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AROUND TOWN

Trick or Trot

Start off your Halloween festivities with a Trick or Trot 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, Oct. 31, and help support the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan Wish-A-Mile 300.

The event is being sponsored by the Forum Fitness Cycling Team. The run will begin at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Memorial West and end at the Forum Fitness Center at Wildwood and Ford in Westland. Event-day registration is at 9 a.m. at the Forum Fitness Center, with the run/walk starting at 9:30 a.m.

The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids ages 16 and under. The registration fee includes an event T-shirt, included in early registration prior to Oct. 15 — additional T-shirts may be available the day of the event — and a lunch of hot dogs, chips and soda.

Online registration can be completed at www.forumfitnesscyclingteam.org/apps/links/ or at the Forum at 34250 Ford.

The Forum Fitness Cycling Team will compete in Make-A-Wish's WAM 2010 with a goal of granting two wishes as a team. That entails raising about \$16,000.

On the air

Missed the recent Meet the Candidates forum hosted by the Westland Monitors? You can watch on cable Channel 10 Tuesday, Oct. 20 and 27.

The two-hour program features the eight candidates in the Westland City Council race. It will air at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. both days.

Pink Alert

Looking for something pink to do this week as part of the month-long Westland's Painting the Town Pink fund-raiser for the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure? Here's a few things you can do.

- Tuesday, Oct. 20: Eat at Famous Dave's BBQ on Warren Road and 10 percent will be donated. Be sure to bring your pink pass which can be downloaded on the Painting the Town Pink Web site, www.paintingthetownpink.org.

- Wednesday, Oct. 21: Eat at the Texas Road House on Ford west of Wayne Road and 10 percent will be donated. Be sure to let your server know you're there for Painting the Town Pink.

- Saturday, Oct. 24: Stop by the Performance Pavilion behind the William P. Faust Public Library for a free concert featuring Yankeeville and the Scott Martin Band. The concert runs 12:30-5:30 p.m. Bring your own chairs.

There also will be bouncers, balloons and face painting for the kids.

- 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 a complete calendar of events or for more information, go online to www.paintingthetownpink.org.

W-W looks at school closings, 5-6 school plan

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It looks like the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will go the route districts like Livonia, Novi and Dexter have by realigning grades to create upper elementary schools. However, to accomplish that may mean the closing of seven elementary schools.

That was the gist of several reports presented to the district's 21st Century Schools Committee last week. The group, made up of parents, business people, school employees and administrators, is developing a plan that will main-

tain the district's educational program while addressing the loss of enrollment and funding.

"This is about how to make the district better," Associate Supt. Gary Martin said. "We literally have to make the best of what we have, so let's make it even better."

The tentative plan developed by the facilities subcommittee would have five elementaries feeding into one fifth- and sixth-grade school. From there, the students as a group would advance to the same middle school and high school. Currently, the district has 17 elementaries

21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS NEWS

Wayne-Westland's 21st Century Schools Committee is charged with:

- Reviewing district facility use and demographics.
- Exploring various learning configurations.
- Reviewing attendance boundaries.
- Exploring additional educational options for district students.

The information it gathers will be used to create a plan to carry the district forward into the 21st century. Wayne-Westland parents and residents

can keep up-to-date on the committee's work online at www.wwcsd.net. Click on the 21st Century Schools Committee logo to see minutes from the various meetings, a video about the committee's work, a question-and-answer sheet and PowerPoint presentations from the meetings.

Brochures also are available and presentations are being made to PTA groups in an effort to keep residents informed. They can also call (734) 419-2000 for more information.

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Theater troupe puts laughter in community service

INSPIRE THEATRE

What: 'KORK-TV,' an original comedy.
When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 29-30, and Nov. 6-7
Where: Inside the Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, between Wayne Road and Venoy, Westland
Tickets: \$12 each
Information: Call (734) 751-7057 or go online to www.inspiretheatre.com



Director Len Fisher of Westland shares a laugh with cast members during rehearsal for Inspire Theatre's upcoming production, KORK-TV.

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A narcoleptic weatherman, a lady who thinks she's Carol Burnett, a priest and two nuns who do a bluegrass aerobics show. Toss in two defrocked televangelists and you have the basis for *KORK-TV*, an original comedy being presented by the Westland-based Inspire Theatre later this month.

Written and directed by Len Fisher, the founder of Inspire Theatre, the play is the story of the defrocked televangelists, played by Mike Renda of Dearborn and Murad Abel of Dearborn Heights, the who swap prison time for community service running an old broken down TV station in Cork, Idaho, and the eccentric people who work there.

The play is a spinoff of an idea that surfaced during an improvisational class last year and took Fisher about a month to complete.

"It took on a life of its own," Fisher said. "We wanted to go with a different opener, but someone said they wanted to do *KORK-TV* and it



Gerry Wiatr of Westland plays Sister Margaret and Lucio Raineri of Canton is Father McCauley, members of a two-nun, one priest bluegrass aerobics show.

inspired me to finish it."

The cast is a mixture of professional actors, like Abel, who has appeared in eight films made in Michigan.

Others honed their skills on stage at Second City or at community theater venues around the area. Rehearsals began in September at the Warren Road Light and Life Church, where its old sanctuary has been transformed into the Inspire Theatre. The theater is an intimate setting, with

seating for 75, although the troupe has squeezed in as many as a 115 theatergoers.

"The front row is really the front row," Bobbi Gladden said. "If you were at Sea World, it would be the splash row."

'WANTED TO DO THIS'

Gladden, a Livonia resident, plays Carol Burnett. This is her third Inspire Theatre production.

"I always wanted to do this (live theater). It's something I always wanted to do," she said. "My daughter got me into it."

Her husband Jim did dramas at the church. He first experience with Inspire Theatre was being pulled out of the audience to be a participant.

"I had to respond and I had no script," said Gladden, who plays

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Fire service offers new data forms

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For many years, senior citizens would keep a File of Life, a record of their medical conditions medications and allergies, available for emergency medical personnel.

Now the Westland Fire Department would like all residents to utilize a downloadable medical data form to make their emergency medical treatment more efficient.

"When we were looking at this, we looked at the File of Life and ways to improve it," Westland Fire Capt. John Adams said.

The File of Life, usually handwritten, was hard to update and often illegible, Adams said. In addition, there often was only the original copy available, he said.

"Our guys would usually take it (the File of Life) with them (when transporting a patient)," Adams

said. "We wanted to expand the program and be cost effective. This is for all Westland residents. We want them to know we are looking for it (the medical data file). It expedites treatment of an emergency patient."

That resulted in the medical data file which can be downloaded from the fire department page at the city Web site. The form lists an individual's personal information, doctors and emergency contacts along with medical data about a primary medical condition, medications with dosages and allergies.

After downloading and completing the form, the resident is instructed to post the data sheet on their refrigerator so that paramedics can find it and take it to the hospital. The fire department recommends that the form be updated every six months for accuracy.

"This form can be updated easily, it is typed and they can make copies.

They can have it in their wallet or purse," Adams said.

The form has become available just in time for Fire Prevention Week. A Public Service Announcement explaining the medical data file and demonstrating it has just running on the municipal cable channel WLND.

"We also have 8,500 copies in the *Observer & Eccentric* (Newspaper) with our fire prevention coloring books," Adams said.

Ultimately, the fire department would like to have people enter their medical information into a fire department database that would be accessible by paramedics as they responded to a medical emergency.

"We're five or 10 years away from that," Adams said.

Visit the fire department page at <http://ci.westland.mi.us>.

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THEATER

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Dooley, the go-to guy at the TV station. "I've been doing it ever since. Because of Inspire Theatre, I did my first and last singing and solo performance. I'm not a great signer, but I made it work."

Lucio Raineri does sing and play guitar. Cast as Father McClusky, Raineri is appearing in his first play with Inspire Theatre. He discovered the troupe on Facebook and decided to audition. Little did he know that he'd finally use the banjo he bought five years ago.

"I never played it until this came along," said the Argentine native, who has been a tango singer and played a flamenco guitar at different places around the state. "Len didn't know I had one. He couldn't believe it. It was fate."

Tia Austin of Garden City plays Sister Ann, while Gerry Wiatr of Westland plays Sister Maragret. A native of Washington state, Austin always wanted to do community theater, but was never brave enough to try.

"I did little skits in church, but it wasn't until I came here to this church to do a play at Easter that I was thrown into it," she said.

Her main strength is the visual arts, so she helped with backdrops, took photographs during productions and helped with ticket sales and concessions.

"That's how I got my foot in the door," she said. "I felt this was right time to be on stage. It feels more comfortable because

I know the people in Inspire Theatre."

A FEW SURPRISES

Fisher in an e-mail encouraged Austin to stretch her character, so she has a few surprises planned, although she's not sure she'll do them at the dress rehearsal of the first performance.

"Sister Ann wears a pair of glasses with rhinestones one them. I also pull out a nail file and file my nails," she said. "We're two nuns with a guitar who play *Good Lovin'*."

Deanna Lee of Redford has been with the theater troupe for five years, starting with it when it did shows at Covenant Church in Dearborn. It offered her the opportunity to play different roles than in real life and perform in front of people.

"I love it," Lee said. "They let me perform on stage. I get to escape from reality. I only do this with Inspire Theatre."

Lee and Bill Peterson of Livonia play talk show hosts Mary and Harry. Lee has been in 12 Inspire productions, including *The Wizard of Oz*, *Divine Stella Divine*, *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Father of the Bride*. Preston is in his third show as an actor, but has plenty of experience working behind the scenes. A friend from church, Paul Hardy, asked him to help build props for *Oz*. He did that, then decided to audition for a part.

"I've been hooked on it ever since because I'm having a ball," he said. "It gives me a chance to step outside my comfort zone ... way outside."

As for his role of Harry, he describes him as a "small town innocent, naive, cheerful, bubbly person who loves people."

"He follows Mary's every lead, they finish each other's sentences," he said. "My wife says I do that from time to time."

John Donnelly of Redford is in his 12th show with Fisher. His first show was *Oz*, in which he played 10 different roles.

"We did it as a radio show, we had two microphones on the stage," he said. "It was the easiest show to do. We had to do it in character, but we didn't have to memorize lines."

Donnelly's theater experience dates back to the 1980s, when a UPS driver introduced him to the Redford Suburban Theatre Guild. He did nine shows with the troupe until it disbanded in the 1990s and did no theater until he hooked up with the Inspire Theatre three years ago.

"It's the people; there's a lot of regulars," Donnelly said. "Plus Len has taught me a lot. I enjoy working with him."

For Fisher, Inspire Theatre is his night job. During the day, he waits on tables in a local restaurant. The people know him and like his theater work. They are among those that come and see the troupe's four yearly productions.

"This is my night job, basically. I don't have my nights free," he said. "When I'm not at the Theatre, I'm at the restaurant."

Admittedly, it's been hard to get the troupe up and running. It hasn't come easy, he said.

"I don't feel I've accomplished anything because it seems Westland doesn't know about us," he added. "I think there's some resistance because we're in a church, people think it's going to be a church production. I'm very grateful to the church because it's given freedom to do our work and a great rate (rent), but we're looking for our own space, our own standalone space."

For more information about the Inspire Theatre, go online to www.inspiretheatre.com

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City distributes surplus food

The monthly distribution of federal surplus food has been scheduled for residents in Westland.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can collect their food at the apartment complex. They need to contact the building manager for the distribution day. Likewise, residents of Greenwood Villa must pick up their food items at that complex.

For the month of October, the distribution will include cheese, green beans, macaroni,

orange juice, pears, tomato sauce, whole frozen chicken and possible additional items. This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distribution sites, and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

AROUND WESTLAND

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Ss. Simon & Jude Church's Ushers Club will sponsor a Toys and Train Show noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer Road, east of Venoy. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are

available. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10 each. To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. the day of the show.

Bowling fund-raiser

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program

will hold its first annual Bowling Fund-raiser Sunday, Nov. 22, at Vision Lanes on Ford Road in Westland. The cost is \$20 for three games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. For more information or to register, visit glennwrestling.com or call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

SCHOOLS

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with seven serving as feeder schools to two different middle schools. One of the four middle schools, Stevenson, also sends students to both of the high schools.

The plan is based on a recommendation by the instruction subgroup. The subgroup visited several 5-6 schools and were impressed with what they saw.

"I was concerned that a five-six school would be too babyish and that it would be like an elementary school," said committee member Sue Webb, a parent representative from Farnklin Middle School. "But it wasn't babyish and wasn't a middle school. I really like it that students will enter into fifth grade and will be with the class they will graduate with."

"The students talked about it being just right and how it was their school," added Valerie Orr, Wayne Memorial High School principal. "There wasn't one negative kid among them."

Pluses for an arrangement would be the ability to enhance the educational pro-

gram with foreign languages and instrumental music, which were lost at the elementary level when the district moved to a middle school program in the 1990s.

"We're looking at offering an enhanced program at the five-six schools that will be viewed by some parents as a good thing, but we've got some distance to go," Supt. Greg Baracy said.

The facilities subcommittee has created a ranking of the 17 elementaries and middle schools based on 19 criteria, including such things as the age of the building, capacity, parking, recent work and future costs. While the buildings are ranked, it doesn't necessarily mean that only the best school buildings will be used to create a plan for the district.

"They will have to determine how to split the district in half," consultant Jeff Rahmberg said. "They have a structure with seven less schools, but no decision has been made about any school. The facilities committee will have to look at the top 10 schools, but they may not necessarily work with the configuration."

"There's still too many

dynamics to work out," he added.

He also stressed that the two 5-6 buildings will be in housed in current middle schools.

The buildings that ultimately will be closed will be "repurposed," according to Baracy.

"We'll explore every opportunity we can to come up with alternative uses, but they will not be sold for charter schools," he said.

The goal of the committee is to have a finalized plan ready to present to the school board in December. Depending on the board's approval, the changes would be implemented in the 2010-11 school year.

Former state school superintendent Tom Watkins has been working with the committee and reminded members that the changes are coming at school districts at "warp speed."

"How do we prepare our children for a world that is changing before our eyes?" he said. "We have to think outside the box and be as creative as can be. We have to find ways to bring a 21st century education to our children. We need to be the best we can be and put the focus on our kids."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Earth Angels
Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare. For more information, go online to www.earthangelsonline.org or send an e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net.

Mom-2-Mom
St. Damian School will have a Mom 2 Mom Sale 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the school, 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman. Contact Bev Zwicker (313) 937-9566 for more information.

Spaghetti Dinner
The W2 Chapter of Wayne is holding a spaghetti dinner benefit for the Penrickton Center for Blind Children 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. The cost is \$7 per person and \$3 for children age 10 and under. Those under age 3 are free. There also will be hourly 50/50 drawings and a bake sale. For tickets call Bob and Nancy Natter at (734) 421-8520 or by e-mail at Rnatter@comcast.net and Claire Belkowski at (734) 522-9581 or by e-mail at cruiseahoy@yahoo.com.

TOPS meetings
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 869 Westland is looking to meet new members at Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland. The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older. Weigh-ins are at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Come see what TOPS can do for you. Call Brenda at (734) 729-3833

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

Craft shows
The St. Dunstan's Annual Fall Craft and Vendor Show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. There will be more than 40 tables of crafters/vendors. Cash-and-carry items will be available. Admission is only \$1 which includes a free raffle ticket for the door prizes. Bake sale, snacks and food will be available for purchase throughout the show. There also will be hourly 50/50 drawings for a cash prize in addition to the door prize raffle of items donated by all the vendors and crafters). All proceeds will be donated to the newly created St. Dunstan School Scholarship Fund. St. Dunstan is at 1515 Belton St., south of Ford, west of Inkster Road in Garden City. For more information or table availability, e-mail Sheryll at vendorshow@gmail.com.

• Crafters are wanted for a Christmas Fantasy Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, sponsored by St. Sebastian's Ste. Anne Society. For table rentals, call Charmaine at (313) 278-1266. Vendors also are wanted for St. Sebastian's Vendor Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. For table rental, call Michelle at (313) 562-2835.

• Crafters are needed for the 21st annual Arts and Crafts Show Saturday, Nov. 21, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb Moga at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia Moore at (734) 522-9653.

Fish Dial-A-Ride
Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments

for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

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

EDUCATION

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

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

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

VOLUNTEERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Heartland Hospice
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally

ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light house-keeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EDUCATION

School financing looks bleak for 2010-11

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While the Wayne-Westland Community Schools is looking at what kind of educational program it can sustain in the future, school officials also have an eye on what's happening to education financially today.

In a speech to the 21st Century Schools Committee, Supt. Greg Baracy painted a bleak picture for school financing for this budget year.

"We had a target and a goal when we started this process, now we've been hit with a double whammy," Baracy said. "The cuts are not as bad as they could be, but it's still a fluid situation."

The committee is looking at "right sizing" the district to address the loss of 2,000 students over the past decade and to trim at least \$10 million from the district's budget. However, lawmakers last week approved a state school aid budget that will cut the per-pupil funding by \$165, which will cost the district \$2.1 million.

The cut is better than the initial \$218 that had been proposed but, according to Baracy, there's the potential for \$100 proration in January or February because of the state's diminished revenues.

"This the 10th year we have not gotten an infla-

tionary increase and possibly the third year for a proration," he said. "The budget is based on an assumption, they need \$100 million more and they need to come to an agreement on using stimulus money or a revenue enhancement. It's highly unlikely they'll raise that \$100 million."

In addition to the per-pupil cut, the district also will lose \$40,000 in categorical funding and \$17,000 for adult education.

The school aid budget also includes the \$6.4 million the district receives in enhanced revenue to make up for millage not counted when its per-pupil funding under Proposal A was established back in 1994.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm had cut the enhanced funding as part of her budget proposal earlier this year. However, the district was successful in working with lawmakers to get the amount back in the budget. Had that not happened, Wayne-Westland would have faced a loss of \$8.9 million this budget year.

"The school aid budget is a quasi-document, the governor and Sen. (Mike) Bishop are still haggling over some of the processes," Baracy said. "However, we believe that if it reaches her desk, she will sign it."

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Russina ballerina shows preschoolers how to dance

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They jumped, they clapped their hands, they even fluttered their arms like butterflies just like the ballerina showing them what to do.

For 70 youngsters in the Starfish Family Services Head Start program, it was a Kodak moment with Nataliya Miroshnyk of the Moscow Ballet.

"It was two-three years old when I decided I wanted to be a ballerina," said Miroshnyk. "I started training and dancing as a ballerina and performed as a child in the *Nutcracker*."

Miroshnyk made a special appearance in two preschool classrooms on Thursday. Her visit was arranged by Susan Haman whose daughter has auditioned for the show for the past two years.

"It was an amazing experience for my daughter, so I contacted them because they do this for non-profits," said Hagman.

Miroshnyk, who has been with Moscow Ballet for three years, wore the highly decorative costume and headpiece of a Russian dancer from the *Nutcracker* for her Starfish performance. Following her solo, she led students in doing several simple ballet moves, then talked with them as they colored pictures of her headdress and a dragon.

Miroshnyk graduated in 1988 from the Kiev Academic Choreographic School in Ukraine, where she trained under the honored A. G. Kalchenko. She toured throughout the world with the Odessa State Academic Opera and Ballet and performed in such ballets as *Giselle*, *Sleeping*



Nataliya Miroshnyk of the Moscow Ballet shows youngsters ballet moves during a visit at the Starfish Family Services Head Start program.

Beauty, *La Bayadere*, *Don Quixote* and the *Nutcracker*.

Miroshnyk is traveling the Eastern United States to audition and rehearse children who will perform walk-on roles along with Moscow Ballet's cast when it presents the Great Russian *Nutcracker* at The Fox Theatre at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

Like Miroshnyk, Hagman's 10-year-old daughter Anna decided she wanted to be a ballerina after seeing a ballet at age 5. She has performed in ballets around the area and appeared with the Moscow Ballet.

"It's nice because they us kids everywhere in the show," she

said. "They want to give them the opportunity to perform on stage with real dancers."

Miroshnyk currently is a soloist with the Moscow Ballet and will dance the Chinese Variation and Spanish Variation on this year's eastern tour of the *Nutcracker*. She was in the 12th of 17 cities she's visiting to handle the auditions and training before joining up with the ballet troupe for its first show in the Hamptons, New York, on Nov. 12. She will teach between three and 100 ballet routines before her trip ends.

"This is very special, especially for small children," she said. "This prepares them to dance."

Starfish Family Services offers programs to help educate and empower vulnerable families and children in western Wayne County. Services include free preschool and other early childhood development programs, parenting programs, a crisis shelter for teens, after-school and summer programming and a comprehensive array of family mental health services.

The Great Russian *Nutcracker* is directed by ballet master Vladimir Troschenko and is set against Valentin Fedorov's hand-painted backdrops and life-sized dancing puppets. Tickets are available at www.nutcracker.com or by calling Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000.

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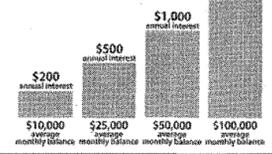
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Garden City Rotary
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Habitat help
The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training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

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

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

Garden City Lions
The Garden City Lions meet at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. Call Dave Feiter at (734) 425-4382.

Garden Club
The Garden City Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Center. Everyone may attend to hear guest speakers on a variety of gardening topics and plan events around the city. Call Della Hayden at (734) 427-9410.

Genealogical society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Purple Heart
The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center
The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Dyer Center
The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

Senior fitness
Seniors can get in shape through some programs offered at the Maplewood Center. The Senior Fitness Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Annual membership is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass. Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Substance abuse support
A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995. Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets 1-3 p.m. at Merriman Road

Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City. Dr. Barry Hobbs, Chiropractor and brain stem specialist, will speak on Oct. 8. The group has no dues, but we accept donations to cover expenses. The group meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-1768 or go online to www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Counterpoint
Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis

Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

Toughlove

A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads. Newcomers welcome. Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748.



**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 26, 2009**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on October 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Proposed Business Ordinance.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CITY OF GARDEN CITY**

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO: _____

**ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION BUSINESS
ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING BUSINESSES INVOLVED IN THE ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF PATIENTS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE UNDER THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITION OF TERMS; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT APPLICATION AND FEE; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITIONS; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION AND/OR DENIAL OF PERMIT APPLICATION AND APPEAL; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. ORDINANCE.

Sec. 124.01. Definitions.

A. "Medical Marijuana Act" shall mean legislation adopted to comply with Proposal 1 of 2008.

B. "Controlled Substance" shall mean substances regulated under the Public Health Code, Public Act 368 of 1978, as amended, and/or the United States Code.

Sec. 124.02. Prohibited Activity. It shall be unlawful for any business to provide assessments and/or certifications under the Medical Marijuana Act without a permit under this Ordinance.

Sec. 124.03. Permit Requirements. No person shall engage in the business of Medical Marijuana Act assessments and/or certifications without obtaining a permit therefor. No such permit shall be granted except upon approval of the City Clerk.

Sec. 124.04. Regulations. No controlled substances shall be kept, stored or distributed on site. The permittee shall comply with all Federal, State and local laws.

Sec. 124.05. Application for Permit.

A. Applications for permits required by this Chapter shall be made upon forms provided by the Clerk, which shall be signed and verified under oath by the applicant, if an individual, or by the authorized agent for any firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization and shall set forth the following:

- (1) If an individual, the name, address and telephone number of the individual;
- (2) If a partnership, the name, residence and business address and telephone number of each partner and each partner's computerized criminal history (CCH) and master driving record;
- (3) If a corporation, the name, date and state under whose laws such corporation was organized and, if a foreign corporation, whether authorized to do business in the state, the names of the principal officers, directors and local representatives, their residences and business addresses and telephone numbers and their computerized criminal history (CCH) and master driving record;
- (4) If an employee, the name, residence and telephone number, computerized criminal history (CCH), and master driving record of the employee together with written credentials setting forth the exact nature of his employment, including, where applicable, a copy of the employees medical license;
- (5) The length of time for which the right to do business is sought;
- (6) A photograph of the applicant or the agent for the applicant who is to do the actual assessments and/or certification which photograph shall be two inches by two inches showing head and shoulders of applicant or agent;
- (7) A copy of the applicant's computerized criminal history (CCH).
- (8) A copy of the applicant's master driving record.
- (9) A brief description of the product, products or services involved;
- (10) The name, address and telephone number of a Michigan resident who is the registered agent of the individual, corporation or association, who has the full power and authority to accept service of process for and on behalf of applicant in respect to any matters connected with or arising out of the business transacted under said permit with the result that service on said agent shall be valid as if personally served on the applicant.
- (11) A history of the applicant's ordinance and state law license and permit revocations and ordinance violations.

B. The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee to be established by resolution of the City Council and made part of the Comprehensive Fee Schedule.

Sec. 124.06. Inspections. Upon receipt of an application, the City Clerk may request the assistance of the City Departments to determine that the premises comply with the provisions of this and any other ordinance of the City, including the zoning ordinance, and that the applicant or the activity to be licensed do not constitute an apparent danger to the health, safety and welfare of the people of the City.

Sec. 124.07. Issuance of Permit; Term. The City Clerk shall issue a permit to the applicant unless the Clerk finds reason for denial including that the applicant's permit has previously been revoked. The permit shall be for no more than one (1) year in term. The Standards for denial of the application by the City Clerk are as follows:

- A. The application is not completely filled out as required by Section 124.05.
- B. The applicant's Computerized Criminal History (CCH) shows a conviction or convictions for activities that pose a threat or a danger to the residents of the City should a permit be granted. By way of example, but not exclusively, such convictions would include reckless driving, drunk driving, disturbing the peace, assault and

battery or simple assault, domestic violence, stalking, theft, dishonesty or deception, fraud, obstruction of justice, disorderly person, trespassing, window peeping, criminal sexual conduct, felonious assault, murder, assault with intent to commit any other crime, breaking and entering and/or any other violation of the Criminal Code of the State of Michigan, United States Code and/or local ordinances pertaining to criminal conduct.

C. The product or services being offered violate any provision of Federal, State or local laws, rules or regulations.

D. Verification of any of the information required by Section 124.05 shows the information provided by the applicant to be fraudulent, a misrepresentation, or a false statement.

E. An investigation through the City Police Department or any other law enforcement agency shows a pattern and history of conduct which would justify a revocation of the applicant's permit under Section 124.11.

F. The applicant or any of the proposed employees of the applicant have a history of business license/permit violations, revocations, or a history of ordinance violations regardless of whether they have resulted in conviction.

G. Failure to pay the nonrefundable application fee.

H. No permit shall be issued to any applicant until such applicant shall have obtained the age of eighteen (18) years.

I. Any other competent, material and substantial evidence indicating the applicant or any of the applicant's proposed employees pose an apparent danger to the health, safety and welfare of the people of the City and/or the activity proposed to be permitted constitutes an apparent danger to the health, safety and welfare of the people of the City.

Sec. 124.08 Denial of Permit; Appeal hearing.

A. The Clerk may refuse to issue a permit for the reasons stated in Section 124.07.

B. Any person whose permit application has been denied shall have the right to petition the City Council for an appeal. The City Council shall grant a public hearing on this appeal, and the applicant shall have the right to appear and present evidence on his/her behalf. Following such hearing, the Council shall submit to the applicant a written statement of its findings and determinations. The Council's determination shall be based upon competent, material and substantial evidence showing failure to comply with the requirements of Section 124.07.

Sec. 124.09. Transfer or misuse of permit. No permit issued hereunder shall be transferred to another business location or represented as pertaining to any other business location.

Sec. 124.10. Display. A permit issued hereunder shall be prominently displayed at the location at all times.

Sec. 124.11. Revocation of Permit; Appeal.

A. Permits issued pursuant to Section 124.07 may be revoked by the City Clerk upon the Clerk's findings based upon competent, material and substantial evidence of any of the following causes:

- (1) Any fraud, misrepresentation or false statement contained in the application for permit;
- (2) Any fraud, misrepresentation or false statement made in connection with the services and/or merchandise;
- (3) Any violation of this Chapter;
- (4) Conviction by the permittee of any felony; or
- (5) Conducting the business in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute breach of the peace.

B. Notice of the revocation of a permit shall be given in writing, setting forth specifically the grounds for the revocation. Such notice shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the permittee at the address provided in the application.

C. Any permittee whose permit has been revoked as herein provided shall have the right to appeal the revocation to the City Council as provided in Section 124.08.

Sec. 124.12. Surrender of Permit on Demand; Return. The permit shall be surrendered on demand to a police officer based upon a probable cause belief by the officer that the permittee is in violation of this Chapter. The permit shall be returned to the permittee within forty-eight (48) hours upon failure of the City Clerk to find cause to revoke the permit as provided in Section 124.11.

SECTION II. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY. Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION IV. REPEAL.

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

SECTION V. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION VI. PUBLICATION.

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

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

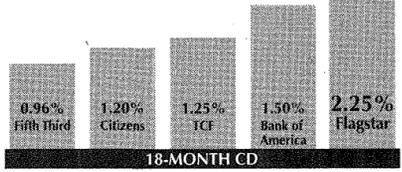
This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and provide comments. Copies of the complete Ordinance are available at the office of the City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, during regular business hours.

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117	Brenda Solley	boxes, bags, totes
345	Don Smith	grill, sofa, chairs
512	Janet Pielak	boxes, bags, dresser
642	Samuel Zavaleta Jr	boxes, bags, toys
900	Peggy Elango	boxes, bags, chairs
919	Aaron Cusmano	boxes, bags, totes
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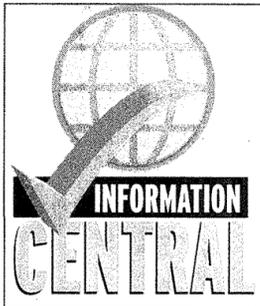
1008	Bobby Revis	box, TV, chair
2011	Bridget Finstad	pool table, chairs
2031	Larry Adams	boxes, bag, computer
2069	Michelle Adams	boxes, bags, totes
3025	Nicole Samuel	boxes, bike, TV
3038	Dave Crump	boxes, totes, bike
3042	Erma Austin	boxes, dresser, chair
3060	Donnie Wyrick	sofa, table, dresser
3061	Victor Woods	boxes, dresser, TV
3070	Linda Robinson	boxes, totes, dresser
3074	Bridget Banner	bikes, hose, refrigerator
3087	Jeremy Good	boxes, totes, TV
4008	Jeremy McCauley	table, dresser, Yamaha 250 VIN 509-003719
4022	Roberto Colvard	boxes, bags, totes
4051	Antoine Murry	boxes, totes, speakers
4071	Christine McCarary	boxes, washer, dryer
5003	Edwin Omev	boxes, bags, dresser
5026	Jason Height	boxes, chair, dresser
5106	George Bojarski	boxes, totes, bike
6037	Tracie Breuer	Honda motorcycle VIN HM319HM0B4501
6068	Theresa King	boxes, bags, dresser
6085	Ron Bembry	bags, dresser
6099	Tammy Goupill	dresser, chair
6133	Ashley White	boxes, bags, lamp
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7048	Sheila Ross	bags, bike, sofa
7108	Deonte Barber	boxes, totes, dresser
9034	Khalil Leite	boxes, bags, totes

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- Highlighted Activities**
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 - Capital Market Outlook - 3rd quarter review:** 7 p.m. Oct. 20. Join Andrew Gagne, associate financial advisor, who will help you put current market conditions in perspective and present common sense methods of helping you make it through these tough markets.
 - Adult Book Discussion Group:** 7 p.m. Oct. 20.

Join us as we discuss "The Double Bind by Christopher Bohjalian." Laurel Estabrook, still recovering from a violent attack several years earlier, is working at a homeless shelter in Burlington, Vermont, when one of her charges dies. Among his things, she finds photographs, including one of herself on her bicycle at the time of the attack. Please read the book before the meeting. Copies are available at the Reference Desk. All are welcome.

National Novel Writing Month Pre-Party: 7-8 p.m. Oct. 21, teens and adults, at Biggy Coffee, 37644 Ford Road, Westland.

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Documentary Movie Night: "Flow - For the Love of Water," 7 p.m. Oct. 21

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21,11am, teens and adults
 Detroit Free Press reporter Joel Thurtell and photographer Patricia Beck decided to travel up the Rouge River by canoe to explore not only the river's industrial side but also its beautiful and hidden urban wilderness. Anyone interested in environmental issues or conservation of Michigan's waterways will appreciate this unique and attractive volume. Book signing to follow with Mr. Thurtell and Ms. Beck.

Job Seekers Lab: Every Tuesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 5-8 p.m. and Friday 1-4 p.m.

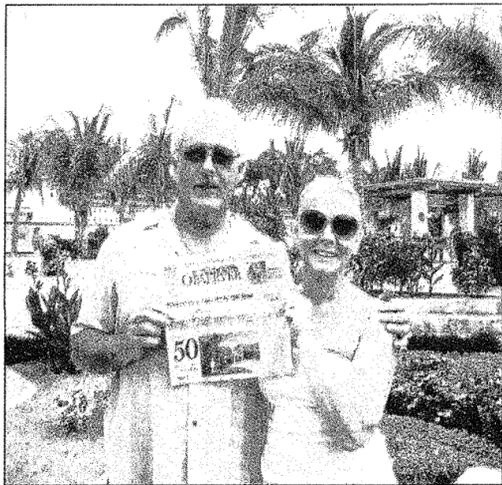
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Wish You Were Here

Daniel and Denise Carey observed their 35th wedding anniversary on Sept. 13. To celebrate, they went on a cruise, which stopped in Key West, Florida and Cozumel, Mexico, where they were photographed holding their Westland Observer newspaper. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226 or by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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 check out the numbers in
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B185	Tabita Latham	boxes, totes, totes
B223	Leon Scott	boxes, totes, chairs
B267	Dale Marie Griffin	boxes, bags
D006	Stanley Clinton Jr.	cabinet, chairs, dresser
E008	Jason Hall	boxes, bags, totes
F005	Channel Merideth	boxes, bags, totes
F045	Douglas Sparks	bags, sofa, washer
F047	Monica Garcia	sofa, table, chairs

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2262	Michael London	boxes, bags, totes
2298	Tamika Hister	boxes, bags, dresser

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City of Westland

Invitation to Bid

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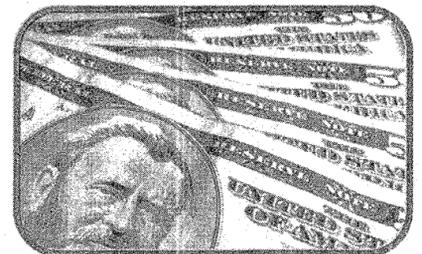
Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.cityofwestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Shop carefully when investing in CDs and annuities

Q: Dear Rick: Last year when the market was tanking I sold all my investments and bought CDs. My CDs are coming due and I was stunned to see the rates — a little over 1 percent return. I'm afraid to get back into the stock market but I don't want to get just 1 percent. I do not want to take any risks with this money. Is there anything else that I can do?

A: Unfortunately, your options are limited. Interest rates are at



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

country. The key is to use a feder-

historic lows.

One thing you can do that would probably double the rate of your return is to shop around for CDs. People are often surprised by the different CD rates that are available across the

ally insured institution. If you do and your CD is \$250,000 or less, your money is insured. One of the best places to shop CDs is www.bankrate.com.

Many people may ask why CD rates are so different around the country. My belief is that many of the banks with the higher rates of return are interested in buying your business. It's no different than why a gallon of milk is priced differently at various grocery stores. Sometimes stores will use

milk or other items as loss leaders. In other words, they just want to get you in the door. The same thing applies to banks. Some banks will offer you higher rates on CDs because they want your future business. As far as I am concerned, it really doesn't matter why they're offering higher rates. The key is, they are and they're federally insured.

Another option that will give you higher rates of return and, at the same time, have no principal

fluctuation is, fixed annuities. In a fixed annuity your principal is protected up to \$100,000. In addition, the rates are typically higher than CDs. Another option within the fixed annuity category is an equity-indexed annuity. In this product, your principal is protected like in a traditional fixed annuity, however, you potentially can receive a higher rate of return if the stock market does well.

Every equity-indexed annuity has a formula that is used to

determine returns. If the stock market goes up you can make more money, however, if the stock market goes down your principal is unaffected.

Unlike CDs where you can purchase them for six months, one year or whatever time period you want, fixed annuities are generally for longer periods of time. Typically, you're committing to at least a five- to seven-year period. That doesn't mean that you don't have some access to your money, because you do. In a fixed annuity you can withdraw 10 percent a year without penalty. However, if you withdraw more there potentially can be a penalty to the annuity company. In addition, if you are under 59½ and you withdraw money from a fixed annuity, there may be some tax issues.

CDs are relatively simple to buy and understand. That is not the case with annuities where you have to be very careful to make sure you don't buy an annuity that has unnecessary fees and costs. Unfortunately, you cannot go directly to a company and buy an annuity like you can with a mutual fund. You must go through a representative of the annuity company. Therefore, be cautious.

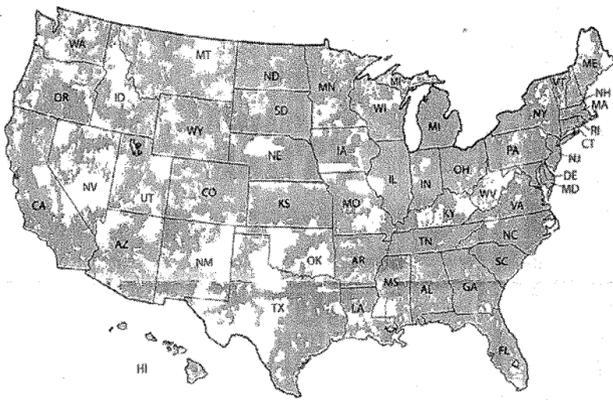
If you need a referral for someone who can help you invest in a no-load, fixed annuity, feel free to e-mail me.

We are experiencing a period of time when yields are low, however, that won't last forever. The mistake that many investors may make during this time period is to chase higher yields by investing in higher risk investments. My advice is to avoid this temptation. Getting low rates of return is not great, but it's much better than losing your money. Good luck!

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

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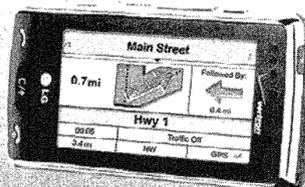


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HOMETOWN LIFE



Family fun guide: Find pumpkin patches and more ... C2

Stevenson gets Canton again, Kensington title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

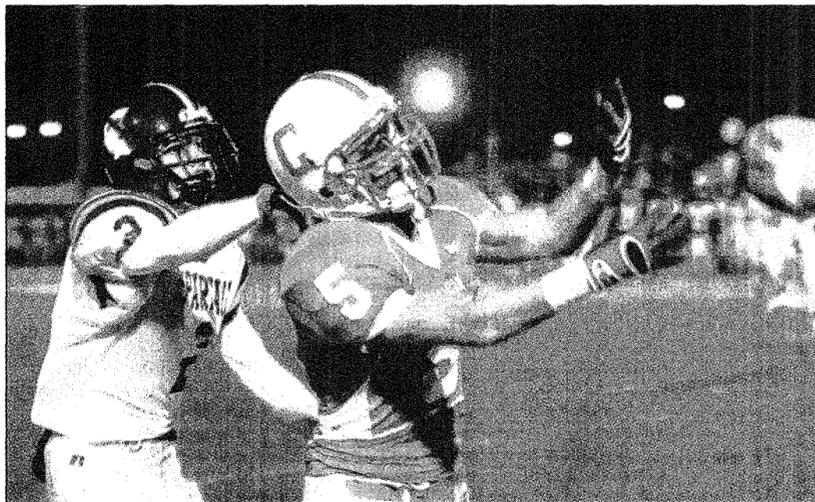
Fired up to avenge last year's loss to Livonia Stevenson in the regional finals, Canton's varsity football team came out swinging Friday night by scoring on the opening drive.

But the visiting Spartans and senior running back Austin White also knew how big the KLAA Kensington Conference championship game was. Stevenson (6-2) came from behind with two fourth-quarter touchdowns to shock the Chiefs, 36-27, and clinch a playoff bid.

White was the big gun, rushing 31 times for 165 yards and scoring on runs of 11, 1 and 50 yards (with 1:04 to go) and completing a 10-yard halfback option TD pass to senior Mike Beyer.

"They've gotten us the last two years," said Canton head coach Tim Baechler, whose 7-1 team will look to regain its collective focus. "They're a well-coached team. We knew they were good. Both teams deserved to win, but they did a little bit more. Bottom line, they made a few more plays than us."

Stevenson coach Tim Gabel knew Canton would be out to get back at his team for the



The ball goes off the fingertips of Canton's Ryan Powell (right) with Stevenson's Alex Law defending in Friday's Kensington Conference championship game.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

38-31 loss in the 2008 regional finals. But he said his team followed the same script it has since starting the year 0-2.

"We lost our first two games and they were against good teams," Gabel said. "The whole plan was to just try and keep getting better. Honestly, the kids have really bought into that."

"But I'm not going to say this was an ordinary game. Obviously, it's a championship game and against a very, very good team."

White, who has committed to play at the University of Michigan, wasn't the only big playmaker in the back-and-forth title tilt.

Canton sophomore running

back Kevin Buford dazzled the crowd with a 39-yard run in the first drive of the contest to set up his own 1-yard plunge.

Buford later scored on TD runs of 63 and 65 yards and rushed for 193 yards on 11 carries.

"That kid's spectacular, a great player," Baechler said. "He's deceptively strong and

you can see how fast he is. He's incredible."

Stevenson came back after Canton's early TD and converted a fourth-down situation to make it 7-7, called the turning point by Gabel. The snap went to White instead of quarterback Brendan O'Hara (7-of-13 passing, 73 yards) and he threw a touchdown to Beyer.

"We were down 7-0 and our kids didn't even blink," Gabel said. "We just took the ball and drove down and scored. ... We're playing with confidence because we really believe in ourselves."

Canton senior QB Kevin Delapaz then was picked off to stop the Chiefs' next drive.

The Spartans went from there and drove 52 yards, with O'Hara's 16-yard pass to senior tight end Jordan El-Sabeh on a fourth-and-12 the key play. Scoring on an 11-yard run was White to give Stevenson a 14-7 lead.

But with 2:04 left in the first half, the Chiefs answered. Delapaz threw a 17-yard TD pass to junior back Ryan Powell — also on fourth down.

White worked some of his magic to open the second half,

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SIDELINES

Warner lifts MSU

After winning the Tar Heel Invitational with a school-record, of 860 last week, the Michigan State University women's golf team, bolstered by sophomore Shannon Warner (Livonia Churchill), has jumped to a No. 5 in Golfweek/Sagarin rankings.

Warner, a two-time MHSAA Division 1 medalist as a prep, posted her second top-10 finish of the season after carding a 71 on Oct. 11, her best round of the tournament, which featured nine top-25 teams.

Warner tied for sixth overall with an even-par 216 (72-73-71) in the three-day event held at the University of North Carolina's Finlay Golf Course in Chapel Hill.

Last month, MSU captured its own Mary Fossum Invitational title at Forest Akers (West Course) as Warner tied for third with an even-par 216 (72-73-71).

She shot a career-best 71 during the final round to move up eight spots on the leaderboard, including a key birdie on the 17th hole that extended the Spartans' lead to three shots.

MSU returns to the NCAA Preview Tournament, Oct. 23-25, in Wilmington, N.C.

College volleyball

■ Katie Altman's 14 kills propelled the 18th-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team to a 25-14, 25-14, 25-10 victory Thursday over host Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) and Mary McGinnis each added 11 kills for the second-place Crusaders, who improved to 25-3 and 9-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (one match in the loss column behind Indian Tech).

Amanda Koszela had a team-high 15 digs, while senior setter Inta Grinvalds finished with 45 assist-to-kills and 11 digs.

MU also won the block battle, 16-4.

Ashley Hart and Samantha Cuppen led the Cardinals (11-19, 2-7) with seven kills each. Katie Matz (Livonia Churchill) added five, while Ashley Zair finished with a match-best 21 digs.

■ Last Tuesday, Schoolcraft College clinched a berth in both the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and NJCAA District tournaments with a 25-16, 25-19, 25-14 win over host Henry Ford CC.

The Ocelots improved to 20-13 overall and 8-4 in the Eastern Conference of the MCCA (fourth place).

Henry Ford fell to 7-15 and 5-7.

Thurston falls in cliffhanger

BY SCOTT SHEPHERD
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

It was cold and it was windy on Friday night, and it took a little while for both teams to get warmed up.

But once they did, the Dearborn Pioneers held off host Redford Thurston, 21-14, in a thrilling game that wasn't decided until the final play of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference crossover.

Dearborn is now 5-3 overall and needing one more win to get into the state playoffs. Thurston, the WWAC Red Division champ and playoff bound, falls to 6-2.

It was a tale of two halves.

Dearborn's junior quarterback C.J. Mifsud hit junior wide receiver Yousef Turfe on a slant route that went for a

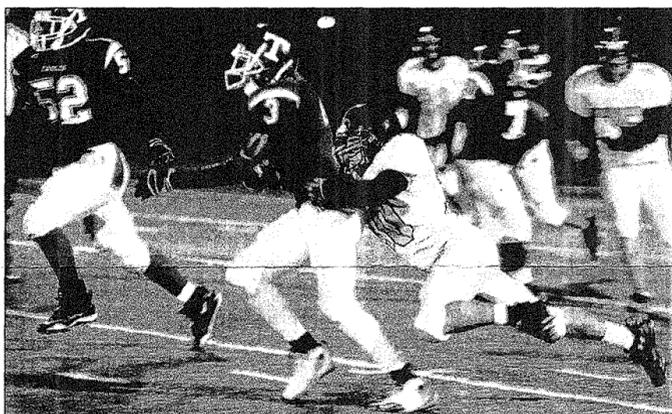
43-yard touchdown with 1:10 left in the second quarter to give the Pioneers a 7-0 halftime lead.

"I thought both defenses played great, especially in that first half," Thurston coach Bob Snell said. "It was tough for either team to get anything going offensively early in the game."

Dearborn made sure that the second half would not be the defensive struggle as senior Nabih Saad punched in a 5-yard TD three plays later to give the Pioneers a 14-0 lead less than two minutes into the second half.

Dearborn struck again early in the fourth quarter as Bazzi barreled his way into the end zone from 12 yards out giving the Pioneers a 21-0 advantage.

Dearborn looked like they were headed towards their third straight shutout vic-



Thurston's Troy Bell tries to escape the grasp of Dearborn's Hussein Sobh during Friday's WWAC crossover.

tory, but Thurston had other plans.

With 5:41 to play, backup quarterback Michael Flannel, who was playing because starter Gary Kostecki

was injured midway through the third quarter, connected with junior William

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17-0-1 Chargers 'own' KLAA

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Churchill boys soccer team met all challenges during the regular season — now it's on to the state tournament.

The Chargers' latest conquest came Wednesday night when they cooled off host Walled Lake Northern for the overall Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship, 4-0.

Churchill enters district play with a 17-0-1 record — the best regular season mark in school history — along with two other titles including the KLAA's South Division and Kensington Conference crowns.

The Chargers start their tournament quest 5 p.m. Monday in the Division 1 dis-

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trict opener at Redford Union.

Once again it was one of Churchill's patented restarts that got the Chargers going. With 28:19 left in the first half, Erik Bird's corner kick found the head of 6-foot-6 Adam Bedell for the game's first goal.

Senior forward Max Washko then tallied the Chargers' final three goals, including a pair before the half ended to put the Knights in a deep hole.

Washko notched his 21st of the season in the 16th minute on an unassisted effort and took advantage of a bad hop which eluded Northern goalkeeper Mitchell Thompson with 8:37 to go.

Washko then notched his 23rd with 23:49 remaining in

the match to put it away.

It was another sterling performance on the defensive end for the Chargers, who have allowed just six goals all season.

"It's important to see how much we play team defense — from the forwards all the way through the field and down to the goalkeeper," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said.

"Tonight Adam Bedell saves one off the line. He did the same thing three games ago. "Sometimes it's covering for the goalie. It's great defense when we're blocking shots and making teams shoot from 30 yards out."

The Knights, coming off a 3-1 victory Monday night over Grand Blanc for the KLAA's

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Cougars impress, seize 1st in WWAC

VOLLEYBALL

Garden City took over sole possession of first place in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division with a convincing 25-10, 25-14, 25-14 girls volleyball win Wednesday night over visiting Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

The Cougars, 14-9-3 overall and 7-0 in the WWAC Red, got 28 assists, 12 digs and two ace serves from Brittany Bejma.

"Brittany has been doing a great job running our offense — she distributes the ball very well," GC coach John Pace said. "Add her defense, and she shores things up pretty good on the

right side for us."

Other standouts for the Cougars included Sam Zaleski, who had 10 kills and was 28-of-29 serving (with four aces); Kelsey Susalla, seven kills and three blocks; Kellyn O'Brady, six kills, seven digs and four aces; Stephanie Stevens, six kills and seven digs; Cassie Ford and Christina Dork, seven digs apiece.

Susalla hit at a .545 pace, while Zaleski finished at .529.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 23
 Luth. Westland at Det. Urban, 6 p.m.
 Redford Union at U-D. Jesuit, 6 p.m.
 Edsel Ford at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at River Rouge, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Hartland, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Oct. 19
 Garden City at Robichaud, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
 Annapolis at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20
 Luth. North at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 6:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.
 Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20
 Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Redford Union at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 22
 Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
 Novi at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
 John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.

(CHSL Playoffs at Birm. Marian)
 Ladywood vs. Divine Child, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24
 UM-Dearborn Tournament, 9 a.m.
 Kensington Conf. Tourney at Wayne, 9 a.m.
 Metro Conference Tournament at Lutheran North, 10 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER
DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1
NORTHVILLE (Host)
Monday, Oct. 19: (A) Pinckney at (B) Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.; (C) Livonia Churchill at (D) Redford Union, 5 p.m.; (E) South Lyon at (F) Northville, 7 p.m.; (G) Salem vs. (H) Plymouth at P-CEP, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, noon.

Saturday, Oct. 24: Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal, 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 at Livonia Stevenson vs. Southgate Anderson district champion.)

DEARBORN EDEL FORD (Host)
Monday, Oct. 19: (A) Detroit Western International at (B) Garden City, 7 p.m.; (C) Westland John Glenn at (D) Canton, 5 p.m.; (E) Dearborn Fordson vs. (F) Livonia Franklin at Edsel Ford, 5 p.m.; (G) Wayne Memorial at (H) Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 at Livonia Stevenson vs. Walled Lake Northern district champion.)

DIVISION 2
WARREN FITZGERALD (Host)
Monday, Oct. 19: (A) Madison Heights Lamphere at (B) South Lyon East, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Detroit Renaissance at (D) Ferndale, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Hamtramck at (F) Redford Thurston, 7 p.m.; (G) Hazel Park at (H) Warren Fitzgerald, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 at St. Clair Shores Lakeview vs. Chelsea district champion.)

DIVISION 3
at DETROIT COUNTRY DAY
Monday, Oct. 19: (A) Macomb Lutheran North vs. (B) Clawson, 5:30 p.m. (C) Madison Heights Bishop Foley vs. (D) Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20: (E) Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day vs. (F) Harper Woods, 5:30 p.m.; (G) Livonia Clarenceville vs. (H) Mount Clemens, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 22: E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 5:30 p.m.; A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24: Championship final, 4 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. Frankenuth district champion.)

DIVISION 4
at ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST
Thursday, Oct. 22: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, 3:30 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal, 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27 at Jackson Christian vs. Kalamazoo Christian district champion.)

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Oct. 22
 KLAAs Kensington Conference Meet at Kensington Metropark, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23
 Metro Conf. Meet at Luth. North, TBA.

Western Wayne A.C. Meet, TBA.
 Catholic League Meet at Stoney Creek Park, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Oct. 20
 Belleville at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 22
 Garden City at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
 Churchill at Pinckney, 6 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
 John Glenn at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
 Wayne at Waterford Kettering, 6:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at Hartland, 6:30 p.m.
 Fordson at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Farm. Hills Mercy at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24
 MISCA Meet at EMU, noon.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 20
 Madonna at Davenport, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 22
 Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23
 (Madonna University Classic)
 Madonna vs. Embury-Riddle (Fla.), 3 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Taylor Univ. (Ind.), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24
 (Madonna University Classic)
 Madonna vs. Walsh Univ. (Ohio), 9:30 a.m.
 Madonna vs. Ind. Wesleyan, 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 21
 Madonna at Cornerstone, 3 p.m.
 Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24
 Schoolcraft at Cuyahoga (Ohio), 2 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 21
 Madonna vs. Davenport Univ. at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24
 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.
 TBA - time to be announced.

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No. 1 Marian spikers (47-2) take out Blazers in 3

VOLLEYBALL WRAP

Ladywood, ranked sixth in Class B, went all the way to the finals of Saturday's Sturgis Invitational before falling to No. 2-ranked Delton-Kellogg in the finals, 17-25, 19-25.

The Blazers wound up 5-1 on the day, including a win over the same Delton-Kellogg team in pool play.

Clarenceville wins pair

Livonia Clarenceville is 12-10-4 overall and 3-0 in the Metro Conference following two road victories last week.

The Trojans rolled to a 25-7-, 25-5, 25-2 win Thursday at Hamtramck following a 25-14, 17-25, 25-19, 25-15 win Tuesday at Harper Woods.

Kat Hall led Clarenceville with 10 kills and two blocks in the win over Harper Woods.

Other standouts included Teresa Parent (nine digs, three aces); Ashley Devon (five kills); and Brittany Tallman (four aces).

Rockets eclipse Wayne

Everybody got into the act Thursday as host Westland John Glenn rolled to a 25-12, 25-15, 25-20 KLAAs South

Division victory over rival Wayne Memorial.

Halie Baker paced the offense with 11 kills, three blocks and four aces for the Rockets, who improved to 19-11-1 overall and 4-4 in the KLAAs South.

Brittani Robinson and Mercedes Robinson each added four kills. Brittani also added three blocks.

Brooke Zywick paced the defense with 30 digs to go along with three aces.

Katie Down and Sarah Headrick added nine and seven digs, respectively. Each finished with three aces.

Wayne falls to 0-8 in the KLAAs South.

Plymouth bumps Patriots

In a KLAAs South Division match Thursday, host Plymouth downed Livonia Franklin in four sets, 25-13, 24-26, 25-19, 25-18.

Plymouth is 18-7-1 overall and 5-3 in the KLAAs South, while Franklin falls to 6-18-2 and 1-7.

Amanda Borieo and Chelsea Williams paced the Patriots with seven kills apiece, while Kelsey Boyd and Liz Holloway

each contributed four.

Setter Rachael Kapchus had 18 assists, while Nicole Williamson, Holloway and Borieo each contributed four ace serves.

Rocks topple Stevenson

Salem ran its overall record to 20-3-1 and 7-1 in the KLAAs Central Division with a 25-20, 25-11, 25-21 triumph Thursday over host Livonia Stevenson.

Kelly Vellucci had nine kills, 13 digs and seven assists as the Spartans fell to 20-14-2 overall and 4-4 in the division.

Shelbie Wilson added a team-high 16 digs and was 19-of-21 on serve receive, while Claire LeBlanc finished with 12 assists.

Lutheran Westland rolls Emilee Freeman and Rachel Storck recorded eight and seven kills, respectively, leading Lutheran High Westland to a 25-5, 25-13, 25-14 non-conference win over visiting Harper Woods.

Storck and Freeman combined for five blocks for the state-ranked Warriors, who improved to 19-6-1 overall.

Setters Lauren Switzer and Mary MacKenzie combined for 19 assists.

The task at hand was daunting to say the least Thursday for the Livonia Ladywood girls volleyball team.

The Blazers took on the state's No. 1-ranked team in Division 1, Birmingham Marian, and lost to the Catholic League leaders in three games, 13-25, 22-25, 19-25.

Visiting Marian, last year's state Class A runner-up, improved to 47-2 overall and 6-0 in the Central Division behind Alexandra Cocklin's 14 kills and Mary Henry's 33 assist-to-kills.

Rachel Charles collected a game-high 27 digs for the Mustangs, who beat Ladywood (27-15, 2-4) for the second time this season.

"They (Marian) are a tough, good and solid team," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "We played them better this time. After the first game we were aggressive and competed. We played hard the last two games."

Senior Claire Dezelski had a team-high 11 kills and 17 digs for the Blazers.

Senior Ashley Hines added seven kills, while Jenny Rhodes and Alexandra Hines each added 15 assist-to-kills.

Defense rests its case: Chargers top Chiefs

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The jury was still out when the state-ranked Livonia Churchill took its case to the Canton court Thursday night in a critical girls volleyball matchup.

First place was at stake in the KLAAs South Division, but when all the statistical evidence was presented, the final verdict read 25-23, 25-23, 25-19 - all in Churchill's favor.

"I think we played great defense," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "We kept the ball alive and we gave ourselves some opportunities for a couple of kids that swing well. And when we do that, we have a chance."

Churchill improved to 39-4 overall and all but wrapped up the KLAAs South while

she was still able to play at a high level.

"Taylor (Kerr) has guts, and is an athlete with wonderful range. She gets to a lot of balls and that's why she's our libero."

The Chiefs got a sterling effort from sophomore outside hitter Kristen Mair (16 kills, 31 digs). Senior Jordan Kieley added 13 kills and 19 assists.

Other contributions came from Alaina Turner (nine kills, four blocks), Lauren Macuga (18 digs) and Traci Breitmeyer (17 assists).

Canton actually had more kills (43-42) on the night than the Chargers, but still came out on the short end. In the second game alone, Canton recorded 20 kills to Churchill's nine.

But it seemed Churchill won all the crucial points.

"There's nothing I can pin-

point," Canton coach Mary Kryska said of her team's late-set woes. "That second game we made eight hitting errors and three serving errors. If we can eliminate the errors, I feel we can beat them. Unfortunately it's the third time we've lost to them, but Churchill is a good team."

The two teams could meet again next week (Oct. 24) in the KLAAs Kensington Conference tourney at Wayne Memorial.

"We've got a great rivalry with the Canton," Grenier said. "We've played them three times, and even though we've come out on top the last couple, the Canton kids always show a lot of sportsmanship. They're just a bunch of nice, classy kids and I'm glad we have this rivalry with them."

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improving to 8-0 with two divisional matches remaining.

Canton, which squandered a 22-19 lead in the second game, falls to 20-6 overall and 6-2 in the division.

Sarah Suppelsa, a 5-foot-11 senior, led the Chargers' hitting attack with a game-high 21 kills. Fellow senior Cierra Yetts added nine.

But it was the play of junior setter Cory Urbats (31 assist-to-kills, 25 digs) and senior libero Taylor Kerr (24 digs), which swayed the outcome Churchill's way.

Urbats also came up the match-winning block in the third and final game.

"Urbats is a great setter who plays defense - she's the quarterback of our team," Grenier said. "She was sick today, but

the match and to apply themselves the way they did," Pace said.

RU stops Crestwood

Kristien Vulaj recorded 11 kills and 16 digs Wednesday night to lead Redford Union past Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 25-14, 25-23, 25-13.

Vulaj also had three aces and two blocks, while junior defensive specialist Allison Katterson had 16 digs and four aces as the Panthers improved to 9-14-3 overall and 4-3 in the WWAC's Red Division.

"We played great last night," RU coach Rachel Clor said. "Kristien (Vulaj) is having a

great second half of the season so far. Allison Katterson came in and had a fantastic game last night. It's great to see her come into a game not having played the right back position very much and make a difference not just defensively but serving aggressive."

Other contributions for RU came from Jordan Hebner (nine kills); Taylor Stranahan (six kills, two blocks, two aces); Chelsey Gehlhausen (26 digs); Ryan Elequin (20 assists, six digs); Lauren Brenner (four kills).

"Our passing was better tonight led by Chelsey (Gehlhausen)," Clor said. "All hitters contributed more and

that's what is going to keep us continuing successfully."

On Monday, host Garden City came away with a 25-18, 25-19, 25-16 WWAC win over the Panthers.

Vulaj had a team-high 10 kills to go along with two blocks and 10 digs.

"She is smart at the net and knows that if hitting isn't scoring, then tipping will and I think that was the key to her success tonight," Clor said of Vulaj.

Other standouts for RU included Elequin (12 assists, eight digs); Gehlhausen (13 digs); Stranahan (two kills, three blocks, two aces); and Hebner (four kills, three aces).

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"They really controlled the match," Pace said. "They did a fantastic job on the net and from the serving stripe."

"Sam made some service errors in a previous match and was not happy with that performance. The last couple of practices she was very focused and applied when we worked on serving. She made sure she would be better and it paid off."

The loss dropped second-place Annapolis to 5-2 in the WWAC Red.

"It was nice to see the girls understand the importance of

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Brooks lifts C'ville to share of Metro title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Senior Levonte Brooks proved to be a one-man offensive gang Friday Livonia Clarenceville gained a share of the Metro Conference football crown with a 32-8 triumph over host Hamtramck at Keyworth Stadium.

Clarenceville is now 4-4 overall and finishes 3-1 in the Metro, while awaiting the outcome of Saturday's game between Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and Macomb Lutheran North (both 2-1 in the five-school conference).

Sometimes taking direct snaps in the backfield, Brooks rushed for 245 yards on 35 carries and five touchdowns - all coming on runs from 35, 62, 1, 25 and 37 yards out. Clarenceville led 13-0 at half, but the Cosmos (0-8, 0-3) cut the

deficit to 13-8 in the third quarter with a TD and two-point conversion.

But the Trojans answered with 19 straight points to put the game away.

"It was win, or let it slip away like we did the week before against Birch Run," Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish said. "Hamtramck had only 17 players dress, they forfeited three wins and had a coaching change at midseason. They came to play and give them credit."

Senior linebacker Dan Schiffman led the Clarenceville defense with eight tackles, including three sacks. Senior safety Leonard Hogan also stood out.

"It's finally exciting to win a Metro Conference title," said Irish, now in his fifth season. "This is the last year and we'll have that trophy forever."

Glenn corrals Mustangs, 41-13

Franklin, Churchill rolls to easy crossover wins

Jeremy Langford had another big night rushing the football Friday as playoff-bound Westland John Glenn rolled to a 41-13 KLA A Kensington Conference crossover victory over visiting Northville.

The Rockets, now 7-1 overall, got a game-high 282 yards on 25 carries from the 6-foot-1, 210-pound senior who is closing in on the 2,000-yard mark.

Langford, with 1,965 on the season, opened the game on a 90-yard touchdown run with 7:39 left in the first quarter and followed with a 2-yard scoring run to cap a nine-play, 63-yard drive to start the second period.

Northville's Mike Wegzyn then hit Levi Perry on a 45-yard scoring pass to cut the deficit to 13-7, but the Rockets scored right before the half as quarterback Steve Kulikowski connected with Travis Farrar on a 12-yard TD pass with only 1:07 left.

Langford then hit Steven Murphy on the two-point pass to make it 21-7 at intermission. In the third quarter,

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Langford scored on a 68-yard run and Perry tallied his second TD for Northville when he returned an interception 35 yards for a score. Davarius Jenkins blocked the point-after to keep the lead at (27-13).

Glenn put it away with a pair of fourth-quarter scores - Kamal Ayler on TD runs of 10 and 20 yards. Aaron Smith's interception set up the final TD and Alex Isaveski converted both PATs.

Glenn racked up 518 total yards to Northville's 122. **FRANKLIN 42, SALEM 10:** Livonia Franklin (4-4) rushed for a total of 472 yards to snap a three-game losing skid Friday in a KLA A Kensington Crossover win over the Rocks (2-6).

Junior running back Brandon Tower had a big night for the Patriots with 210 yards on 15 carries. He scored on TD runs of 13, 7 and 91 yards.

Senior Chris VanTuyl added 206 yards rushing on 23 carries, while quarterback Brett Marzion was 5-of-9 passing for 50 yards.

Robbie Ringe added a 28-yard

TD run and Dan Muller contributed a 2-yard scoring run for the Patriots, who led 21-7 at halftime and 28-10 after three quarters.

Kicker Travis Matthey went 6-for-6 on extra points.

Franklin's defense caused two Salem turnovers and limited the Rocks to 174 total yards.

Nate Coleman and Anthony Barber had fumble recoveries for the Patriots.

"It's good to get back on the right track," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We played hard, which wasn't the case the past couple of weeks. And we challenged our seniors to end the season on a winning note."

CHURCHILL 48, S.L. EAST 7: It was a big night for senior Tony Frezzell, who rushed for 130 yards and scored five TDs Friday as host Livonia Churchill (2-6) downed South Lyon East (0-8) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Frezzell had scoring runs of 2, 11 and 24 yards. He also hauled in 64- and 24-yard TD passes from quarterback Steven Klisz.

Churchill's T.J. Grant added a 56-yard scoring run and Klisz added a 15-yard TD run.

Matt Lindman's 40-yard scoring run with 6:47 remaining accounted for East's lone points.

Churchill outgained the Cougars in total offense, 384-278.

The Chargers' defense was led by junior linebacker Mike Harp, who had 15 tackles (including a sack) and one forced fumble.

Churchill picked off four passes with Klisz getting two with Kevin Mozurkewicz and Matt Andrzejewski and one each.

Jimmy Koltunichik also recovered a fumble, while Andrzejewski was 6-of-7 on extra points.

SOUTH LYON 56, WAYNE 18: On Friday, the visiting Lions (2-6) rolled to a Kensington Conference crossover victory over turnover-plagued Wayne Memorial (3-5).

South Lyon led 21-6 at halftime and 35-12 after three quarters.

The Lions had 330 yards, including 311 on the ground.

Dave Loveland had 89 yards on five carries and two touchdowns, while Justin Tolinski added 74 yards on 19 attempts and two TDs.

Wayne committed seven turnovers, losing four fumbles and getting three passes picked off.

The Zebras had 306 total yards as quarterback Nick Mills was 10-of-30 for 119 yards and one TD (a 22-yard scoring pass to Dan Ross).

Zakk Hardyniec had 68 yards rushing on eight carries and a 7-yard scoring run. Keith Agee had Wayne's other TD on a 1-yard run.

Defensively, Bill Schillingburg led the way with 11 tackles for Wayne.

RU falls to Fordson, 43-0

Six turnovers proved to be a recipe for disaster Friday night as host Redford Union fell to state-ranked Dearborn Fordson, 43-0, in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference football crossover football at Kraft Field.

After a scoreless opening first quarter, Fordson (8-0) exploded for 20 points in the second quarter and 23 in the third period to put the game away.

"I told our guys we'd have to play a perfect game to win and we gave them too many presents," said RU coach Miles Tomasaitis, whose team slipped to 4-4 overall. "We turned the ball over at inopportune times and it put us in a hole."

RU's drove the ball 48 yards on their first drive, but fumbled.

After a 50-yard touchdown

run in the second quarter by Adam Hammoud, the Tractors blocked an RU punt and recovered it at the Panthers' 1. Hammoud then scored on a 1-yard plunge.

Following another RU fumble on its own 23, Fordson quarterback Ali Baidoun then hit Baquer Sayed on a 23-yard pass to make it 20-0 at intermission.

The Tractors, who had 218 yards total offense, got three more scores in the third period - Bilal Abu-Omarah on a 24-yard run; Mohammed Faraj on a 5-yard fumble return; and Baidoun to Sayed on a 23-yard pass.

RU had 98 total yards - all on the ground as Nick Catalano was 13-for-52 and Keith Marshall 10-for-36.

Marshall also stood out on defense limiting Sayed to three catches for 33 yards.

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returning the kickoff 52 yards to give the Spartans a chance to get back in front.

But that drive stalled, with Alex Law's subsequent punt rolling down to Canton's 1-yard line.

On the next play, Delapaz was thrown for a safety by senior Will Burek to give Stevenson a 16-14 advantage.

The Spartans took over following the free kick and scored again, with White punching it in from 1 yard out.

Undaunted, Buford got some of it back right away, breaking three tackles while scoring from 63 yards.

Canton then went back in front, 27-23, when Buford burst through the middle and was on

his way to a 65-yard score.

Stevenson's next offensive series looked to be stalling, with O'Hara apparently thrown for a big loss. But Canton was called for a face mask penalty to keep the Spartans moving.

O'Hara's 1-yard sneak made it a 30-27 Stevenson lead with 6:21 remaining.

The Chiefs were unable to move the ball on their next chance and the Spartans put the game out of reach on White's third TD of the night.

"We wanted it a lot, too, and we knew it was going to be a battle," White said. "We came out and fought our hardest. It worked out for us."

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CROSS COUNTRY JAMBOREE RESULTS Oct. 13 at Nankin Mills

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 29 points; 2. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 63; 3. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 77.

Individual winner: Winonah Krug (Newport Lutheran South), 20:05 (5,000 meters).

Lutheran Westland finishers: 3. Sarah Maynard, 20:44; 4. Jess Rice, 21:39; 6. Erin Lyle, 21:44; 12. Jessica Drife, 23:16; 13. Angela Morrison, 23:20; 14. Carly Girolamo, 23:37; 24. Ashley Pniowski, 24:29.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS NORTHVILLE 15 LIVONIA STEVENSON 48

Oct. 13 at Cass Benton Park
Individual winner: Gina McNamara, 19:10 (5,000 meters).

Other Northville finishers: 2. Erin Dunne, 19:46; 3. Katie Vandervoort, 19:59; 4. Alex Drayback, 20:27; 5. Alex Rodriguez, 20:41; 7. Emily Sklar, 20:54; 8. Hallie Tyburski, 21:19.

Stevenson finishers: 6. Julia Capeneka, 20:54; 10. Taylor Cieslak, 21:25; 13. Kelsey O'Keefe, 21:53; 14. Kelly Hall, 21:53; 15. Kelly Glynn, 21:56; 18. Allison Gudeman, 22:04.

Dual meet records: Northville, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLA A Central Division; Stevenson, 1-4 overall, 1-4 KLA A Central.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS NORTHVILLE 15 LIVONIA STEVENSON 50
Oct. 13 at Cass Benton Park
Individual winner: Frank Griffiths, 16:48 (5,000 meters).

Other Northville finishers: 2. Matt Sierra, 16:55; 3. Trent Johnson, 17:09; 4. Chad Cini, 17:19; 5. Christian Guenther, 17:21; 6. Jason Lerner, 17:22; 7. Kevin Lerner, 17:41.

Stevenson finishers: 8. Joe Urso, 17:47; 13. Matt Williams, 18:07; 14. Andrew Longhi, 18:07; 16. Adam Chludzinski, 18:23; 17. John Lynch, 18:30; 19. Ryan Petrut, 18:38.

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No. 8 Ocelots edge Owens, 2-1 CHARGERS

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Dane Laird's goal in the 76th minute proved to be the game-winner Wednesday as the nationally-ranked Schoolcraft College men's soccer team edged visiting Owens Technical Community College, 2-1.

The Ocelots, ranked eighth in the latest NJCAA Division 1 poll, improved to 11-1-1 overall. The loss drops Owens to 7-6-1 overall.

Yaya Toure scored Schoolcraft's first goal off an assist from Ryan Lemasters in the 41st minute.

Jon Moore answered for Owens just two minutes later off an assist from Jay Sesock.

Toure then set up Laird (Farmington Hills Harrison) with the game-winner.

Schoolcraft, outshooting the Express 8-5, got a sterling effort from sophomore mid-fielder Bim Ogunyemi.

Ocelot goalkeeper Ian McDonald-Wilkins, who made four saves.

AQUINAS 2, MADONNA WOMEN 1 (OT): Jaime Tomaszewski's ninth goal of

the season in the 93rd minute gave host Aquinas College (9-3-1, 5-1-1) the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Wednesday over Madonna University (5-9, 4-4) in Grand Rapids.

Olivia Dorgan and Bri Hill set up the game-winning goal after Hill notched her 13th of the season from Tomaszewski 56th minute to make it 1-0.

MU's Kaila Moore scored her fourth of the year from Katie Kozlowski in the 43rd minute.

Crusader goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth) made five saves in the loss, while her counterpart in net Kelsey Duley had six saves.

Lakes Conference title, simply could not match up with Churchill's tenacity and speed all over the field.

"Northern is really solid in the middle and we needed to expose the outsides to generate throw-ins and corners," Friedrichs said. "We came out and followed the game plan. And it was good to see that we started out real nice and finished our chances."

"The game was probably closer than the score indicated because Northern had (scoring) chances."

Northern coach Chris Stevanovic came away impressed with the state-ranked Chargers.

"Churchill is a good team, they're No. 2 in

the state for a reason," the third-year coach said. "They're a quality team and we made a couple mistakes the first half. And when you do that it's hard to come back."

"We had three quality chances — two on the goal line and one off the crossbar. It wasn't our night. But I'd rather be able to see us put the ball in the back of the net next week in the districts rather than tonight, which doesn't mean as much."

Northern, meanwhile, ends the regular season at 14-4-2 to go along with a KLAA North Division and Lakes Conference crowns.

"It's hard to keep your foot on the pedal all the time," Stevanovic said. "But I'm proud of how we haven't let up and that's great to see. I'm happy for them."

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THURSTON

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Webster out of the backfield for a 40-yard scoring play.

Despite failing to recover the onside kick, Thurston regained the ball one play later after recovering a Pioneers fumble.

The Eagles drove the ball down to the Pioneer 6, but were not able to score, giving Dearborn the ball back with just under two minutes to play and leading by two touchdowns.

Choosing not to run out the clock, the Pioneers elected to run a shovel pass on third- and 14 that was intercepted by Thurston senior Joshua Bobbish, who returned it for a TD, cut-

ting the Dearborn lead to 21-14 with 50 seconds left.

The Eagles recovered the ensuing onside kick, setting up a suspenseful final drive.

Managing the clock nicely despite not having any timeouts, Flannel led the Eagles down to the Dearborn 8, scrambling for 30 yards on the drive. But his fourth-down pass, intended for wide receiver Troy Bell, sailed high and incomplete, sealing the victory for Dearborn.

"We haven't really played a game that's gone down to the wire yet this year, so this was a great learning experience for us," Snell said. "We showed that we're willing to commit to playing hard for 48 minutes, and playing good, physical defense. That's how you win in the playoffs."

Glenn loses boys soccer finale, 7-2

Westland John Glenn dug itself a 4-0 halftime deficit as host Farmington High rolled to a 7-2 non-conference boys soccer victory Friday night.

Junior Connor Sheehan scored five goals for the Falcons, who enter Division 1 district play at 13-5-1 overall.

Glenn, getting a pair of second-half goals from senior midfielder Nelson Kenne, ends the regular season at 5-12 overall.

STEVENSON 0, LAKELAND 0: In a KLAA crossover Wednesday, host White Lake Lakeland (9-5-5) and Livonia Stevenson (7-6-5) battled to a scoreless draw.

Conner Burton earned the shut-out in goal for the Spartans, who are 4-0-2 in their last six games. Midfielder Brendan Mulcahy also stood out.

"The second half we spent a lot of

time in their end," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "We had quite a few chances. One goal was called off because of an offside. They (Lakeland) were pretty scrappy and blocking shots. Their goalie also made some good saves."

HARTLAND 2, JOHN GLENN 1: Goals in the final five minutes by Tyler West and Kyle Schmidt enabled the host Eagles (7-10) to escape with a KLAA crossover victory Wednesday over Westland John Glenn (5-11).

After a scoreless opening half, Glenn's Troy McGuigan scored off a feed from Nelson Kenne.

But Kenne, a senior midfielder, went down later in the second half with a back injury and the Rockets found themselves on their heels.

"When Nelson got injured it opened a big space in the midfield," Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada said. "They had two or three guys marking him. We played very good and almost stole the game, but the injury

affected us."

FRANKLIN 1, MILFORD 1: Ryan Tikey made 12 saves Wednesday as visiting Livonia Franklin (3-14-1) settled for a tie with the host Mavericks (3-11-2).

Franklin took a 1-0 first half lead on Gabe Edwards' goal from Joe Morski, but Milford's Kale Howell answered with a goal of his own midway through the second half.

Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos singled out the efforts of Brad Tatro, Dillon DeBeliso, Fred Shatara and Sean Clark.

"We had many opportunities and the inconsistencies we've had in the past were put behind us tonight," Rodopoulos said.

HOWELL 5, WAYNE 1: In a KLAA crossover Wednesday, the host Highlanders (3-12-1) came away with the victory over Wayne Memorial (1-16).

Alex Balli had the lone goal for the Zebras.

Top-ranked Gryphons hold off Warriors, 5-2

Peter Jacobson's hat trick spurred top-ranked Ann Arbor Greenhills to a 5-2 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division boys soccer win Friday afternoon at Lutheran High Westland.

Greenhills, 18-1 overall and ranked No. 1 in Division 4, held a 3-2 halftime lead before putting it away with a pair of second-half goals.

Rob Drolet and Patrick Duggan also tallied goals for the Gryphons, who improved to 13-0 in the MIAC Blue.

Gage Flanery tallied both first-half goals for the ninth-ranked Warriors (9-6-4, 6-6-2), who lost an earlier meeting to Greenhills, 9-4.

Assists went to Austin Baglow and Laith Francis.

GARDEN CITY 2, WAYNE 0: On Friday, goals by Andrew Hthiy and Richie Blevins powered the Cougars (8-8-3) to the non-league victory over host Wayne Memorial (1-17). Goalkeeper Robert Zembo posted the shutout.

Wayne goalie Kevin Glass also stood out in the loss for the Zebras, whose senior class played in its final home match.

CLARENCEVILLE 4, HAMTRAMCK 2: Ardit Dushkaj's scored four goals, raising his season total to 23, as Livonia Clarenceville (12-4-2) earned a third-place Metro Conference playoff consolation win Thursday at home over the Cosmos.

Assists went to Phil Strachan, Garet Hintzman and Jimmy Moody.

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

50 freestyle: 1. Savannah Hatt (LS), 26.03. **1-meter diving:** 1. Caria McNamara (LS), 227.47 points.

100 butterfly: 1. Maranda Buha (N), 1:02.4; 3. Reed (LS), 1:05.45.

100 freestyle: 1. Cauzzillo (LS), 58.1; 2. Emilee Montini (LS), 59.39.

500 freestyle: Becca Berman (N), 5:15.69; 2. Hatt (LS), 5:19.75; 3. K. Dolinski (LS), 5:20.74.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Maranda Buha, Madalyn Buha, Berman, Berg), 1:44.22;

2. Stevenson (Kayla Perchall, Montini, Brenna Gabrielson, K. Dolinski), 1:49.8.

100 backstroke: 1. VanderMey (N), 1:01.86; 2. Shaelyn Dolinski (LS), 1:07.58; 3. Reed (LS), 1:09.44.

100 breaststroke: 1. Gordon (LS), 1:11.38; 3. Cauzzillo (LS), 1:15.34.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Buha, Berman, Cote, VanderMey), 3:45.08; 2. Stevenson (Hatt, K. Dolinski, Cauzzillo, Gordon), 3:50.81.

Dual meet records: Novi, 4-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 5-3 overall, 2-2 KLAA Central.



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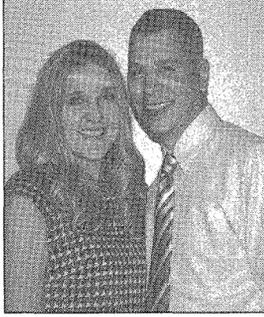
Faist-Witt

Jessica Marie Faist and Michael Steven Witt announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of David and Marcia Faist of Pleasant Lake, graduated from Leslie High School in 2001. She completed undergraduate work in communication and English at Eastern Michigan University and graduate work in communication and global urban studies at Michigan State University. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree in communication with a specialization in global urban studies. She is employed by Chrysler Corporation LLC.

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Technological University. He has a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Engineering degree. He is employed by Chrysler Corporation LLC.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Judith Witt of Livonia, graduated from Livonia Churchill High School in 1993. He completed undergraduate work in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and graduate work in manufacturing systems at Lawrence



Silver anniversary

Benedetto and Christiane Tiseo of Livonia will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Oct. 20.

Chris was born in a small town near Marburg, Germany and came to Detroit in 1964. Ben was born in a small town near Casino, Italy and came to Detroit in 1950.

Chris graduated from Henry Ford Community College with a degree in Business Administration. After working at several corporations she decided to stay home and raise a family. After 12 years Chris decided to pick up her career and now is at Von Maur in Laurel Park Place, Livonia.

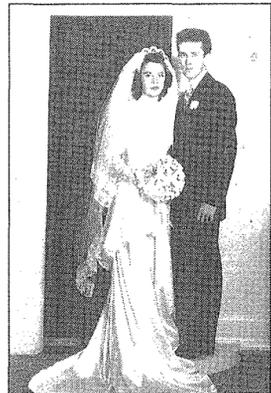
Ben served in the US Army and spent 13 months in Korea with the Second Infantry Division near the DMZ. After his honorable discharge he attended night school at Lawrence Technological University and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Architecture in 1978. Two years later he returned as an adjunct instructor and is approaching his 30-year anniversary at LTU.

Ben and Chris first met while Chris was working in and for the Penobscot Building in Detroit. Ben was the architect on a retail space on the

first floor of the building. It was love at first sight. Ben says he was certain he was hit with 5 million volts of electricity at that instant. Thirteen months later they were married at Christ the King Church in Northwest Detroit. Their honeymoon brought them back to both Germany and Italy to visit and celebrate with family.

They moved to Livonia, from Detroit, in August of 1994 where they currently live with their son, Dominic, a junior who studies bio-medical engineering at Lawrence Tech, and their daughter, Gabriella, who attends Homes Middle School. Ben also has a daughter, Holly, from a previous marriage, who is married to Dave Hayes. They have two sons, Anthony and Nicolas, and they live in Canton.

In 1998 Ben moved his architectural practice to Livonia and has been a fixture in the community ever since. His firm, Tiseo Architects, Inc. is the architect of the Livonia Veterans Plaza at Five Mile and Farmington Road. Ben is also the architect and developer of the newly completed Eight Mile Place shopping center at the southeast corner of Eight Mile and Farmington Road.



60th anniversary

Stuart and Jean (Jameyfield) Fox of Canton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 24. The couple wed in 1949 at Calvary Church in Detroit.

Their anniversary celebration dinner with family was held at East Side Marios, in Livonia.

The Foxes are parents to seven children, grandparents to 15 and they have two great-grandchildren, with two more expected this winter.

The Foxes attend North Ridge Church of Plymouth. They plan to make Melbourne, Fla., their permanent address this year.

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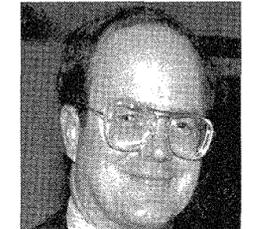
MARY S. ARBOUR
 October 10, 2009 age 63 of Belleville, formerly of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Robert J. Dear mother of Robert D. (Erin), David S. (Kimberly). Loving grandmother of Quinn & Devyn. Daughter of the late Dr. Lee & Jeanne Feldkamp. Sister of Lee A. (Robin) Feldkamp, Robert (Kitty) Feldkamp, Joan (John) Thomas, Gerald (Linda) Feldkamp, Gregory (Diane) Feldkamp, Douglas (Laurie) Feldkamp, Jeannette (John) Schwab & James (Barbara) Feldkamp. Funeral was held at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Wed., 11:30AM. Family received friends Mon. 5-9PM & Tues. 12-9PM. Family requests memorials to American Stroke Association. Please visit and sign a tribute at: www.uhtfh.com



WALLACE M BARRINGER
 March 7, 1926-Oct. 11, 2009. WWII combat veteran. Survived by his wife Marion, three daughters, two sons, seven grandchildren, two nephews, one niece and other family. Preceded in death by a son, Robert Hedquist. Visitation was Thursday with Funeral Friday at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



ALEX BERZSENYI
 Age 92, October 13, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Edith Berzsenyi. Loving father of Thomas (Deborah) Berzsenyi and Karen (Gabriel) Kaptur. Dear grandfather of Jordan and Hunter Berzsenyi, Steven, John and James Kaptur. Dear brother of Irene Walsh and the late Katherine Komjathy and Daniel Berzsenyi. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, was held Friday at 11AM. Visitation was held Thursday 1-9PM. Memorials to the U.S.O. Share a memory of Alex at: www.rggharris.com



JAMES KENT COOPER
 Died peacefully at home at the age of 62 on Oct. 11, 2009 from complications of a stroke. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and friend to many, and like his father before him, a truly good man. Kent received his Jurist Doctorate degree in 1977. He was a member of the State Bar of Michigan and served on the Executive Board of the Federal Bar Association, Detroit Chapter, and at various times co-chaired the Corporate-Government Section, the Employment-Labor Relations Section and the Courthouse Tours Section. He also served as a First Vice President, and Past President of the American Corporate Counsel Association, Michigan Chapter. Kent is survived by his wife Barbara, children; John and Meghan, his mother, Helen Merle Cooper, siblings; Robert (Sharon) Cooper, Douglas (Sharon) Cooper, and Elizabeth (Edward) Montojo, and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held, Saturday, Oct., 24 at 10:30am at the San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy 248-689-4615. Memorials are suggested to the Henry Ford Neuroscience Institute (Stroke Retreat), 1 Ford Place, 5A, Detroit, Michigan 48202
 obit and condolences at: www.wesselsandwilk.com



SEAN KNOPF DEROCHE
 Suddenly, October 12, 2009, age 33 of Plymouth. Loved son of Fred DeRoche and Jeanne Knopf-DeRoche. Very special brother of Kate DeRoche. Funeral Saturday 1 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. Foundation-Sean DeRoche Scholarship. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

THOMAS "JOE" OTIS KING
 Son of Jasper Odus and Lexie Mae Long-King of Obion County, Tennessee. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Maxine Wilder-King, and five siblings. Survived by two sons, Thomas and James King and families, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and four siblings. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.



FRANCINE V. KNOCKE
 Age 74 of Sun City Center, Fla passed away October 8, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Frederick J. Knochke, and her sister, Geraldine C. Weast. She is survived by her daughters Susane (John) Novak of Land O' Lakes, Fla, and Barbara (Mark) Parker of Essexville, MI; a brother Kenneth Gulick; two grandsons Kevin (Tamara) Morris and Kyle (Jessica) Morris and great-grandson London Morris. Fran was born January 4, 1935 in Ringoes, NJ and was an RN at Hunterdon Medical-Center until 1977. She moved to Troy, MI and again as a nurse, first at Henry Ford Hospital, then Hutzell Hospital in Detroit, and then at Crittendon Hospital in Rochester, MI. She later worked in laser eye surgery and retired from the Surgery Center of Michigan in Sterling Heights, MI, before moving to Florida. She loved to garden, but her first love was art - whether creating it, or collecting it. She was an avid watercolorist and silk painter. Later in life, she became a model and actress, and in her spare time loved to go on cruises and play bridge. She touched everyone's lives she met & will be missed dearly. A visitation to honor Fran is planned for Saturday, October 31st from 6-7:30pm at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, 48009. Her final resting place will be at Arlington National Cemetery with her beloved Fred.



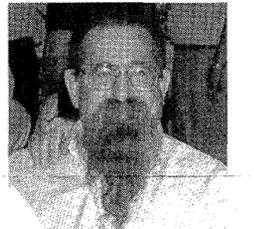
PEARL CATHERINE STACER
 Age 73, passed away on October 9, 2009 at home. She was born February 16, 1936 in Ruth, Michigan to Anthony & Charlotte (Clor) Seidl. She has lived in Gladwin County since 1999, previously residing in Livonia, Michigan. Pearl was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Edenville. She married Leonard Stacer on February 19, 1966 in Detroit. He survives her along with their children: son: Brad Stacer of Livonia; Daug: Rhonda Stacer of Westland; son: David Stacer of Hoboken, New Jersey; son: Craig Stacer of Chicago; two grandchildren: Jacob and Zachary. Pearl is also survived by her mother: Charlotte Seidl of Warren; brothers: Gerald Seidl of St. Clair Shores and Richard Seidl of Warren; sisters: Marie Szlag of Madison Hgts and Sally Cooney of Angola, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her father: Anthony and a sister: Donna Seidl. Funeral services took place at St. Anne Catholic Church in Edenville. Visitation was at Hall-Kokotovich Funeral Home 440 E. Cedar Ave., Gladwin, Michigan. She will be laid to rest in Dale Cemetery Beaverton, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association. hall-kokotovichfuneralhome.com

FRANCES T. MacLEAN
 Age 91, of Farmington. Preceded in death by her husband, the late Lester D. (d. 2005), founding partner of the Farmington Hills and Mt. Pleasant Law Firm of MacLean, Propp, MacLean and Darnell, PC. Loving mother of Gary T. (Denise); cherished grandmother of Scott (Kim), Ashley (Brandon) Mardossian and Bethanie; and great grandmother of Megan, Michael, Blaise and Simeon. Visitation Sunday, October 18, 2-5PM, with 7PM prayers, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Monday, October 19, 10:00AM (in state 9:30AM) Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Private entombment Glen Eden Mausoleum, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital PO Box 1000, Dept. 3000, Memphis TN, 38148-0552, stjude.org, or the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, 48207-3485, capuchins.org, heeney-sundquist.com

GENE MEADOWS
 Age 79, of Hartland, formerly of Plymouth, died Sunday, October 11, 2009. Born March 27, 1930 in Detroit, the son of Arthur and Julia (Frazier) Meadows. Gene was a graduate of Henry Ford Trade School and the owner/operator of Art Jewelers in Plymouth. He was a member of the Plymouth Lions Club, Livingston County Wood Workers Guild and loved spending time on his tractor. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, whom he married on April 16, 1955 in Plymouth. Loving father to Robert of Hartland and James (Karen) of Plymouth. Grandfather of Ashley and James, brother of Glenn (Jean) of Georgia, Phyllis of Fowlerville and Arthur (Janice) of Florida. Visitation was Tuesday 3-8PM with funeral Wednesday 10AM from MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell. Memorial Contributions suggested to Plymouth Lions Foundation. Please visit online guestbook at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com



DORIS (DOTTIE) MENARD (THORNHILL)
 Aug 2, 1923 to Oct 14, 2009. Preceded in death by her husband, Walter. Beloved mother of Doris Smith (predeceased), and Walter Jr. (Mary). Grandmother of Charles (Clare), Michael, Renee (Tim), Melissa (Morgan), and Molly (Bill). Great-Grandmother of Meredith, Devin, Christopher, Matthew, Logan, Sara, and Garrett. Memorial service at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth at 10:30 am on Mon, Oct 19. Memorial contributions can be made to: Community Foundation of Plymouth, 301 N Main St, Ste 300, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.



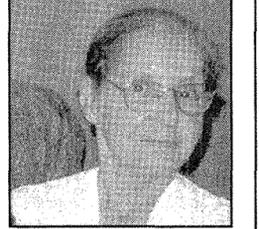
LARRY B. PILKINTON
 52, of Redford, October 15, 2009. Cherished son of Doreen and the late Larry J. (2007). Dear brother of Anne May, and David (Lesa). Uncle of Martin May, Keli May, Jared (Shannon) Pilkinton and Heather (Shane) Lakner. Great uncle of Hayley. Loving grandson of Marilyn and the late Jack. Memorial Service Wednesday, October 21st, 11AM at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, (at Puritan), Redford. Those who wish to further honor Larry's memory may make contributions to New Beginnings Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200)

CLAUDE W. ROCKER
 Age 97, a life long resident of Plymouth, died October 9, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Charlotte. Loving father of Claudia Schweikert, William (Sharon) and David (Susan) Rocker. Also survived by 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Visitation at 10:00 AM prior to 11:00 AM memorial service Friday October 16, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Rock Lodge #47 or First Presbyterian Church.

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NEIGHBORS

Plymouth Newcomers foster friendships for 50 years

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Tiffany Baker is amazed by the changes in society as she looks through three large scrapbooks on the Plymouth Newcomers. Fifty years ago newspaper clippings referred to women in the club by Mrs., followed by not their first name but their husband's first and last name.

Respect for women as individuals definitely has grown since Vivian Champion gathered 32 women together to talk about launching the club's first official season in 1958-1959. Even as late as 1975 women were less concerned with themselves than their families. The topic of the luncheon meeting for February was on "How to Keep a Husband Happy" with a speaker from the psychology department at University of Detroit.

"It started as a way for brand new people to the community to come together," said Baker, president of the club now known as Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors. "Toward the end of the first decade they were starting to name first names. It shows how times have changed, the role of the woman who stayed home and took care of the household. Now women and men both do. It reflects society in general."

Fifty years fast forward and the club is mainly about families, although it also appeals to older singles and young married couples without children like Baker, a public relations specialist at Health Alliance Plan in Southfield, and her husband Colin, a Wayne State University professor.

Baker enjoys activities such as playing Euchre and Bunco and belonging to the Friendship Circle which provides meals and care for new mothers and ill members. When Baker was confined to her home for three days after hurting her back, club friends brought meals. Friendship, above all else, is at the heart of the club. For Baker, it's a way to have a family away from home. She and Colin moved to Plymouth from Lansing three years ago.

"I had gone online to get information about the community," said Baker. "The club made a huge difference in making us feel welcome."

She needed to find a new hairdresser at the time. Other people want advice finding reliable baby-sitters or they just want to make friends.



Newcomers 4th of July parade float, 1970.



Newcomers members take a factory tour in 1964.



Jeff and Katina Kovatch sing karaoke at a Newcomers Halloween party.

VARIED ACTIVITIES

Last year 130 families shared their interests through the club which offers groups for dining out, reading books, playing board games and cards as well as scheduled times for parents and children to meet and play. Baker started a dog-sitting co-op so she wouldn't have to send six-year old Kylie to a kennel when the couple left town.

A plus is that activities and interest groups, because of the sharing and caring, cost little or nothing except for the club's \$25 annual membership for a family.

Jennifer Arapoff joined not long after moving to Michigan from the East Coast in September 2001. Although she's a Plymouth Township resident, members come from around the area including Canton, Northville and Novi.

"We were renting in West Bloomfield for a few months when I saw an ad in *Metro Parent* for play groups," said Arapoff who lives in Plymouth Township. "I had one daughter then 15 months old and have made life-long treasured friends. As the children get older activities through newcomers tend to change. Now we do things with the grownups, the parents of those children."

Arapoff especially appreciates the Friendship Circle which provided food after the birth of her twins. Today she continues to not only take part in giving inside but outside the organization. Throughout the club's programming season (September to May) members' philanthropic work makes a differ-

ence in the community whether it's bell ringing for the Salvation Army during the holidays or their current book drive for a Detroit elementary school without a library.

ACROSS THE MILES

Sheila Paton's made lifelong friends since joining the club after moving to Plymouth Township from Cleveland in 2001. Last week she traveled to Arizona to meet up with former Newcomers member Tiffany Lemmink who moved to Louisville, Ky., two years ago.

"She's celebrating her 40th birthday and her husband decided to send her on a spa trip and wanted to send me too," said Paton, who works part time in finance at University of Michigan

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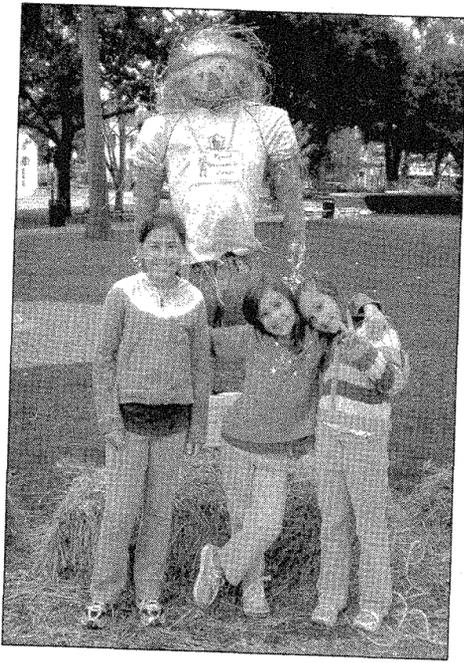


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Julia, (left) Anna and Alexa Arapoff show off the scarecrow decorated by Jennifer Arapoff and Carolyn Gage for Scarecrows in the Park. The golden scarecrow represents the Newcomers' 50th anniversary.

NEWCOMERS

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Medical Center in Livonia. "We're very good friends." Both were from out of town when they joined Newcomers and "became each other's family."

Today daughter Adrienne, 11, and son Jacob, 9 maintain club ties just like their parents. Upcoming parties (Oct. 30-31) provide a safe environment at Halloween for children and fun for adults. New this year is Cookies & Cocoa with Santa in December and a Healthy New Year seminar on exercise and nutrition in January.

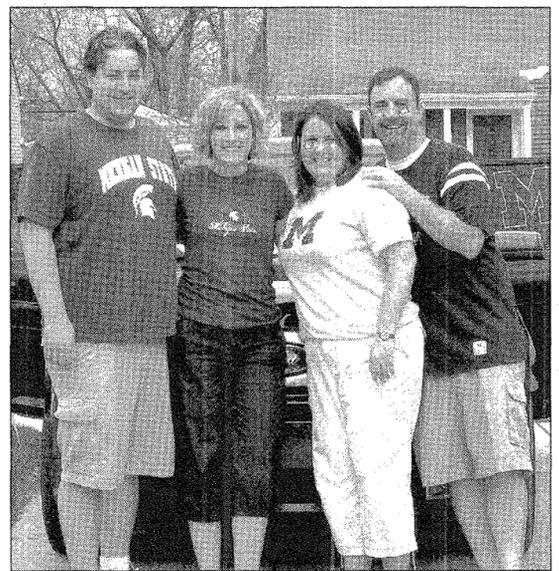
IN THE COMMUNITY

Wes Graf promotes the club whenever he encounters anyone new to the area. As executive director of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce he believes the Newcomers and chamber compliment each other. The chamber Web site (plymouthmich.org) includes a link to Newcomers.

Graf and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume spoke at the 50th anniversary celebration at Station 885 in late September.

"When someone's new to a community they don't know where to turn first. They're uprooted and replanted so a local support network becomes significant," said Reaume who has lived in Plymouth Township 26 years. "How wonderful that a group of current caring citizens care enough about their community to want to share and welcome other new families to the area."

For more information about Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors, visit plymouthnewcomers.com or call Suman Desaraju at (734) 254-9181.



Colin Baker, (left) Tiffany Baker, Michele Hill and Bob Hill of team "Great Divide" prepare for the 2009 Road Rally.

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Auction, performance

Stars Guitars, a fund-raising event that benefits the Charles A. Main, MD Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Fund of Beaumont Hospitals, is at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24, at Dearborn's Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, Dearborn. It includes an auction featuring guitars autographed by popular musicians and a large assortment of many other items, a strolling dinner and a performance by REO Speedwagon.

Flu shots

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan will administer seasonal flu shots and pneumonia shots from 9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 20 at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia; 5-7 p.m., Oct. 24, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 25, at St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia. Flu shots are \$25; pneumonia shots are \$50. Medicare Part B, HAP, Priority Health, Health Plus of Michigan, Blue Care Network, cash or check payable to VNAHSS accepted. Homebound service is also available. \$40 service fee. Must have a physician's prescription. Call (800) 882-5720, ext. 8752, for an appointment.

View the complete calendar online at hometownlife.com.

Good health begins with the mouth

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Kathi Shepherd isn't trying to scare anyone into seeing a dental hygienist but she does have horror stories to tell about the consequences of not receiving regular care.

Good oral hygiene is important to overall health. Her uncle was diagnosed with what physicians thought was a brain tumor. When surgeons operated they found dental bacteria in his brain. The infection left him paralyzed on the left side. Another patient died of a lung abscess due to dental bacteria.

"My uncle's teeth had not been regularly cleaned for 10 years. It was a dental infection on his brain," said Shepherd, director of educational development and outcomes assessment for the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Dentistry and the dental hygiene program. Shepherd said a daily brushing and flossing doesn't prevent tartar

buildup between the teeth, so a professional scaling at least twice a year is necessary.

"Dental hygienists go beneath gums and make sure bacteria is removed on a regular basis. Bacteria goes down and even burrows into the gum tissue. If someone does not receive below the gum line cleaning then dental bacteria enter the bloodstream and can go anywhere. When it enters the bloodstream research suggests the bacteria associated with periodontal disease poses a threat to other parts of the body."

STARTING YOUNG

Although Shepherd's uncle was 57, dental bacteria can endanger children. She refers her patients to the scientifically-based American Academy of Periodontology Web site, www.perio.org, for credible information.

"It's imperative to start early with a daily oral care routine. Now insurances are starting to cover infant oral exams even

before age 1 because dental bacteria forms the minute there's a tooth in the mouth. Even for a baby, a mother should be getting in there even with a washcloth to get the bacteria off the teeth."

Physicians are increasingly concerned about good oral care as studies continue to show a link between poor oral hygiene and total health. While gum disease resulting from bacteria affects nearly 75 percent of Americans and is the major cause of adult tooth loss, a connection has also been shown to heart disease and diabetes and possibly osteoporosis, respiratory disease and chronic kidney dysfunction. Studies are ongoing on the effects of stress, medications and genetics as well.

DENTAL HYGIENE

Wendy Kerschbaum is pleased that the rest of the world is finally taking note of the connection between routine oral care and total health. Kerschbaum started her career as a dental hygienist 39 years ago and today is director of the dental hygiene program and an associate professor at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in Ann Arbor.

Years of studies have proven the link just in time to celebrate National Dental Hygiene Month which recognizes the profession dedicated to preventing decay and periodontal disease.

"We consider the mouth part of the whole body," said Kerschbaum. "You can have a lot of disease if you don't take care of your mouth."

Dental disease is usually well advanced by the time it's diagnosed making a daily oral care routine essential to wellness. The American Dental Association recommends brushing twice a day, flossing and using an anti-microbial mouth rinse that says it kills germs or bacteria and is not just a mouth freshener. Kerschbaum suggests using fluoridated toothpaste and a soft toothbrush that's replaced once the bristles start to splay outward.



SMOKING, DIET

Recent studies show tobacco may be one of the most significant risk factors in the development and progression of periodontal disease. Diet can be a contributing factor to dental disease as well. A diet low in important nutrients can make it harder for the body's immune system to fight off infection in the mouth and other parts of the body, said Shepherd.

One study found men and women who have calcium intakes lower than half of the dietary recommendation of 500 milligrams are twice as likely to have periodontal diseases. Another found individuals with less than 60 milligrams of Vitamin C a day were at nearly 1 1/2 times the risk of developing severe gingivitis, a periodontal disease affecting gum tissue. A recent study suggested antioxidants in green tea may help reduce periodontal disease and other inflammatory diseases of the heart and bone.

"Our diet either contributes or protects against decay," said Kerschbaum. "Carbohydrates like sugar, some crackers, dried fruits,

in an at-risk person could contribute to decay as does how long you expose the teeth to this sugar, how frequently in a day. Consume sugar at meal time not between meals."

Avoid breath mints unless sugar free. Sipping on sugar containing liquids whether coffee, pop or fruit juices leads to cavities as well. Diet pop is as harmful because the acidity erodes teeth.

Your smile affects more than health though.

"It's the issue of aesthetics or how we look," said Kerschbaum. "In today's world when you're talking about competing for jobs a smile does become an important attribute."

The University of Michigan School of Dentistry offers student and faculty clinics for routine cleanings and checkups. For information, visit www.dent.umich.edu and click on patients, or call (734) 763-6933 or toll free (888) 707-2500.

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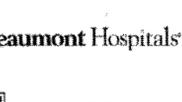
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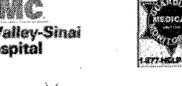
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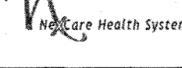
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Unique Glasses Relieve Hardship Of Vision Loss

Low vision doctors Sheldon Smith and Donald Haiderer prescribe spectacle aids for the visually impaired.

Vision loss is devastating, stealing independence and quality of life. The good news is many determined people have begun to fight back.

Desmond Roberts lost his license to drive. He saw Dr. Sheldon Smith of Low Vision of Michigan desperate to maintain independent driving. With telescopic driving glasses prescribed by Dr. Smith his license was reinstated.

"My life ended at my front door, but this gave my life back," said Roberts. "You saved my life."

David Welch sought to read without hand magnifiers and drive with confidence. The doctor prescribed one pair for driving and another for reading. "No other specialists helped me like Dr. Smith," said Welch, moved to tears by seeing better.

"Today we can make durable eyeglasses that noticeably improve sight," said Dr. Smith. They can be used anywhere, unlike electronic tabletop magnifiers. And unlike awkward, clumsy hand magnifiers, spectacles are

hands free.

"We prescribe surgical quality telescopes for sight loss," said Dr. Don Haiderer of Low Vision of Michigan. "They are custom focused for simplicity of use and make your eyes see the best possible. Details look bigger, closer and easier to make out."



David Welch with driving glasses

Whether helping some one see faces and television, read, drive, work a computer, knit, play cards or sight see, one thing remains constant. Urgency is critical to success.

Treating vision loss promptly always gives better outcomes. There is no advantage in doing nothing, living with flawed vision, waiting to get worse. Sight may change slowly or not at all. Waiting just puts off seeing better and frustrates people.

When reading resumes, visual and language skills stop regressing and start improving. When starting early, milder devices are usually effective. If necessary, evolving to stronger devices is easier after mastering mild ones.

Also with driving, the best time to start is early on, with milder devices, while the patient is younger. Telescopic driving aids greatly enhance seeing the road ahead. Safe confident driving helps maintain independence and overall wellness.

Help is available. We help people with mild, moderate and severe vision loss. Every situation is unique. Special reading glasses start at \$600 and custom telescopes cost from \$1800. Sun filters and nutritional supplements improve vision and prevent damage.

Patients are welcome to call and discuss their case with us and schedule an appointment. Referring physicians are also invited to call or fax for patients needing care.

We can help. If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Low Vision of Michigan to find out how.

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