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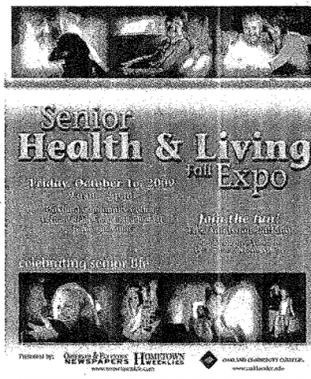
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Flu shots

The Friendship Center is offering flu shots for senior citizens Friday. Senior Services Coordinator Barbara Marcum said doctors are recommending that all seniors receive a flu shot. All seniors who make an appointment for a flu shot at the Friendship Center will be accommodated, she said.

Call (734) 722-7632 for more information or to make an appointment.

The center will also be hosting their Ole' Bag and Jewelry Fund-raiser 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday.

Holiday closing

City offices and 18th District Court will be closed Monday for the Columbus Day holiday. The Westland William Faust Library will be open as will the Bailey Recreation Center. Trash collection and emergency services will be unaffected.

Get a ticket

Whether your blood runs Rocket red or Zebra blue, the annual John Glenn vs. Wayne Memorial High School football game is one not to be missed.

Wayne Memorial will host the game at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9. Tickets are \$5. Only Wayne-Westland Community School District students will be admitted to the game with current school ID. Middle school students will be admitted, if accompanied by a parent also attending the game. Students will be asked to present a valid school ID at the gate. Students without ID will not be admitted.

Pre-sale tickets will be available for adults in the main office only at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn during regular business hours. The office and the school closes to the public at 4 p.m.

Pink Week

Several events are taking place now through Sunday as part of the month-long Westland's Painting the Town

Pink fund-raiser for the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

Thursday, Oct. 8: Eat at Ram's Horn and 10 percent will be donated to the fund-raiser.

Sunday, Oct. 11: Encore Dance Academy will be picking up cans and bottles in neighborhoods around Westland. If they don't make it to your neighborhood, you can bring your cans and bottles to Alleycat Designs, 6647 Wayne Road, behind Buffalo Wild Wings.

Throughout the month: Open a primary checking account at Flagstar Bank and it will deposit \$100 in your account and donate \$25 to Painting the Town Pink. Purchase Reista Soft Style Carpeting at Independent Carpet One and 1 percent will be donated.

For more information, visit www.paintingthetownpink.org.

Gunmen terrorize family during break-in

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Information is being sought about four gunmen who reportedly robbed and terrorized a Westland family in their home for two hours.

About 50 collectible guns along with an unspecified amount of cash and jewelry were reported stolen from the home located in the area of Ford and Newburgh on Saturday, Sept. 26.

"The family was tied up and gagged. They are scared to death, they didn't want this to be public," Westland Sgt. Kevin Wojcik said. "I want to catch these guys. I notified police departments and gun shops. It's someone local who knew to target this family. I'm hoping the public can help identify the suspects."

The suspects were described as two white males and two black males. All four men had their faces covered with masks or hoods pulled

down and weren't recognized by the family members. The victims told police they could hear the suspects talking to each other using the names Steve-O, Mark, L and Chris.

"This is a highly unusual case in our community. All indications are the family was targeted because of what was in their house," said Wojcik, adding the suspects apparently entered through a rear sliding door that was being used to let the dog outside.

The home invasion began at 11:45 p.m. when a couple reported that they were awakened when a man wearing a black hooded sweatshirt turned on the light in their bedroom. The man, armed with a shotgun ordered, the couple to lie face down on the bed, police said.

At the same time, a second suspect, armed with a handgun, was reported to have entered the

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Learning through rap

Mr. Duey's music videos make math fun

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It sounds like a rap song but there's something different about the lyrics and the title says it all - *Mr. Duey's Long Division*.

This is actually D.J. Duey's second math rap song complete with a video - the first one was about fractions.

"I've done rap music since I was in high school. The first time I did an educational one was while I was doing my student teaching," said Duey, a second-year mathematics teacher at Westland's Adams Middle School. "The parents and kids raved about it."

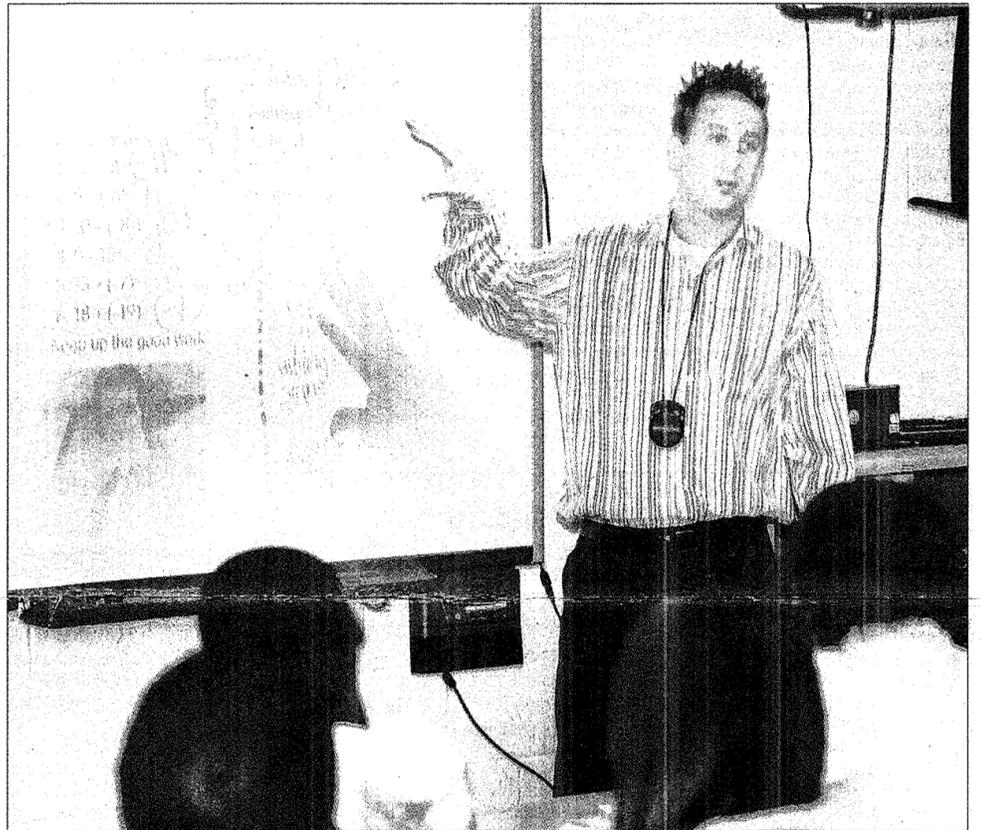
Initially, Duey and his musical partner Andrew Yando decided to make an educational CD of rap music touching on the four core subject areas for middle school students - mathematics, science, social studies and language arts.

"We did the math and music - people liked the music on the CD but didn't understand it. We needed the visuals," said Duey, Riverview resident. "So we started making videos. I made the first one at Southgate (schools) where I had a long-term substitute job."

After the fractions video was seen by Smart Tech, Duey said he was asked if he was interested in making non-profit videos for educators and that resulted in the long division song and video which features a number of his students from the previous school year.

"Smart Tech gave me an electronic wipe board after the video and I donated it the school," Duey said. "We're in talks about creating two more videos to start. It's non-profit, there's no selling. You can download the video from the Web. The long division video was just released. We put it (the fractions video) on TeacherTube - it's like YouTube but for teachers."

The fractions video has had more



Adams Middle School teacher D.J. Duey uses an electronic wipe board in his class - a piece of equipment he received for producing a math rap video and donated to the school.

than 600,000 views on TeacherTube and more than 100,000 views on YouTube, Duey said.

"It's a teaching tool. It's had a wonderful response from other teachers," he said. "We've gotten hundreds of e-mails from teachers - testimonials about how kids love it and they use it to reinforce math, social studies, science and English in the classroom."

Members of the Wayne-Westland Schools school board got a preview of *Mr. Duey's Long Division* at recent meeting.

"My daughter was in Mr. Duey's class last year. I never saw a child so excited to see algebra on the schedule. She was really excited," board member Shawna Walker said.

A retired Wayne-Westland Schools math teacher, board member Carol

Middel said she was impressed that Duey's videos were tackling fractions and long division.

"You picked the two hardest topics to teach kids. You made it so much easier to learn. You honor us with your efforts," Middel said.

Long-term, Duey said the plan is for four rap songs in each of the core subject areas. Next up, Duey is planning a rap called *50 States, 50 Capitals*.

"If it's a song that sounds good to ears, you remember it. It's like remembering the alphabet. How do you remember that?" Duey said.

Through his songs and videos, Duey said he isn't looking for money - he'd like each classroom at Adams to have an electronic wipe board. The board basically serves as a computer

screen projected on the wall on which Duey's finger serves as the mouse. He can also write on it.

"It's great here at Adams. I love helping and teaching kids, it doesn't even seem like a job," said Duey, whose wife Gina is also a math teacher in Southgate. "We have a great staff, principal and assistant principal. Since I came here, it felt like home since day one."

Along with planning for his next educational rap, Duey, 28, and his wife are expecting their second son in February. The couple's older child Dominic is 3 years old.

For a look at *Mr. Duey's Long Division*, go online to www.mrduey.com.

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This is the fourth in a series of interviews with eight candidates vying for four seats on the Westland City Council in the Nov. 3 general election. Three four-year terms and one two-year term will be filled. The candidates are incumbent Councilman Dewey Reeves, Sam Durante, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Kenneth Mehl, Mark Rodriguez, Christine Cicirelli Bryant and Janet Frederick-Wilson.

Kadi wants to help move city forward

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Kadi

Having served on the Westland Planning Commission and been active in the Friends of the Westland Library, Meriem Kadi decided to take the plunge and run for a seat on the council.

"I felt like it was time to run - I've never run for elected office before. I hope to be part of moving the city in a positive direction," Kadi said. "I feel like it is my duty to be part of that." A priority for Kadi is getting Central City Park cleaned up

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Bryant: Will be innovative to reach goals

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Bryant

Helping Westland continue to grow as a good city is the reason cited by Christine Cicirelli Bryant in her decision to run for council. "I was born and raised in Westland, I teach here. I'm dedicated to the city. I don't want

my boys to have to move," she said. "As a teacher, I have a lot of strong attributes that would be helpful as a council member. I have listening skills. I take into account what citizens are telling me. I'll be innovative to reach goals and can work with a variety

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WW makes grade with adequate yearly progress

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland Community Schools received a passing grade for making adequate yearly progress. But the news isn't all good. While earning a passing grade, one of its high schools failed to make adequate yearly progress as required under the No Child Left Behind Act. "Wayne Memorial made it as a whole except for its

special education subgroup," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "We made it as a whole district, and we're happy about that." AYP evaluates schools and school districts in the areas of academic achievement, participation in state assessment, graduation rate for high schools, and student attendance for elementary and middle schools. Eighty-six percent of Michigan public schools and 99 percent of K-12 school dis-

tricts in Michigan made AYP this past school year. Schools that don't make AYP for two or more consecutive years are placed on the federally required consequences list. The consequences get progressively severe with each additional year a school does not make AYP. The penalties range from having to provide school choice and transportation to another school, to tutorial services for the students, to eventual school restructuring.

In addition to AYP, schools statewide received Education YES! letter grades for academic achievement and school performance. In Wayne-Westland schools, nine elementaries — Schweitzer, Hamilton, Kettering, Madison, P.D. Graham, Edison, Vandenburg, Walker-Winter and Wildwood — received the highest grade, an A, while 12 schools received a grade of B. They were the district's four middle schools

— Franklin, Marshall, Adams and Stevenson — and eight elementaries — Elliott, Hicks, Hoover, Jefferson-Barns, Lincoln, Patchin, Roosevelt and Taft-Galloway. However, its two high schools — John Glenn and Wayne Memorial — earned a grade of C, and John Glenn was identified for improvement. "We've just got to strategize and identify students who are struggling and provide inter-

vention," he said. According to Baracy, the Education YES! grades are up from last year, but more needs to be done to continue the improvements. "We have our work cut out for us," Baracy said. "We tougher and stronger guidelines we must follow. We face more challenges and are expected to do more with less."

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KADI

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and reopened. "As I have been going door to door campaigning, that is a big concern of people. The city and county want to move forward dealing with the Department of Environmental Quality," she said. "It takes a long time." Getting vacant commercial buildings filled and empty foreclosed homes off the market are other priorities, Kadi said. Among the city's positive assets, Kadi said she believes is that the city collectively wants to do their best to encourage people to move into Westland. "I have a home here and I believe good of the (city) administration. I heard that on the Planning Commission — the teamwork and camaraderie help that," she said. "I think they all have the same goal of moving forward and filling buildings. It's a goal I want to be part of." A negative about Westland, such as a large number of vacant homes and business, can be addressed by getting those buildings occupied, Kadi said. "I feel like it is a circle — more people can move into the city to fill the vacant homes

MERIE M KADI

Age: 50
Family: Single
Employment: Realtor and appraiser
Education: 1977 graduate of Fitch High School, received Real Estate license in 1990
Community Involvement: President of the Friends of the Westland Library, mem-

ber of the Westland Planning Commission, Westland Mission Green Committee, Mayor's Youth and Task Force committees, Westland Community Foundation, Westland Chamber of Commerce, volunteer for the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, 2009 Westland First Citizen.

and businesses, then that brings more revenue to the city," she said. "We need to do whatever we can to accomplish that. We need to make it a positive feeling to be in the city. Not raising taxes is a must, we need to keep working on that." As a candidate, Kadi said she has been trying to do some research with the different city departments to get a better handle on the issues. "I'm not on the council, so it is difficult to know what you can do and what programs are available," she said. "Like the Turbo program — it encourages business and helps with the taxes. Some people don't feel it's an asset but it brings new businesses and new businesses bring more people to live in Westland." A Westland resident for more

than 30 years, Kadi noted her experience on the Planning Commission and with the Friends of the Westland Library — she's been president for nearly eight years. Kadi is also active with committees at the board of realtor. "I think the Planning Commission has given me some insight into the community — the pulse of the community," she said. While she'd not want to see anyone lose their jobs, particularly police and firefighters, Kadi said she knows finances are tight for the city. "I've always been a team player. I'm very involved in the community. I love my city," she said. "I want to keep being part of the improvements."

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City to residents: Put leaves in bags, bins

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The fall colors are starting and that means it won't be long before the leaves start falling. It's an annual part of nature, but this year Westland homeowners will have to put their leaves in bags or designated compost cans. For the first time since 1994, the city won't be collecting leaves at the curb — the council voted earlier this year to eliminate the service as part of budget tightening. "I hope a lot of people know about this. They need to bag their leaves or put them in a compost trash can. We have stickers available at the Department of Public Services," DPS Director Kevin Buford said. "The information is on the current water bills, on the marquee (in front of city

hall) and on the city Web site." The city is working with the trash hauling contractor Midwestern Sanitation, which also handles compost collection, to extend the deadline for compost collection a week — from the current Dec. 4 until Dec. 11. Except for Christmas trees after the holidays, the compost collection ends annually in December and doesn't resume until April. "We'd like to allow people more time. We're also going to increase the number of compost bags or cans that can be put out," Buford said. "The limit is 10, and we are increasing that to 20 bags or cans." For 15 years, Westland had a program that had residents rake leaves to the curb for collection. Now the leaves must be handled like other yard waste and placed at the curb in brown

kraft paper bags or a specially marked trash can — neither should exceed 50 pounds. Yard waste in trash bags or mixed with yard waste won't be collected. Currently, it's illegal under state law for yard waste and trash to be mixed. That could change under a proposed law that is pending in Lansing. The yard waste had been removed from landfills to slow the rate at which landfills were being filled. With recycling programs removing large amounts of materials from landfills, Buford said space is available for yard waste. "It helps compost the trash also," he said. The compost is collected on regular trash days. For more information, call DPS at (734) 728-1770.

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BRYANT

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of people in different roles and fashions. That helps me be a consensus person." If elected, Bryant said her first goal would be a thorough review of the city budget in light of the expected cut in state shared revenue to Westland. "We need to see where we can make that up. We have to look at non-essential services," she said. "The current administration has been diligent about looking at spending. As a teacher, I look at a budget and set priorities — even with a limited budget. Maybe

CHRISTINE CICIRELLI BRYANT

Age: 36
Employment: Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Family: Married to John Bryant; sons Zachary, 13, and Adler, 5
Education: Graduated from John Glenn High School in 1991, received a bachelor of arts degree

from the University of Michigan- Dearborn in 2008
Community Involvement: Currently a member of the Westland Youth Assistance Advisory Board, Rouge River Cleanup volunteer, Relay for Life participant, Goodfellows volunteer.

we need to look at combining services or large purchases with other cities." When it comes to the city budget, Bryant said there would be no conflict for her as a council member with her mother, Sandra Ference Cicirelli serving

as 18th District Court judge. The council allocates a dollar amount for court operation but the judges actually establish their own budget. It's been a subject of contention between the mayor and council and the judges. "Our council is not one person. No matter how I vote, I can't make a decision for the court," Bryant said. "There would be no conflict. My mom is tough but so am I. We don't need to discuss politics at the (dinner) table."

The city also needs to address empty buildings and blight, Bryant said, adding she'd like businesses that vacate a box store for a new location to be responsible for the old site. "Like Taco Bell - the site plan required that they had to keep up the old building and develop it," Bryant said. "We need to explore alternate uses of the buildings. Churches might be looking for smaller buildings to rent. All uses need to be explored. We need to get more aggressive with building owners to keep places up. Little fines like \$100 isn't enough. I've got lots of ideas."

Public safety is a priority, she said, noting blighted vacant properties are eyesores but safety hazards also are a problem, too. "We need to stay on top of properties," Bryant said. "And we need to make sure properties are property assessed."

The city's assets include great schools, parks, the library and wonderful freeway access, she said, adding all those amenities need to be promoted. "The new Play Planet and spray park are wonderful. We have good public safety with staffing amounts compared to a lot of other communities," Bryant said. "We need to promote that to families, also to businesses. We need to market that."

Other city services, such as public services keeping streets clean, are also great, she said.

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Child ID

Members of Wayne Masonic Lodge 112 are holding two child identification programs this week. The first will be from 5-9 p.m. this evening at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, west of Wayne Road, as part of the annual Turn Off the Violence event. A second program will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Bobby's Bouncers, 38620 Michigan Ave., Wayne, during an event in honor of Nevaeh Buchanan.

Parents have an opportunity to create a kit of identifying materials — fingerprint card, a physical description, a video, computer disk, or DVD of the child, a dental imprint, and a DNA sample — for their child, free of charge. The kit contains is to provide critical information to the public and to law enforcement in the event that a child goes missing.

Fund-raiser
The Westland Veterans Association is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 in Westland. The dinner will be served from 4-8 p.m. and be followed by the music of Second Wind. There will be a silent auction sponsored by the Rolling Thunder Chapter No. 3, and a special drawing for Camp Trotter, a camp for the children of veterans. Past, present and future veterans also will be honored.

Proceeds will benefit proposed Veterans Memorial

Garden of Westland. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information, call (734) 335-7943, (734) 595-0697 or (734) 535-9454.

Halloween Walk

Dress your pet and be prepared for fun at the second annual Halloween Costume Walk for Pets and their owners. 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, in the main pavilion of Garden City Park at Cherry Hill and Merriman. The event is co-sponsored by the Garden City office of Veterinary Centers of America. The fee is \$10 per pet in advance. Register at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood, west of Merriman. The fee is \$12 per pet the day of the event. For more information, call (734) 793-1850.

Scrapbooking

A scrapbooking workshop will be held 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Ss. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, in Westland.

The cost is \$35 per person for a full day and \$20 per person for a half day. For more information, call Karen Kopcak at (734) 634-3934 or Sandy Kopcak at (734) 721-4867.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinocle and euchre games at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745

Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

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Oktoberfest

Join the Westland Community Foundation as it presents an Oktoberfest and Tour of Westland's History 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22.

The Westland Historical Village Park at 857 N. Wayne Road, will host the unique event which will raise money for the Westland Community Foundation. The event will feature food and beverages, live entertainment and tours of Westland's history. The celebration will begin at 6 p.m. Admission is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. For more information, go online to westlandcommunityfoundation.org.

District hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford on Monday, Oct. 12. Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone toll-free at (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

SUSPECTS

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bedroom of the couple's son, who was playing Xbox games online with three friends. The son was brought into his parents' room. All three were threatened by the suspects and reported hearing additional suspects in other parts of the house, police said.

The suspects began ransacking the couple's bedroom, locating an Ak-47 which the man had purchased recently, police said. The suspects began demanding to know where "the guns were," the couple told police. Most of the guns were in glass display

cases in the basement of the home, and the husband turned over the key to a metal security door leading to the basement.

"These were collectible guns like a Winchester repeating rifle with gold inlay. The guns are valued at about \$1,000 each," Wojcik said. "The suspects smashed the glass (displays cases) to get the guns."

The suspects, who held the family in the bedroom at gunpoint, demanded the wife's wedding ring from her finger and took other jewelry they found as they ransacked the home, along with an unspecified amount of cash, police said. Also reported stolen was the family's black Dodge Durango, cameras, stereo speakers, cordless phones, the

man's wallet and his wife's purse with a cell phone and credit cards, Wojcik said.

The family was left with their ankles taped together, their hands taped together behind their backs and a sock placed in their mouth with tape over it, police said. The suspects were reported to have threatened to kill the family, telling them not to report the crime or next time they would be killed.

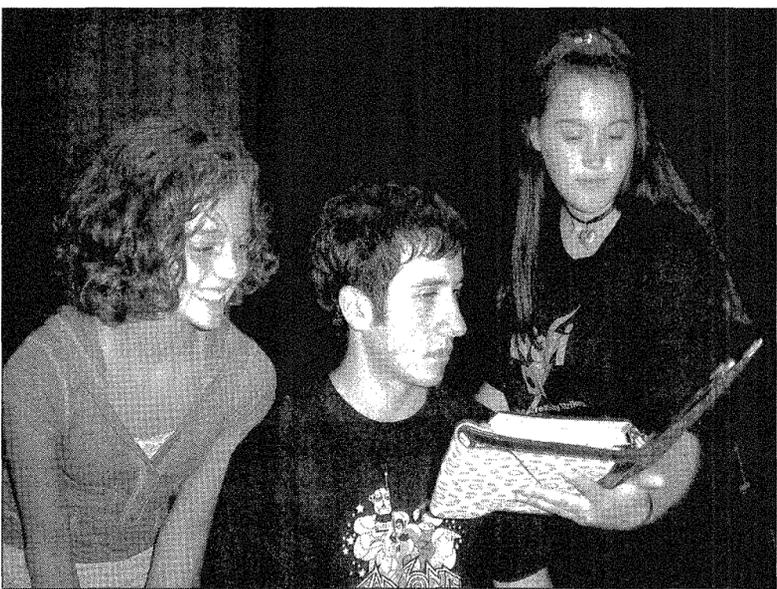
After several minutes, the husband said he was able to free his hands and feet. He then went across a neighbor's home to call police.

Anyone with information should contact Wojcik at (734) 467-3178.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
October 22, 2009
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.
The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed text amendments to the zoning ordinance:
09-019, Section 154.005, Definitions: adding the definition of a smoke shop and a medical marijuana clinic, **Section 154.163, Regulated Uses:** amending by adding a medical marijuana clinic and a tattoo parlor; and **Section 154.301 (11), C-3 Special Land Use** amending by adding medical marijuana clinic and a tattoo parlor as regulated uses.
The proposed text amendments are available to be viewed during normal business hours and all written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.
David L. Harvey
City Manager
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Title role

Westland resident Lexi Fata (left) has the title role in *Annie Jr.*, a 70-minute version of the Broadway musical adapted for kids and featuring kids in the cast. Also in the Spotlight on Youth Theater production are Andrew Neil of Canton as Daddy Warbucks and Novi resident Alora Adams as Grace. Performances are at 7 p.m. today (Thursday), 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Tickets are available at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Tickets are \$15.

Nankin Mills hosts Halloween Festival

Parents looking for a spook-free Halloween celebration for their children need only go to the Nankin Mills picnic area in Hines Park on Saturday, Oct. 17. Children are invited to dress in their best non-scary costumes for the Wayne County Parks' Halloween Festival 2009. Wayne County Parks will offer a free afternoon of games and activities, including hayrides, inflatables, costume parade, games and trick-or-treating from 1 to 3 p.m. This

year's festival also will feature performances by magician Ben Spitzer and Tim Salisbury's Comedy Juggling Show. For those of you looking for a different type of Halloween event, the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center offers a spook-free Halloween Hike on Friday, Oct. 23. Hike outdoors and meet some funny forest dwellers. Costumed characters relating to nature will both entertain and educate as they share their stories.

Pick from starting times of 6:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. The hike will last about an hour and afterwards there will be a short live animal presentation. Space is limited so pre-register before the day of the event at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. The Hines Park Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

23 teams get cookin' in GC chili contest

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How things can change in a year.

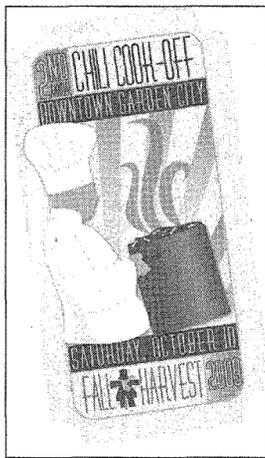
Last year, the Garden City Chili Cook-Off had three teams. This year, the number is 23 for Saturday's event, and Downtown Development Authority executive director Jacqueline Schatz couldn't be happier.

"This is really, really cool," Schatz said. "I think it's going to be a lot of fun. It has the makings of a great event."

Local churches, city departments, families and restaurants from Plymouth, Garden City and Dearborn Heights will be mixing up a batch of their chili in hopes of winning the coveted best chili award. Last year's honor went to the Garden City Department of Public Service, which won with its "Snow Plow Chili."

The Chili Cook-Off will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will be held in the city parking lot at the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt. People will purchase a \$1 coupon to sample the chili and use their taste buds to select the winner of the People's Choice Award. Proceeds from the sampling will go to a charity selected by the winning team.

"We'll have a 40- by 100-foot tent for the cooks. They'll be around the perimeter, so there will be plenty of room to move



around," Schatz said.

There also will be a second food and beer tent where people can enjoy food like pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and broasted chicken, supplied by local restaurants. There also will be entertainment by Matto, a classic rock band, and Decades, a classic rock and oldies band which will be performing throughout the day.

The state champion Garden City High School pom squad also will hold a bake sale to help raise money for a return trip to national competition next year.

Guests also will get a look at 30 scarecrows that have been designed for the second annual Scarecrow Stroll, which starts

in the downtown area next week. There also will be a community build scarecrow project during the cook-off.

"There will be a lot of materials to build the character of scarecrow by the end of the day," Schatz said.

The cook-off will kick off the stroll in which the scarecrows will be displayed at businesses in and around the downtown area through the end of the month. Shoppers will get a map of where the scarecrows are located and a ballot to vote for their favorite one.

"This is to encourage people to visit the businesses," Schatz said.

Schatz credits the members of the DDA's promotional committee — Steve Valenti, John Prosch, Pat and Bob Squires, Bill Hill, Kevin Kramis and John Purcell — with planning the cook-off.

"They've worked very hard to put this together in a very short time," Schatz said. "We have a good working foundation going into next year."

For more information, call the DDA office at (734) 261-2830 or visit the DDA Web site at www.downtowngardencity.org. "Promotions are important to the city," Schatz added. "They tell others that we are a viable community and that there are interesting and exciting things going on in it."

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Retailers hold job fair at Westland mall

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite predictions of holiday retail jobs being hard to come by this year, more than 10 major retailers will be participating in a job fair at Westland Shopping Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

"This is the second year for the job fair. We held one last year at the same time. It worked out very well — over 300 people came through," mall marketing manager Denise Mills said. "We're predicting that many or more this

year."

The fair will be held in the east court outside Macy's. Participating stores include Aeropostale, Bath & Body Works, Charlotte Russe, Christopher & Banks, CJ Banks, Forever 21, JC Penney, Sears, Macy's and the Children's Place. Davenport University also will have a table.

"It's mixed. The stores will be hiring seasonal employees and non-seasonal employees. Some stores may be hiring for other locations also," Mills said. "With the holiday sea-

son, stores are always busier and will see an increase in business. How much of an increase will be up to consumers. We're absolutely feeling positive about the holidays."

Jobseeker should dress appropriately for on-the-spot interviews, bring at least 24 resumes and a pen to fill out the applications.

For more information about the job fair, call (734) 421-0291 or go online to www.westland-center.com.

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Halloween Parties

• Costumes are optional for a Halloween party at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the gymnasium of the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman in Garden City. Sponsored by the Garden City Library, children in kindergarten through sixth-grade are invited to enjoy a night of squeals, squiggles and ghostly giggles. There will be magic, treats and prizes. The event is free, however, reservations are needed. Reserve a spot by calling the library at (734) 793-1830.

• The Garden City Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with the Garden City Public Schools and the McDonald's of Garden City to host the annual Family Halloween Party at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, in the gymnasium of Garden City Middle School, 1851 Radcliff just south of Ford Road. A fun and safe way to celebrate Halloween, there will be a best costume contest, games, face painting and a special appearance by Ronald McDonald. Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$5, adults are free. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the Garden City elementary schools. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 422-4448.

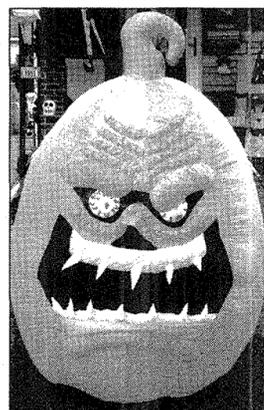
• Preteens can rock the night away at The Haunted Halloween Preteen Dance and Karaoke Night scheduled for 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at the Maplewood Community Center. The event is for the younger set — fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students. Have some Halloween fun, but watch out for the ghouls. There will be pizza, pop, munchies, dancing, karaoke, Dance Dance Revolution and Wii games. The music selection includes Hilary Duff, Ashlee Simpson, Black Eyed Peas and the High School Musical soundtrack among others. Tickets are \$10 each. Space is limited, so purchase tickets by Oct. 28 at the Maplewood Center.

Halloween science

The Westland Parks and Recreation and Mad Science of Detroit are sponsoring Science Spook-tacular 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:15-9:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, west of Wayne Road, Westland. See how science can be as creepy as it is cool. Watch as an eyeball floats above your head. See paper that bleeds and ghosts that disappear in a puff of fire. Find out how ghosts glow and how graveyards get that great spooky fog. As a special treat, find out how spiders spin their webbing and taste some special "Spider Web Candy Floss." All ages are welcome and the cost is \$5 per person. Pre-registration encouraged but not required. For more information, call Mad Science of Detroit at (734) 266-9444 or check out the Web site, www.madscience.org/detroit.

Halloween Walk

For the younger set, it's a gentle Halloween when the Westland Parks and Recreation Department, Westland Civitan Club, Dads' Athletic Club of Westland and the Westland Breakfast Lions' Club conduct their annual Halloween Walk Friday-Saturday, Oct. 23-24, for the younger set, including toddlers and all ages. Come have a Halloween adventure in the Friendly Forest. Many special friends from area businesses, civic groups and other organizations will guide youngsters and their entire family through a great adventure. Meet the neighbors of the forest, including Little Bo Peep, the Friendly Troll, and many others. It's a non-scary, guided tour event created for younger children. Kids are encouraged to wear their costumes. Tours start every 10 minutes at the Bailey Recreation Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Tickets are available now at the Bailey Center and cost \$3 per person.



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This guy's pretty scary looking, and if this pumpkin could talk, what would it say? Feed me candy, children are too sweet? I think I need a breath mint? Whatever, it is, it's a sure sign Halloween is coming when inflatables like this start showing up on front lawns.

Children under 12 months are free. The program runs rain or shine. If there is inclement weather, tours will take place inside the Bailey Center. For more information, call (734) 722-7620. Proceeds will benefit the Fun 4 All: Children's Recreation Scholarship Program.

Jaycees Haunted House

Don't miss the Westland Jaycees Haunted House that's located at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 Wayne Road, south of Ford. Ghouls, ghosts, and screams await

you at this Halloween Haunted House. Scary and frightening action are yours to savor. Not for younger children, the haunted house is will be open 7-10 p.m. weekdays and 7 p.m. to whenever on weekends Oct. 2, 3-9, 10-17 and 23-30. Admission is \$10 adults and \$5 for children age 12. Bring two non-perishable food items and receive \$1 off and adult admission. Little ones will receive a free Glow Stik. Special Haunted House Friendly Monster Family Day for families with younger children is noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. For more information, call (734) 226-0400 or (734) 686-1962.

Bowling with Monsters

The Grange No. 389, Westland Parks and Recreation and Town-n-Country Bowling Lanes are sponsoring Bowling with the Monsters 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at Town-n-Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Cost is \$7 per person, and each child will receive one game of bowling, shoes, hot dog, drink, a visit from the monsters and more. For more information, call Jeff Goodfellow at (734) 673-4033 after 1 p.m. Pick up a registration form at the Bailey Recreation Center. The event will help raise funds for the third-grade dictionary program for Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Haunted Hallows

Bova VFW Post No. 9885 is sponsoring the fifth annual Haunted Hallows dusk to midnight Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31 and dusk to 10 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 1, weather permitting. The cost is \$15 per person with group rates available in advance. The post on Hix between Ford and Warren Road in Westland. Call (734) 536-3651 for more information.



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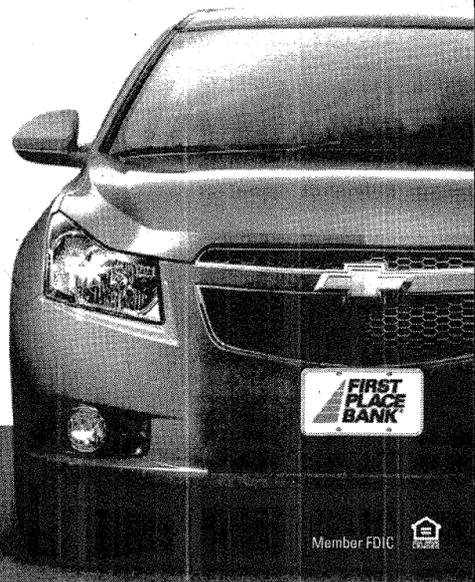


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Tenant finds items missing from storage bin

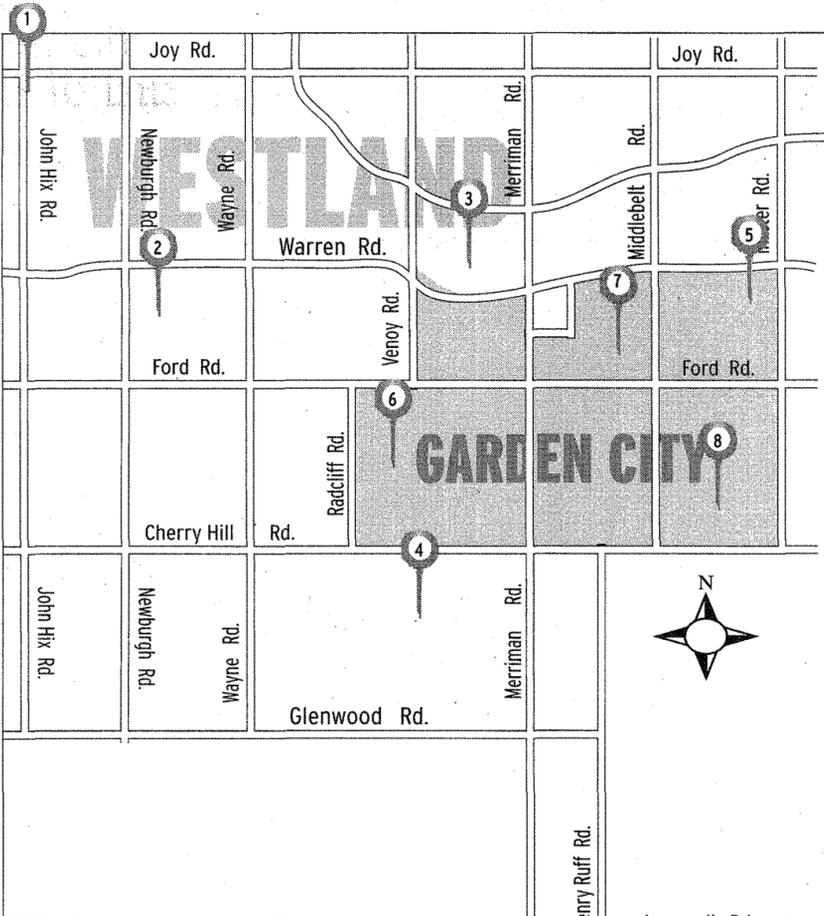
Man hit by vehicle

Police were called to the area of Hix and Joy just after 4:30 p.m. Sept. 30 after a Westland man reported being struck by a vehicle. The man said he had been walking southbound on Hix north of Warren Road when he was hit by the vehicle and stunned. He complained of pain to his left arm and side. The man refused medical treatment but did request a ride home which was provided by Fire Rescue since the officer happened to be patrolling on a motorcycle.

The man and a witness, a Canton woman, both told police the man was walking off the roadway on the grassy area/shoulder. The man wasn't able to describe the vehicle that hit him but the woman said it was a dark gray sedan, possibly a Taurus or Malibu. A passenger mirror that was knocked off the vehicle was found at the scene.

Larceny

A Dearborn Heights woman told police Oct. 1 that she left her purse unlocked in her vehicle while she was inside Meijer, 37201 Warren Road. When she returned 15 minutes later, the woman said her purse, containing \$600 in cash, her driver's license and other identification, was missing.



Items missing

A resident of the Riverbend Apartments, 30128 Warren Road, told police Sept. 28 that the previous day she had gone to the basement to do laundry, went to her storage bin and found the gate had been pulled open. Reported missing were eight rolls of paper towels, eight boxes of laundry detergent, two boxes of What Nots, \$3 in quarters and a Berdi suitcase. The items were valued at \$71.

Hit and run

A Northville woman told police Oct. 1 that someone had struck and damaged her vehicle while it was parked on

the street in the 32000 block of Avondale Sept. 27. The officer noted the vehicle appeared to have been sideswiped, resulting in damage to the driver's door.

Break-in

On Sept. 30, a resident in the 1400 block of Elias told police that someone had stolen a four-wheeler from his garage. The vehicle was valued at \$1,300. The man said his garage is under construction and had no solid door, just a blue tarp over the entrance.

Larceny from a vehicle

On Oct. 1, resident of the 31000 block of Birchwood told

police that someone had stolen a GPS system valued at \$200 from his vehicle overnight. He said the vehicle was locked and there were no signs of forced entry.

Suspended license

A call an erratic driver resulted in a Northville woman being arrested for a second offense of driving with a suspended license. The woman had pulled into a parking lot by the officer arrived. The officer said the woman explained that her poor driving was due to crying and being upset about being pregnant.

By LeAnne Rogers

Vandals slash tires on two vehicles

Property destruction

A resident who lives in the 6700 block of Harrison reported that someone slashed the tire on his vehicle between 2-7 p.m. Oct. 1 when it was parked in his driveway.

Though he hadn't reported similar previous incidents, the Garden City man then told police that he twice had the passenger side tires slashed on two other nights when his truck was parked in the driveway next door.

A resident in the 31200 block of Krauter reported that someone slashed the rear passenger side tire on his vehicle sometime between 9:30 p.m. Oct. 4 and 9:15 a.m. Oct. 5. The 1999 Mercury Sable was parked in the rear lot.

Suspended license

The police arrested a 20-year-old Westland man about 2 a.m. Oct. 2, after stopping him for speeding at 52 mph in a 40 mph zone at Cherry Hill and Merriman. Upon further investigation, they found that he had a suspended driver's license with six current suspensions.

Car damage

A Garden City resident who lives in the 33000 block of Sheridan, said that she saw two vehicles pull up to her house with no lights on and then sped away about 10 p.m. Oct. 3. When she went outside, she found fresh red, paintball marks on her 1988 Mercury. The rear driver's side window was shattered.

Property destruction

The management of Albert's on the Alley, a restaurant located on Middlebelt south of

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Ford Road, said that they found a lamp pulled down to a table after a customer left about 1:30 a.m. Oct. 3. They believe that they have captured the man's image on surveillance tape.

Theft

A woman who lives in the 28500 block of Leona said after she left her 2004 Jeep parked unlocked in the street, she found that at 6 a.m. Oct. 4 that someone stole items from it. The items included her driver's license, Social Security card and medical insurance cards.

Retail fraud

A 43-year-old Plymouth man was arrested about 9:30 p.m. Oct. 5 after loss prevention officers at the Kroger store on Middlebelt north of Ford told police that he didn't pay for eight 12-packs of Red Bull, a 12-pack of Pepsi, four cans of ravioli and a pack of two Kroger puddings.

Break-in

Someone broke into the Tobacco Star building at, 215 Middlebelt at 1:30 a.m. Oct. 5. Police, who were summoned there because of an alarm, said that a door security gate blocked the suspect's further entry into the unoccupied building. Nothing was stolen.

A resident in the 6400 block of Middlebelt said that someone broke into her home before 9 a.m. Oct. 2 and took 120 Vicodin, 120 Xanax, two gold rings, and a Sony PlayStation and games.

By Sue Buck



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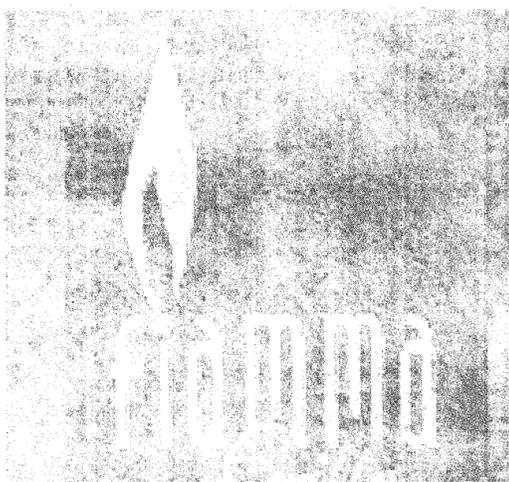
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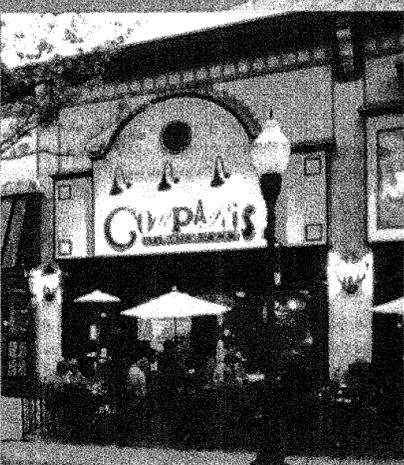
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White fish and salmon pate. Served with traditional accompaniments. \$14

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CALAMARI
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Accompanied with cream spinach and fennel seared fingerling potatoes. \$26

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Chicken breast stuffed with a blend of cheeses and spinach. Topped with a cauliflower cream sauce.
Accompanied with garlic mashed potatoes and broccoli florets. \$17

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Baby spinach, bacon, cherry tomatoes, spiced pecans, Gorgonzola cheese
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AHI TUNA* (Sashimi Grade)
Seared rare with an Asian spice rub. Served with ponzu reduction and cucumber wasabi sauce.
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AUTUMN SPICED SEA SCALLOPS
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Make their day: Use smoke alarms

It goes without saying that the top priority of the Westland Fire Department is protecting the families of Westland. From providing aid and comfort at accidents scenes to beating down the flames of a building fire, firefighters are there to serve and protect.

This week is Fire Prevention Week. Its campaign, Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned, focuses on ways to prevent fires, and the deaths, injuries, and property loss they cause. And rightly so. According to the National Fire Protection Association, 84 percent of all fire deaths were caused by home fires.

Consider this: Fire departments responded to an estimated 1.5 million fires in 2008. Those fires resulted in 3,320 civilian fire fatalities, 16,705 civilian fire injuries and an estimated \$15.5 billion in direct property loss.

There is a way to keep yourself and your family safe by using smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home structure fires in half. In fact, they have contributed significantly to the decline in home fire fatalities since the late 1970s, according to James M. Shannon, president of NFPA.

But it's not enough to randomly put up one smoke alarm and forget about it. They need to be maintained. A report, *Smoke Alarms in U.S. Home Fires*, found that smoke alarm failures usually result from missing, disconnected or dead batteries, and that in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working.

Clint Eastwood coined the phrase, "Go ahead, make my day." We urge Westland residents to "Go ahead, and make the fire department's day" by following these safety tips:

- Install a smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 years old or sooner, if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Test your smoke alarms at least every month, using the test button or an approved smoke substitute and clean the units, in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.

Smoke alarms are an easy way to protect your family. Use this week to check your smoke alarms. If they don't work, replace them. In the case of a fire, they can be the difference between life and death.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

• What new businesses?

LeAnne Rogers what are you talking about? What are the 6 new businesses you said opened this month in Westland?

pkcooke

• America is falling apart

I agree with the letter that America is falling apart. But how can you expect anyone to salute the flag when the current President of the United States refuses to do so?

JustaNumber

• Check your information

Don't believe all the hype you read (or see) from the right or the left. Both sources use the media to sell their books and raise ratings for their TV and radio shows. Listen and decipher the information for yourself and try to filter out all the yelling, pandering (and downright lies).

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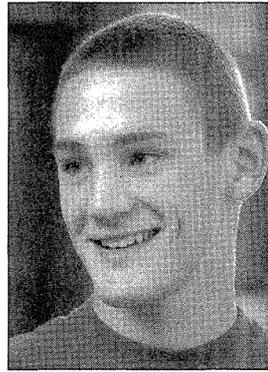
How well do you think the Detroit Tigers will do, if they make the playoffs?

We asked this question last week at the William P. Faust Library in Westland.



"I know more about soccer or basketball. When it comes to football and basketball, I don't know anything about them."

Calvin Dongmo
Cameroon



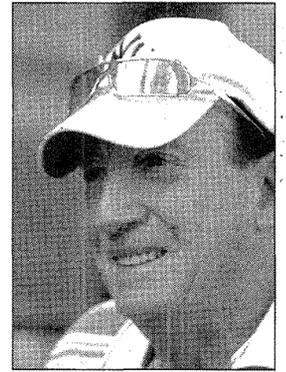
"I don't know if they'll make it, but if they do, they'll go pretty far but they won't win the championship."

Justin Robinson
Westland



"I'm not really a fan, but I think they'll go all the way ... to Kansas."

Hannah Kearby
Westland



"The Tigers might win the division, but they won't get past the New York Yankees. That's official."

Ronald Pardi
Westland

LETTERS

Great greyhound story

I am writing in response to *More greyhounds need homes as racing tracks close down*, dated Sept. 27.

Ms. Bowen of Greyheart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption said, "... it is so important that we are diligent and try to continue to educate people on the fact that greyhounds make wonderful family pets." I couldn't agree more.

I have adopted six retired racing greyhounds in six years. They are intelligent, sensitive, gentle companions. While the years spent in greyhound racing require a transition to life in a home, they are adaptable and eager to please. They are generally retired at 2 to 4 years of age, and are long-lived for a large breed. Affectionately known as the "45 mile per hour couch potato," they are laid back and do well in a home with a fenced back yard, or with having several walks a day on leash.

Congratulations and sincere thanks to Greyheart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption for telling the truth about dog racing, and helping save the lives of these beautiful dogs.

Jennifer Krebs,
Board of Directors
www.GREY2KUSA.org

Bryant is inexperienced

The upcoming Westland City Council general election will be one of the most critical in recent years. Like many Michigan communities, Westland is facing a contraction of revenue due to declining property values and a decline in state revenue sharing dollars (4 percent in 2009 and possible 11 percent in 2010). At the same time, we as voters are faced with filling four out of seven City Council seats. It is extremely important that we elect the right people for the job in these tough economic times.

Electing candidates with no real experience would place Westland on a path to fiscal disaster. In the primary election, Christine Cicirelli-Bryant was the top vote getter - a scary thought. Ms. Bryant has no previous government or real life management experience. Her bio shows one year of teaching experience with no other work history. I'm not sure that anyone would know who she was, if she did not hyphenate her last name.

City of Detroit voters have learned painful lessons recently about electing candidates who have no experience and get elected because they share a surname with a previously successful politician. I hope that the citizens of Westland don't make a similar mistake. Placing a \$59 million budget in the hands of such inexperience is a disaster in the making.

Matthew Shelton
Westland

McCotter's lead

Unlike others who always want to point out the negative in a situation, I don't see remote town hall meetings as a bad thing, but as an opportunity.

I am pleased to recognize any elected official or president, now and in the future, who embraces the latest technologies available in an effort to remain in close contact with constituents and to help reduce their carbon footprints.

Just like some newer colleges which deliver remote services through virtual

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classrooms, Thaddeus McCotter can be lauded for using the latest technologies which result in making his office more Earth friendly, while delivering positive solutions, remotely, to residents in his district.

Customers in my business know I can't be two places at once. But engineers who need immediate help or customers who are planning for the future know that a conference call or online support with equipment is just as good as being there when plans or solutions are needed right now.

Telephone town halls really are another way that politicians and corporations can help reduce their carbon footprints.

By not flying home to see your family as frequently as you would like, not getting a rental car and unnecessarily burning gas, you really show what it means for a politician to "go green."

Thank you for your personal sacrifice. I encourage all elected representatives to stop wasting unnecessary energy, and work harder for us by following McCotter's lead.

Glenn Kremer
Plymouth

Feisty opposition

I'm not a Republican shill, but I must take exception to the Sept. 24, 2009, letter that castigates and ridicules U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, "Is McCotter Afraid?"

How much of a majority is necessary for the Democratic faithful? Aren't the presidency and large majorities in the U.S. House and Senate enough for them? Won't they be satisfied until they hold every seat in Congress and can make laws by fiat?

We need a feisty opposition, now and forever, to protect our liberties and to keep the ruling party honest ("Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely"). Rep. McCotter is feisty and principled. Maybe that's why moveon.org (billionaire George Soros) and the Democrats have painted a target on his back.

Thomas M. Doran
Plymouth

Don't buy wool

With the arrival of cooler weather, we all want to purchase new "woolies" to keep us warm.

But, before that happens, we should do a little research to find out how this wool is produced. A common source of wool is from Merino sheep, which are bred to have wrinkly skin resulting in more wool per animal.

During hot summer months, moisture

collects in the sheep's wrinkles. Flies are attracted to this moisture where they lay eggs, and when the eggs hatch, the resulting maggots start to eat the sheep's flesh. To prevent this problem, many Australian sheep ranchers slice off chunks of flesh from around the sheep's tail area. This bloody procedure is done without the use of pain killers.

This is perhaps more than anyone wants to know about how wool is produced, but it is just one example of the cruelty inflicted on sheep to obtain their wool. There are many alternatives to wool, such as cotton, cotton flannel, polyester fleece, synthetic shearling, and other fibers - all of which are cruelty-free. Please keep this in mind as you do your fall/winter shopping.

Ginda Gruse
Livonia

Drive green

It doesn't matter if the car you're driving is new or old, big or small. Driving technique and proper vehicle maintenance go a long way toward protecting the environment. By following five simple steps, you can do your part by improving gas mileage, which will also save money at the pump.

• Drive green - How your drive has a lot to do with fuel economy. Avoid sudden starts and stops and go the speed limit. Jerky and aggressive driving decreases your miles per gallon (MPG) and increases wear and tear on your vehicle. Minimize unnecessary miles by combining errands in one trip.

• Get a tune-up - Regular tune-ups, maintenance and having clean air filters will help your car pollute less and burn less gas. With a proper tune-up, you can save four percent on the cost of gas and up to 40 percent by replacing a faulty oxygen sensor. Simply changing the car's air filter can improve efficiency by 10 percent.

• Lighten the load - Get the junk out of the trunk and the stuff out of your car, with the exception of emergency items, such as a spare tire, flares and a first-aid kit. Extra items weigh the vehicle down and cause an increase in gas usage.

• Tire checks - Around two billion gallons of gas each year could be saved if the tires on every American's car were properly inflated. Optimal tire pressure for your vehicle is listed in the owner's manual. Tires that are not properly inflated add rolling resistance that makes the engine work harder to move the vehicle. All of this increases fuel costs as much as three to five cents per gallon, and increases the risk of engine damage.

• Gas Caps and fill-ups - Approximately 17 percent of vehicles on the road have loose, damaged or missing gas caps, causing 147 million gallons of gas to vaporize every year. Topping off your gas tank when filling up your car can also release harmful vapors into the environment.

Vehicle owners who do their own maintenance should remember to recycle or properly dispose of fluids and other vehicle components, including used motor oil, tires and batteries.

For more information about making your vehicle environmentally friendly, visit www.carcare.org and check out the popular digital Car Care Guide.

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Fund aids breast cancer patients with their finances

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For three years, The Pink Fund has helped local breast cancer patients pay household bills while costly and exhaustive medical treatment keeps them from working. On Oct. 18, The Pink Fund will stage its first luncheon to raise money for the cause.

The Turning Burdens Into Blessings Luncheon, set for noon at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills, brings together fashion, food and informative speakers for a fun and inspiring afternoon.

"We're hoping to fill the seats," said Molly MacDonald, of Beverly Hills, whose own experience with breast cancer led her to establish The Pink Fund in 2006.

The luncheon will be educational, MacDonald said, with Dr. Daniel Sherbert of West Maple Plastic Surgery discussing the latest options for breast reconstruction, and Dr. Jen Green of Beaumont Hospital talking about alternative and complementary therapies for breast cancer.

There's also a focus on fashion. A runway show will feature fall/winter clothing from Doncaster, presented by Susan Golinski of Farmington Hills, a member of the Pink Fund Board of

PINK FUND LUNCHEON

What: Fun, fashion, information, food and prizes

When: Noon-3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18
Where: Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile Road Farmington Hills

Who: Keynote speakers are Dr. Daniel Sherbert, MD, F.A.C.S. a well known plastic surgeon specializing in breast reconstruction; and Dr. Jen Green, ND, a naturopath specializing in cancer.

Tickets: \$45; \$40 for breast cancer survivors. All proceeds benefit Michigan breast cancer patients who are in active treatment and have lost their stream of income.
Information: Visit www.thepinkfund.org

Directors and a breast cancer survivor herself, along with high fashion eyewear by Clavenna Vision, Optik and Optimeyes of South Lyon.

Necklaces by Marlaina Stone of Royal Oak also will be shown, and one will be raffled off at the end of the event.

MacDonald said she was flattered when Stone created a necklace in her honor, called "Molly: Her Winged Victory."

"Whenever I wear it, it's a show-



Pink Fund founder Molly MacDonald wears her "Molly" necklace by Marlaina Stone. (\$2,000)

stopper," MacDonald said.

The statement piece includes strands of freshwater pearls, silver and vintage ribbon chains, and a handmade flower. Like all of Stone's necklaces, the 'Molly' comes with a story.

"Strip her bare and you only give her spirit more reason to shine. Graceful, yes. Delicate, never. In her weakest moments, she displays unbreakable strength," Stone writes. "A beacon of hope. And a great source of inspiration."

The story reflects MacDonald's

belief that breast cancer has given her purpose and enriched her life. That's why she named the luncheon "Turning Burdens Into Blessings."

"When people get breast cancer — or any kind of adversity in their life — they have a choice over what they're going to do," MacDonald said. "I would say that because of what I went through I was refined and made more valuable."

A wife and mother, MacDonald was between corporate jobs when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. During treatment — two surgeries and radiation — her family fell behind on mortgage and car payments as they struggled to keep up with their bills and \$1,200-per-month COBRA payments with MacDonald out of work.

"It was just so terribly stressful," MacDonald said. "I was under a tremendous amount of pressure to produce an income for my family, and even in spite of that designed The Pink Fund to get out of my own pathetic circumstances and help other women — and I was feeling pretty pathetic at the time."

In addition to proceeds from luncheon ticket sales, purchases of Doncaster and Marlaina Stone merchandise will also benefit the cause.

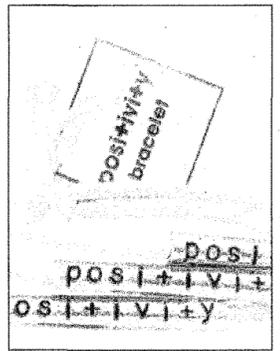
For more information, visit www.thepinkfund.org.

Bracelet is pink and positive

Catching Fireflies will offer a "pink positivity" bracelet to any woman affected by breast cancer during the month of October. In return, owner April McCrumb asks shoppers to share a positive word on ShareYourPositivity.org.

The gift gallery is also offering an uplifting section of pink ribbon-themed goods including art pieces, books and journals about hope, Flying Wish paper, Boob Lube breast check soap and more. Twenty percent of pink ribbon proceeds will benefit The Pink Fund, a local organization dedicated to helping women suffering from breast cancer to pay their bills.

Catching Fireflies also will donate more than 25 percent of the Michigan-made "Friends for Life" frame to top fund raisers for the local American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Catching Fireflies is located at 3117 W. 12 Mile in Berkley; and 203 E. University Drive in Rochester. Or, shop online at www.catchingfireflies.com.



Pink Positivity bracelet

MALLS AND MAINSTREETS

Tuesdays in the Bag

FARMINGTON - To help promote downtown Farmington businesses during Streetscape construction, the Farmington Downtown Development Authority launched Tuesdays in the Bag. Every Tuesday throughout October, shoppers toting "It's Happening" shopping bags will get special savings and treats from more than 30 downtown merchants. Music Go Round, for example, is giving away free harmonicas.

Bags are \$1 at the Farmington DDA, 33316 Grand River Ave.; the Farmers and Artisans Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays at Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park; and from participating merchants.

'It's Happening' is the official slogan

for Farmington's Streetscape Promotion Campaign, aimed at attracting new businesses, enhancing the image of the downtown as a community destination, and improving walkability.

To celebrate the completion of the Streetscape project, slated for early November, the Farmington DDA is hosting a Downtown Streetscape Jam, 12:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 on Grand River Ave. There will be live music, street performers and food. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held when the festivities begin at 12:30 p.m., between the Sunflour Bakehaus and the Rocking Horse. Farmington's annual trick or treating will also be held on this day from 2-4 p.m.

For more information on the Streetscape project go to www.farmingtonstreetscape.org.

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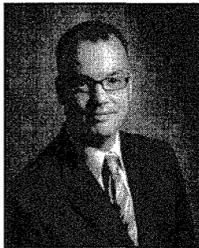
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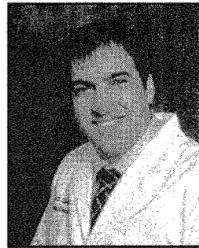
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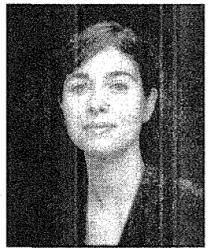
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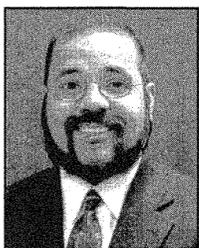
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• While at Art Van, Enter for your chance to win a trip to the 2010 South Beach Food and Wine Festival in Miami, Fla. One winner will be chosen to receive a trip for two that includes round-trip airfare and three days-two nights' deluxe hotel accommodations, \$200 in spending money and tickets to popular SoBe events, such as Bubble0 or Grand Tasting. One entry per person. The contest is open now through Oct. 18. See stores for official rules.

Blizzard time
Time is running out to get your Blizzard fix at the Dairy Queen of Garden City. The store will close for the season on Oct. 18. But between now and then, you can try October's Blizzard of the Month, the Pumpkin Pie Blizzard. It's made with Libby's

★ pumpkin pie mix and pieces of flaky pie crust blended with creamy DQ vanilla soft serve and capped with whipped topping and a sprinkle of nutmeg. Stop by the DQ at 28825 Ford, east of Middlebelt, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 427-7850.

New Management
Corey Gentile wants you to know that Talk A Lot Wireless at 38403 Joy in the Joy & Hix Plaza, Westland, is now under new management. Stop by and say hi.

Jobs Fair
Westland Shopping Center and its merchants have teamed up to hold a Holiday Job Fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Oct. 10, in the East Court outside of Macy's. Participating stores include Aeropostale, Bath & Body Works, Charlotte Russe, Christopher & Banks, CJ Banks, Forever 21, JC Penney, Sears, Macy's and The Children's Place. Davenport University will also have a table. Job seekers are advised to dress appropriately as there may be on-the-spot interviews, bring along at least 24 resumes, a pen to fill out the applications and a great attitude. For more information about the Holiday Job Fair at Westland Shopping Center, call Customer Service at (734) 421-0291 or visit the Web site www.westlandcenter.com.

Coffee Connection
The Westland Chamber of Commerce monthly Coffee Connection will be hosted by Flagstar Bank. Join members for coffee 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, the bank. Just bring plenty of business cards, make a few connections and head on to work. It's a great way to meet other busy business owners and still get some work done. Flagstar Bank is at 29049 Joy, north of Middlebelt, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-7222.

SPECIAL EVENTS

You're invited
Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury has put out an invitation to its exclusive event introducing the extraordinary new 2010 Lincoln MKT and the complete collection of 2010 Lincoln Luxury. The after-dinner reception, featuring gourmet deserts, wine and music with singer Steve Aho, will be held 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury on Ford Road, two blocks west of Merriman in Garden City. Reservations are required. To RSVP for you and your guest, call (888) 860-0007 by Oct. 8 or RSVP online at www.MetroRSVP.com.

Party time
World of Pole Fitness & Dance Studios of Garden City will have a Wrap's Party at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14. There will be a free class and session samples, refreshments, music and the opportunity to try the It Works wrap for only \$20. The studio also has several October specials: \$5 off the one-hour fitness sessions, a \$65 Club Card for eight mix-and-match one-hour sessions and a \$35 Zumba Six-Pack Challenge for six Zumba sessions that must be used within two weeks. Students receive a free Pole-n-Tone DVD with either the full pole course or pole teasers. The studio is at 32669 Warren Road, Suite 6, of the Warren/Venoy Plaza on the south side of Warren Road just east of Venoy. For more information, send an e-mail to patricia@poledancefactory.net or call (734) 306-0909.

Art Van specials
The Curious George Live! World Premier Tour is coming to the Fox Theatre Oct. 15-18. Art Van guests can register to win a family four pack of tickets to the Oct. 15 show, sponsored locally by Art Van and WJBK FOX 2. Winning guests will also be treated to a meet and greet session with the storybook characters. Register now through Sunday, Oct. 11, at all metro Detroit stores, including the store at 8300 N. Wayne Road, Westland. One winner will be chosen from each location.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Grizzly Peak's Chris Carrington of Canton is general manager at Grizzly Peak, where (behind Carrington) brewmaster Duncan Williams cleans a brewery tank.

Brew man manages state's top brewpub

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Chris Carrington loves beer — and not just the taste.

While many beer connoisseurs are content to belly up to the bar for a cold one, it's a matter of reputation and economics for Carrington, 31.

He works as general manager of Grizzly Peak Brewing Co., a popular Ann Arbor gathering spot singled out as Michigan's top-selling brewpub three years in a row by the *Michigan Beer Guide*.

Grizzly Peak sold 1,617 barrels of beer in 2008, outpacing its nearest competitor by more than 169 barrels. In simple terms, that's 401,016 pints brewed on-site and sold last year alone.

Grizzly Peak — a place as beloved by its regulars as television's once-famed Cheers bar — last year topped its own previous record of 1,529 barrels sold.

"I'm extremely proud," said Carrington, who began his career as a 16-year-old dishwasher at a Grand Rapids restaurant. "We've built a good name for ourselves."

He has good reason for his

pub pride, considering that Grizzly Peak, located at 120 W. Washington, relies on a seven-barrel brewing system compared to lesser-selling brewpubs with as many as 10 or 15 barrels.

Carrington cited the Grizzly Peak Pale Ale as the bar/restaurant's most popular beer among nine selections, although Victor's Gold, Steelhead Red and others have their share of fans.

"It's all brewed here," Carrington said.

And now, Grizzly Peak finds itself amid an Oktoberfest celebration which runs through Oct. 22, featuring seasonal beer such as an Oktoberfest lager and special menu items such as Bavarian pork chops, beer-braised brats, pretzel-crusted salmon and chicken schnitzel.

Just recently, Grizzly Peak and another Ann Arbor brewery, Blue Tractor, sponsored a pre-Oktoberfest event that included shutting down part of Washington Street and bringing in live music.

Carrington, who lives in the Lilley-Warren area of Canton, said the ongoing Oktoberfest celebration also features limited supplies of special-edi-

tion pint glasses that patrons can buy for \$5 and refill for \$2 off regular prices through Oct. 22.

Grizzly Peak has been in business for 14 years and employs some 80 people, including part-timers and full-time staff. Carrington said one of his biggest challenges as general manager is making sure the brewpub is properly staffed.

Grizzly Peak's regular menu offers 11 entrees plus sandwiches, pizza and appetizers. One of the hottest items is the Brewery Steak Sandwich, served between crispy potato cakes with melted cheese, bacon and porter crème fraiche.

"It's extremely popular," Carrington said.

Managing the brewpub is a job he loves.

"I like the fact that it's a brewpub," he said. "I'm a big beer guy, and this is my style of restaurant. We have some people who come here every day and others who come in maybe three times a week."

"I like the interaction with people," he added. "There's never a dull moment."

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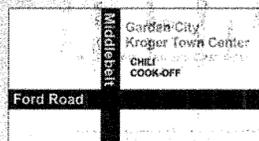


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Breast cancer awareness

Curves' locations, including the ones at 8323 N. Wayne Road, Westland, and 33205 Ford, Garden City, are encouraging women to get annual mammograms and perform monthly breast self-exams during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October.

Women who bring in a mammogram, performed within the last year, or make a \$25 donation to the American Cancer Society will be waived from paying a service fee when they join Curves during one of the last three weeks of October.

Also, participating Curves locations will make available a unique home breast self-exam kit called the Liv Aid, which makes the breast self-exam process more sensitive for detecting unusual lumps. For every Liv Aid kit sold, Curves will donate one to another woman who can't afford one.

"Breast cancer is by far the most common cancer among women worldwide, and National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a perfect opportunity for us to emphasize ways of prevention," said Curves founder Diane Heavin. "Not only are we rewarding women for having mammograms and encouraging them to perform breast-exams, we are also educating Detroit-area community members about the disease and how they can significantly reduce their risk through diet and exercise."

According to Heavin, Curves has been a long-committed partner in the fight against cancer, raising millions of dollars annually for research,

treatment, and recovery programs. The company has helped millions of women around the world lose millions of pounds and move away from all types of diseases.

"When women understand that one-third of all breast cancer can be related to lack of exercise and poor diet, they'll see that they have the opportunity to have much more control over their cancer risk," Heavin said. "We want to encourage women to learn more about the impact wellness has on preventing cancer."

Open house

Four Seasons Nursing Center of Westland is inviting people to "come and see what sets us aside from the rest" at an open house 2-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15.

The open house is in celebration of a newly renovated facility and state-of-the-art sub-acute rehabilitation unit. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided.

Four Seasons is a 180-bed skilled nursing facility which provides many services including short-term rehabilitation, cardiac care, sub-acute care, in-house dialysis, wound healing, pain management, IV therapy, respiratory therapy, hospice, secured memory care unit and long-term basic care.

Four Seasons is family owned and operated by Charles Dunn and employees some 200 people at the facility located at 8365 Newburgh, just south of Joy. For more information, call (734) 416-2000 or visit the facility's Web site at www.fourseasonscenter.com.

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HOMETOWN LIFE



Churchill nails down KLAAs South Division title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

BOYS SOCCER

Livonia Churchill giving up a goal this soccer season has been a rarity. On a windy, rainy Tuesday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Chargers did give up a goal. Canton freshman midfielder Daniel Ovesea scored with 15:58 left in the first half to make it 1-1 in the battle for the KLAAs South Division championship.

But all it took was 1:52 for Churchill to regain the lead — on a penalty kick by senior defender Adam Bedell — and the Chargers were off and running to a 4-1 victory.

State-ranked Churchill, now 14-0-1 and 8-0-1 in the South, will host the Central Division champ (either Salem or Northville) beginning at 7 p.m. Monday for the Kensington Conference

title. "We came back with one in the next minute or so and another one in the next five after that, so it was a nice response to their goal," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We've only given up four goals all year in about 15 games, so it was nice to see how you respond when something hasn't happened in a long time."

Canton coach George Tomasso credited the Chargers for finishing on their scoring opportunities, as well as doing a good job defensively after falling behind in the match.

"Churchill did a great job to earn this win, and I'm proud of my boys for fighting as hard as they could," said Tomasso, whose team dropped to 7-2-0 in the South. "They did a good job

to shut our attack down in the second half."

But Tomasso lamented about his team not finishing around Churchill sophomore goalkeeper Bryan Bartig.

"In the first half, we had anywhere from eight to 10 scoring opportunities," he said. "We finished one. We just need to do a better job of capitalizing and I think we'll be there when we're preparing for districts (which begin Oct. 19)."

The Chargers came out with energy and jumped ahead 1-0 when senior forward Tyler Varney banged home a rebound at 12:28.

On the play, senior midfielder Ian Guerin smoked a shot that Canton senior goalkeeper Kai Walther rejected. But the ball bounced right out to Guerin, and he didn't miss the target.

Canton (9-6-3) evened the match on Ovesea's goal.

Not too long after that, however, a

Churchill player was knocked down inside the box. Taking the penalty kick was the 6-foot-6 Bedell, who took one deliberate step forward before hammering a shot inside the left post.

Just two minutes after that, junior defender Brian Lewandowski scored to make it 3-1.

Churchill added a fourth tally with 22:52 to go in the match, when senior forward Max Washko broke in off the left flank and cleanly beat junior goalie Brandon Laabs from about 10 yards.

"They (Chiefs) were very dangerous coming out of the gate," Friedrichs said. "We saved one off the line and the field conditions didn't make it for either team to be very special. But we were smart, created a lot of restarts and we finished our chances. We had a lot of energy everywhere on the field."

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SIDELINES

Myers medalist

Siena Heights University freshman Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) carded a 1-under 71 to earn medalist honors Saturday at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree No. 6 hosted by Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Davenport University captured the team title with a four-player total of 297, edging Madonna University (300) by three strokes.

Rounding out the WHAC field was Indiana Tech (304), Cornerstone (306), Siena Heights (317), Aquinas (320) and Concordia (352).

Madonna's Kyle Lawrey and Brett Quitquit tied for second-place individual honors with 72 each. Other MU scorers included Nick Sears and Jimmy Uelmen, tied for 17th (78 each); Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill), tied for 19th (79); and Steve South (Livonia Franklin), 23rd (80).

MU women third

The Madonna University women's golf team, headed to the NAIA Nationals next spring, wrapped up the fall season Saturday with a third-place finish at the Auld Crafters Kisor Classic hosted by Ohio Dominican at Cumberland Trail Golf Club in Columbus.

The Crusaders finished with a two-day total of 693 in the 36-hole, 12-team event.

MU scorers included Michelle Hall, 83-85-168; Sara Simnitch, 83-86-169; Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson), 90-89-179; Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin), 96-85-181; and Caitlin Steele (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child), 92-92-184.

Collegiate notes

Freshman Mark McRobb (Livonia Franklin) had a team-high five catches for 49 yards Saturday as host Albion College earned its first Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) win with a 20-0 victory over Olivet College. Albion is 1-3 overall and 1-0 in the MIAA.

Kalamazoo College sophomore midfielder Julia Schroeder was honored for the first time in her career at Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Offensive Player of the Week in women's soccer.

She scored the game's only goal on a 25-yard drive to the back of the net as the Hornets edge Adrian, 1-0.

Kalamazoo, off to its first 2-0 start in MIAA play in eight years, is 4-4-2 overall.

Young harriers

Keenan Jones and Jennifer Janes, both of Livonia's Emerson Middle School, earned All-Ypsilanti Invitational cross country honors last weekend. Jones was runner-up in the 3,200-meter boys race with a time of 13 minutes, 5 seconds, while Janes placed fourth on the challenging rain-soaked course in 15:22.

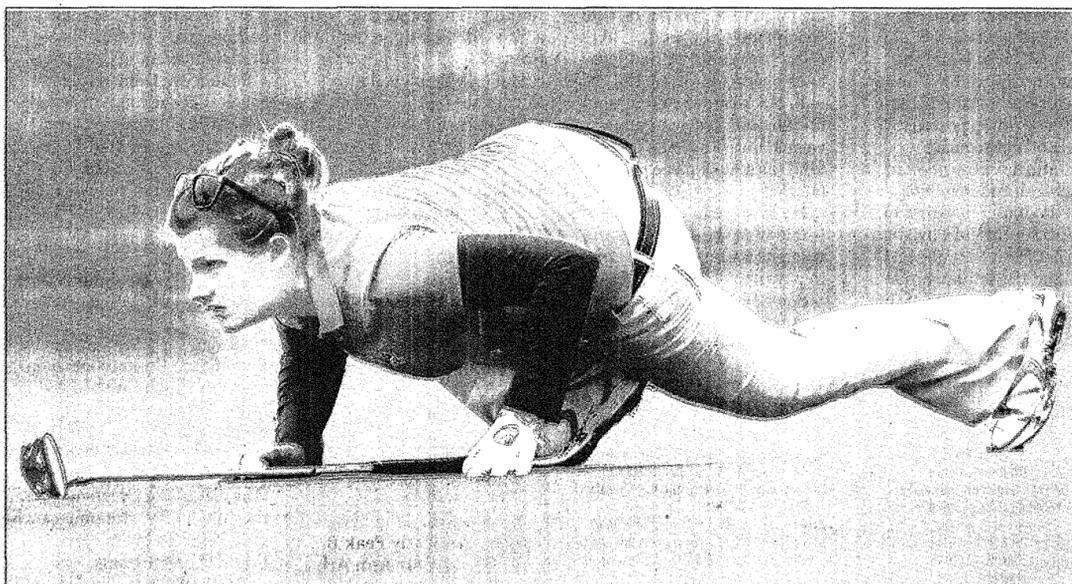
Net ledger: 23-0 Woods rules flight

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's Walter Woods is having a tennis season like no other.

The Patriots' No. 2 singles player continues to mow down the opposition as he ran his unbeaten streak to 23 Tuesday by capturing his flight in the KLAAs

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Surveying the land

Franklin's Georgia Patrick lines up a putt during Tuesday's KLAAs Kensington Conference girls golf tourney at Pheasant Run. Patrick shot a 95 to earn All-Conference honors. For complete tourney results, see page B2.

Glenn spikers serve community

There's more to playing volleyball at Westland John Glenn High School than registering a kill, an ace, a dig or a block.

When many of the Glenn students were just waking up after Friday night's exciting last-second football win over Plymouth, or beginning to primp for Saturday night's homecoming dance, 34 members of the Rockets varsity, JV and freshman volleyball teams were busy volunteering their time and talents at the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor.

This is the third year that coach Julian Wargo's volleyball program has worked in the community. Previous volunteer efforts have included the Westland Goodfellows and the Gleaners Community Foodbank. "Why do we do this?" Wargo asked. "I guess because being part of the community means that you have to reach out beyond the four walls of the classroom and gym and get involved in the work of the community. Sometimes that means rolling up your shirt sleeves and getting a little dirty. And you know what? You can still have fun at the same time, as we found out on Saturday."



Members of the John Glenn volleyball team spent homecoming Saturday volunteering their time at the Penrickton Center for the Blind Children in Taylor.

The Penrickton Center for Blind Children is a private, nonprofit agency providing five-day residential, day care and other services to blind, multi-disabled children (ages 1-12).

"Because we've done community service in the past, I was able to find an organization that needed help," said Wargo, who is a partner in a small engineering firm in Novi. "One of the guys in our office is a Lion, and they do work with the blind. That's where we found

them."

Because no fees are ever charged to families, the Penrickton Center relies upon the support of individuals, service clubs, corporations and foundations. It trains and serves children, families and professionals through support, education and advocacy.

Volunteer coordinator Sharlene Welch was happy and excited to have

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Schoolcraft takes down Cincy State

Yaya Toure continued his hot scoring Sunday with a pair of second-half insurance goals as the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team downed visiting Cincinnati State, 4-1, in a key NJCAA Division I Region XII match.

With the win, Schoolcraft improves to 7-1-1 overall. The Ocelots also avenged a 1-0 setback to the Surge on

Sept. 25. Cincinnati State, ranked No. 13 in last week's NJCAA Division I coaches poll, slipped to 9-2-1 overall. Dane Laird opened the scoring in the fourth minute off an assist from Gavin Kelly who, in turn, set up Bim Ogunyemi's goal in the 10th minute for the Ocelots.

Toure, a sophomore from Willow Run, then added his eighth and ninth goals of the season in the 47th and 54th minutes, respectively, with Dave Carver and Andrew Koet each draw-

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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 7 Friday, Oct. 9	Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
Lutheran Westland (2-4, 2-2) at G.P. University-Liggett (1-5, 1-3), 4:30 p.m.	Westland	Westland	Westland	Westland
Dearborn Heights Robichaud (1-5, 0-4) at Garden City (0-6, 0-4), 7 p.m.	Robichaud	Robichaud	Garden City	Robichaud
Redford Union (4-2, 4-0) at Redford Thurston (5-1, 4-0), 7 p.m.	Union	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Rochester Stoney Creek (3-3, 3-2) at Farmington (4-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Farmington Harrison (5-1, 4-1) at Rochester Adams (5-1, 5-0), 7 p.m.	Adams	Adams	Adams	Adams
Flint Northwestern (3-3) at North Farmington (1-5, 1-5), 7 p.m.	Northwestern	Northwestern	Northwestern	Northwestern
Canton (6-0, 4-0) at Livonia Churchill (1-5, 0-4), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Livonia Franklin (3-3, 2-2) at Plymouth (4-2, 2-2), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Franklin	Plymouth	Plymouth
Livonia Stevenson (4-2, 4-0) at South Lyon East (0-6, 0-4), 7 p.m.	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
South Lyon (1-5, 1-3) at Salem (1-5, 1-4), 7 p.m.	Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem
Westland John Glenn (5-1, 3-1) at Wayne (3-3, 1-3), 7 p.m.	Glenn	Glenn	Glenn	Glenn
Birch Run (2-4, 1-4) at Livonia Clarenceville (3-3, 2-1), 7 p.m.	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Last week	8-4 (.667)	8-4 (.667)	8-4 (.667)	7-5 (.583)
Overall	56-22 (.718)	60-18 (.769)	53-25 (.679)	61-17 (.782)

Brooks runs wild in C'ville win; Haller leads Warriors to victory

Livonia Clarenceville senior running back Levonte Brooks once again was the catalyst in a Trojan football victory.

Brooks carried the ball 16 times Friday night for 251 yards and scored three touchdowns as the Trojans came all the way back to the .500 mark on the season with a 28-21 non-league victory at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Brooks scored on runs of 64 and 14 yards in the opening half and tacked on a 22-yard TD jaunt in the third period as the Trojans held the lead throughout to even their season mark at 3-3.

Junior Henry Seruga fought his way into the scoring column when he carried 27 yards for what proved to be the game-winning TD in the final period. Seruga finished with 101 yards on the ground as the Trojans racked up 380 on 42 attempts.

PREP FOOTBALL

Defensively, Clarenceville was led by sophomore end Sean Cummings, who had 10 tackles (including two sacks). Senior linebacker Dan Schiffman added seven tackles and one interception.

The loss drops to the Ventures to 2-4 overall.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 30, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 8:

The return of Ethan Haller has meant the return to winning ways for Lutheran Westland (2-4, 2-1), which posted its second consecutive victory Saturday afternoon in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rout of visiting Southfield Christian (3-3, 2-1).

Haller, the senior standout, excelled on both sides of the line of scrimmage scoring one touchdown on the ground,

threw for another and was a perfect 3-for-3 in two-point conversion attempts.

Defensively, the 5-foot-10, 180-pound linebacker was a terror as he made life difficult for Eagle ballcarriers by coming up with a team-high 15 tackles.

"It's much better being on this side (winning) than the other (losing) and Ethan has a big hand in it," Warriors head coach Paul Guse' said. "This is the first game we had him back playing both sides of the ball. He fills that void in the middle that in other games we just didn't have an answer for. He's a huge piece to our puzzle."

Haller gave his teammates a 6-0 lead in the second quarter when he scampered 65 yards to paydirt.

Southfield Christian, however, answered took an 8-6 lead into halftime on a touchdown

pass and two-point conversion.

But in the second half, Haller and company turned up the heat as they took advantage of an early Eagle turnover with an 11-yard TD run by junior Derrick Mozham, who followed that six-pointer up with a 21-yard jaunt later in the third period.

Haller and Vince MacRae rounded out the scoring with a 67-yard hook-up in the final frame.

Haller, who moved into third place on the school's all-time rushing chart, led the Warriors' 307-yard ground attack with 192 on 21 carries. Mozham added 102 yards on his 18 attempts.

"We're a much better team with Ethan in the lineup," Guse' said.

Southfield Christian managed 114 yards on the ground and just 57 through the air.

EMONS

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so many Rocket players at the center last Saturday morning, according to the Glenn coach.

Welch presented a "hands-on" program, where the players learned about the difficulties of being blind and living with additional handicaps such as deafness, cerebral palsy, brain damage and developmental delay.

Wearing blind folds and having their hands taped, seniors Lauren Baker and Mackenzie Stephens tried to find their shoes, put them on and then tie the laces.

Sophomore Jordyn Comian and freshman Claire Truskowski attempted to eat breakfast cereal and drink water while being blinded and wearing vibrators on their hands. And junior Brandi Holbrook learned to navigate a classroom using a white cane.

Welch concluded the program by playing a touching slide show where the center's residents were introduced to the players. Among the laughs and giggles, there were a few tears as the girls came to realize how challenging life can be for the youngsters at the center. Afterward, the Rockets were put to several hours of work cleaning the expansive play room, sorting the many toys, tidying the colorful bedrooms and stuffing hundreds of mailers.

Senior Bre Domen told her coach that she has a disabled sister and commented how much she appreciated the work that Penrickton Center does, and understands how difficult

the work can be.

Wargo also got several other positive comments from his players.

"It was fun to help others," freshman Chelsea Belt told the coach.

Added junior Allie Murphy: "It gave me a greater appreciation for what I have."

Several players told Wargo that they hope to return on their own time to continue to volunteer at the center.

By the end of the morning, the players and their coaches came to understand the importance of volunteerism in their community and the remarkable work of the Penrickton Center.

And there was still time available to get ready for the homecoming dance.

Wargo, in his fourth year as Glenn's varsity coach, will also help benefit Gleaners on Saturday, Oct. 31 when the Rockets host the first-ever City Championship with neighboring schools Wayne Memorial, Lutheran High Westland and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

"Hopefully others will catch the buzz," Wargo said. "In some ways, community service should maybe someday be a part of a graduation requirement. There's always an opportunity to grow and expand."

Meanwhile, the Penrickton Center for Blind Children is always seeking volunteers.

For more information, call Sharlene Welch at (734) 946-7500.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 9

Luth. Westland at Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m.
Birch Run at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 8

Franklin at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Country Day at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at A.P. Inter-City, 6:30 p.m.
Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Mercy, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Sturgis Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
KLA A Challenge at Northville, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Oct. 8

Huron Valley at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Luth. Westland at R.O. Shrine, 5 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9

Luth. Westland at Birm. Roepert, 4:30 p.m.
Novi-Detroit CC at Franklin, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Oct. 10

Wayne Co. Inv. at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Oct. 8

Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Rocket Relays at John Glenn, noon.

GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, Oct. 8

(MHSAA Regional Tournaments)
Division 1 at Tanglewood, 9 a.m.
Division 1 at Giant Oaks, 9 a.m.
Division 3 at Reddeman Farms, 9 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Friday, Oct. 9

(MHSAA Regional Tournaments)
Division 1 at Dearborn, 9 a.m.
Division 1 at Novi, 9 a.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Tuesday, Oct. 6

Ladywood at G.P. North, 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 8

Ladywood at Det. Country Day, 5:45 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 8

Findlay (Ohio) at Madonna, 7 p.m.
St. Clair Co. CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9

(Asbury College Classic, Wilmore, Ky.)
Madonna vs. Montreat (N.C.), 4 p.m.
Madonna vs. Pikeville (Ky.), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10

(Asbury College Classic, Wilmore, Ky.)
Madonna vs. Milligan (Tenn.), 11 a.m.
Madonna vs. Marian (Ind.), 3 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 10

Lakland (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 11

Schoolcraft vs. Monroe CC (N.Y.) at Owens Tech (Ohio), noon.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 10

DuPage (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Oct. 6 at Pheasant Run G.C. (Canton)

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 351 strokes; 2. Novi, 377; 3. Plymouth, 386; 4. South Lyon, 387; 5. Livonia Churchill, 414; 6. Livonia Franklin, 422; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 434; 8. Canton, 447; 9. Westland John Glenn, 458; 10. South Lyon East, 464; 11. Wayne Memorial and Salem, no team scores.

Individual medalist: Kelsey Murphy (Plymouth), 78.

TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS

Northville (351): Stephanie Sakorafis, 80; Jackie Kholhede, 89; Brianna Roberts and Camilla Zhao, 91 each; Amy Bernstein, 95; Chelsea Weber, 99.

Novi (377): Megan Henry, 88; Stephanie Hrit and Alyssa Miller, 96 each; Kathleen Koomen, 97; Victoria Tomkinson, 101; Brooke Collins, 106.

Plymouth (386): Kelsey Murphy, 78; Sarah Thompson, 93; Chloe Marentic, 105; Mandy Kirsch, 110; LeAnn O'Shaughnessy, 112; Christy Pattison, 122.

South Lyon (387): Danielle Godard, 93; Natalie Zaguroli, 95; Brittany Snively, 98; Alex Drew, 101; Lizzy Higgins, 102; Brooke Baugous, 110.

Churchill (414): Jordyn Shepler, 91; Jackie Burdette, 105; Shelby Longworth, 107; Maggie McGowan and Stephanie Panaretos, 109 each; Margo McClain, 135.

Franklin (422): Georgia Patrick, 95; Alexis Smith, 101; Mariah Barcus, 110; Mackenzie Meyers, 116; Lauren Beahon, 128; Haley Szpara, 143.

Stevenson (434): Becca Bubbenheimer, 97; Andrea Burford, 111; Sarah King, 112; Dana Smith, 114; Alex Kitz, 115; Chelsea Phillips, 131.

Canton (447): Megan Baumgart, 108; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 112; Ariel Albert, 113; Erin Lixie, 114; Paige Osler, 115; Kaylie Loble, 118.

John Glenn (458): Heidi Irvine, 84; Michelle Bishop, 106; Justine Woodard, 129; Megan Bache, 139; Samantha Baker, 147.

South Lyon East (464): Elena Moore, 98; Brenna Bush and Stephanie Carson, 108 each; Emily Wenson, 114; Taylor Jones, 134; Jessica Jankowiak, no score.

Wayne (no team score): Jane Thayer, 105; Avalon Felan, 134.

Salem (no team score): Gabrielle LeBlanc, 144.

KENSINGTON ALL-CONFERENCE (top 19 finishers)

Northville: Kjolhede, Sakorafis, Roberts, Zhao, Bernstein; **Novi:** Henry, Hrit, Miller, Koomen; **Plymouth:** Murphy, Thompson; **South Lyon:** Goodair, Snively, Zaguroli; **Churchill:** Shepler; **Franklin:** Patrick; **Stevenson:** Bubbenheimer; **John Glenn:** Irvine; **S.L. East:** Moore.

DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS
Central: Northville.
South: Plymouth and Churchill.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Oct. 6 at St. John's G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart, 344 strokes; 2. Birmingham Marian, 361; 3. Farmington Hills Mercy, 373;

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Stephanie Panaretos takes aim off the tee during Tuesday's KLA A Kensington Conference girls golf tourney held at Canton's Pheasant Run.

4. Dearborn Divine Child, 386; 5. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 399; 6. Warren Regina, 409; 7. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 421; 8. Livonia Ladywood, 446.

Individual medalist: Elizabeth Quick (Sacred Heart), 83 (won playoff).

TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS

Sacred Heart (344): 1. (tie) Elizabeth Quick and Sarah Dilts, 83 each; 6. (tie) Rebecca Noble and Amanda Paul, 89 each; 9. Adrienne Milner, 90; 35. Elizabeth Watchowski, 113.

Marian (361): 4. Kelly Lunghamer, 86; 9. (tie) Kristen Lunghamer and Leanne DiMambro, 90 each; 15. Janna Kramer, 95; 18. Macy Hudson, 96; 20. Anne Marie Fioravante, 98.

Mercy (373): 6. Maggie Lentz, 89; 12. (tie) Patty Battersby and Brenna Hammond, 94 each; 18. Shannon White, 96; 20. (tie) Elena Vlachos and Sarah Montone, 98.

Divine Child (386): 5. Donna Fiscelli, 88; 15. Natalie Blazo, 95; 20. Amanda Andrysiak, 98; 26. Lauren Parzianello, 105; 39. Emily Drinan, 117; 47. Robin Redline, 144.

Gabriel Richard (399): Morgan Huetter, 95; 24. (tie) Ashley Busch and Anne Sturgeon, 99 each; 42. Alison Pollock, 122.

Regina (409): 3. Natalie Didio, 85; 27. Tessa Fredal, 106; 33. (tie) Alexandra Kelly and Letha Jones, 109 each; 43. Jessica Waldenmeyer, 123; 45. Sarah Cornwell, 128.

Notre Dame Prep (421): 12. Brooke Borowski, 94; 27. Lexie Cipa, 106; 32. Devine Blacksher, 108; 35. Jane Fountain, 113; 38. Whitney Lorenz, 116; 46. Cathy Robinson, 138.

Ladywood (446): 30. (tie) Erin Reece and Val DiMilia, 107 each; 37. Christina Briden, 114; 40. Michelle Nelson, 118; 41. Sara Even, 119; 43. Marissa Ley, 123.

WOODS

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Kensington Conference tournament, which finished up indoors at the Farmington Racquet Club.

Woods earned a 6-3, 6-3 triumph over top-seeded Tim Wasielewski of Northville for the crown after stopping third-seed Peter Zhang of Novi, 6-3, 6-1, in the semifinals.

Northville, which reached the finals in all nine flights, edged host Novi, which won all five doubles flights, for the team title, 29-28. Plymouth was third with 14 and Livonia Stevenson fourth with 13.

In 2008, Woods played No. 1 singles for the Patriots and lost to Wasielewski in an early-round match of the conference tourney, 6-4, 6-1.

"I remembered that I played bad and he played good," Woods said. "Today, I mainly tried to get the ball back and he made some unforced errors. And when I had the shot, I'd go for it."

The left-hander stayed exclusively on the baseline and used his kick serve to keep Wasielewski off-balance.

"One of the things I've got to get more comfortable with is going to the net," said Woods, who lost his No. 1 flight status prior to the season to team-

mate Stephen Payne. Woods has yet to give up a set this season as he enters Friday's Division 1 regional tourney at Dearborn.

While a majority of his matches have ended quickly, Woods fine-tunes his game by practicing with former- and current players from the Wayne State University team, along with Payne, who reached the conference semifinals at No. 1 singles.

"I usually take a day off each week to stay sharp," Woods said. "I want to hit more because there's not been a lot of competition."

Because he plays No. 2 singles, the only way Woods can get into the state finals is if the Patriots qualify as a team out of the regional. They must finish among the two teams or score at least 18 points to earn the trip, Oct. 16-17, to the Midland Tennis Center.

The Patriots will have a tough task at the regional getting by such schools as Dearborn High, Dearborn Fordson and Livonia Churchill. The only other player that can advance individually from a non-qualifying team is by placing first or second at No. 1 singles.

"Our team has a chance," Woods said. "We just have to show up."

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Oct. 5 at Novi Middle School

Oct. 6 at Farmington Racquet Club

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 29 points; 2. Novi, 28; 3. Plymouth, 14; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 13; 5. Salem, 11; 6. South Lyon East, 10; 7. Canton, 8; 8. Livonia Franklin, 7; 9. South Lyon, 5; 10. Livonia Churchill, 4; 11. Westland John Glenn, 2; 12. Wayne Memorial, 0.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Kevin Renehan (SLE) defeated Melvin Joseph (N'ville), 6-4 (retired-cramps); **semifinals:** Renehan def. Stephen Payne (LF), 6-1, 6-4; Joseph def. Aaron Zhang (PLY), 6-7, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 2: Walter Woods (LF) def. Tim Wasielewski (N'ville), 6-3, 6-3; **semifinals:** Woods def. Peter Zhang (Novi), 6-3, 6-1; Wasielewski def. Matt Dwan (PLY), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 3: Steve Irvine (N'ville) def. Pavan Rao (Novi), 6-0, 6-1; **semifinals:** Irvine def. Andy Mitchell (PLY), 6-3, 6-1; Rao def. Chris Kyanka (SLE), 6-2, 6-4.

No. 4: Nick Kalweit (N'ville) def. Alex Brizard (Novi), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; **semifinals:** Kalweit def. Pat Bailey (PLY), 6-3, 6-1; Brizard def. Vince Sabatini (LS), 6-2, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Nathan Farooq-Greg Richard (Novi) def. Evan Gatz-Arroyo Rossi (N'ville), 6-0, 6-2; **semifinals:** Farooq-Richard def. Josh York-Paul Franchina (LS), 6-3, 6-0; Gatz-Rossi def. Brock Foster-Josh Perrin (Salem), 6-2, 6-4.

No. 2: Jason Carless-Kyle McGuire (Novi) def. Albert Chen-Bryce Groshek (N'ville), 7-5, 7-5; **semifinals:** Carless-McGuire def. Kirk Willette-Andrew Tidwell (Canton), 6-0, 6-0; Chen-Groshek def. Drew Leist-Ian Fleming (PLY), 6-4, 6-4.

No. 3: Chaitanya Kanikar-Vishnu Venugopal (Novi) def. Matt Satterfield-Phil Lee (N'ville), 6-2, 7-5; **semifinals:** Kanikar-Venugopal def. Josh Heinz-Hank Eckhardt (PLY), 6-0, 6-3; Satterfield-Lee def. Marcus McCathney-Kaeman Holman Rayos (LS), 6-2, 6-1.

No. 4: Bill Bell-Andrew Cho (Novi) def. Jordan Blough-Alex Hsu (N'ville), 6-3, 6-2; **semifinals:** Bell-Cho def. Zenik Pelekh-Greg Seleski (Salem), 6-0, 6-2; Blough-Hsu def. Kartik Bhatt-Austin Payne (Canton), 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

No. 5: Anir Ravi-Zhao Wang (Novi) def. Austin Weaver-Rahul Raj (N'ville), 6-3, 7-6 (7-2); **semifinals:** Ravi-Wayn def. Luke Freeman-Ashwin Kumar (Canton), 6-0, 6-2; Weaver-Raj def. Sean Wallace-Jacob Ratliff (LS), 6-0, 6-1.

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SCHOOLCRAFT

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ing an assist. Ian McDonald-Wilkins made four saves and played all 90 minutes in goal for Schoolcraft, which returns to Michigan Community College Athletic Association action at 4 p.m. Wednesday at home against Delta CC.

SCHOOLCRAFT 6, KELLOGG CC 0: On Friday, Nate Sergison (Livonia Stevenson), Yaya Toure and Dave Carver each tallied a

pair of goals to propel Schoolcraft College (6-1-1, 4-0) to a Michigan Community College men's soccer victory at Kellogg CC (2-8, 0-5).

Masato Morioka assisted on three of the goals, while Andy Adlington added two for the Ocelots.

Schoolcraft, which led 4-0 at intermission, also got assists from Bim Ogunyemi and Gavin Kelly. The Ocelots outshot the Bruins, 20-0, as goalkeepers Ian McDonald-Wilkins and Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) each played 45 minutes to combine on the shutout.

Spartan effort

Stevenson breaks up first-place Rocks title quest

It's been an uncharacteristic tough sledding this season for the Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team.

But on Tuesday night the host Spartans played spoiler knocking off KLA Central Division leader Salem out of first place, 1-0.

Senior Marco Bernardini's goal midway through the first half off an assist from Chris Sergison proved to be the game-winner as the Spartans, last year's Division 1 state runner-up, improved to 5-6-4 overall and 3-4-2 in the division.

Goalkeeper Conner Burton made seven saves as the Spartans notched their seventh team shutout of the season.

Stevenson's backline of Adam Dabkowski, Zach Cooney, Charlie Swingle and Joe Flanagan helped key the victory.

"They were all pretty good back there," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Overall there was a team-wide commitment to defending, that was the number one thing. It was a widespread team effort."

BOYS SOCCER

Salem, which defeated Stevenson in an earlier meeting 3-0, falls to 10-4-3 overall and 6-2-1 in the division. The Rocks are now one point behind Northville (9-4-4, 6-1-2) with only one KLA Central match remaining.

JOHN GLENN 5, WAYNE 1: Five different players scored Tuesday as host Westland John Glenn (5-8, 4-5) defeated rival Wayne Memorial (1-13, 0-9) for the second time this season in a KLA South Division match.

Nelson Kenne, Madolin Pop, Renato Muca, Robert Mason and Troy McGuigan tallied goals for the victorious Rockets.

"We had great passing, great teamwork," Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada said. "We had great communication on defense and at midfield. We attacked in style and had strategy to make it happen."

Wayne, which couldn't overcome a 4-0 halftime deficit, got a goal from Ryan Raymor off a set-up from Kevin Glass and Nick Staley.

PLYMOUTH 5, FRANKLIN 1:

In KLA South Division match Tuesday at P-CEP, the host Wildcats (10-6-1, 7-1-1) jumped out to a 3-0 half-time en route to the win over Livonia Franklin (2-12, 1-8).

Matt Ingrody had the lone goal for the Patriots off an assist from Jordan McGuire.

Franklin goalkeeper Ryan Tikey made 15 saves.

"We had our moments, but we did not mark tight and they beat us on the through-ball and the overlap," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said.

WAYNE 4, REDFORD UNION 2: On Monday, Wayne Memorial (1-12) "got off the snide," notching its first victory of the season with a non-conference triumph at Redford Union (3-9-3).

Junior Nick Staley led the victorious Zebras with a pair of goals.

Sophomore Kevin Diehl and senior Alex Balli added one apiece, while senior Kevin Glass chipped in with two assists for Wayne.

Wayne also got strong efforts from senior sweeper Josh Murphy and outside-midfielder Sean Kunde, according

to coach Dave Daigneau. Francis Mensah notched his 22nd and 23rd goals of the season for the Panthers, who trailed 3-2 at intermission.

STEVENS ON 0, ATHENS 0: Goalkeeper Conner Burton made two key saves in the final minute Saturday to enable host Livonia Stevenson (4-6-4) a deadlock with longtime non-conference rival Troy Athens (5-4-4).

It was the sixth shutout of the season for the Spartans, while Athens goalie Alec Berzerra also earned a shutout.

STEVENS ON 5, SOUTH LYON 1: In a KLA Central Division match Friday, host Livonia Stevenson (4-6-3, 2-4-2) posted its highest goal output of the year against the Lions (5-8-3, 2-4-2).

Reilly Mullett had a goal an assist for the Spartans, who led 3-1 at halftime.

Other goals came from Nick Degillio, Brendan Mulcahy, Tony Juncaj and Scott Brewer, while Camden Iwasko and Alex Vrsovski drew assists.

Conner Burton (first half) and Donald Grandahl (second half) combined in goal for the victory.

Chargers razor-sharp in win over Plymouth

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Livonia Churchill's Cory Urbats played maestro Tuesday night as she helped orchestrate an impressive 25-12, 25-9, 25-19 KLA South Division girls volleyball triumph over host Plymouth.

The junior setter racked up 39 assist-to-kills and 13 digs as the state-ranked Chargers (No. 10 in Division 1) improved to 30-4 overall and 5-0 in the division.

Other contributions came from Sarah Suppelsa (17 kills, seven digs); Taylor Kerr (18 digs, 100 percent serve-serve); Kara Kempinski (17 digs, 100 percent serving); Cierra Yettes (12 kills); and Darcy DeRoo (15 digs, five kills, three assists).

The loss drops Plymouth to 16-6-1 overall and 3-2 in the division.

Rockets stop Patriots

Brooke Zywick recorded 29 of her team's 55 digs Tuesday as host Westland John Glenn downed Livonia Franklin in three straight KLA South sets, 25-20, 25-22, 25-18.

Offensively, Halie Baker led the Rockets (12-9-1, 2-3) with 11 kills, while Brittani Robinson and Lauren Baker added eight each.

"Our passing and setting were very consistent, allowing us to control the rhythm in the third set, and win the clincher," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "I have

to give special mention to Mercedes Robinson and Brittani Robinson. While it might not show up in the stats, I think the Mercedes had a strong serving game tonight and kept us into the game in sets one and two. And Brittani started to pound the ball like she is capable of - hitting all the angles tonight - and giving us a different look when attacking."

Franklin's kills leaders included Chelsea Williams (7), Liz Holloway (6) and Kelsey Boyd (5).

Nicole Williamson added 15 digs as the Patriots slipped to 4-12-2 overall and 1-4 in the South.

Novi trips Stevenson

In a KLA Central Division encounter Tuesday, state-ranked Novi took four sets to down visiting Livonia Stevenson, 25-13, 25-19, 20-25, 25-23.

Reina Tyl and Kelly Vellucci had 14 and nine kills, respectively, for the Spartans, who dropped to 16-10-2 overall and 3-3 in the Central.

Shelbie Wilson added 21 digs, while Jordan York was 27-of-31 (87 percent) on serve-reception. Claire LeBlanc added 12 assists.

Novi improves to 20-4 overall and 5-0 in the division.

Flanery's late goal lifts Warriors past Lancers

Gage Flanery's goal with less than five minutes remaining Tuesday gave host Lutheran High Westland a dramatic 4-3 boys soccer victory over state-ranked Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

Tied at 3-all, Flanery got a nifty feed from teammate Austin Baglow and promptly found the back of the net to help the Warriors improve to 6-5-3 overall and 4-5-2 in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue

Division play.

Flanery opened the scoring with a penalty kick in the first half as the Warriors held a 2-0 advantage at the break. His second goal came midway through the second half.

Dylan Anderson tallied two goals for Oakland Christian (12-4-1).

Josh Miller netted the other goal for the Cougars, who are ranked No. 3 in Division 4.

HURON VALLEY 5, PARKWAY 2: On Tuesday, Mark St. John

and Tyler Wagaman each tallied a pair of first half goals Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (7-7, 7-5) raced to MIAC Red Division win over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (3-8-1, 3-7-1).

The four goals came within a span of 20 minutes as Huron Valley built a 4-0 lead at half-time and coasted to the win.

Kyle Warren tacked on a second-half tally for the victorious Hawks. Mitchell Davey and Zach

Champine were the goalscorers for the Eagles.

CLARENCEVILLE 7, PONTIAC 2: Garek Hintzman banged home three goals and assisted on another Tuesday as Livonia Clarenceville (10-3-2) roared past Pontiac High (6-8).

Tim Kuszak and Jimmy Moody each chipped in with a goal and an assist, while Phil Strachan and Zac Rosen each added a goal for the victorious Trojans.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 15 PLYMOUTH 48

Oct. 6 at Cass Benton Park
Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 17:54.1 (5,000 meters).

Other Churchill finishers: 2. Kerigan Riley, 19:36.9; 3. Bethany Pilat, 20:09.9; 4. Sydney Anderson, 20:17.9; 5. Amanda Southwell, 20:25.9; 7. Katie Rash, 20:58.8; 8. Sarah Bauman, 21:43.2.

Plymouth finishers: 6. Nicole Traitses, 20:45.8; 9. Julie Hahn, 21:54.0; 10. Jordan Strahm, 23:02.8; 11. Sophie Roberts, 23:04.2; 12. Tricia Pniwski, 23:11.5; 13. Heather Shoats, 23:16.9; 14. Mandy McSween, 23:48.1.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLA South Division; Plymouth, 3-1 KLA South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 15 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 49

Oct. 6 at Nankin Mills

Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19:59.9 (5,000 meters).

Other Franklin finishers: 2. Tiffany Lambie, 20:39.2; 3. Brittany Dilley, 20:41.6; 4. Megan Wickens, 21:19.9; 5. Leslie Gomez, 21:33.6; 6. Kelly Walby, 21:36.9; 8. Jane

Modes, 22:14.7.

Glenn finishers: 7. Kirsten Smith, 22:05.4; 9. Ashley Bailey, 22:22.4; 10. Abbey Wright, 22:23.4; 11. Cassie Sanders, 23:44.1; 12. Courtney MacQuarrie, 24:21.1; 13. Evi Cenolli, 24:26.9; 14. Audra Flores, 24:54.6.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLA South Division; Glenn, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLA South.

DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD FALCON INVITATIONAL

CROSS COUNTRY MEET RESULTS
Oct. 3 at Dearborn Ford Woods Park

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 2): 1. Allen Park Cabrini, 47 points; 2. Lutheran High Westland, 55; 3. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 69 (six schools).

Individual winner: Sarah Maynard (Lutheran Westland), 21:52 (5,000 meters).

Other Lutheran Westland finishers: 2. Erin Lyle, 22:13; 6. Jess Rice, 22:34; 19. Angela Morrison, 24:16; 27. Carly Girolamo, 25:19; 28. Ashley Pniwski, 25:28.0; 31. Lindsey Smith, 25:52.0.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 2): 1. Divine Child, 30 points; 2. Detroit Renaissance, 39; 3. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 89; 4. Allen Park Cabrini, 94; 5. Lutheran High Westland, 125.

Individual winner: Aaron Moore (Divine Child), 16:51 (5,000 meters).

Lutheran Westland finishers: 21. Daniel Bunge, 19:47; 23. Josh Kirk, 20:21; 26. Jeremy Kohtz, 20:53; 30. Caleb Kempf, 21:06; 34. Peter Sillanpaa, 22:41; 35. Phil Wette, 23:23; 36. Eric Smith, 24:08.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 18 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 39

Oct. 6 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Joe Porcari (Plymouth), 17:08 (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 3. Tom Winkle, 17:22; 7. Quinn Osgood, 18:02; 8. Stephen Charnley, 18:09; 9. Ryan Wise, 18:12; 12. Mark Freyburg, 18:21.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 4-0 KLA South Division; Churchill, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLA South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 16 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 53

Oct. 6 at Nankin Mills

Individual winner: Nik Gherardini, 17:37 (5,000 meters).

Other Franklin finishers: 2. Bobby Wilson, 17:46; 3. Ryan Derry, 18:25; 4. Joe Steckel, 18:29; 6. Mike Witt, 18:38; 8. Bryan Schuit, 19:41; 9.

John Ferreira, 19:45.

John Glenn finishers: 5. Jason Suarez, 18:36; 7. Ruben Maya, 19:10; 11. Mike Dalton, 20:30; 12. Ryan Boes, 20:34; 18. Kevin Wacker, 21:40; 10. Chris Jones, 21:48; 21. Aaron Thomas, 22:29.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLA South Division; John Glenn, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLA South.

CANTON 17 WAYNE MEMORIAL 46

Oct. 6 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Paul Rakovitis (Canton), 17:58 (5,000 meters).

Wayne finishers: 4. Tyler Gendron, 19:26; 9. Ryan Stamper, 21:13; 10. Darren Hombirg, 22:01; 11. Brandon Tykoski, 22:23; 12. Kyle McKague, 27:31.

Dual meet records: Canton, 3-1 KLA South Division; Wayne, 0-6 overall, 0-4 KLA South.

COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

LANSING CC INVITATIONAL

CROSS COUNTRY MEET RESULTS

Oct. 3 at Lansing CC

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lansing CC, 35 points; 2. Hope College, 63; 3. Spring Arbor, 68 (11 schools).

Individual winner: Nathan Martin (Spring Arbor), 25 minutes, 10 seconds (8-kilometers).

Madonna University finishers: 81. Tim Boes, 29:11; 95. Dan Pratt, 29:33; 131. Mitch

Cieslak, 32:18.

Schoolcraft College finishers: 110. Adam Creech, 30:17; 112. Nathan Wise, 30:20; 141. William Jackson, 37:12.

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Hope College, 45 points; 2. Lansing CC, 46; 3. Spring Arbor, 53; 4. Siena Heights, 128; 5. Oakland CC, 149; 6. Jackson CC, 179; 7. Macomb CC, 180; 8. Madonna University, 197; 9. Schoolcraft College, 215; 10. Kirtland CC, 283; 11. Glen Oaks CC, 311.

Individual winner: Lisa Montgomery (L&L Track Club), 18:27 (5,000 meters).

Madonna finishers: 35. Kari Saarela, 20:22; 42. Cassie Yarnall, 20:38; 53. Emma Czaplinski, 21:06; 55. Devan Walley, 21:09; 60. Emily Bambach, 21:27.

Schoolcraft finishers: 27. Kaitlin Fenech, 20:06; 54. Courtney Plummer, 21:08; 63. Ashley Hayden, 21:33; 72. Laura Ahearn, 21:47; 77. Jamie Wick, 22:05; 95. Katherine Conklin, 23:26.

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Members of Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia show off some of the clothing collected in the church's first winter coat drive.

Coat drive underway at Livonia church

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia is overflowing with winter coats, hats, scarves and other warm apparel.

And that's just fine with Rev. Todd Lackie. "We have hundreds of items. We are actually sorting tonight," he said Wednesday.

"This is our first coat drive. We held a clothing drive this summer and gave away 8,000 pieces of clothing to our community."

The church began collecting last month and will continue accepting items through Oct. 23. Donations can be left in a drop box under the canopy at the church's main entrance, 20200 Merriman, in Livonia.

The church will distribute coats from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24.

People may come and take what they need. We are not screening," Rev. Lackie said. "We only ask that you take what you will use."

"We are also offering the opportunity to come and exchange an old coat for a new one. Some people may not feel they need 'charity,' but we welcome people coming and trading out their old coat for a new one."

Kenwood Church of Christ has given food to more than 300 families over the past six months. Members also gave away clothing, backpacks filled with school supplies, and have worked in the gardens at Webster School in Livonia. They plan to paint Another Way Pregnancy Center in Farmington this weekend.

"We are involving ourselves in our community by putting our faith in action," said Rev. Todd Lackie. "Our Faith in Action campaign is helping us transform our congregation into a church that is motivated to help our community and strive to grow in Jesus' image. A church that puts its faith into action focuses not on itself, but living out Christ's teaching and his divine example of compassion."

"We believe that we can make a difference in our community during these difficult economic times. In moments like these, we must help one another. We have chosen to try to find ways to help rather than sit back and watch as our neighbors and friends go through some of the toughest moments of their lives. We consider it a privilege to serve our community."

Call the church at (248) 476-8222 for more information on the coat drive.

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OCT. 29-NOV. 4

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1 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, at Sacred Heart Church's Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes a gourmet luncheon provided by Thomas's Catering, as well as a fashion show of clothing from The Clothing Cover of Milford. There will be raffles, a silent auction and door prizes. Seating is limited to adults and teens only. For more information or to buy tickets, call the parish banquet and catering center at (734) 261-8560 or Jean Parent at (248-755-1777).

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

■ Bible 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., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank gives free clothing to those in need, 10 a.m.-noon, fourth Saturday of each month, at the church, 41920 Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley roads. Donations of clean clothing that is in good repair also are accepted. The clothing bank can't accept under garments or household items. (734) 404-2480

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, Dunning 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.

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.

Card party

Breast cancer awareness luncheon and card party, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Tickets \$8. Table and door prizes, 50-50. No smoking. For tickets or reservations call (734) 722-1343.

Concert

Free Christian folk/country/rock concert, 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, at St. Michael Lutheran Church and School, 3003 Hannan Road, at Glenwood in Wayne. Don Wharton will perform. For more about the singer, visit www.donwharton.com. For more about the concert, call the church at (734) 728-1950.

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.

Film

"The 13th Day," a film about children from the village of Fatima in Portugal who experienced apparitions of Mary in 1917, will premiere at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. RSVP at www.CatholicScreenings.com. For questions e-mail to Screenings@Maximusmg.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.

Special presentation

Mary Ann Wheeler will give a presentation on Marcus Swift's life, entitled "Slavery in Michigan, The Underground Railroad, and Abolitionist Preacher Marcus Swift" at 7 p.m. at historic Newburg Church at Greenmead in Livonia. Swift was the first pastor of the Newburg United Methodist Church. (734)422-0149

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 Vladimirs, 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.

ENDOW for girls

Girl Genius, a one-day ENDOW retreat for girls runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17, at St. Aidan church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$30 for girls, adults are admitted for free, and includes lunch and snack. (248) 477-2555

Food pantry

Reserve a pick up time for the monthly food pantry Oct. 17, at Trinity Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, just west of Beck, in Plymouth. Reserve in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 12-14.

OCT. 22-28

Coat distribution

Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, is collecting new and used winter coats and apparel, including gloves, hats, scarves, boots, snowsuits, sweatshirts, and sweaters. Drop off items 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday. An afterhours box also is available under the church's front canopy. Items will be distributed on Oct. 24. All clothing will be free. People also may bring their old items and exchange them for new ones on that day. (248) 476-8222

Craft show

2nd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar Craft Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24, at First United Methodist Church of Northville, Eight Mile and Taft. More than 50 artisans will sell their works. Baked goods, breakfast, lunch, coffee, beverages will be on sale and tickets will be available for a drawing. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. All church proceeds support Village Banking, which provides micro loans to families living in abject poverty throughout the world (www.villagebanking.org) For vendor list and more details: www.fumcnorthville.org

Special needs dance

Reservations deadline for Emmanuel Lutheran Church's "Harvest Costume Dance" for adults with special needs is Oct. 23. The church will host the dance 6:30-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. Spend an evening of music, fun, and friendship and we dance the night away. Prize for best costume. There is no charge for this event. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited. RSVP to Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-0307, or e-mail at judy@emmanuel-livonia.org.

Widowed Mass

Widowed men and women may celebrate Mass, stay for refreshments, fellowship and meet new friends in a safe setting Sunday, Oct. 25 at St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, (1/4 mile north of 14 Mile, between Woodward and Coolidge. Check-in begins at 2 p.m., Mass at 2:30 p.m.. Offered by Widowed Friends, a peer support group. For or

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MARY KOLODY
Age 94, of Farmington Hills, MI. October 2, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington.



JAMES BENJAMIN McATEER
On October 11, 1929, the good Lord gave the earth a son, James "Benny" Benjamin McAteer Jr. Ben would grow, learn, marry, have children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He then became their mentor, teaching all he knew, preparing them for their journey, and then becoming their hero. God left him here on loan to fill many people's lives with many memories. On October 3, 2009, the Lord brought him home, ending his journey here on earth. He is survived by his wife: Pat McAteer of Beaverton; son: Jim B. McAteer III; daughter: Trish (Duke) McAteer Wilson; son: Tim (Melissa) McAteer; daughter: Darlene McAteer Villaire; daughter: Kathy (Scott) McAteer Taft; 21 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; brother: Thomas McAteer; many nieces & nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter: Jean; brother: John P. "Jack" McAteer; sister-in-law: Eileen McAteer. Funeral Services were held at St. Anne Catholic Church, Edenville, Michigan. Visitation was at Hall-Kokotovich Funeral Home, Beaverton, Michigan. He will be laid to rest at Billings Twp. Cemetery, Beaverton, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Toy's for Tots or to be used according to the wishes of the family. hall-kokotovichfuneralhome.com

THOMAS E O'HARA
October 3, 2009. Age 94, formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Proud veteran of U.S. Army Air Corp., WWII. Founder and chairman of the board of National Association of Investors Corp. (NAIC). Beloved husband of Eleanor M. (nee Urquhart) for 60 years. Dear father of Dr. Thomas E., Jr. (Melissa), Robert A. (Jill) and Shelley J. Genord (Dennis). Grandfather of Brandon, Andrew, Thomas III, Megan, Tyler, Julia and Jayden. Family received friends Wednesday 4-8 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Funeral Service Thursday 10 a.m. at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Memorial tributes to Kirk in the Hills Outreach and Benevolence. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

NORMA SUSAN RICHARDSON
Age 81, died Sunday, September 27, 2009 at Rolling Fields Senior Living, Conneautville, PA. She was born December 26, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan, daughter of the late Ferdinand and Susan Martin. Norma graduated from Redford High School, Redford, Mich. She was a school bus driver for over 20 years. Norma played the organ and violin, loved gardening, and traveling by motorhome. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Robert R. Richardson. Survivors include three sons: Robert Richardson, III and his wife Gwynne of Edinboro, Martin Richardson, Todd Richardson and his wife Ursula; 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Arrangements entrusted to Burton Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 602 West 10th Street.

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Long-time pastor retires from Livonia church

The Rev. Rick Peters achieved several milestones in his ministry this year.

He marked 40 years as a "Minister of the Word and Sacrament" in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in May. He has been at the helm of the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, in Livonia, for 20 years.

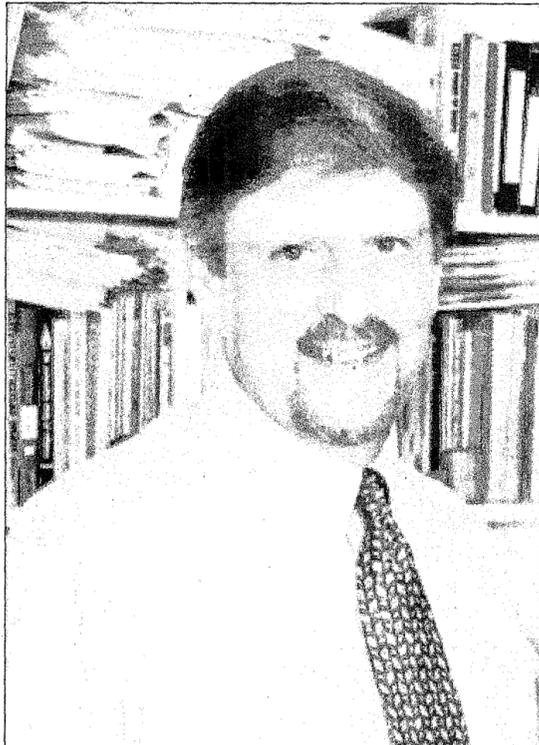
And he'll likely earn the title "Pastor Emeritus" Sunday, Oct. 11 when the congregation votes to bestow the honor as Rev. Peters retires.

A potluck is scheduled the same day after the 10:30 a.m. service. Guest speakers from the church, friends and family — including the pastor's two daughters — will attend a program at the potluck.

A dinner on Thursday, Oct. 22, at Laurel Manor in Livonia will include guest speakers and a video presentation.

"I've been a member of RGPC for over 30 years. I guess I would say we met our "soulmate" when the Pulpit Nominating Committee brought him to us. His leadership style led and supported the Session (the ruling body of our church) members to make thoughtful decisions regarding the activities of the church," stated Jan Myers, chair of Rev. Peters' retirement celebration committee.

"He supported a congregational committee through two back to back Capital Fundraising Drives that raised more than \$800,000 which allowed us to make major structural changes to the church, including the addition of an elevator that could reach the four different levels of the



Rev. Rick Peters

building." Myers said he also has been involved in community outreach, participating with church members in the annual CROP walk and meeting on a regular basis with area clergy.

MISSION TRIPS

"When he came to (Rosedale) there was a long-established tradition of our senior high youth groups going

on a mission caravan every year. When Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana, a member of our church went to Rick and said 'we need to do something!' Within weeks, Rick lead a group of members south to hook up with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Relief Team who worked hard to make lives and living conditions better," Myers said. "Since that trip, two more mis-

sion teams have been established — a young adult group that goes for a week through PDA and another group of all ages that goes for a long week-end to assist Michigan Presbyterian Church Camps keep their facilities in repair."

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Rev. Peters, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., completed undergraduate work in pre-med biological sciences at Kenyon College in Ohio, before spending a year working as a mission assistant in agricultural reform in Brazil.

Rev. Peters earned a Masters of Divinity Degree with honors from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1969. He also earned two certifications in Pastoral Counseling and served churches in Pennsylvania and Michigan, including Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Walled Lake, before taking his ministry to Rosedale in 1989.

Associate Pastor, Kellie Whitlock, calculated some of the highlights of Rev. Peters' work at Rosedale:

- 174 baptisms
 - 143 weddings
 - 191 funerals
- She also figured he had delivered at least 2,400 sermons during his entire ministry.
- Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church is located at 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. For more information about Rev. Peters' retirement events, call the church at (734) 422-0494.

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Anton Chekhov wrote the original short stories.

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And Craig Hane gave them a twist of TV-style slapstick.

"It's made up of eight or nine small stories adapted from Chekhov," said Hane, artistic director of Barefoot Productions, describing Simon's *The Good Doctor*. "They were on the depressing, dark side — not intended to be comedic."

"Neil Simon 'Simonized them.' He brought out the humor in the stories. He wrote this show in the early 70s. It's reflective of the early days when he was writing for TV. The style is almost vaudeville, burlesque."

Hane made the gags and expressions even bigger for the play's three-week run at Barefoot Productions in downtown Plymouth.

"It's very reflective of the acting style of Jack Benny and Milton Berle...it's our homage to the early days of TV. It's naturally funny from Neil Simon's writing, but we've heightened it with gags. There are prat falls, sight gags, rubber chickens. We want the audience to sit back and laugh and have a good time."

Hane had planned to stage a different comedy, *Mister Roberts*, but because of scheduling conflicts, he quickly needed to switch scripts. *The Good Doctor* was the perfect choice because Hane had directed the comedy in 1982 for the Farmington Founder's Festival.

"We were all graduates from high school and before we went off to college we decided, 'let's put on a show.'"

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Hane worked free-lance in set design and other technical aspects of theater after attaining a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in theater from Central Michigan University in 1985. He subsequently worked as the technical director for Colby College in Waterville, Maine for two years and spent another few years in Santa Barbara, Calif., working in small community theaters. Back in Michigan, he free-lanced in theaters and then mounted one of his own productions at the Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre.

When Hane realized Plymouth wasn't home to any live community theater, he started his own. Barefoot Productions is a non-profit community theatre with a 100-seat venue in the Walker-Buzenberg Building. Board members wear several hats, including behind-the-scenes work, crew and cast assignments.

"The goal I've always had for Barefoot is that we achieve our own building in three to five years. We're entering our fourth season," Hane noted. "I'd like to become a semi-professional theatre able to support equity performers and amateur actors on stage at the same time."

Although Barefoot lowered ticket prices by \$3 this year, Hane continually raises the bar on his productions.

"It's almost an Off-Broadway quality. I'm a bit of a theatre snob. I won't just settle for okay when I know my actors are capable of more."

INTIMATE THEATER

Joe Cone of Canton appreciates the challenge. He plays an off-stage role and an on-stage part in *The Good Doctor* and is active in Spotlight Players in his hometown.

He worked with Hane for the first time last year and "had a ball."



"The Drowned Man" a scene from the Classic Neil Simon comedy "The Good Doctor" with Matt Majzlik, (left) of Canton and Sam Williams of Wayne.



"The Governess" a scene from the Classic Neil Simon comedy "The Good Doctor" with Samantha Lowry, (left) of Northville and Carol Lipinski, Garden City.

"It was nothing like I'd ever trained in or worked in. It's intimate theater," said Cone, who worked on stage, including some professional gigs, while living in England several years ago.

"The audience is very close. It's neat and different. You're maybe five feet from the front row."

"People love that feeling — they

are pulled into the play," added Carol Lipinski, a cast member from Garden City.

After a career in nursing, Lipinski took acting classes at Schoolcraft College, where she also has appeared in plays. She also tried improv, but prefers scripted comedies and dramas. She took on a role with Barefoot Productions for the first time last year.

"It's been fun building an audience our name is getting out there and getting a loyal following," she said.

Both she and Cone guarantee the audience will leave the theater laughing.

"If one person from the community smiles after whatever they are going through in the life, it's all worthwhile," Cone added.

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FOOD & WINE

Winners share their tips for making award-worthy chili

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Peter Skwires doesn't care if he makes the fieriest chili around.

The Livonia man strives for the best-tasting combination of meat, sauce and spices.

"I like my chili to be flavorful and have a bite at the end. But I don't like it to be so hot you can't enjoy it. I want it to be good tasting."

Judges at the 14th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off Sunday in Plymouth agreed Skwires' entry into the red chili category was first-rate and awarded him top honors, \$1,000 and entry into next year's International Chili Society competition.

Skwires, who started cooking chili and entering contests in 2003, will head to this year's international cook-off, which will be held Sunday, Oct. 11 in Charleston, W. Va.

The retired millwright's hobby started when he was asked to judge a chili competition a few years back.

"I hate to say it, but the chili was terrible and I thought I could cook better than this," Skwires recalled. "I was never an avid chili cook. My wife (Camille) doesn't like chili. My daughter (Amelia Brady of Plymouth) helps me when we're cooking (in competition)."

Skwires has chili cooked his way through competitions in Omaha, Neb., Las Vegas, Nev., and other states, using the same recipe in cook-offs since 2007.

"I try to use the freshest stuff I can find. It makes a difference," he said, adding that no beans are allowed in competition chili. "And I pray a lot. I think winning contests like this is a lot of luck. It's what the judges like. He suggests that novice chili makers not only use fresh ingredients, but also care-

fully watch their cook pot. "Make sure it's not too hard of a boil, otherwise the meat mushes up."

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Chris Thompson of Westland, who cooks with friends Paul Perlongo and Sean Skinner, says practice makes perfect when tweaking chili for competition.

"As far as tips go when making chili, just have fun and be adventurous try new things," Thompson said.

The friends started competing against each other at first and then decided to go public by entering the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off three years ago. They've won the People's Choice category two consecutive years since then.

"I do enjoy cooking a lot. Chili is definitely one of my favorite things to make," Thompson said. "I think what sets our chili apart is the combination of seven different types of peppers and four meats. The crowd seems to enjoy the heat that they get with our chili."

Thompson said he can't reveal their chili recipe, but said they'll slightly alter the ingredients next year by adding an eighth pepper to the mix.

TRIED AND TRUE

Al Jonna said his cook, Connie Fox, at Picnic Basket Market in Plymouth Township, has a recipe "we don't tamper with."

"No substitutions. We stick with it," said Jonna, owner of the 21-year-old market. "It's a red tomato-based chili. What separates ours from everyone else is that everything comes from the meat counter."

He said Fox makes sure there's no grease in the mix and is careful to prepare the vegetables in a separate skillet with different marinades.

Picnic Basket Market's

chili, which won the judged portion of the restaurant competition two years in a row, includes chorizo sausage and no more than one bean per spoonful of chili.

Jonna said beans are permitted in the restaurant chili cook-off but "you don't want it to overpower the taste."

Fox's chili is on the menu at the market and available in gallon quantities for parties.

"I get a lot of people bringing in their own pot and they say 'fill it up.' They want people to think they made it," Jonna said, with a laugh.

Other winners from the event Sunday:

■ Omelette and Waffle Cafe in Plymouth won the People's Choice award in the restaurant competition.

■ Gary Ray of Livonia won first place for salsa.

■ Leo Buk of Trenton had the best decorated booth

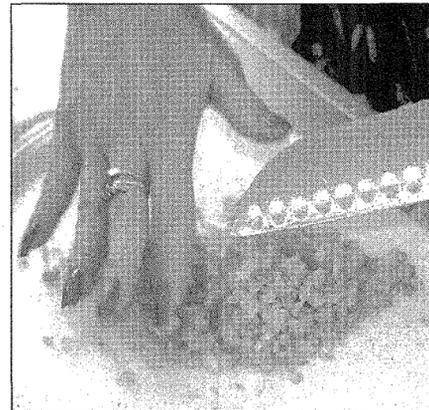
■ "Cody Super Dog," from Livonia, owned by Cindy Dabkowski won first place in the dog costume contest, "Hot & Spicy" category.

■ "Harley" from Madison Heights, owned by Dale and Teresa Upton, also won in the "Biker Dog" costume portion of the event.

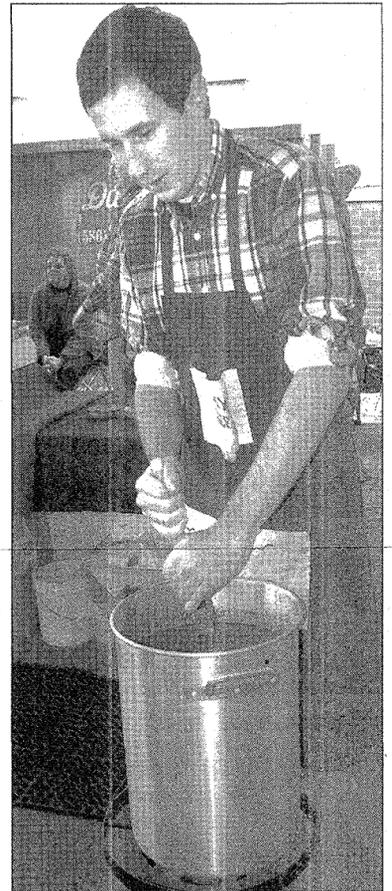


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Laila Bolbolan and Tsukasa Watanabe are newcomers to Plymouth and dove right in to Plymouth's culture, sampling chilis at the festival.



Laurie Trombino chops celery for Brian Graham's Blackjack Chili.



Plymouth resident Paul Despres stirs a pot of his Sporthaus Michigan Chili. His goal was to use as many Michigan-sourced ingredients as possible.

More chili cook-offs planned this weekend

If you're hungry for more chili, head to Garden City and Canton this weekend for their cook-off competitions and tastings.

The Second Annual Garden City chili cook-off, sponsored by the Garden City Downtown Development Authority, runs 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Garden City Kroger Town Center, in the Farmers Market Lot, at the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt.

Events will include the cook-off and tasting, food and a beer tent, live bands, pom-pom demonstration, and scarecrows on display. For more information call the Garden City Downtown Development Authority at (734) 261-2830.

That same day, Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Public Art Committee present 1st Annual Chainsaw Art and Chili Cook-Off, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, located off MortoWn Tylor Road at Michigan Avenue.

Chainsaw artists will display their works and demonstrate how they transform fallen trees into works of art. Home Depot will be on hand from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with hands-on crafts for kids. Visitors can try a variety of chili from mild to hot and then vote for their favorite chili with a donation that will benefit participating non-profit groups.

For more information on the 1st Annual Chainsaw Art and Chili Cook Off call (734) 394-5460.

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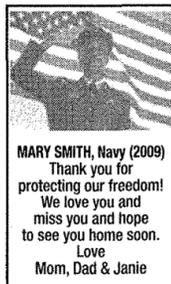
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Try these regional, world champion recipes

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

What were we thinking? We asked the winners of the Great Lakes Chili Cook-Off, held Sunday, Oct. 4 in Plymouth, if they'd like to share their first-place recipes with us and most responded with a polite but resounding NO!

Chili cooks who enter — and win — contests tend to safeguard their prize-winning concoctions and use them again and again in the quest for taking home top honors.

But Richard Chauvin, whose South of the Border Chili Verde won first place in the "verde" category, graciously agreed to tell all. "This is the fifth win with verde. We also have four red chili wins," said Chauvin, who lives south of Detroit's border, in Windsor, Ont., Canada.

"I grew up working in my Dad's grocery store. Dinner was whatever was in the meat counter we hadn't sold that day. We all got our chances to be creative. I entered my first competition in Windsor because it was a fund-raiser to support the Heart & Stroke Association. The couple that cooked next to me that day are still very good friends."

"For the cooks who travel, chili weekends are part family reunion, part block party. I cook in Plymouth because Ken and Annette (Horn) have one of the best organized, best run cook-offs anywhere."

Chauvin said the tomatillos and peppers he used in his winning chili verde "made all the difference" in edging out the competition.

But Chauvin doesn't just cook chili. He and his wife, Wendy, are on a "Memphis in May" competition barbecue team.

"Cooking is cooking. I enjoy it all."

Try his chili verde and find out why it won first place in Plymouth.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER CHILI VERDE

- Vegetables:
- 1 28 ounce can diced green chilies (mild)
 - 1 14 ounce can diced green chilies (hot)
 - 1 ½ pound diced green tomatillos, husked and diced (canned is okay)
 - 4 minced jalapeno peppers seeded and deveined
 - 4 serrano peppers, seeded and minced
 - 8 cloves garlic, pressed
 - 14 ounce Green Enchilada Sauce
- Meat:
- 3 pounds pork loin cubed (¾" to ½")
- Powders:
- 2 Tablespoons green chili powder
 - 5 Tablespoons cumin
 - Salt and Tabasco Habanero Hot Sauce as needed

Place all vegetables and powders in large pot and stir well. Brown pork. Drain & pat dry with paper towels then add to pot with vegetables. Bring to boil and reduce to simmer. Stir occasionally through the 3 hour cooking time. Check for salt and add as needed. Last 10 minutes check for heat and add Hot Sauce as needed.

Here's the 2008 world champion red chili recipe. The International Chili Society holds its 2009 world contest next week in Charleston, W.Va.

SOUTHERN CHILI

- 4 Tablespoons California chili powder
- 3 Tablespoons Gebhardt's chili powder
- 1 Tablespoon Pasilla chili powder
- 1 Tablespoon Chimayo chili powder
- 2 ½ Tablespoons cumin
- 1 Tablespoon granulated garlic
- 1 Tablespoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon Cayenne powder
- 2 teaspoon salt

Combine above ingredients for spice mix. Reserve 4 Tablespoons of mix and set aside. Divide the remaining amount into two equal parts.

- 3 pound Tri-Tip roast or Chuck Tender cut in small chunks
- 1 15-ounce can of beef broth (Swansons)

- 1 15-ounce can of chicken broth (Swansons)
- 1 10-ounce can of tomato puree (Hunts)
- 2 Green Chiles from a 4 ounce can of whole ones, blended Tabasco to taste and salt to taste

In chili pot, combine beef broth, chicken broth, tomato puree and ½ of remaining spice mix.

In skillet, brown the meat, drain and add to chili pot. Cook for about 1 ½ hours.

Add other ½ of spice mix and blended green chiles and simmer for an additional hour.

Add reserved 4 Tablespoons of spice mix and cook a ½ hour more or until meat is tender.

Adjust salt if necessary. Add Tabasco to taste.

Makes about ¾ of a gallon

Cook book sales benefit Karmanos Cancer Institute

The Kroger Co., is donating all proceeds from sale of a limited edition cookbook, *Recipes for Hope*, to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute this month.

The book, sold during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, costs \$9.99 and includes more than 200 recipes from Kroger customers, Clear channel listeners and WXYZ-TV viewers. Kroger partnered with Clear Channel Radio, WXYZ-TV Channel 7 and Diet Pepsi to develop the cookbook.

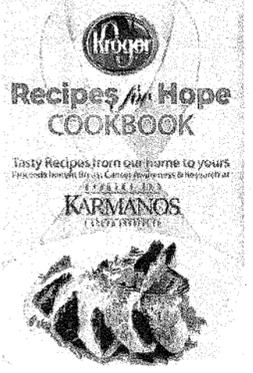
"While Kroger has long supported breast cancer awareness and research, this is the first year Kroger is offering the *Recipes for Hope* cookbook," said Dale Hollandsworth, Kroger public relations manager. "We will also offer customers the opportunity to donate at our cash registers where we will have coin boxes throughout October."

"Clearly, breast cancer touches many of our customers and our associates. We welcome this opportunity to team up with our customers to support research that can improve treatments for breast cancer and even find a cure for this life-threatening disease."

Recipes for Hope features gourmet and everyday recipes such as Texas Caviar, Quinoa Blend Bell Pepper Tomato Soup, Motown Mary's Comfort Meatloaf, Chocolate Lava Muffins and Bavarian Pretzels. The cookbook also includes a recipe for homemade doggie treats, along with details about the importance of early detection of breast cancer, self examinations and risk factors.

Recipes for Hope and the coin collection boxes are part of Kroger's Giving Hope a Hand annual program to support breast cancer awareness, treatment and research. In addition to raising more than \$3 million nationally to support breast cancer programs in the local communities Kroger serves, Giving Hope a Hand spotlights some of Kroger's own breast cancer survivors who have agreed to share their stories. Kroger launched the company-wide breast cancer awareness program in 2006. For more details, visit www.sharingcourage.com.

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