsible.

The bottom line is when families and financial institutions are fiscally responsible, it can only help, not hurt the economy.

The main focus should be is not what is good for the U.S. economy or even the Michigan economy but rather what is good for your individual family finances. If you can keep those in balance you will be making a significant contribution to the U.S. economy.

When it comes to borrowing money, whether to buy a house, a car, or to charge something on a credit card, always think twice. Consider whether the item is needed and whether you are using the correct vehicle to finance the purchase.

Hopefully, corporate America can learn the same lesson. When families and businesses are more fiscally responsible it can only help the American economy to flourish once again.

Good luck!

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

BUSINESS MILESTONES

SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Launch

North Brothers Ford, Ford Motor Company and John Glenn High School are sponsoring "DRIVE ONE 4 UR SCHOOL" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the high school, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Take a new Ford vehicle for a free test drive and earn \$25 (from North Brothers Ford and Ford Motor Company) for the students and John Glenn High School. The goal is 300 test drivers to raise \$7,500. The "Community Launch" also includes John Glenn clubs, activities and sports teams which will host fund-raisers and events on the campus and a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon, a cook-out from noon to 3 p.m., free sports team clinics, face painting and more. It's great way to experience Ford's new lineup and support John Glenn High School's clubs and activities. For more information, call (734) 419-2300.

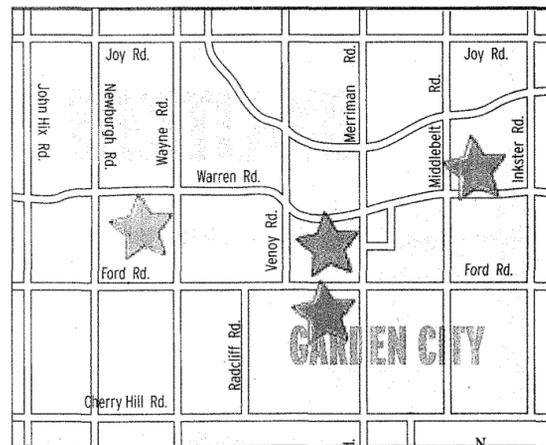
Flu shots

Walgreens stores in Westland and Garden City are helping the Muscular Dystrophy Association continue a service of providing seasonal flu shots to people who have muscular dystrophy and related diseases. This program covers the seasonal flu vaccine that's made available each year.

MDA will also be offering the H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine when it's made available by the government later in the fall. More information on that program will be provided through MDA's Web site, www.mda.org. Offering the seasonal flu shots are the Walgreens at:

- 31415 Ford, at Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 367-0962.
- 7210 N. Middlebelt at Warren Road in Westland. For more information, call (734) 427-5958.

Shots are being offered any time from 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on a walk-in basis and flu shot clinics will be offered from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 1 and 14, at both stores.



Travel show

Party Animal Travel and Maplewood Community Center are presenting the 2009-2010 free travel show. The presentation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman in Garden City. Seniors love the discounted motor coach tours as well as the multi-day vacations. Come meet some of the top travel suppliers, casinos and area theatres. The event is free, but due to the large crowds last year, reservations are requested at (734) 525-9777. In addition to the presentations, prizes and trips will be raffled off. Party Animal Travel is located at 6561 Middlebelt, Garden City.

IKEA networking

The Garden City and Westland Chambers of Commerce and their partners with the Western Suburban Area Council of Chambers present a regional networking event from 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the IKEA store, 41640 Ford Road, Canton. Join 12 suburban chambers from the western suburbs gathering under the roof of IKEA in Canton to do some serious morning networking. The event will also feature breakfast, a special presentation from the store

manager, gift card raffles and shopping at IKEA before it opens. Space is limited to 20 members per chamber for this event. It will be on a first-come, first-served basis with payment. The cost is \$5 for chamber members (\$10 for non-members) and must be paid at the time of reservation. For more information or to make a reservation, call the Westland Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222 or the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

ONGOING

Supports Rouge

DENSO International America Inc., an automotive supplier with North American headquarters in Southfield, has answered the call of the Friends of the Rouge to be a corporate sponsor of this school year's Rouge Education Project. REP is the Friends of the Rouge's school-based, water quality education program. It is DENSO's philosophy to support education in order to contribute to a better world. This philosophy has served the community well and even in this tough economy, this vision is the rock that provides a steadiness of thought behind action. DENSO has been contributing to the REP program since 1998.

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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.

LobsterFest fund-raiser

St. John's Episcopal Church, in Plymouth, will sell fresh, whole Maine lobsters from 4-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the church, 574 South Sheldon. Lobsters weigh approximately 1.25 pounds and cost \$15 each. All lobsters must be ordered and paid for by Monday, Sept. 14. Download an order form from www.stjohnsplymouth.org. Place an order in person at the church 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. (734-453) 0190 Ext. 10

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 information call Pat at (734) 459-5508 or Justine at (734) 455-6939.

Mass in slow motion

Pastoral Associate, Sharon Williams kicks off this three-part series on the Catholic Mass at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23, at St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, between Farmington Road and Merriman, south of Plymouth Road in Livonia. She will introduce and outline the history of

the Mass. On Wednesday, Sept. 30, Associate Pastor, Father Raymond Arwady, will explain and demonstrate the Liturgy of the Mass, using the actual vestments, vessels, and sacred books to illustrate his explanations. Author Gary Michuta wraps up the series Oct. 14, detailing the sacrifice of the Mass, its meaning, both historically and theologically within the Church. For more information call (734) 261-1455, ext 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Mass for widowed

Widowed Friends presents a Mass, refreshments and fellowship, beginning with check-in at 2:15 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, just south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Meet new friends in a safe, friendly setting. Mass starts at 2:30 p.m. 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.

Prayer series

For married and engaged couples, 7-9 p.m., Sept. 18-Oct. 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial at Beck, in Plymouth. Experience how you can safely and peacefully pray together as a couple in ways that will dramatically enhance and strengthen your faith, marriage and family. Childcare will be available. Registration and a donation of \$55 per couple is requested. For more information call (734) 254-0766 or visit www.coupleprayer.org

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

Bible study

Traditional Bible Study starts 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, in the school library at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. The weekly Thursday session will focus on the Gospel of St. Matthew. The classes will be taught by noted Catholic apologist and author Gary Michuta. Preregistration is not required. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207.

Fall festival

1-4 p.m., Sept. 27 at Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile, Livonia; free food, games, pumpkin painting, music, pony rides and petting farm. (734) 464-7990

Food pantry

Trinity Church offers its next food pantry event Saturday, Sept. 26, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, just west of Beck, in Plymouth. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the following days only: Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 21-23.

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.

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.

Marian Rally

Felician Sisters of Livonia honor the

Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally and re-dedication of the Fatima Shrine Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Felician Sisters Motherhouse, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The rally begins at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), in the Motherhouse Chapel, presided by the Rev. Timothy Babcock, chaplain of the Felician Sisters. Following Mass is the praying of the rosary, at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima Shrine and the Shrine of Our Lady, by students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wyandotte. Refreshments will be available after the liturgy. Wheelchair participants are welcome. Parking is available at the Montessori Center of Our Lady at the Newburgh entrance. For more information call (734) 591-1730.

Men's Ministry

Canton Christian Fellowship and Mighty Men Ministry presents its annual men's prayer breakfast, 9 a.m., Sept. 26, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton. Tickets are \$20. Register online at www.cantonce.org or call (734) 404-2480.

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.

OCT. 1-7

Grief recovery

Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. 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 Priscilla at (734) 591-7879.

Life Fair 2009

Pro-life pioneer and Pro-Life Action League founder and National Director, Joseph M. Scheidler, will give the keynote address at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, at this program of pro-life activities at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, at Plymouth Road, Livonia. The fair, which will include exhibits and displays, begins with Mass at noon. An opportunity to participate in the Annual Life Chain will occur at 2:30 p.m., along Plymouth Road in front of the church, followed by Scheidler's remarks. The fair is free. Refreshments and a children's story time will be available. (734) 261-1455, Ext 207

OCT. 8-14

Blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia; Call for appointments at (734) 425-8115.

CROP walk

The annual Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 11. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the walk beginning at 2 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. The walk raises funds for Church World Service and the Salvation Army of Plymouth. For more information, contact Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or e-mail to bfichtenberg@hotmail.com.

Ministries conference

The International Christian Education Association presents its annual Church Ministries Training and Discipleship Conference, Oct. 10, at Ward Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. The free general session, starting at 1:45 p.m., features Don Bartlette, author and international speaker, and is open to the public. The conference runs from 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and offers 30 workshops, exhibits and an all-day "Kids Korner." Four workshop choices, morning refreshments and lunch are included in the conference ticket price of \$35, before Oct. 7 or \$45 after. Students, teen through college, pay \$15 and children, ages 5-12 pay \$5 for Kids Korner activities. To register call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

OCT. 15-21

Auction fund-raiser

The Servant Church of St. Alexander presents a silent auction with appetizers, 1 p.m., followed by a family-style dinner at 4 p.m. and live auction at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18, at Vladimir, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Tickets, \$45 per person. Proceeds will benefit the church's outreach activities, which include a weekly food pantry that feeds approximately 50 families and a youth mission that assists families in rebuilding homes.

Church Women United

Annual Gathering of "Area 2" is Saturday, Oct. 17 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth Road and W. Chicago Road, in Redford. Registration runs 9-9:30 a.m. Hospitality, devotions, program and lunch cost \$10. After-lunch activities include shopping at Greater Gifts (SERRV) and browsing Church Women

United displays until 2 p.m. The Rev. Jeffrey Maxwell, pastor of Farmington First UMC will be the guest speaker. Liturgical dancers will enhance his presentation, titled "We Dance with God." Reserve by Oct. 2 with Betty Thomas at (313) 561-4792. Child care is available only if requested when reservation is made by Oct. 2.

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 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 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 6:30-7:30 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 Oigong, 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 Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Oigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.

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, which runs from 7-8 p.m., will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

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., Thursdays 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. Dinners 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

Moms

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meets 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners. For more information call Angie at (248) 427-1020.

MOPS, 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays, Winning Park Bible Chapel, 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford. MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. For information call Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767.

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, 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 ccraane@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.realifeplymouth.com.

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ALBERT S. ANDERSON

82, passed away, Tuesday, September 8, 2009 in Inman, SC, formerly of Westland, MI. Beloved wife, Marcine (Sunderman), son David (Debbie) Anderson, daughter Janice (David) Bodenheimer, and two step daughters Cathy (John) Stokes, and Sandy (Mike) Cieslenski. Sister Betty Jane (Vance) Philpot and brother Robert (Ann) Anderson. Ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Mr. Anderson was predeceased by his first wife Lillian Anderson; a grandson, Matthew S. Anderson; two great grandchildren, Luke J. and Maya R. Borenski; brother Joe Anderson; sisters, Leona McKay, Bertha Price, and Ruth Bangert. Laid to rest on September 11, 2009

EMERSON T. COLLING

81, passed away Aug. 13, 2009 at his home in Arizona with family at his side. Emerson is survived by step-children Christine Gervais Doty, Robert Gervais, Suzette Gervais Phillips and brother John Colling. Emerson will be deeply missed by his loved ones.

ROSEMARY K. HUTCHESON

Age 86. September 15, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Roy G. Loving mother of Nancy (Joe Pietrangeli) Hutcheson and Carol H. (Keith) Hartwell. Dear sister of Irene (Fred) Mulhauser. Proud grandmother of Taylor Jeffery Hartwell. Aunt of Fred Mulhauser, Michael Howe, Barbara Eyoce, Celeste Frawley and their spouses and children. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of service 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Memorials to American Cancer Society appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

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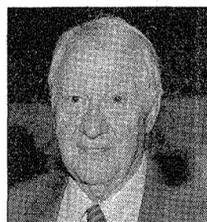


MICHELLE R. KELLER

Age 46, of Clinton Twp, passed away September 13, 2009. Loving daughter of Neal & Norma Keller. Dear sister of Robert & his wife Dana Keller. Special aunt of Tony, Jamie and Jeni Harb. Beloved granddaughter of Margaret Keller. Also survived by brother in law Joe Harb. Preceded in death by sister Debra Harb. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Saturday from 1-9pm with a funeral service at 7:00pm. Interment Clinton Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.

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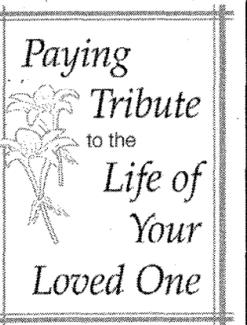
Passed away September 11, 2009. Born April 17, 1968 in Columbus, Ohio, he graduated from Northland High School in 1986. He completed his undergraduate degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering at Ohio University in 1990 and went on to work at EDS, General Motors in Detroit. Brian graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 2000 and was employed by the Wayne State Physician Group at the time of his death. Known as the "Bow Tie Doctor", he was a wonderful example to his patients during his own battle with Brain Cancer. Brian had a zest for life and loved travel, hiking, kayaking, conversation, music and a good glass of red wine. He is survived by his wife Theresa Menendez Yoder, sons Alex and Will; his father Robert Michael, step-mother Karin; three step-brothers, Bret (Michelle), Matthew and Marc Hammond and many Nieces, Nephews, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, In-Laws and a host of loving friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Sharon Wallace Yoder. Memorial Visitation will be held on Friday, September 18th, from 6pm until the time of Wake Service at 7pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, September 19th at 10:30am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road at Beck, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Yoder Children Education Fund, C/O MESP, P.O. # 701681, Plymouth, Michigan or the American Brain Tumor Foundation, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018, www.ABTA.org.



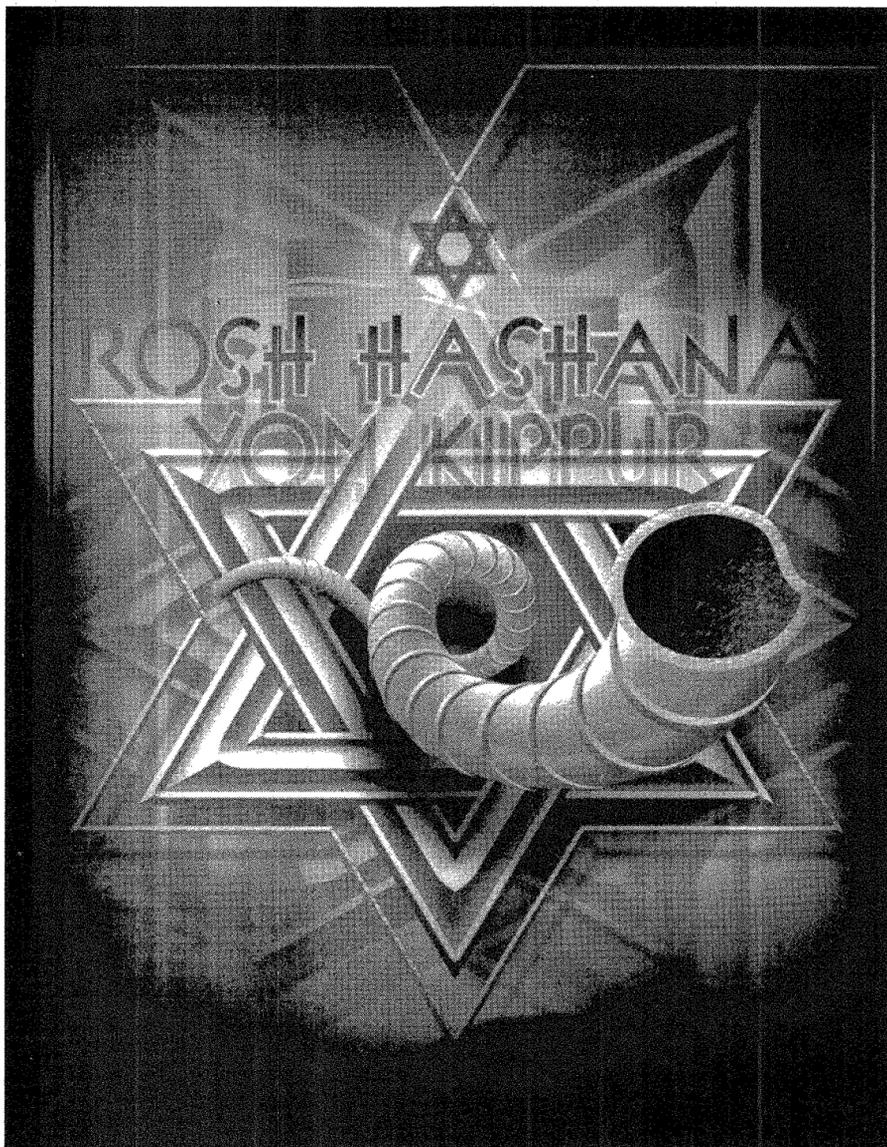
EDWARD KUPSOFF

1/26/1915-8/27/2009 "A master teacher and guidance counselor"

Ed passed away on August 27th, 2009 at his home under Hospice Care with family members at his side. Ed was born January 26th, 1915 in Detroit. He lived 94 very full years. He is survived by his wife, Effrosina Tonia and his two sons and daughter-in-law; Gary and Carole Kupsoff of Marblehead, Ma. and Roger Kupsoff of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. Ed has two granddaughters and three great grandchildren; Elizabeth Rittinger of San Francisco and great grandson, William H. Rittinger, and Kathryn McGuire of Novato, Ca. and her two daughters, Lyla B. and Alice Rye McGuire. Ed is also survived by three nieces, Marsha Smith, Claudia Yuchida and Cynthia Barry all from Largo, Florida. Edward's parents emigrated from Russia and eventually located in Detroit in the early 1900's. Edward had two sisters Stella and Helene. Edward graduated from Wayne State in 1938 with a BS degree in Education. He later received a MS degree and a Specialist degree in Education from Wayne State. He taught high school, and later was a guidance counselor in the Detroit Public Schools for his entire career before retiring in 1981. Ed also realized how important it was for new immigrants to learn the English language. He taught English at night school for many years and in the summers taught citizenship classes, helping hundreds of immigrants become American citizens. During WW2, Edward worked the night shift at Packard Motor Company. He was a supervisor in the engine start up department for the Packard V-12 PT Boat engines. Edward was loved and will be missed by all his family and friends who have survived him.



Bet Chaverim observes high holy days at church



BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Jewish high holy days are marked by celebration, atonement, fasting and for a Canton congregation there's always a sense of thanksgiving.

Twenty-some families in the Bet Chaverim congregation will drive to the historic Cherry Hill United Methodist Church on Ridge and Cherry Hill to celebrate the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, a time for atonement.

"It's their church, but they're fantastic," said Roberta Malkowski, president of Bet Chaverim. "They allow us to use their space as if it's our own space."

The Jewish congregation has had services at the church, built in 1882, for more than 10 years. Rev. Merlin Pratt, pastor of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, says he attended Rosh Hashana and other Jewish services last year and was able to grow in his own beliefs by being exposed to the Jewish religion.

"I've learned so much about my own faith," Pratt said. "It's enriched my own faith to celebrate some of those biblical celebrations with them."

Congregation Bet Chaverim converts the Methodist sanctuary into a Jewish synagogue by adding The Torah, which are the five books of Moses, and other religious symbols, like prayer books.

NEW YEAR TRADITIONS

This year Rosh Hashana begins at sundown Friday, Sept. 18. Greeting cards are sent wishing friends and family a "L'Shanah Tovah," a Happy New Year.

While some Jews observe two days and others observe one, it's a time for family gatherings, special meals and treats — usually including apples and honey to symbolize a sweet new year. In the synagogue, a ram's horn or shofar is blown to herald the New Year.

This year marks the 5770 year on the Jewish calendar, which is based on the lunar cycle. The 20-some families in

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Services at Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton Rosh Hashana: 7 p.m., Sept. 18 and 10 a.m., Sept. 19
Yom Kippur: 7 p.m., Sept. 27 and 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Sept. 28

the Bet Chaverim congregation live in Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville and Garden City, which makes the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church a convenient location.

WELCOMING GESTURES

Church members do everything to make their "Jewish brothers" as Rev. Pratt refers to the members of Bet Chaverim, comfortable. The synagogue's name is on the sign outside and they're mentioned on the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church Web site.

"We started out (in 1994) as a small group of families who came together in peoples' homes and we found a need for a Jewish organization in western Wayne County," Malkowski said.

Rabbi Peter Gluck has been with the congregation from the beginning and has kept the group together. He was out of town and couldn't be reached for this article.

"He's the spiritual leader guiding the congregation through the years," Malkowski said.

After Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, which begins at sundown Sept. 27 this year, is the most solemn of the Jewish holidays, a day of fasting, repentance and judgment.

It is the day when Jews pray and reflect on the past year, asking forgiveness for transgressions. At the conclusion of the day, families will break the fast with a festive meal.

"It's basically a time we get very solemn and reflective," Malkowski said.

Services are open to all. You don't have to be a member of the congregation to attend.

"It's important to us that anyone who wants to celebrate a holiday will have a place to go," Malkowski added.

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FILTER



The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan performs at "Music Under the Stars" last year.

Students make friends, polish skills in Livonia orchestra

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan (LYPM) keeps student flutist Chris Tarnowski, 13, on a positive note by challenging his musical abilities and giving him opportunities to perform in concert.

"I thought it would be fun to play something outside of my school band," says Tarnowski, a student at Holmes Middle School in Livonia.

"I've learned new themes and what it feels like to play more advanced music," he adds. "It's really fun."

And he doesn't seem to mind meeting for practices every Saturday throughout the school year.

Orchestra members, who range in age from five to 19, perform at least twice annually, in January and May, at concerts at Stevenson High School. Next year's schedule hasn't been finalized, according to David

Lindenmuth, LYPM president. "We're waiting to schedule concerts, because all of our musicians participate in their school musical programs," says Lindenmuth, a Livonia resident. "We're always looking for additional concert opportunities. That's why the kids are with us and we try to give them every opportunity."

Last year the group included 124 young people from all over Michigan, however most live in Wayne and Oakland counties. This year is the LYPM's 51st concert season.

PERFORMING TOGETHER

"We are a group that lets young musicians have an opportunity to play with other musicians," Lindenmuth says. "When they take music lessons, they play either alone or with the teacher. This is an ensemble experience for young musicians. It's for parents who want more for their kids and kids who want to be involved with music." The orchestra's Web site,

www.lypm.org, says it doesn't limit membership to those with polished performing skills, noting "We do a great deal of polishing here."

Conductors place the youngsters in groups based on skill where they will be "challenged without being overwhelmed," according to the Web site.

MUSICAL SIBLINGS

Lindenmuth's children, Kristi, 9, and Danny, 12, got involved after Danny learned by accident that he had musical talent.

"The first time he picked the violin up at home, to my surprise, he played what anyone would have to call music," Lindenmuth wrote on the Web site.

Kristi followed in her brother's path.

"It's really fun to perform in concert," says Kristi says. "It makes me better as a flute player and it gives me experience. If you play alone it's not the same as playing with a group."



Kristi Lindenmuth

Routen says. "We play more complicated pieces and I learn more for school and other things."

MAKING FRIENDS

For Janna Scott's two children, Aaron, 17, who plays the trumpet and April, 15, who plays flute and piccolo, the LYPM offers much more than music instruction.

Scott home schools them and the orchestra provides a social outlet along with important musical instruction.

She underscores the group's discipline and "fun factor." "They actually really enjoy

playing music," she says. "It's a great opportunity for the kids, it really is."

The LYPM is not music lessons, but rather an organization dedicated to developing ensemble performance skills.

"There's professional conductors and teachers and they really help the kids," said Scott, a Canton resident.

The cost to be part of the LYPM is from \$175 to \$250 depending on the child's group.

Fall auditions are Sept. 19 at an undetermined time or place. To schedule an audition call (734) 634-5250. For more information go to www.lypm.org. It is recommended at entry level (and required for the more advanced groups) that members take private lessons. Musicians should demonstrate competency and show a deep personal interest in musical performance. Students must also participate in their school musical education programs where they exist.

MEET THE CONDUCTORS

■ Linda J. Ignagni of Livonia, a founding member of LYPM, has travelled Eastern Europe performing on television and at social events. She played in symphony orchestras in Saginaw, Flint and Nashville.

■ Carl Karoub of Northville performed with the Detroit, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Dallas, Toledo and Windsor symphony orchestras.

■ Julia Kurtyka, who performs with the Michigan Opera Theater, is a courtmaster of the Grosse Pointe Symphony, as well as co-founder and director of the Pointes Area Youth Orchestra. She lives in Livonia.

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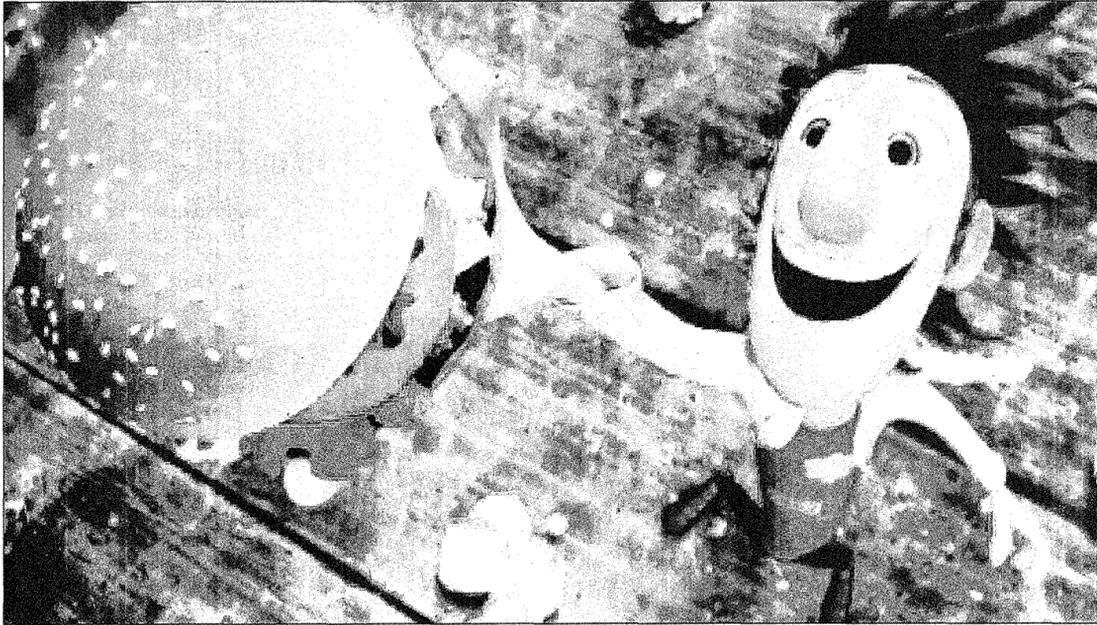
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Select AMC Entertainment theaters will show "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" Sept. 19 and 26 in "sensory-friendly" settings.

Viewers may sing, dance, shout at sensory-friendly screening

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Viewers can expect to hear lots of laughter when the family-friendly animated film, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, debuts this weekend nationwide.

But audiences at some select AMC Entertainment theaters — where the "Silence is Golden" rule will be suspended — may see a range of other reactions, from singing to dancing.

"The thing about this show is it's very welcoming," said Carin Yavorcik, Autism Society media specialist.

The Autism Society and AMC Entertainment teamed up last year to bring families with autistic members and other disabilities, "sensory friendly" screenings of first-run movies.

Autism affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. It often comes with sensory challenges, such as hypersensitivity to light or sound, and children or adults affected by autism may

not understand the social boundaries of movie theatre etiquette.

During sensory-friendly screenings, AMC movie auditoriums will bring up lights and turn sound down. Families may bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements are shown before the movie. Audience members are welcome to dance, walk, shout or sing.

"It's a national program in 46 markets and 81 theaters," Yavorcik said. "We started doing it last August (2008) with the Howard County, Maryland chapter."

She said a local member had taken her autistic daughter to the movies and was asked to leave.

"She (the girl) was having a good time with the movie, getting up and dancing. I think the movie was *Hairspray*. The mom thought, I can't be the only parent this happens to."

That experience led to a special movie screening.

"It was a huge success and we started doing it regularly."

AMC chooses the movies, which always are first-run family shows.

Yavorcik said many families with autistic children otherwise would have to wait for films to be released on DVD.

"This gives young people a chance to talk in their peer group about the cool movies that have come out." Screenings are monthly, although *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* will be shown twice. Show times are 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and Saturday, Sept. 26.

Buy tickets at the screening and view the film at one of these four theaters:

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Got a Boblo memory?

Here's your chance to share memories, reminisce and show off memorabilia of Boblo, while helping to restore one of its boats, the SS. Columbia.

A fund-raising cruise to benefit The S.S. Columbia Project will sail from 2-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, on the Detroit River. The fun and festive cruise aboard the M.V. Friendship will depart from the dock behind the Portofino Restaurant, 3455 Biddle, in Wyandotte. Boarding will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The cruise will celebrate the beginning of work on the ship and to raise awareness and resources for the full restoration of the S.S. Columbia, the beloved ship that plied the waters of the Detroit River to and from the amusement park island for 89 years.

From 19-year-old deckhand to full Captain of the Columbia, Captain Art Herralta will be on board to share 43 seasons of stories, including, finding the love of his life because of the Columbia. Joel Stone of the Detroit Historical Society, who crewed as a DJ aboard the Columbia, is compiling music for the cruise to span the 89 years of the ship's journeys to Boblo Island.

Guests may bring their own memorabilia and share stories as they feast on complimentary pizza delivered by the J.W. Westcott II mailboat. They'll view both the Columbia and its sister ship, the Ste. Claire and will have an opportunity to share stories on camera for the benefit of generations to come.

The suggested donation is \$30 per person. For more information visit www.sscolumbia.org or call (212) 228-3128.

Built in 1902, the Columbia is America's oldest surviving passenger steamship, and one of only two remaining works by naval architect, Frank E. Kirby.

The Observer & Eccentric wants to share your memories of Boblo Island and its boats with other readers. Send photos and stories (no more than 200 words please) to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com or mail to Observer & Eccentric, 615 Lafayette, second level, Detroit, MI 48226.

GET OUT

ART

Detroit Artist Market

Time/Date: Through 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.
Contact: (313) 832-8540 or visit www.detroitartistsmarket.org

Eastern Michigan University

Time/Date: Elements of Photography and Coping with the Unknown, through 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. Coping shows the work of Joe Meiser and Adrian Hatfield.
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: Through October, "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. to 5 p.m., through Sept. 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
Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville
Contact: (248) 344-0497, or visit www.northvillearts.org

Village Theater at Cherry Hill
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Sept. 27

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Private collection of 19th century paintings on display
Contact: (734) 394-5300 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater

COMEDY

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.go.comedy.net

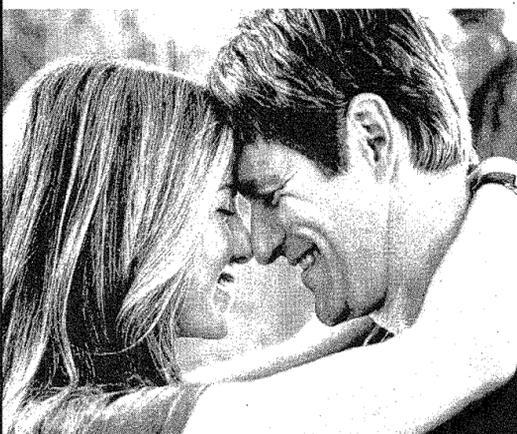
JD's House of Comedy

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
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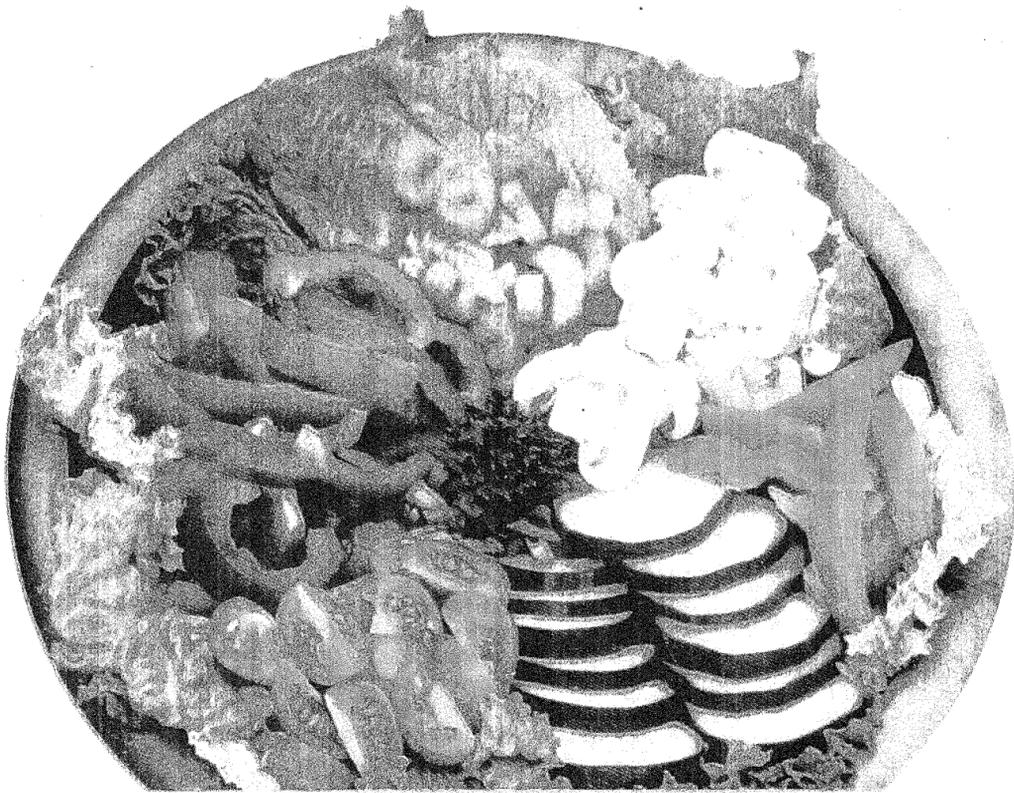
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FOOD & WINE



CITY BITES

Market activities

Canton — The Canton Farmers Market is in full swing each Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine, through Oct. 25 in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

Upcoming special programs include Mark Reitenga, guitarist, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 20; a hike on the grounds, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and pole barn open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with farmington displays and Joe Chasney the strolling juggler from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 4; Recreation Station Bouncer, Oct. 18; and Andy Smoger, strolling balloon maker, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 25.

Chili cookers wanted

Garden City — Got a favorite chili recipe? It might be a winning one, as well.

All it takes to find out is \$25 and a reservation in Garden City's second annual Chili Cook-off.

The event will be held from noon to dusk, Oct. 10, in the Farmer's Market lot in downtown Garden City. Proceeds from the entry fee will benefit local charity. Awards will go to the Best Chili Recipe and the People's Choice Award.

Register by fax at (734) 261-6604 or drop off registration at the Downtown Development Office, 29213 Ford Road.

Download an entry form from www.downtowngardencity.org.

More chili fun

Plymouth — Don't forget the Great Lakes Chili Bike Show runs 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 4 in downtown Plymouth.

The Chili Cook-off will feature a traditional Red Chili, a Green Chili and a Salsa competition. Top winners will receive trophies and prizes. Peoples Choice Chili samples will be available at noon and competition samples at 1:30 and 3 p.m. for a \$1 donation per sample.

The Bike Show takes place noon-4 p.m. on Main Street at Kellogg Park.

The Restaurant Chili Challenge will run from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Penniman Ave and in Kellogg Park. A dozen restaurants will vie for the "Best Chili in Plymouth" award. Bowls of chili will be a \$4 donation or you can sample them for \$1 donation per 2 ounce sample.

Other activities will include live

entertainment from noon to 5 p.m., a children's activity area and "Hottest Dog in the Coolest City" costume contest, with judging at 2 p.m. in the park.

Anyone interested in cooking in the Red/Green/Salsa or Restaurant Chili Challenge should contact Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669. www.greatlakeschili.com

Prepared for charity

Tri-county — Hiller's markets are featuring two new dishes in their prepared foods counters every two weeks, with sales profits benefiting charity.

The program, called Good Deeds in the Making, offers dishes that are favorites of local individuals, including celebrities.

"There are many ways to leverage community connections," stated Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets. "Friends support each other's causes. I am grateful to these devoted individuals for helping us find yet another way to make a difference."

Here's the schedule of foods, individuals and charities:

■ Through Sept. 21: Jill Syme's stuffed cabbage and Lila Lazarus' quinoa with roasted vegetables; charity is Kids Kicking Cancer.

■ Sept. 22-Oct. 5: Rabbi Paul Yedwab's petite quiche with spinach, mushroom and Jarlesburg and Gail Posner's black bean salad; benefits Forgotten Harvest and Ministrelli Women's Heart Center.

■ Oct. 6-19: Tony Payne's Buffalo chili and Samira Cholah's kibbie; benefits Agree Foundation at Temple Israel and the Chalcean Foundation's Adopt A Refugee Family Program.

■ Oct. 20-Nov. 2: Lisa Diggs' corn and smoked whitefish fritters and Danielle Karmanos' tuna pasta; charity is Buy Michigan Now and DKWIO.

■ Nov. 3-16: Janice Cherkasky's diabetic apricot salad and Jeff Loeb's pasta; benefits Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Hiller ALS Center at WSU.

Local Hiller's stores are at 3615 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 677-2370; 425 N. Center Street

Northville, (248) 344-4001; 15455 Haggerty, Plymouth, (734) 420-

5555 and 6433 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7100, in

addition to Berkley, Union Lake and Commerce Township.

I'm kickstarting my way to a vegan diet

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

"Whether you're drawn to chocolate, cookies, potato chips, cheese, or burgers and fries, we all have foods we can't seem to resist — foods that sabotage our best efforts to lose weight and improve our health. But PCRM's Vegan Kickstart will help you win the food fight."

After digesting those words from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine Web site last week I embarked on a journey to lose weight, vanquish high cholesterol, (doctor's orders) lower the fat content of my food, hike the vegetable and fruit portions and be kinder to animals by not eating them or their dairy by-products.

I took the PCRM's 21-Day Vegan Kickstart plan that began Tuesday, Sept. 8 and is now into Kickstart Day 10. It's not too late to join. Those who do will find recipes, eating tips, encouraging messages and a forum for information sharing.

They'll also receive daily e-mail messages cheering them on.

The diet is based on research by Neal Barnard, M.D., PCRM president and one of America's leading health advocates. The Web site, www.perm.org (click on 21-Day Vegan Kickstart) says the program is designed for "anyone who wants to explore and experience the health benefits of a vegan diet."

What's vegan, you ask? Think vegetarian with no dairy allowed.

I can't remember the last time I ate red meat, or even chicken — I limit myself to salmon or tuna — so I figured the vegetarian part of the diet would be a snap.

"Beans are a wonderful source of fiber, are low-fat, and contain no cholesterol," the Web site suggests. I've eaten plenty of them — along with soy-based products — since I "kick started" last week.

I'll admit, the non-dairy part of the diet has challenged cheese-and-eggaholic me. I weaned myself off the last few eggs I had in the fridge, along with carton of Egg

Beaters over the first few days of the challenge — no cold turkey for me — but have gone without since then.

I cleaned the parmesan and cheddar out of the fridge a week before the challenge started and to my surprise, I haven't missed it. My only downfall was a family birthday dinner last Sunday. My brother and sister-in-law thoughtfully served both a homemade meat lasagna and a vegetarian squash lasagna. The vegetarian selection was delicious and I wasn't about to scrape out the ricotta.

I'm back on track this week and trying harder to make the plan work.

"I bet you are feeling good and can already notice an increase in your energy level," Day 7's message guessed.

I do. And I've already dropped a pound.

If you've taken the 21-Day Vegan Kickstart, send me an e-mail with your tips. How are you faring on this challenge?

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