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Craft show

The Westland Friendship Center is hosting its first Holidaze Craft Show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

The craft show is a fundraiser for the center's Christmas Special, a celebration that will be held at the center on Friday, Dec. 7. Crafters will show off their items, so those who want a jump on the holiday shopping can purchase home made gifts early.

There is no admission charge, and there will be food available during lunch hours for purchase. The Westland Friendship Center is at 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford Road.

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The prize winner will be selected in a random drawing from among all eligible entries Oct. 10.

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Westland sees uptick in new home construction

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

At first blush, the number of new housing starts this year may not seem like much. But for Westland city officials, an uptick in residential building permits is definitely good news.

In fact, Mayor William Wild views it as "some-

thing that bodes well for the sustainability of Westland's housing market."

The Westland Building Department has issued 23 new home permits this year, an almost 100 percent increase from 2009-10 building season when the city hit its low point of 12 new homes starts. New home construction has slowly increased since

then, an indication of an improving economy in the state.

"Builders are building and developers are developing," said Bruce Thompson, Westland building director. "There's a lot of interest in in-fill projects in interurban areas. Basically, they are projects

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White Tail Run subdivision is one of several arrested residential developments in Westland where new builders have stepped in to complete the project.

Westland honors memory of POWs and MIAs

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Prisoners of war and military personnel Missing in Action were remembered at a ceremony outside Westland City Hall Friday.

It was the third Friday of September which is officially the POW/MIA Recognition Day.

There are 83,419 POW/MIAs from the United States, said Westland Veterans Association President Ken Mehl, 73,681 military personnel from World War II.

"It gets harder and harder to find the missing as the years pass. The longer they are missing, the easier they are to forget," said Mehl, recounting the recent return and

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PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Brian Luther of Garden City plays "Taps" for the missing soldiers and those held as prisoners of war. Luther served in the U.S. Air Force and is a member of Bova VFW in Westland.

Griffin looks forward to serving on W-W board

Eleven years after he left the Westland City Council, Charles "Trav" Griffin placed his hand on a Bible held by his son, Ben, and repeated the oath of office to become the newest member of the Wayne-Westland school board.

The swearing-in ceremony was held at the start of Monday evening's meeting. Griffin asked Diane Rohraff to administer the oath. It's a duty Rohraff is quite familiar with after serving for a number of years as Westland city clerk.

"It's wonderful to be able to serve the community," said Griffin. "I look forward to doing it. Thank you for your support."

At the end of his first



JENNY JOHNSON

Ben Griffin holds the Bible as Diane Rohraff administers the oath of office to his father, Charles "Trav" Griffin.

board meeting, Griffin admitted that "it's a little scary after 11 years" to serve on an elected board.

"I hope I can do the job that warranted your support," he told his fellow board members.

Griffin was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Trustee Andrea Clawson. He will serve until the next school election in November 2014.

Griffin also is a former teacher and Michi-

gan Education Association UniServ director. He also served on the Wayne-Westland school board before launching his political career which included serving on the City Council and as mayor of Westland.

In addition to his son Ben and his wife Andrea, Griffin's friends Jan Sapola and Sharon Scott were present to witness the ceremony. Clawson also was in the audience.

By Sue Mason

W-W board looks at its operating procedures

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board has decided to take a closer look at operating procedures for boards in five Michigan school districts in developing its own document.

The board Monday evening decided to form a subcommittee made up of board President Carol Middel, Secretary Cindy Schofield and Trustee Thomas Buckalew to review five documents from the Berkley, Houghton Lake, South Lake, Northville and Romulus school boards to find which fits as close as possible to what the Wayne-Westland board does.

"The subcommittee can figure out which one closely mimics what we do, then we can come back and bring in the pieces from the other

documents that we feel will work," Schofield said.

The board has held several study sessions to work on fine tuning policies. However, questions arose over the difference between policies and procedures, leading to the decision to develop the latter. Schofield and Middel worked on getting information about operating procedures as well as a board code of ethics. She spoke on behalf of Middel who was not at Monday's meeting due to a death in the family.

Schofield told the board that by definition policies are the "principal guidelines for the decisions the board makes," while operating procedures "are specific and are the steps used in the day-to-day operations to carry out policies."

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# BOARD

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"I believe we need to put the focus on this (procedures)," said Schofield. "These are five different procedures that we can look at as to how they relate to the way we do things."

With an indication that board members would like the operating procedures in place by the end of the year, Schofield said that the board will need to have another study session to come up with the procedures document to have it ready for a vote in November, giving them the month of December to work on it, "if we fall behind."

Board members not serving on the subcommittee will receive copies of the documents and have two weeks in which to read them over.

"You'll need to read all of them so you have a flavor of what each is," she said. "Then members can go through and say, 'Yes, I like this section, I'd like to see this in from another document.'"

The board also plans to take a closer look at a code of ethics policy developed at the Michigan Association of School Boards. Trustees looked at two documents, one from the South Lake school district and the other from the MASB. A majority favored the latter's document.

"I like the organization of the MASB document," said Buckalew.

"I like the MASB document, it's a little bit better than the South Lake

document," said Trustee Fred Weaver. Weaver pressed the issue of having the document contain a statement about "certain duties" board members need to do, such as being present at graduation ceremonies.

"I'd like to put forth a document with the expectations for a board member are," he said. "When we talk about expectations, if they can't live up to them that maybe they shouldn't run for office. There are certain things we do in this district that are important."

"Maybe it would be good to let new members know that this is more than one meeting a month," said Buckalew.

Schofield told Weaver that that would be more in operating procedures.

"If you feel that strongly, we may need a stand-alone document," she said.

Schofield pointed out that the MASB document was quite lengthy because it includes a code of ethics for school boards and a code of ethics for administrators.

An interest in develop a similar code of ethics for administrators found support from school Superintendent Greg Baracy.

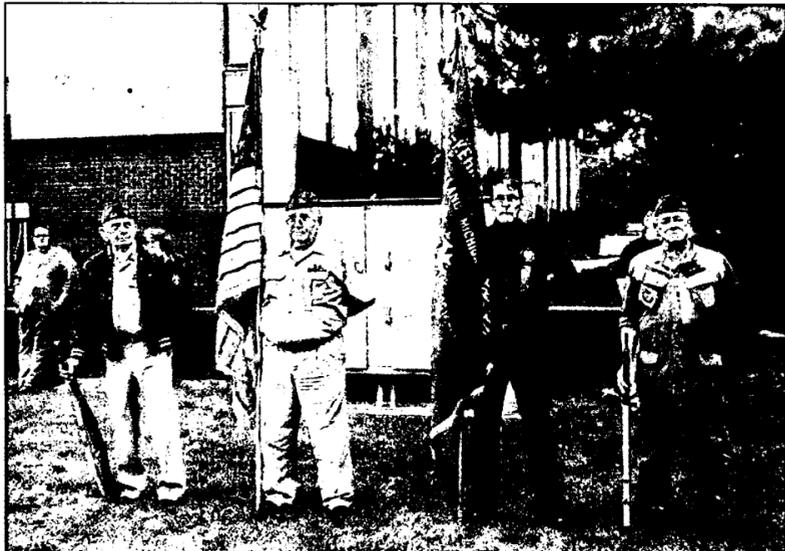
"The administration, including the superintendent, is willing to work with the board on a code of ethics that would parallel what you do," Baracy said. "This is the right thing to do."

The ethics code also will be reviewed at a study session.

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PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN  
Members of the Junior Auxiliary of the Bova VFW Post No. 9885 get ready for the wreath ceremony during this year's POW/MIA ceremony at Westland City Hall.



Harris Kehrer VFW Post No. 3323 members Bob Styles, Robert Campbell, John Ries and John Lemanski served as the Honor Guard for the POW/MIA ceremony.

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identification of remains of soldiers from Korea and Vietnam.

In front of the podium was a table set for one. Mehl explained the symbolism of the empty chair and place setting for the POW/MIA.

"We must remember our heroes; they are not ghosts of the past, they were there for you. You need to be there for them and remember them," said Mehl, following a moment of silence.

Other speakers shared those sentiments while also thanking Rick Patney, who has headed the annual ceremony for more than 20 years. While appreciating the comments, Patney said the ceremony wouldn't be possible without the help fellow VFW members and the city.

"I give thanks to all the veterans for hosting this ceremony. Westland is one of the few cities to host this and for so many years," said 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicerelli. "We need to keep our POWMIAs in mind. The families need closure. Pray for our veterans."

Wreaths were presented by the VFW Bova Post 9985 and its auxiliaries, the Disabled Veterans of America Post 387, the Northville VFW Post and auxiliary and the Westland Veterans Association.

The Harris-Kehrer VFW Post provided the color guard while the Bova Post rifle guard performed the 21-gun salute.

"Thanks for taking time out of your day. Friday evening tends to be family time. Westland proves once again that they never forget veterans, POWMIAs," said state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland.

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# HOMES

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that are ready to go."

At one point, Westland had 11 arrested developments, residential developments started prior to the economic downturn that developers had walked away from. In the last 18 months, two of those developments have been jump-started — North Creek Estates on Newburgh, just south of Joy, and Whitetail Run subdivision near the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park.

Two home builders developed the remaining 16 lots at North Creek. Each builder bought eight lots, 16 homes have been built and all have sold, Thompson said.

"There's a lot of interest in \$200,000 homes," Thompson said. "In 2000 to 2005, people were selling their little homes and buying their first new homes. That's starting to come back around. And a lot of the starter homes that existed in Westland have been sold."

North Creek was originally developed by D'Orazio Contracting Corp., which also had purchased the Clyde Smith property to the south. D'Orazio had planned to build roughly 120 single-family homes on the 36-acre site and put commercial development along Newburgh.

D'Orazio had received approval for a planned unit development and final site plan approval for the residential development, but ended up abandoning that project due in part to the economic downturn. Four years later, there is a renewed interest in developing the property.

A new developer also has taken over Whitetail and is currently constructing homes on 10 lots that are available there. Nine lots also are being developed in Brookfield Estates on Cherry Hill west of Hix and more are in the works, Thompson added.

"Westland is in a great place to live, we're centrally located, we have Westland Shopping Center and are close to the freeways," he added. "We've always been attractive to people who want to build new homes. When you look at what services we provide and factor that in, it's no wonder we're growing."

Thompson anticipates even more new home construction next year and while it won't rival those years when the city issued hundreds of building permits, Thompson is confident the number of housing starts will continue to grow.

"It's a good sign all around," said Thompson. "We don't know how quickly the homes will sell, but it's definitely coming around."

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Ramone Davis of Belleville prays for missing Veterans during the POW/MIA ceremony.



Ken Mehl of the Westland Veterans Association gives statistics on the number of men and women missing in past wars.



Marissa Smith of Plymouth and Rachel Napier of Waterford release balloons in memory of the country's POWs and MIAs.

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# Calley is upbeat on state's progress

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

The lieutenant governor Wednesday gave an upbeat assessment of Michigan's progress over the last 21 months and urged people to get involved in their communities to build a stronger state rather than relying on help from Washington, D.C.

Republican Brian Calley, introduced as the youngest lieutenant governor in the country, said a state economic turnaround in Gov. Rick Snyder's administration was made possible by legislators and officials who didn't know the unwritten political rules that had long hampered change and weren't afraid to make tough decisions.

"We'd been in fiscal crisis for so long people thought we weren't in fiscal crisis," Calley, 35, told about 80 people during a Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce breakfast at Schoolcraft College's VisITaTech Center.

"Change is hard. Change is uncomfortable," and the desire to keep the status quo is

strong, he added.

But, said Calley, a former banker and state House of Representatives member from the Ionia area, economic reforms like the 2011 state tax overhaul, a balanced 2011-12 budget in Snyder's first six months and the tightening of state tax incentives were accomplished and are now paying dividends, such as lower unemployment, a \$20 billion reduction in Michigan's debt load since Snyder took office and a state credit upgrade that could come at any time.

### More tax changes

Next on the tax front, Calley said, are changes in the state's personal property tax. A measure has passed the Senate and is in the House, he said, but legislators are proceeding slowly, recognizing that local governments rely on the tax and will need to offset revenue shortfalls.

"We've gone through all of this work to create financial stability in government. ... We don't want to cause local government instability," he said.

The PPT is a tax on



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State Rep. Kurt Heise photographs Lt. Governor Brian Calley during Calley's speech to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce breakfast Wednesday.

business furnishings and equipment and is disliked by many business owners, especially those with expensive manufacturing equipment. The PPT brings about \$350,000 a year for the city of Plymouth and about \$780,000 a year for Plymouth Township, and officials in both communities have said a repeal of the tax without any replacement would be devastating.

Calley also told chamber members to expect more focus from the Snyder administration on education, particularly in how schooling is geared toward teaching the job skills employ-

ers need. He said a wide range of career opportunities will be valued, but that he often hears from employers that they can't find prospective workers with the skills they're looking for.

Calley also:
 

- Said state regulatory reform continues but is a painstaking process, sometimes involving changes in law, sometimes changes in administrative rules and sometimes in attitude. About 700 regulations have been changed under Snyder, he said, but he won't be happy until that number is "in the thousands."
- Introduced Repub-

lican state Sen. Patrick Colbeck and state Rep. Kurt Heise, who both represent the Plymouth area, as "a couple of guys who have shown tremendous courage" as part of the current Legislature that has worked with Snyder.

• Urged a no vote on each of the five proposals on the ballot in November that would amend the state constitution, and a yes vote on Proposal 1, to uphold Public Act 4, the emergency financial manager law. Most of Act 4, Calley said, deals with avoiding the conditions that lead to the appointment of an emergency financial manager, and the state's taxpayers are ultimately liable for communities that fail financially.

The five proposed constitutional amendments deal with union rights, renewable energy, collective bargaining for in-home care workers, a requirement for a two-thirds majority for increasing taxes and subjecting state bridge and tunnel projects to a vote of the people.

"Whether you agree on policy or not, these do not belong in our consti-

tution," Calley said.

### Urges local involvement

Touching on the U.S. presidential race, Calley said Michigan residents should help improve the state by first looking out for their families, their neighbors and their communities, rather than expecting that the federal government will help if this or that candidate is elected to the White House.

"That is really how you build a strong community and a strong state," he said.

That point struck a chord with chamber member Sandra Canzoneri, a partner in Agile Business Performance Improvement, which consults with businesses to improve processes and train and motivate workers.

"I think that we've lost our way" by looking to Washington for answers instead of looking within, Canzoneri said. "The communities, the state, the government are only as good as its people."

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## League holds 11th District candidates' forum

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will host a Candidates Forum for those running for the 11th Congressional District on Monday, Oct. 1 at the Plymouth District Library, beginning at 7 p.m.

The candidates for both the partial term to fill the remainder of a

term that had been held by Thaddeus McCotter and those running for the full term of the newly drawn 11th district have been invited to attend.

The public is invited to attend the forum and submit questions for the candidates that will be asked by a League moderator. The public can

also submit questions in advance through the League's email address atlwvmail@yahoo.com.

Garden City and Westland residents are part of the current 11th District and will vote on McCotter's replacement. The candidates include Republican Kerry Benivolio of Milford, Democrat David Curson of

Belleville, Libertarian Party member John Tatar of Livonia, and U.S. Taxpayers Party Member Marc Sosnowski of Dearborn Heights. The winner of the election will serve until end of the year.

As of 2013, Garden City and Westland will be part of the reconfigured 13th Congressional

District. In that election, Democrat John Conyers Jr. of Detroit is seeking a 24th two-year term in Congress. He's being challenged by Republican Harry T. Sawicki of Dearborn Heights, Libertarian Chris Sharer of Westland and U.S. Taxpayers candidate Martin Gray, also of Westland.

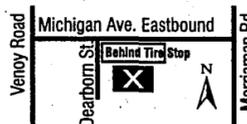
The forum also will be

filmed and will be available on the League's website - www.lwvnnw.org - for viewing.

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## AROUND WESTLAND

**Spaghetti dinner**

Advance tickets are available through today (Sept. 27) for a spaghetti dinner being held Saturday, Oct. 6, at the St. Theodore Parish Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, Westland.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and free for those age 4 and under. The meal includes, spaghetti, salad, beverage and dessert. Wine will be available for \$1 per glass.

To order tickets, call the church office at (734) 425-4421. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

**Veterans seminar**

The Westland Veterans Association will sponsor a Veterans Benefits Seminar at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

Veterans and their spouses are encouraged to attend to learn about benefits they are entitled to and how to apply for them. Also covered will be financial planning, national cemetery benefits and pre-planned burials and VA Hospitals and how to register for benefits.

For more information about the seminar, call (734) 335-7943.

**Westland Stars**

The Westland Stars are back and they have found a home.

Girls ages 10-14 or in the fifth-eighth grades can learn to learn to dance and cheer at the Wayne-Westland Community Education Tinkham Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland. Practices will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, beginning Oct. 1. Information will be available at the first practice for parents about such things as the team, clinics and membership.

Join the Stars and learn to cheer and stunt as well

as jazz, pom, lyrical, hip-hop, novelty/prop dance.

**Town hall meetings**

Mayor William Wild will continue his scheduled series of town hall meetings to discuss with the public the City Hall project.

The meetings will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at P.D. Graham Elementary at 1255 S. John Hix, Thursday, Oct. 18, at Edison Elementary at 34505 Hunter and Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Cooper Upper Elementary at 28550 Ann Arbor Trail.

**Harvest Dinner**

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold its annual Harvest Dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the church, 3 Towne Square, across from the Wayne Post Office in Wayne.

The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-12 for a complete turkey dinner, including beverage and desert. Pop will be sold for an additional of 50 cents. Carry-outs will be available. There also will be crafts, Rada cutlery, silent auction for quilt and bake sale and more.

The church is handicap accessible. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

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# Run for Ribbons

## Inaugural event supports child abuse victims

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

The stress of organizing a major public event melted away Sunday morning for Jasmine Millwood when she looked at people lined up to start the Run for Ribbons 5K.

"I can't really describe to you the feeling and the emotions that I had at that moment," said Millwood, who used an air horn to signal the start of the race. "I got very emotional seeing 400 people there ... supporting what we do."

The inaugural Run for Ribbons, which began and ended in downtown Plymouth, raised money for Lighthouse Family Charity, which raises awareness of the problem of child abuse and brings support to its victims. More more than 400 people signed up, and onlookers probably brought the crowd to around 500, Millwood said.

Millwood, the executive director of Lighthouse, had a personal connection to the run and its mission: She and her two sisters are survivors of abuse that occurred when they were foster children, and Millwood told their story in a memoir, *Unbreakable*, published earlier this year.

"I couldn't stop thinking about my sisters and how proud they would be," said Millwood, who lives in Plymouth.

Millwood and race organizers had hoped for 300 runners and got a



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHAEL SHUSTER

Lighthouse Family Charity executive director Jasmine Millwood (second from left) poses Sunday at the inaugural Run for Ribbons with Erin Williams, chairwoman of the Junior Chamber of Plymouth Canton, which helped organize the fundraiser. On either side are Williams' parents, Pat Williams, a Canton Township trustee, and Nancy Williams.



Runner Jen Schinker of Plymouth (number 690) won an award for having the costume with the most blue on it during Sunday's Run for Ribbons 5K, a fundraiser for Lighthouse Family Charity. The fun run, which began and ended in downtown Plymouth, drew more than 300 runners and netted about \$4,000.

bit more than that, with more than 300 people running the 5-kilometer (3.1 miles) route through the streets of Plymouth, and 70 people running the one-mile Pinwheel Parade.

"It was nice and cool. It was a fabulous morning for a run and to go through the neighborhoods of Plymouth," said Abby Stonerook of Plym-

outh Township, who ran in both events.

The fun run winner was Brett Stinar of Northville, who finished in 19:10. Brad Litwin of Northville and Leonardo Brito of Ann Arbor finished second and third, respectively. Jen Schinker of Plymouth won the "biggest blue" award for the outfit with the most blue, which is Lighthouse's signature

color.

The net proceeds are estimated at about \$4,000, and Millwood said Lighthouse will use the money to buy booklets for all fifth-graders in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools on stopping and preventing child abuse. The booklets are called *It's OK To Tell*.

"We feel those are very effective and positive prevention resources that we would like our community's children to have," Millwood said. "For my personal experience," having learned that message, "would've changed many things for me," she added.

Run for Ribbons was organized by volunteers from the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, or Junior Chamber, of which Millwood is president, from other local organizations, including Rotary Club chapters and the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

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# Best friends compete in 'The Amazing Race'

By Karen Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

It was — in a word — amazing. That's how Livonia resident Gary Wojnar, 53, described his experience as a contestant on the 21st season of the hit reality TV show, *The Amazing Race*, where 11 two-person teams trek around the world in a competition to win up to \$2 million.

"It was the greatest experience of my life," he said in a telephone interview Monday. "It was such an adventure, honestly, I would do it again in a nanosecond."

Wojnar and best friend Will Chiola, 54, of Dearborn Heights, who substitute teaches in Livonia, are teammates in the 21st season, which premieres at 8 p.m. Sunday on the CBS Television Network.

They couldn't talk about where they went, what they did or whether they won, but a press release said the teams travel through three continents, nine countries and cover more than 25,000 miles, where they're faced with repelling 10 stories in Los Angeles, frying an egg on their heads in Indonesia, working as "rat collectors" in Bangladesh and revisiting one of the race's most infamous roadblocks in the Netherlands.

At every destination, the teams compete in a series of mental and physical challenges with the teams that are the farthest behind gradually being eliminated. The prize is \$1 million. But this season, if the team that wins the first leg of the race also wins the final leg, they will double their prize and win \$2 million instead.

What Wojnar and Chiola could talk about was how



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This season's cast from "The Amazing Race" includes Livonia resident Gary Wojnar, far left front row, and best friend Will Chiola of Dearborn Heights, second from left from row. Cast members also include a pair of Chippendales dancers, married monster truckers, a world champion lumberjack, a double amputee professional snowboarder and Josh Kilmer-Purcell and Brent Ridge of the reality TV show "The Fabulous Beekman Boys."

they got to be contestants, which was a challenge in and of itself.

Wojnar, a substitute teacher who works primarily at Hilbert Middle School in Redford, started watching *The Amazing Race* during its third season when he caught a glimpse of a contestant repelling down a mountain and "screaming like a banshee."

It wasn't long before he was hooked on *The Amazing Race*, which just won its ninth Emmy Award for best reality series.

### 'Mutt and Jeff'

During the show's sixth season, Wojnar watched as a tall woman and a short woman competed together on a team, which gave him the idea that he and Chiola should try out for the show. Wojnar is 6-foot-6, and Chiola is 5-foot-2.

"We do make a funny-looking pair," Wojnar said. "Mutt and Jeff, Jack and the Beanstalk, David and Goliath. We've heard it all,

trust me. It doesn't bother me and it doesn't bother Will."

Wojnar and Chiola, who also became a big fan of the show, applied numerous times.

"We figured we had nothing to lose," Wojnar said. "We did funny videos, goofy videos, serious videos, and looking back, we thought, Wow, these are pretty bad. We wouldn't have picked ourselves either."

After getting discouraged and stopping for while, they decided to try again. This time, they tried contacting the show's producer, World Race Productions, directly.

In the process, they discovered that the website name [www.worldraceproductions.com](http://www.worldraceproductions.com) was for sale, so they bought it for \$10.

They made another video, where they wore Groucho Marx-type disguises and jokingly said they were holding World Race Productions' name up for ransom. They

"threatened" to turn the website into an adult dating site if they didn't pick them to be contestants.

### 'We blackmailed them'

"We blackmailed them in a way to get their attention," Wojnar said. Within a few weeks, they received a correspondence saying, "We didn't know whether to be afraid of you or admire you for what you did to get our attention," Wojnar said.

After over-the-phone interviews and then a series of in-person interviews in California, psychological tests and physicals, they were finally approved to be contestants.

Chiola said he thinks producers liked their height difference and that they are such ardent fans of the show.

Wojnar said their long-time friendship was a plus. "Being that we've known each other for 30



Longtime best friends Gary Wojnar, left, and Will Chiola said producers liked their height difference and that they bicker like an "old married couple."

years, we have each other's back. It's our rapport that they liked. People say we bicker at time like an old married couple."

Says Chiola: "He likes to yell at me."

In a video on CBS' web site, Wojnar and Chiola said they have different strengths.

Wojnar is intelligent, can fix or build anything, figure out clues and is good with a map, Chiola said.

Chiola has endurance and no fear. A runner who's been in about 20 marathons, he's very competitive and never gives up, Wojnar said.

Wojnar and Chiola said the experience changed them for the better. Both said they learned to

appreciate the opportunities and advantages they have living in the United States, and Wojnar said it helped him to overcome his fear of flying.

And, they said it helped them to be better teachers.

"With the different situations I've experienced during the race, it makes it easy going to a classroom," Chiola said.

The experience also gave them a real-life lesson they can share with their students: "If you have a goal, keep trying," Wojnar said. "The biggest failure in life is the failure to try; if you fail to try, you're going to fail."

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The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans. Post 396 in Garden City was chartered, by the American Legion, on October 16, 1945. Since that time it has been an active part of the community by providing service to community involvement

programs such as Senior citizens programs, High School programs (Including the Jr. ROTC), The Garden City United Needy Family Fund, The Mayors Committee for Under privileged Children, The Garden City Youth Athletic Association and many more. The Post is also strongly committed to service to our veterans through various programs to assist our active duty service people and assistance to our veterans. It is also the birthplace of the American Legion Riders which has grown to over 1200 Chapters with over 126,000 members in the United States and 3 foreign Countries where we maintain a U. S. military presence.



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# Puppy power

## Bark for Life adds bite to cancer research



Atticus, the Pug in the pumpkin suit (and named after the Gregory Peck character) and Buddy, a Basset/Dachshund mix wearing a butterfly costume, await the results. It was a good day for Buddy, who was named the winner.

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Three years ago, Bonnie Meyerand lost her husband, Bob, who lost a three-year battle with prostate cancer.

A month ago, Meyerand found out her son-in-law — “A man every mom wishes for for her daughter” — was diagnosed with colon cancer, and a good friend was diagnosed with liver cancer.

So the emotion expressed by Meyerand, one of several people who spoke of the effects cancer has had on their lives at Saturday's second annual Bark for Life, is certainly understandable.

“I tell you, I really hate cancer,” Meyerand told a crowd clutching tissue as she spoke. “I'm doing my best to raise money so we don't have to live with this terrible disease.”

Bark for Life is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society patterned after Relay for Life and designed to highlight the importance pets can have in the lives of those suffering from cancer.

It's part of why Meyerand was there Saturday with Bailey, her Shi Tzu she said was her husband's constant companion throughout his battle.

“Bailey gave us a reason to get out every day, to play outside, take her for walks and bike rides in Hines Park with Bailey riding in the ‘Toto’ basket on the front of Bob's bike,” Meyerand said. “During Bob's last days at home, Bailey lay beside him in his hospital bed, not leaving his side, her face lying on his arm. I know she knew. After Bob



Amy Rhode of Canton tries to get Pebbles to perform during the Bark for Life “musical sit” game.

passed away, I could see the sadness in Bailey's eyes.”

Angie Theil of Howell made the trip to Bark for Life because she knows a thing or two about disease. She and a team of friends work together doing research on lupus at the University of Michigan. More importantly, Theil's mother is battling cancer.

While acknowledging the event's success — “Anything for research is good” — Theil, who brought her English shepherd Alex to the event, said the dogs can play such a positive role.

“My mom always has her lap dog with her,” Theil said. “When everyone else gets tired out,

your dog doesn't.”

According to American Cancer Society officials, the event raised some \$10,000, bringing the two-year total to some \$16,000.

“It's a really great event that's getting bigger and bigger,” said Angela Gallegos, ACS event development coordinator. “Relay for Life is our signature event, but Bark for Life has grown from two events to 15 events around southeast Michigan. It brings more and more people together who have been touched by cancer. People who have a relationship with their dogs have a chance to help.”

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Bonnie Meyerand tells the story of her late husband, Bob, with their Shi Tzu, Bailey, standing faithfully by. American Cancer Society event coordinator Angela Gallegos holds the microphone.



Pearl, a Slaba Enu/American Eskimo mix, wrestles with her newest buddy, Golden Doodle Luna, at the Bark for Life event in Canton Saturday.



Joyce Costanza, a Bark for Life committee member, gets in on the event's silent auction.



Best Costume judge Amanda Rasnake with Teddy (in the MSU garb) and Shiloh (the bumblebee) during the Bark for Life event Saturday. Teddy and Shiloh are Havanaes brother and sister.



Angie Theil of Howell introduces her English Shepherd, Alex, to Bailey, the Boxer belonging to Mike Wescott of Canton.

# Share your talent with the library

Are you a knitter, baseball card collector or scrapbooker? Perhaps you train dogs, love to cook or take gorgeous photographs? Or maybe you are a real estate agent who knows the ends and outs of this market, a financial planner or nurse?

What do all these seemingly uncommon interests and careers have in common? We could use your help here at the Garden City Public Library.

We are looking for those within our community who are willing to donate their time here at the library by helping us create a program surrounding your interest or career. Want to teach a class on how to make a card that will sure to be a hit this holiday season? Want to help others learn how to grow their savings the best they can in this economy?

Great!! We would love to talk with you about setting up a free program here at the library.

Most have heard the saying "it takes a village to raise a child." We could aptly apply that motto here to the library. If we look out for each other and support each other, then we can build an even stronger community here in Garden City. We could start something amazing here at the library - and you could be a part of it!

Call us at (734) 793-1830, email us at [scharlefour@garden-city.lib.mi.us](mailto:scharlefour@garden-city.lib.mi.us) or stop by the Reference Desk. We would love to hear your proposal.

Listed below is just a sampling of the new titles we would like to spotlight this week with you. In the last month alone, we have added more than 700 hundred items to our library.

## NEW YOUTH TITLES:

*Zero to Hero* (Ghost Buddy series) by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver

Just in time for Halloween, Winkler brings us a delightful tale on how a ghost can actually be an ally or asset to have on your side. When Billy Broccoli starts to get picked on by the school bully, it is his ghostly roommate that helps him top the bully.

*The Boxcar Children Beginning* by Patricia MacLachlan

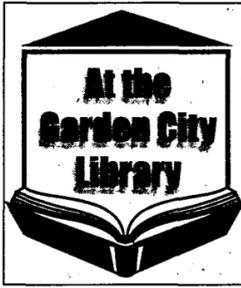
For new readers or old fans alike, this newest tale within the *Boxcar Children* series is sure not to be missed. Have you ever wonder what life was like for Henry, Jesse, Violet and Benny Alden went to live with their grandfather? Newbery winning author MacLachlan fills in the void, or starts the series off from the start for new readers, answering this long time asked question. See what life was like before for the Alden children.

*Liar & Spy* by Rebecca Stead

George's life is not what it used to be: his father lost his job and is trying to start his own business; his mother had to take extra shifts on at the hospital; they had to move to Brooklyn; and on top of it, he is being bullied at school. Then he meets Safer—at a Spy Club. They quickly become friends and George loves the non-stressful environment in Safer's apartment. However, when Safer's spy actions start making George feel uncomfortable, will he risk losing the best thing that has happened to him recently?

## NEW TEEN/YOUNG ADULT TITLES

*The Edge of Nowhere* by Elizabeth George  
Imagine being able to hear the thoughts of oth-



ers, known as whispers, and hear something you should not have heard in the first place. This is what happens to Becca, which has her leaving home to go to Whidbey Island for the next four years of her life. There she meets others like her and other friends who have runaway. The first in a new series by New York Times bestselling author, this is sure to a hit with anyone who likes a mix of mystery, romance with a touch of paranormal.

*Lucky Fools* by Coert Voorhees

Julliard or Stanford University - which would you choose? For David, the choice is not as easy as it seems. Torn between pursuing his education at the Ivy League school his parents what him to attend and his love of drama, it will be a tricky year for David. Along with that battle, he is torn between his girlfriend Ellen and his beautiful costar Vanessa and then there is the prankster who is setting out to ruin anyone who is excelling at school this year. Who ever said high school was boring, sure wasn't in David's shoes.

*Every Day* by David Levithan

Do you think it would be cool to wake up a different person each day? Knowing that every day you could be someone different? What if you met the person you want to be with every day for the rest of your life? Would you want to change then? For A (his only name), this is reality. Can A and Rhannon find a way to prove that love will stay strong despite changes?

## NEW ADULT TITLES

*Time Keeper* by Mitch Albom

In Mitch Albom's newest work of fiction, the inventor of the world's first clock is punished for trying to measure God's greatest gift. He is banished to a cave for centuries and forced to listen to the voices of all who come after him seeking more days, more years, eventually with his soul nearly broken.



Among new youth books available at the Garden City Public Library is "Zero to Hero," this first in the "Ghost Buddy" series by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver.



Among the new teen/young adult titles is Coert Voorhees's "Lucky Fools."

*Severe Clear* by Stuart Woods

Stone Barrington is called to Bel-Air to oversee an exclusive event that will gather the top echelons of the beau monde: Hollywood starlets, socialites, politicians,

billionaires from overseas. It's a task in which Stone has a personal stake, and one that is made all the more pleasurable - though somewhat more complicated - with the arrivals of two beautiful women with whom he's intimately acquainted.

*The Redgraves* by Donald Spoto

For more than a century, the Redgraves have defined theater and film while captivating the public eye. Their history is a rich tapestry of singularly talented individuals whose influence is felt to this day, yet their story has never before been told. In *The Redgraves*, bestselling biographer Donald Spoto draws on his close personal relationships with the family and includes both his interviews and unprecedented personal access to them.

The Garden City Public Library is located at 31735 Maplewood in Garden City. The best entrance to get into the library is off of Balmoral, one block south of Maplewood. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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## Garden City resident finds AC unit missing from home

### Stolen AC unit

The owner of a vacant home in the 100 block of Gilman reported on Sept. 21 that someone stole his central air conditioning unit.

An observer said that he noticed that there were two men. One seemed to be standing watch near the fence as a lookout. Another was standing on a trash can attempting to enter through the kitchen window.

The person asked what the man was doing and he responded that he was locked out.

Later, the central air conditioning unit was discovered missing. The observer doesn't know if he would be able to identify the men.

### Theft

A resident in the 200 block of Arcola spotted a unusual minivan which backed into the driveway of a home about 10 a.m. Sept. 20.

After the two unknown men in black clothing drove southbound on Arcola, someone noticed that a used central air conditioning unit was missing from the location where they were at.

An electrical box was also removed. The police notified the homeowner about

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the theft.

### Break-in

The police responded to an alarm that was tripped at Joy Pharmacy, 27543 Warren Road, at 5 a.m. Aug. 23.

The front door was pried off and the police noticed search activity inside the store.

The manager said that this was about the third or fourth time in four years that someone gained entry into the building.

### Theft

A woman in the 700 block of Arcola who reunited with an old high school friend recently later invited him to her home Sept. 21.

After his visit, she noticed that her prescription of 80 pills of Atavan was missing. She said that he had gone into her bathroom during the visit and when she went to take the medication, it was gone.

### Theft

A bike owner said that someone stole his bike valued at \$240 after he parked it outside of the Dollar Tree store on Middlebelt, north of Ford Sept. 22.

By Sue Buck

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## Sky Zone starts community initiative

Staffers at Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park, creator of the world's first all-trampoline, walled playing court, is excited to give back to the community which has supported them since day one.

The sky's the limit as Sky Zone kicks off its community involvement initiative. Sky Zone Canton received an overwhelming amount of support from the community as they opened their doors in July, and the team feels very strongly about giving back.

A team of Sky Zone employees will go out into the community and participate in volunteer activities, provide donations for charitable causes and host fundraisers at its 35,000-square-foot facility in Canton. The efforts will be led by a core group of Sky Zone volunteers who will be looking for requests that best align with Sky Zone's priorities:

- Promoting a healthy lifestyle through a focus on fitness and fun
- Supporting children in need and their fami-



Sky Zone Canton will be hosting a fundraiser supporting the American Heart Association Monday, Oct. 15, to raise funds to aid in funding cardiovascular research.

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- Showcasing the unique benefits of Sky Zone to as many people as we can

- Maximizing the return on our fundraising efforts

For more information or to request Sky Zone volunteers, fundraiser or donations please go to the Sky Zone Canton website at [www.sky-zonesports.com/canton](http://www.sky-zonesports.com/canton).

Please click on the community involvement section which is located under the 'About Us' tab.

In order to kick off this initiative, Sky Zone Canton will be hosting a fundraiser supporting the American Heart Association. Nationally, Sky Zone is a proud supporter of the Association's Hoops for Heart and Jump Rope for Heart programs, and

Sky Zone and the AHA hope to raise the bar here in Michigan.

On Monday, Oct. 15, the entire Michigan community is invited to help Sky Zone Canton and the AHA raise funds to aid in funding cardiovascular research. The fundraiser will be held from 4-8 p.m. as Sky Zone will donate up to \$7 with each jump ticket purchased.



Staffers at Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park in Canton are starting a community initiative.

"Childhood obesity is a huge problem in this country and the AHA is doing some great work to combat this," said Colleen Fitzgerald, owner of Sky Zone Canton. "Sky Zone exists to provide the most effective combination of fun and fitness that anyone can participate in, regardless of age, size or physical ability. Together, we can make a difference in children's lives."

Brittany Merritt, regional vice president of Youth Market for Michigan American Heart Association, said the initiative is important because childhood obesity can be prevent-

ed with programs and resources that influence healthy behaviors.

"Many parents don't realize simple steps like adding good nutrition and exercise to a child's daily regimen can help tremendously," Merritt said. "We commend Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park for believing in our mission and introducing youth programs to the community."

Sky Zone Canton is located at 42550 Executive Dr. in Canton. For more information about Sky Zone Canton and the American Heart Association, visit [www.sky-zonesports.com/canton](http://www.sky-zonesports.com/canton) and [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### On Botsford staff

Dr. JoAnn Wang, has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Fellowship trained in geriatric medicine and board-certified in internal medicine, Dr. Wang sees patients at Millennium Medical Group West P.C., 6149 N. Wayne Rd., Westland. Dr. Wang was a recipient of the Clinical Excellence Scholarship and

received her medical education from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Iowa. She completed her three-year residency in internal medicine at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Then, Dr. Wang furthered her clinical training by completing a one-year fellowship in geriatric medicine at the hospital. Dr. Wang is a member

of several professional societies, including the American Osteopathic Association, American College of Osteopathic Internists, the American Geriatric Association and the American Medical Directors Association.

Dr. Wang's native language is English, and she also speaks conversational Mandarin Chinese.

Botsford Hospital is a multi-specialty 330 bed

hospital and verified trauma center located in Farmington Hills, Michigan. The campus also houses an imaging center and a comprehensive care cancer center.

#### Retiree luncheon

The Detroit Diesel Retiree Club will hold its annual luncheon and business meeting on Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia. The group provides information to its members about items which may impact all retirees of Detroit Diesel Corporation from GM, through the current ownership.

For the past 33 years the club has held an annual luncheon get together on the third Thursday of October. Retirees come from all over the country and overseas to renew friendships and get caught up on any new happenings.

Guests enjoy social interaction beginning at 11 a.m., a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and brief business meeting with discussion on any topics of current interest to the attending guests.

Cost to attend the lunch is \$25. The price includes a roster of current membership and a memorial page of those who have passed.

Retirees who cannot attend the luncheon,



DAVID L. MALHALAB / M NEWS SERVICE

Sheri Meador of Westland, a Verizon representative in Dearborn, shows off the much talked about, analyzed, lusted after, and now gone iPhone 5, which sold out at the Dearborn store in one half hour last Friday, the first day it was in local stores. More than two million IP5 phones were expected to be ordered last weekend and a staggering \$24 million in sales was expected. Delivery times for more phones for online buyers has been pushed back to mid October and beyond.

or wish to register for future mailings can purchase the roster for \$3.

For information on the luncheon and pre registration contact Robert

Pavol, membership director, at (734) 455-2668 or [jrpavol64@prodigy.net](mailto:jrpavol64@prodigy.net), or John Leidlein, president, at (313) 863-8850 or [dieljelml@aol.com](mailto:dieljelml@aol.com).



Sam is 54 years old. His youngest daughter just went off to college. Now he's in the market for a big screen tv.

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### Event focuses on 'The Healthy Woman'

Ladies' Night Out, a community event hosted by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will feature a presentation focusing on The Healthy Woman, on Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium.

Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m., and the lecture will be from 7-8:30 p.m. St. Mary Mercy physicians Dr. Elizabeth Bulat, Internal Medicine, and Dr. Jill Knapp, Radiology, along with St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor physician Dr. Tari Stull, General Surgery, and Orthope-



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dic Institute of Michigan physician Dr. Lydia Lasichak, Rheumatology, will serve as speakers.

Participants will learn everything they need to know about women's health, with an emphasis on breast health, bone health, diagnostic testing and general women's issues.

Light refreshments, prizes and community vendors will be provided.

Registration for the event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to

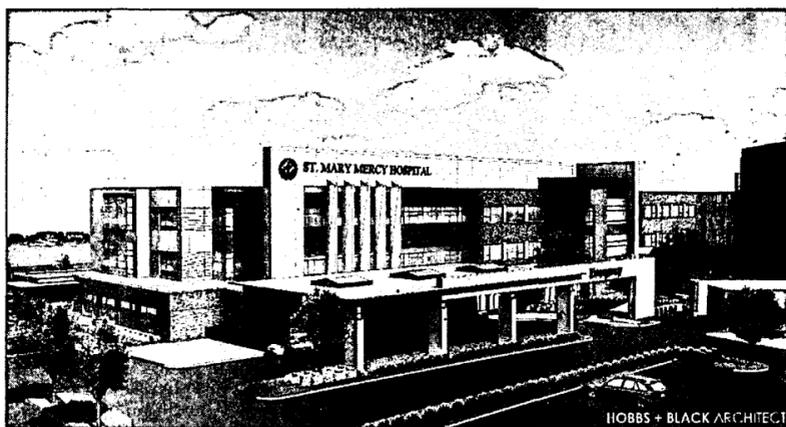
benefit Marian Women's Center Programs.

Contact the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register, or register online at [stmary-mercy.org](http://stmary-mercy.org) and click on "classes and events."

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is at 36475 Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. For more information about St. Mary Mercy, visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

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# Workers complete new helipad at St. Mary Mercy



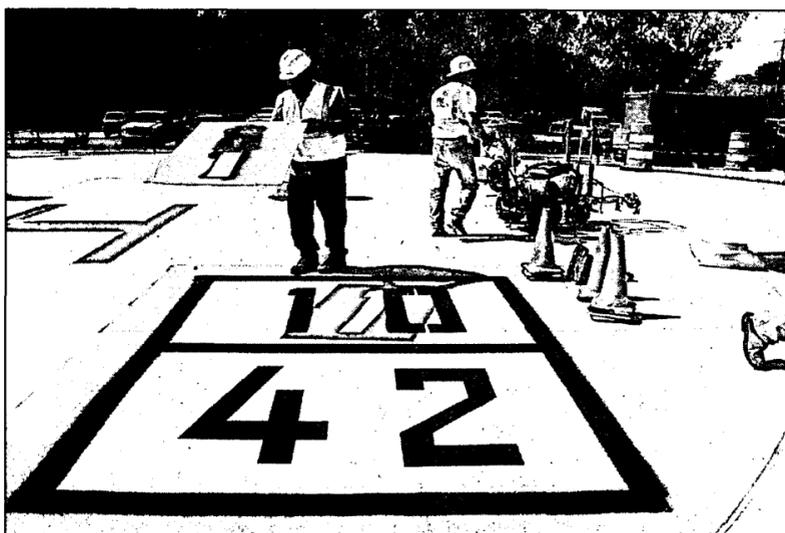
St. Mary Mercy Hospital is moving its air ambulance helipad adjacent to its newly constructed three-story, 154,000-square-foot addition that features a new emergency center and private patient rooms.

Workers recently completed painting a new helipad at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia as part of the new emergency center under construction. On the helipad, the number painted in the top box indicates the maximum weight in thousands of pounds; the bottom number indicates a helicopter's maximum rotor diameter in feet.

St. Mary Mercy's new air ambulance helipad is adjacent to the hospital's newly constructed three-story, 154,000-square-foot addition that features a new emergency center and private patient rooms. The hospital will move its emergency center and services and open the new air ambulance helipad when the new building official-

ly opens to patients in early November.

St. Mary Mercy's new emergency center has more than 50 treatment rooms each designed for clinical-specific needs, such as Senior ER, behavioral medicine, and rapid assessment bays. Hobbs



Workers paint numbers on a new helipad at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

+ Black Architects of Ann Arbor designed the new building, and Granger Construction Co. of Lansing is managing the construction.

St. Mary Mercy Hos-

pital is a 304-bed hospital providing acute-care medical and health services by board-certified doctors. It is part of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, a

newly expanded health care organization serving six counties in southeast Michigan — Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne.

## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### Mom 2Mom Sale

Garden City High School is having a Mom-2Mom Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6.

The price is \$25 for an eight-foot table, including space for a standard size clothes rack you provide or small shelf. The seller keeps all the profits from everything sold at their table. A large item area will also be available for items that do not fit on or under the seller's table — high chairs, strollers, exercisers, swings, etc. There will also be a pre-sale for those who reserve a table. More than 65 tables will be available. Setup will be Friday evening.

Admission to the sale is \$1. A concession stand will be open throughout the sale and there also will be a bake sale. All profits from this sale will go to the GCHS PTSA.

For more information or to reserve a table, call (734) 367-0898. Email Sheryll at Gcmom2mom-sale@hotmail.com for a table agreement. No vendors, please.

Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt Road north of Ford.

### Super Star Show

The Super Novas — Joe Tackett and Dennis Charles — will present a Las Vegas Super Star Show at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford Road, Garden City.

The emcee will be Dean Martin, with performers Roy Orbison, Johnny Rivers, Elvis, The Everly Brothers and Frankie Valli. Doors open at 7 p.m. Beer and pop will be available.

Tickets cost \$20 and are available at Max Printing, 33135 Ford Road, and Video Stop, 30086 Ford Road. For more information, call the Knights of Columbus Hall at (734) 425-6380 or Dennis Charles at (313) 400-5689.

### In the book

The Lathers General Store, located inside the Straight Farmhouse at 6221 Merriman in Garden City, is currently selling the recently released book *Michigan's Haunted Legends and Lore* by Kristy Robinett, a Livonia-based psychic medium and author.

The book includes a chapter detailing her findings during recent paranormal investigations of the Straight Farmhouse. Robinett will host her annual Halloween program, "A Gathering of Souls Seance," at the farmhouse 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. The program offers a great opportunity to have her autograph her new book.

Visit [www.tangledwishes.com](http://www.tangledwishes.com) for more information on Robinett's program and to purchase tickets.

Her book costs \$19.99 during regular store hours, from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information, contact the Straight Farmhouse at (734) 838-0650 or go online to [www.sfhonline.org](http://www.sfhonline.org).

### Challenge grant

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum have received financial commitments again this year from several individuals who will match up to \$10,000 in donations to the organization.

The deadline to submit pledges for the dollar-to-dollar matching grant is Oct. 31. If you donate \$25, the total donation to the Friends is \$50. FGCHM is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and does not receive financial support from the city of Garden City for its operation and maintenance. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

This is the third and final year of a three-year matching grant campaign to help preserve the Garden City Historical Museum. Donations can be made payable to FGCHM and sent to the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

### Project Graduation

Garden City High School's Project Graduation 2013 has several fund-raiser planned.

The group, which hosts an all-night party for graduating seniors, will have a dine and donate Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Sports Venue Bar and Grill, 6327 Middlebelt Road Garden City. Ten percent all sales will be donated from open to close. There also will be 50/50 drawings and basket raffles.

Project Graduation also will hold a bowling fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 6, at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, Westland.

Check-in time is 8 p.m., bowling starts at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person and includes three games, shoes, pizza and pop. There also will be 50/50 drawings and basket raffles.

For more information or to donate time or a raffle time, contact Dawn Gabrielson at (734) 308-9555 or by email at [dawngabby@comcast.net](mailto:dawngabby@comcast.net) or Carolyn Burek at (734) 981-5243 or by email at [carolyn\\_burek@hotmail.com](mailto:carolyn_burek@hotmail.com).

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# Annual concert benefits Lost Voices

The artists from Lost Voices (lostvoices.org) are at it again, keeping alive their mission of bringing creativity, self-respect and personal growth to incarcerated and at-risk youth in Michigan.

Faced with a dramatic national shortage of funding for programs to help these kids, Mike Ball and his band of singer/songwriters are putting on the sixth annual Concert for Lost Voices to raise the cash necessary to reach out to troubled young people.

This year's concert will feature folk music legend Josh White Jr., Emmy Award-winning singer/songwriter Kitty Donohoe, Grammy Award-winning harmonica virtuoso Peter Madcat Ruth, Blues icon Reverend Rob-

ert Jones, internationally acclaimed Ann Arbor favorites Mustard's Retreat and award-winning singer/songwriter Jen Cass.

As always, the emcee for the evening will be singer/songwriter and Erma Bombeck Award-winning syndicated humorist (and Lost Voices Founder) Mike Ball.

The concert will take place in the Towsley Auditorium at Washtenaw Community College at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6. Tickets are \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door. Gold Circle Reserved Seating is \$50. Student tickets are available for \$15. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show is expected to run until 10 p.m.

Since the first Concert



Performers took to the stage in 2009 at The Ark to present Concert for Lost Voices.

for Lost Voices in 2007, this has become one of the most exciting entertain-

ment events of the year. Past concerts have included performances by for-

mer Silver Bullet Band drummer Charlie Allen Martin, Matt Watroba,

Salem Witchcraft, Annie and Rod Capps, Shari Kane and Dave Steele and bluegrass prodigies Cats and The Fiddler.

Beyond the entertainment value of the evening, Lost Voices invites the community at large, including students and interested people from all walks of life, to come and hear about the work they are doing in the youth centers of Michigan. According to organizers, "these musicians will make you laugh, cry and wonder at the talent that is locked away in the hearts of the kids they have worked with in the Lost Voices programs."

More information is available at lostvoices.org. Tickets are available online at lostvoices2012.bpt.me.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### Upcoming Events

#### CANOE ROUGE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13  
**Location:** Lower branch of the Rouge River in Wayne  
**Details:** Friends of the Rouge are holding their sixth annual public canoe trip on the lower branch of the Rouge River in the City of Wayne. The route, through Wayne County parkland, is mainly forested and the fall foliage should be in full glory at that time. The trip is limited to experienced paddlers due to water quality concerns. Heavener Canoe & Kayak Rental will be providing rental canoes for those who do not have their own. Reservations requested.  
**Contact:** For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org, email monitoring@therouge.org or call (313) 792-9621.

#### FREE PROGRAM

**Time/Date:** 9:45 and 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 1-3  
**Location:** Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, Westland  
**Details:** The public is invited to hear Dr. Grady McMurtry, a creation scientist, who will examine the truth through scientific evidence in his program, "Creation vs. Evolution," at the church.  
**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 721-9040.

#### WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10  
**Location:** Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven

Mile, west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

**Details:** Widowed of all ages are welcome to attend a social hour at 5 p.m. and an Italian dinner buffet served promptly at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (cash only) with the exact amount. Stay for cards, games and conversation until 9:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by Oct. 3. No walk-ins. Call again, if you must cancel.  
**Contact:** RSVP to Cookie at (248) 357-2183, Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Carol at (248) 924-3677.

#### CRAFT SHOWS

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13  
**Location:** Perrinville Early Childhood Center, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia  
**Details:** The craft show will feature 50 crafters and vendors and prizes. Food also will be available.  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29  
**Location:** St. Mel's Parish Gym, 7506 N. Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights  
**Details:** St. Mel's Craft Show and Bake Sale will have more than 55 local crafters showcasing their talent. There will be door prizes every 30 minutes. No admission fee.

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Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.  
**Contact:** Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

**WESTLAND ROTARY**  
**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays  
**Location:** Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland  
**Details:** Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.  
**Contact:** Jeff at (734) 261-5010

**FAMILY CAREGIVERS**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. first Monday of the month  
**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.  
**Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

**CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.  
**Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

**CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, between Marquette and Ford Road, Westland  
**Details:** Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month  
**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland  
**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.  
**Contact:** Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

**LIONS CLUB**  
**Time/Date:** 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month  
**Location:** Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.  
**Details:** The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.  
**Contact:** For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

**WRITING GROUP**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month  
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# Veterans may review VA benefit information on foundation website

By Joan Noricks  
Guest Columnist

**B**elieve it or not, Michigan ranks last among the states in its dollar receipt of Veterans Affairs benefits. Yet Michigan is home to more than 704,000 veterans, making it the 11th largest veteran population in the United States.



Joan Noricks

Clearly, there's a significant gap between the size of our veterans' population and the dollar amount of benefits individual veterans receive. Michigan is below what is called the median Geographic Distribution of VA expenditures (GDX), which is \$4,703. Michigan's GDX is \$3,409. If Michigan could increase its distribution of benefit dollars to that median level, the state would reap an additional \$1.03 billion, which just might be a help to our economy.

The Canton Community Foundation staff and board are still in awe at the unprecedented attendance at our recent third annual Veterans' Summit Sept. 13. Following presentations on specific VA benefits, veterans had plenty of questions and comments.

As we watched veterans pour into the Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center for the summit, many armed with their military paperwork, we fully realized that our decision to host the annu-

al forum is on the right track.

Far too many veterans are unaware of their potential benefits and how to obtain them. On the other hand, we heard plenty of frustrated veterans who, in some cases, have spent years trying to get benefits.

One of the more heart-rending stories we heard was from Vietnam veteran Al Collins and his wife, Traudy, of Canton. Traudy is thinking ahead to when they will need help because Al has Parkinson's disease, which is believed to be due, at least in part, to his war time exposure to Agent Orange. Al is also recovering from brain surgery due to his illness.

"We found out he can get a pension and he'll get some help when he gets to the nursing home stage," Traudy Collins said.

The story is sad, but the good news is that the Collinses may indeed receive help. That's what the Veterans' Summit is all about. And to make it even better this year, U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade stopped by to talk to veterans about their exclusive civil rights. Veterans and military personnel are protected for their employment, financial issues, voting rights and disabilities.

It seems some employers are denying returning soldiers their jobs, seniority and potential pay increases. In other cases, soldiers are returning to find banks are foreclosing on their homes or failing to reduce credit card

interest to the mandated 6 percent. Yet another problem is communities that are totally neglecting to provide absentee ballots or failing to send them in a timely manner to soldiers deployed overseas, McQuade said.

No doubt veterans who attend the summit are likely overloaded with information they receive about their benefits. That's why the Canton Community Foundation has posted the informative summit presentations, including McQuade's, on our website at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org).

The foundation will leave the presentations on the website for review. Also posted is a directory of benefit representatives and their contact information for veteran use. Veterans are encouraged to review the presentations, which include basic benefit eligibility, nonservice connected pensions, service-connected disability and other information.

Knowing what benefits are available and how to determine eligibility is powerful knowledge if we are to help our older and younger veterans.

As McQuade stated several times: "It seems the very least we can do when you come home is to ensure all of your rights are enforced to the full extent of the law. You have protected us and we will protect you."

Joan Noricks is the president of the Canton Community Foundation and may be reached at (734) 495-1200 or at [jnoricks@cantonfoundation.org](mailto:jnoricks@cantonfoundation.org).

# Be leery of 'can't lose' investment advice

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**I**t never ceases to amaze me that people believe they can make quick money on the market without risk. As long as I have been in the financial world, I've heard people tell me ways to make money in the market risk free. Some of these people are just crooks that are trying to sell someone a fraudulent methodology. Others are just naïve when it comes to investing.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

I would love if there was a way to invest in the market risk free; it just doesn't exist. I bring this up because I recently received an e-mail from a man who wanted my opinion on what he believed was a sure fire way to make money on the market.

His strategy dealt with the Dow Jones Industrial Average. His e-mail stated the Dow was changing its composition and because of that there was a unique opportunity for investors. He was correct that the Dow, which is com-

posed of 30 stocks, recently dropped Kraft from the index and replaced it with United Health. His thought was that since United Health was being added it had to go up and therefore, we should all be buying United Health. Logically, this may make sense; however, in reality the market doesn't work that way.

My response was that he has no business giving investment advice. My reasoning was that if he would have done some research on the facts, he would have learned that just because a stock is added to the Dow Jones Industrial average doesn't necessarily mean that it will go up in value.

### One example

A perfect example of this is Cisco Systems which was added to the Dow four years ago when it replaced American International Group. At the time Cisco was added, it was selling for \$19.87 a share. Since then Cisco stock has remained flat; recently selling for a little over \$19 a share. Since it's been added to the Dow, it has lost money.

I would love it if there was a sure thing to invest in with a guarantee that we would make money. Unfortunately, there is no such thing. When it comes

to the market, I often see someone who will point to some anecdotal evidence and use that to prove their theory. However, the reality and the facts don't support the conclusions.

As investors we must be conscious of who we take investment advice from. Just because someone may be intelligent and well-meaning doesn't mean you should take investment advice from them. It is amazing to me that someone will take investment advice from someone but they wouldn't turn around and loan that person \$20 because they would never get it back.

The bottom line is be cautious about advice. One sure way to know the person doesn't know what they're talking about is if they tell you the strategy has no risk, and that you can't lose. That really means that you have no chance of making money and that you will lose.

Investing is serious business. Always be careful who you take investment advice from and it shouldn't be just any Tom, Dick, or Harry.

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please e-mail him at [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).

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## OUR VIEWS

# Powerful privilege

### Register to vote, plan to be a part of the process

If you've forgotten the fact that voting in the United States is a privilege — and a duty — think again. If political ads, candidate bashing and venomous political division is causing complacency, think again.

Voting is the core of our democracy. We not only remind our readers to study all of the issues and candidates in this important 2012 election season, we also implore those who aren't registered to vote, to do so before the Tuesday, Oct. 9, deadline.

If you don't think it's important, just listen to five minutes of news reports from around the world. Our political system may have its faults, but it's no excuse to excuse yourself from the democratic process that ensures people have a voice in this country.

**To register to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old by election day, a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you're applying vote. It's that simple, yet so powerful.**

Whether you're just turning 18 and are eligible to vote; you've recently become a U.S. citizen; or you've just never been interested in voting — no matter your reason, now is the time to get registered. And, on Nov. 6, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., will be the time to exercise your right at the polls.

It's an amazing and empowering civic duty.

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city or township where you're applying vote. It's that simple, yet so powerful.

You can register in person at the Garden City Hall, located on Middlebelt, north of Ford Road, or at Westland City Hall, on Ford Road, west of Wayne Road. A voter registration form also can be picked up at the local Secretary of State branch office at 6090 N. Wayne Road, north of Ford Road, in Westland. You can also download a mail-in voter registration from the Westland city clerk's web page at [www.cityofwestland.com/elections](http://www.cityofwestland.com/elections) or the Secretary of State's website, [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos), but you must vote in person for your first election, except if you're age 60 or older.

Normal business hours for the Garden City city clerk's office is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday. The Westland city clerk's office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

If you'll be outside of the community on election day, or otherwise eligible, you can also apply for an absentee ballot from the clerk's offices. An application for an absentee ballot also is available on the Garden city clerk's web page at [www.gardencitymi.org/clerk](http://www.gardencitymi.org/clerk).

Don't let your work schedule or vacation plans interfere with your right to vote. Absentee voter ballots are available for all elections. It's a good way to cast your ballot when you're unable to go to the polls on election day.

As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee voter ballot if you are:

- 60 years old or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expecting to be out of town on election day
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Democracy is there, waiting for you to participate. There's no better time to be a part of the process than during this 2012 election, in which voters will decide offices from the president of the United States, all the way down to your state representatives and county commissioners.

Powerful, indeed. Don't miss out.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Do you think the Detroit Tigers will make it to the World Series?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"I'm hoping they get into a winning streak. They've got to win them all."

**John Cicala**  
Dearborn Heights



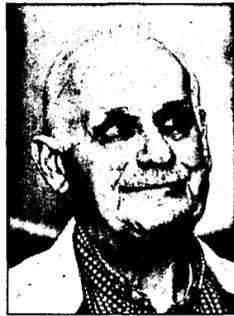
"I hope they do. I live in Michigan so I have to hope they do."

**Stanley Czarnik**  
Canton



"No, because of Leyland and those other clowns."

**Jerry Batke**  
Westland



"I think so, if Chicago gets killed in an airplane crash."

**Jim Lesinsky**  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Yes on Proposal 4

I was honored to stand with the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America for their endorsement of Proposal 4 to keep home care a safe choice. We gathered last week at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Lansing for the announcement.

Michigan veterans served our country and deserve to have the choice to receive home care over nursing home care. Those who receive home care should have access to providers who are trained and have passed criminal background checks. I will be voting yes on Proposal 4 at the polls.

**Richard Eberhart**  
Korean veteran  
Westland

### At what cost ...

How disappointing and infuriating! I've watched more than my share of city managers and served on the City Council that hired the last professional manager.

Frankly, I can't imagine what the majority is thinking! The city has a balanced budget, contracts have been negotiated and settled, the lights are on, the streets have been swept, the potholes are being repaired, yet the majority has suspended the city manager!

If they carry through and terminate Darwin McClary, they will have to hire an interim manager and pay that manager. And pay an agency to conduct the search for another manager.

What could the reasons for suspension be? I'm sure that some employees are upset because their department may be combined with one from another city. I'm sure that some employees are close to some council members.

Another council member is upset because he wanted copies of personnel records and was told by the city attorney to submit a Freedom of Information Act request. In past years, personnel records did not leave City Hall. A council member could review but not copy because the information was considered to be privileged.

A third council member can't seem to figure out how to tell if a department is over or under budget. If you have the adopted budget and a monthly report of the status it shouldn't be too difficult to figure that out.

Just consider, taxpayers, how much time the city attorney has spent on researching and how much that is costing us.

When this is over, we should demand an accounting of what the actions of some members of City Council have cost the taxpayers.

**Mary Jane Schildberg**  
Garden City

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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### Vote for Fred Weaver

Editorials serve the community as an outlet for discussion. The privilege to speak out is fundamental to our American way of life. While it is true that we have this right, the question arises as to when an individual abuses his or her rights to needlessly disparage others.

My family and I have lived in Westland over 20 years. I have been elected to the Board of Education twice by this community, and appointed once by the Wayne County RESA Board for a total of almost nine years of service.

In that time I have supported our district with everything that is within me. I have been a part of Wayne-Westland Community Schools' good days, and I expect to be there in difficult times as well.

Now, as to my departure from this community for a brief time. I accepted a church up North. My children still had six months of school left. My commute to and from my job was about two hours per day. How many in our community have to travel long distances every day to get to work? The answer is many. Was there a parsonage at that church? Yes there was. It was a place for my family and I to stay on the weekends to discharge our duties. No more than any citizen spending a weekend at the lake.

I encourage Mrs. Foreich to meet personally with me to talk about this issue. I am available at her convenience. I will vote for myself, as I'm sure many will!

**Fred Weaver**  
Westland

### Better off?

"Are you better off now than four years ago?" is a stupid question pirated from a Ronald Reagan 1980 campaign debate speech and off-asked by "lazy journalists" in the words of Center for

Budget Policies and Priorities lead economist Dean Baker, and this is why.

The assumption, of course, is that a "yes" answer should guarantee your support for the incumbent candidate who is allegedly responsible, but rarely are things that simple. Corporate CEOs certainly are better off enjoying an average 16-percent pay increase last year. The rest of the top 2 percent have generally "cleaned up," too, claiming 80 percent of all income gains achieved as a result of the TARP/FED/Stimulus driven recovery. Their answer to the "are you better off" question should definitely be "yes."

Retirees should also answer the "are you better off" question in the affirmative since they haven't been ravaged by inflation and have seen Medicare expanded to partially fill the Medicare Part D doughnut hole and totally cover annual wellness visits while the solvency of the Medicare Hospital Trust Fund has been extended by eight years, all thanks to Obamacare. (These three expansions are the result of what Ryan/Romney claimed to be \$716 billion worth of "cuts" paid for through the elimination of waste, fraud and abuse.)

Autoworkers employed by the Big Three at the very least as well as thousands of Americans employed by companies in the supply chain and employees of foreign-based auto companies with production facilities here in the U.S. should have a "yes" answer to the "are you better off" question, too, since their industry once teetering on the brink of disaster has been, through government help, returned to profitability.

The fact is though, polls indicate the president can't count on any of these groups of workers even though most of these folks owe their livelihoods to the so-called auto bailout loan program that President Obama is largely responsible for. Oddly, one of the most stubborn anti-Obama demographics is that of working age, blue-collar white males that make up a healthy segment of the auto related industries.

Well at least the president can count on the top 2 percent and Medicare recipients for their votes, right? Not at all, because polls indicate Obama trails his opponent in both of those demographics too. So it seems that an affirmative answer to Ronald Reagan's trite 1980 debate speech question is not at all an accurate predictor of support, at least in 2012. My question for the 2-percenters, the seniors on Medicare and the autoworkers is, "Where's the gratitude?"

**Mitch Smith**  
Canton

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# GC woman competes for Miss Michigan USA crown

A Garden City woman is among contestants from around the state who are competing for the crown 2013 Miss Michigan USA crown.

Alyse Madej will appear in this weekend's Miss Michigan USA pageant after being awarded the title of Miss Garden City USA. The pageant will be held Friday-Saturday, Sept. 28-29, at the McMarran Entertainment Center in Port Huron. Contestants will vie for the title of Miss Michigan USA 2013

and the chance to represent the state in the Miss USA pageant, as well as prizes that include travel, wardrobe and college scholarships.

Madej is a graduate of Garden City High School. She is a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she has been on the Dean's List every semester, is on the cross country team and belongs to the Phi Mu Sorority. She is employed at Holister at Fairlane mall and at the Coral Beach Hair and Spa in Dearborn.

The preliminary show and competition will be held at 8 p.m. Friday. The final competition will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in which the finalists will be judged in three segments: evening gown, fitness/swimsuit and the final question.

More than 100 young women are competing in the pageant, according to Melissa Pitchford, executive director of the Miss Universe Organization.

"We are overwhelmed by the response and the cali-

ber of all the participants from Michigan," she said. "There is not a better opportunity for ambitious young women out there today. The Miss Michigan USA competition offers women an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to advance their personal and professional goals."

Tickets for the pageant are available through the McMarran Entertainment Center box office by calling (810) 985-6166 or through Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.



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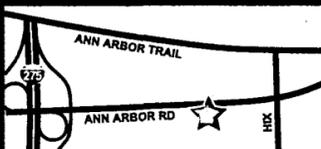
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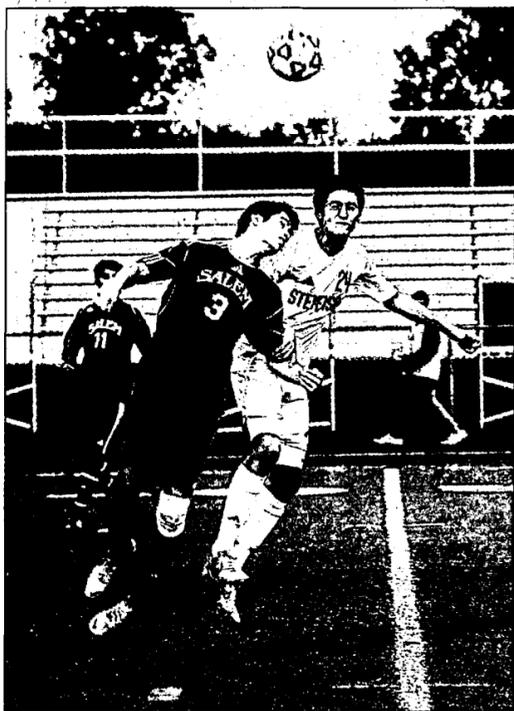


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Stevenson's Dominic Sabatini (right) goes airborne for the header against Salem's Tyler Fosdick (left) during Tuesday's KLAA Central Division clash for first place.

## Spartans miss golden chance

### Salem takes Central lead

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Down a goal at halftime and first place at stake in the KLAA's Central Division boys soccer race, Salem found itself with its back to the wall in Tuesday night's showdown at Livonia Stevenson.

"I like to think it's adjustments, but in reality the effort was much, much better," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy,

whose team rallied for a 2-1 victory. "We went to a more attacking formation, but we had to because we were down a goal. There were no magical or tactical adjustments. We simply played better as a group. The backline was better, but the attack was much better. The effort was much improved. It's really that simple."

The Rocks, now 10-2-3 overall and 5-1-1 in the KLAA Central (16 points) came out and pressured Stevenson from the start of the second half and got the equalizer with

only 24:18 left when Connor Cole set up his brother Brady Cole on a nifty play.

And only 2:07 later, the Rocks' David Schroeder capitalized on a sideline throw-in initiated by Connor Cole and drilled a low shot past Stevenson goalkeeper Zack Verant after it caromed off one of his own defenders.

That gave Salem a one-goal cushion, which it would not relinquish as the Rocks avenged a 1-0 setback back on Sept. 6 to the Spartans, who fall

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### MU women's golfers 1st

The Madonna University women's golf team edged Indiana Tech by a stroke in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree No. 2 held Friday and Saturday at Gateway Golf Club in Romulus.

The Crusaders shot a two-day total of 326-336-662, while Indiana Tech was runner-up with 338-325-663, while Aquinas College was only two shots off at 327-337-664.

Indiana Tech's Megan Garrison was individual medalist with a 79-80-159.

MU's Chelsea Collura and Michelle Hall tied for fourth with 80-84-164 and 81-83-164, respectively.

Kaitlyn Brasher (85-84-169) and Holly Laginess (82-87-169) tied for 11th, while freshman Jordyn Shepler (Livonia Churchill) placed 16th with an 83-89-172.

## After 50 years, I've seen it all at Franklin

So Franklin High School is celebrating its 50th birthday?

And believe it or not, I've been around Patriot athletics for all 50 years.

Although I won't reveal my age, I can honestly say I probably witnessed the first Franklin football practice.



Brad Emons

No, they weren't wearing leather helmets, but I used to get an up-close and personal look as a young whipper-snapper during my days near by McKinley Elementary School.

You see, McKinley's playground was adjacent to the high school practice field.

So after school, my buddies and I would sneak over and jump on the football tackling dummies, which were at our disposal for horse play.

Once we were caught trespassing, then assistant football coach Walt Cosens, who later became Franklin's athletic director, would give us a stern warning to quickly exit the premises.

Of course, I've never left and now it's my time to give my top 10 all-time difference makers and defining moments in the history of Franklin athletics.

### 1975 football

In first year of the MHSAA playoffs, the 10-1 Patriots rebounded from a 13-10 second week loss to Livonia Stevenson to win the coveted state Class A title at Western Michigan University with a 21-7 victory over heavily favored Traverse City.

Led by Tim Hollandsworth, Jim Casey and Sam Williams, the Patriots pulled off a memorable and bizarre upset 12-9 victory in the state semifinal over No. 1-ranked Detroit Southwestern at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium.

Armand Vigna was in his first season as coach after taking over for George Lovich, who became athletic director after guiding the Pats to a 9-0 record in 1974.

### Paul Terek

Unquestionably the greatest athlete in school history.

Terek competed in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens in the decathlon after qualifying with 8,312 points at the U.S. Trials.

At Michigan State, Terek was a six-time Big Ten champion who set an indoor record in the pole vault (18-2.75), was an NCAA Indoor runner-up in the pole vault and NCAA Outdoor runner-up in the decathlon.

Terek competed in the IAAF World Champion-

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Paul Terek ranks as Franklin High School greatest athlete over the past 50 years.

### Mercy sticks rival Blazers

Goals by Madeline McClain (penalty stroke) and Sarah Hoffman enabled Farmington Hills Mercy to pull out a 2-1 girls field hockey victory Tuesday over visiting Livonia Ladywood.

Goalie Megan Bowers made four saves as the Marlin's evened their overall record at 4-4 and 2-4 the division.

Senior Jaclyn Snyder tallied the Blazers' lone goal off an assist from senior Lauren Kozlowski.

Senior Stephanie Mackley made eight saves as Ladywood fell to 5-3-2 overall and 2-2-2 in the division.

### Crusader 'B' golfers 6th

Madonna University sent its two teams to the Bill Bockwitz Intercollegiate men's golf tournament Friday and Saturday with the "B" squad earning a sixth-place finish with a two-day total of 307-316-623 at the Cascades Golf Course in Jackson.

Huntington College (Ind.) took first by 17 strokes with a 590 total with Spring Arbor (607), Northwestern Ohio (612), Siena Heights (616), Cornerstone (620) rounding out the top five in the 11-school field.

Huntington's Mickey Belt shot 71-72-143 to take individual medalist honors.

Drew Mossoian (Livonia Stevenson) was MU's top overall finisher in sixth with a 75-74-149.

Other "B" team finishers included Dave Goad (79-75-154), tied for 10th; Billy Teer (79-78-157), tied for 22nd; Nick Dackiw (84-78-161), tied for 43rd; and Livonia Churchill's Kevin Robinson (85-86-171), tied for 62nd.

Other MU finishers Westland John Glenn's Andy Myers, (75-79-154), tied for 10th; Nick Corbell (80-77-157) and Joe Parker (74-83-157), tied for 22nd; Ben Gawronski (78-82-160), tied for 39th; and Erik Taurence (81-81-162), tied for 43rd.



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University of Detroit Mercy midfielder Adam Bedell (right), a Livonia Churchill grad, has been named Horizon League Offensive Men's Soccer Player of Week three straight weeks.

## Bedell lights up Horizon League

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Adam Bedell towers over the competition in more ways than one.

The 6-foot-6 midfielder for the University of Detroit Mercy men's soccer team has become quite a force in the Horizon League after earning Offensive Player of the Week honors for a record third consecutive week.

And who could argue after the Livonia Churchill High grad extended his scoring streak to six games after bagging three goals in two games last week, including a 3-1 victory over Cleveland State and



Adam Bedell

a 2-0 road win at Bowling Green.

Bedell currently leads the conference in both goals (7) and points (16) as the Titans, winners of four of their last five, stand 5-4 overall and 2-0 in the Horizon League.

Bedell came out of Churchill primarily as the defender, but also used his height to tally 26 career goals and add 31 assists during his high school days.

"It's definitely a new type of role," Bedell said. "My first two years I was more in a defensive type of role - try to stop goals from being scored."

"This year coach (Nick Deren) put me more in an attacking role, kind of a play-making role. He wants me to score goals and help the team on the offensive part, so I kind of embraced that and

kind of ran with that, and it's turned out to work so far."

To say his position switch has worked out would be a gross understatement.

"The first couple games I played him in the back and I was wasting him there," said U-D Mercy coach Nick Deren, who played at Livonia Stevenson High. "He's way too good to play him in the back line. I put him in the number 10 position underneath as the target player."

"Everything goes through him because he's just a very, very technically clean on the ball. His decisions are spot on all the time. And his vision is unbelievable. He can pick anybody out. He's just a play maker."

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## BEDELL

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er and makes it easy for everybody."

Bedell's comfort level has grown this season in his new role. He started 17 of 19 games for the Titans during his freshman year and had three goals and three assists in 16 starts as a sophomore.

"The greatest thing with Adam Bedell from this year to last year is that there's been a serious maturity in his attitude and demeanor, and just the way he carries himself," Deren said. "He's a man now and taken on a leadership role.

It's like, 'O.K., jump on my back, let's go boys.' I kind of empowered him last spring and said to him, 'Adam, this is your team, take this team to the championship. You're the best player on this team. I believe in you.' And he's taken it and run with it."

A summer stint with Detroit City F.C. also helped Bedell's development.

"I played with a great group of guys who played at Michigan State, Oakland, places like that," Bedell said. "They're just tremendous soccer players. I definitely learned a lot from coach Kylie Stannard who coaches at

Michigan State where he is an assistant there, along with Cale Waserman who is the head coach at Saginaw Valley State. I definitely learned a lot from them, and some of the older guys, I definitely attribute a lot of my success to them."

Meanwhile, the seed was planted during the offseason for Bedell to switch positions.

"I came into this year not knowing if I'd be on the back line, midfield, or where I was going to be," said Deren, who was also a first-team All-Observer pick in basketball at Churchill. "He (Deren) had talked about it in the spring and throughout the winter as far as maybe pushing me into an attacking role. I started in the backline at the beginning of the year and we just weren't clicking as a team. We weren't scoring goals, so

he made an adjustment. It was definitely his call and we agreed on it. I embraced the role and it seems to be working out so far."

Bedell likes the direction the team is headed, which ultimately could lead to a possible Horizon League title and NCAA berth.

"I was thinking about it earlier on why this year is so much different than my first two years here, and the one word is 'experience,'" said Bedell, a biology major. "We've been put through our paces. We've been through it before and we have some freshmen who have helped us. The central core of our team, the juniors and seniors, have really come together. We're enjoying playing soccer with each other right now and it shows on the field."

Bedell's long range

plans are to play professional soccer after Ihis UDM career is over, but for now he's seizing the moment.

"I've never really had this much success scoring the ball," he said. "I'd probably say this is the best stretch of soccer I've had in my career."

"My senior year (at Churchill) I probably scored 11 or 12, but in my college career it's definitely a step up."

Deren, meanwhile, knows that Bedell is the one player he can least afford to lose.

"As a person he's such a leader and a class individual - on the field, off the field," the UDM coach said. "He leads by example. He's vocal, everything you want out of a player. As he goes, we go."

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## GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

### MAVERICK INVITATIONAL GIRLS GOLF RESULTS Sept. 24 at Prestwick Village

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Brighton, 348 strokes; 2. Northville, 71; 3. Hartland (A), 374; 4. Grand Blanc, 379; 5. South Lyon, 383; 6. Novi, 393; 7. Millford, 401; 8. Livonia Churchill, 409; 9. Walled Lake Western, 414; 10. White Lake Lakeland, 419; 12. Hartland (B), 459; 12. Howell, 467; 13. Troy Athens, 475; 14. Huron Valley, 480.

**Individual medalist:** Hannah Pietila (Brighton), 71.

**Churchill scorers:** 9. Maggie McGowan, 92; 13. Jackie Burdette, 94; 43. Katie Shereda, 107; 57. (tie) Claire Rose and Taylor Cutting, 57 each; 123. Maddie Spooner, 67.

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS CANTON 191

#### LIVONIA CHURCHILL 203 Sept. 25 at Whisp. Willows

**Canton scorers:** Kelsey McDougall, 44; Chloe Luyet, 47; Rachel Pisano, 48; Katie Adams, 52; Madelyn Mans, 54; Alyce Krumm, 57.

**Churchill scorers:** Maggie McGowan, 43 (medalist); Jackie Burdette, 47; Claire Rose, 55; Maddie Spooner, 58; Taylor Cutting, 62; Katie Shereda, 63.

**Dual match records:** Canton, 5-2 overall, 5-2 KLAASouth Division; Churchill, 3-5 overall, 3-4 KLAASouth.

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#### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 258 Sept. 24 at Fellows Creek

**John Glenn scorers:** Olivia Cabildo, 46 (medalist); Haley Arai, 57; Lindsey Croskey, 68; Ashley Andez, 78; Jaret Allen, 84.

**Franklin scorers:** Kendall Payne, 51; Jackie Hansen, 67; Allison Karczynski and Terneese Johnson, 70 each.

**Dual match records:** John Glenn, 1-5 overall, 1-5 KLAASouth Division; Franklin, 0-6 overall, 0-6 KLAASouth.



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John Glenn (0-5, 0-3) at Churchill (5-0, 3-0), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Canton (3-2, 2-1) at Franklin (2-3, 2-1), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Novi (1-4, 1-2) at Stevenson (4-1, 2-1), 7 p.m.	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Clarenceville (3-2) at Riverview Richard (0-5), 7 p.m.	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Luth. Westland (2-3, 1-2) at Oak. Christian (1-4, 0-3), 7 p.m.	Westland	Westland	Westland	Westland
Robichaud (5-0, 3-0) at Thurston (4-1, 3-0), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Robichaud	Robichaud	Robichaud
Redford Union (2-3, 1-2) at Crestwood (0-5, 0-3), 7 p.m.	Union	Union	Crestwood	Crestwood
South Lyon (2-3, 0-3) at Salem (4-1, 2-1), 7 p.m.	Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem
Rochester Adams (1-4, 1-3) at Farmington (4-1, 3-1), 7 p.m.	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
North Farmington (2-3, 1-3) at Oak Park (5-0, 4-0), 7 p.m.	Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park
<b>Last week</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>8-3</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>38-25</b>	<b>42-21</b>	<b>43-20</b>	<b>44-19</b>

# Second fiddle

## Bedford blocks Churchill in finals

The Livonia Churchill girls volleyball team made it all the way to the finals Saturday of the Temperance Bedford Tournament only to lose to the host Kicking Mules in a battle of state-ranked teams, 25-17, 25-23.

The Chargers defeated Canton (25-23, 13-25, 15-12) and Pinckney (25-13, 25-20) in the elimination round after posted power pool wins over Fenton (25-20, 25-19) and Bedford (25-19, 25-15). In pool play, Churchill downed Farmington (25-15, 25-16) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (25-14, 25-16).

Senior Emily Norscia racked up 79 kills and served seven aces on the day for the Chargers.

Other top Churchill performers included Marissa Pomaville (55 kills, eight blocks); Courtney Pietruszka (21 kills, 22 digs, three aces); Audrey Durocher (52 digs, six aces, six kills, four blocks); and Julia Szuba (50 digs).

On Tuesday, Norscia recorded 22 kills and Katie Chartrand added 40 assists in a 25-21, 25-19, 25-17 Churchill victory over visiting Plymouth.

The Chargers, 32-4 overall and 6-0 in the KLAAs South Division, also got contributions from Durocher (21 digs); Pomaville (10 kills, three blocks); Szuba (14 digs); Mackenzie Hamill and Pietruszka (combined 11 kills, 10 digs).

**KLAA VOLLEYBALL**

and Koestering (34 assists).

**Pats topple Glenn**

Kelly O'Brien had 15 kills and libero Kelly Newton added 11 digs and eight aces as Livonia Franklin earned a 28-26, 25-21, 25-19 victory Tuesday at Westland John Glenn.

The Patriots, now 9-18-1 overall and 3-3 in the KLAAs South Division, also got solid outings from Mackenzie Lukas (eight kills, 10 digs); Maggie Leins (seven kills); Sarah Cramton and Afton DeWyse (nine digs apiece).

Glenn, which falls to 10-18-3 overall and 0-6 in the KLAAs South, got 17 assists from Claire Truskowski and eight kills from Hannah Staples.

Kelly Epperson chipped in with six aces, while Caity Lenard hit five digs. In Saturday's Salem Tournament, the Patriots finished 0-5 losing twice to the host Rocks (22-25, 21-25 and 24-26, 28-26, 11-15) and West Bloomfield (23-25, 19-25 and 20-25, 13-25), and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (12-25, 19-25).

Top Franklin performers included: Lukas (36 kills, 20 digs); O'Brien (26 kills); Leins (17 kills, seven aces); Madison Osborn (11 kills); Newton (48 digs, 11 aces); and Cramton (24 digs, five aces).

**Wayne misfires**

Service errors led to Wayne Memorial's undoing Tuesday as host Canton took advantage with a 25-17, 25-18, 25-20 KLAAs Central Division.

Katie Horton had 13 kills, seven blocks and nine digs, while Deja Tamlin and Ashley Carey combined for seven kills and six blocks as the Zebras fall to 6-17-3 overall and 1-5 in the division.

"We had an average of five missed serves a set," Wayne coach Samantha Dye said. "We also had a difficult time with serve receive. We struggled as a team and were not able to pass that ball to set up the play."

**Rockets go 3-3**

Hannah Staples finished with 30 kills and 24 digs, while setter Claire Truskowski finished with 79 assists and seven aces as Westland John Glenn (10-17-3) split six matches Saturday in the Bedford Tournament.

The Rockets beat Belleville twice (25-17, 25-22 and 25-5, 25-18), along with Wayne Memorial (25-23, 25-23), while losing to Stevenson twice (24-26, 23-25 and 10-25, 15-25) and Farmington (20-25, 16-25).

**Spartans edged**

In a KLAAs Central Division match Tuesday, Novi had to go the limit before beating host Livonia Stevenson in five sets, 25-20, 21-25, 25-22, 24-26, 15-10.

Katie Tomasic led the Spartans (12-14-1, 2-4) with 32 kills and 18 assists, while Allie Koestering finished with 29 assists and was 18-of-18 servings.

Morgan Copperstone and Amanda Hawkins combined for 19 kills and six blocks, while Holly Mossoian led the defense with 20 digs.

Novi is 16-5 overall and 4-2 in the KLAAs Central.

On Saturday, Tomasic had a total of 44 kills and 14 assists as the Spartans finished 4-2 at the Bedford Tournament.

Stevenson defeated Westland John Glenn twice (26-24, 25-19 and 25-10, 25-15) and Ann Arbor Pioneer twice (25-15, 27-25 and 25-17, 25-17), while losing to Bedford (22-25, 16-25) and New Boston Huron (25-18, 25-27, 6-15).

Other leaders for the Spartans included Mossoian (28 digs); Hawkins (15 kills, 11 blocks); Copperstone (14 kills); Whitehead (11 blocks, 10 aces);

# Nice addition

## Rookie back gives Warriors a boost

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Nick Andrzejewski has become quite a find for the Lutheran High Westland football team.

The 5-foot-10, 170-pound refugee from the soccer team rushed for 204 yards and scored three touchdowns Saturday as the host Warriors turned back Southfield Christian, 28-14, in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

Andrzejewski averaged 14 yards per carry and caught a pair of TD passes from senior quarterback Jacob Richter as Lutheran Westland improved to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the MIAC.

Meanwhile, Richter added 143 yards on 16 carries and ran for a

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TD, while Martin Kemp added 115 yards on 25 attempts.

"For a guy who never played football he's done pretty well," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé said of Andrzejewski. "And Richter has great vision, a tough kid who weighs only 150 pounds."

After a scoreless opening quarter, Richter scrambled on a broken play and threw across the opposite end of the end zone to Andrzejewski for a 20-yard TD pass to give the Warriors a 7-0 half-time lead (following the first of four Andrzejewski extra points).

In the third period, Richter scored on a 34-yard TD run set up by

Andrzejewski's 34-yard run to make it 14-0.

But the Eagles (1-4, 1-2) got on the board when Jonathan Springer connected with Harding Fears on a 32-yard scoring pass. (Ryan Hanson, son of Detroit Lions kicker Jason Hanson, converted the PAT.)

Later in the third, Lutheran Westland went up against by two scores on Andrzejewski's 45-yard TD run to cap a six-play, 75-yard drive.

Southfield Christian's Justin Pritchett answered with a 6-yard TD run early in the fourth.

But the Warriors put the game away with six minutes remaining on Richter's 16-yard scoring pass to Andrzejewski, a drive that covered 88 yards in 10 plays.

The Warriors outgained Southfield Christian by a nearly two-to-one margin in total yards, 501-257. They also had 20 first downs to the Eagles' 10.

Defensively, Greg Klein finished with a team-high 10 tackles along with Jacob Davenport. Four of Klein's tackles were recorded as sacks.

"It was a good move for us moving him from line-backer-safety to defensive end," Gusé said. "It's simple, just get the quarterback and shut down the edge."

The Eagles had 108 yards rushing, while Springer was 9-of-21 passing for 149 yards and one interception (by the Warriors' P.J. Gusé).

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## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY MONROE JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL RESULTS**

**Sept. 22 at Sterling State Pk. TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Churchill, 37 points; 2. Brighton, 42; 3. Saline (B), 50; 4. Plymouth, 142; 5. Monroe, 159; 6. Livonia Franklin, 172; 7. Canton, 176; 8. Gibraltar Carlson, 233; 9. Belleville, 253.

**Individual winner:** Ashley Sorge (Iida), 18:55.74 (5,000 meters).

**Churchill finishers:** 2. Sydney Anderson, 19:16.62; 4. Kergian Riley, 19:37.48; 10. Michelle Azar, 20:07.98; 13. Megan McFarlane, 20:21.32; 15. Vivien Okechukwu, 20:28.4; 29. Alexis Lombardo, 21:17.24; 31. Lauren Bernhardt, 21:22.12.

**Franklin finishers:** 26. Natalie Martinez, 21:04.15; 37. Anna Snider, 21:52.63; 41. CC Shoemaker, 22:18.11; 44. Katelyn Kovach, 22:22.37; 56. Kaitlyn McWilliams, 22:53.92; 61. Mandy Pokryfky, 23:09.4; 68. Jennifer Jaynes, 23:34.63.

**CATHOLIC CENTRAL INVITATIONAL RESULTS**

**Sept. 22 at Cass Benton Pk. TEAM STANDINGS (Division 2, 3, 4):**

1. Dearborn Divine Child, 29 points; 2. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 75; 2. Farmington Hills Harrison, 83; 4. Lutheran High Westland, 107; 5. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 123; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 139; 7. Detroit Renaissance, 187; 8. Redford Union, 196; 9. Detroit Chandler Park Academy, 263.

**Individual winner:** Lindsey Brevis (Divine Child), 19:44.5 (5,000 meters).

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 2. Jenna Wisner, 20:28.0; 20. Jessica Drife, 23:08.9; 23. Michelle Greening, 23:19.1; 32. Alana Hill, 24:13; 38. Rachel Wiggins, 24:47.8; 45. Angela Morrison, 25:47.1; 46. Megan Heil, 25:49.1.

**Ladywood finishers:** 16. Sarah Wilson, 22:40.3; 30. Carlee Faber, 23:52.2; 33. Hannah Pereira, 24:13.5; 34. Sinead Cox, 24:31.9; 36. Katarina Gaffka, 24:34.0; 37. Katherine Taylor, 24:36.9; 39. Erica Mucci, 24:52.4.

**DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 15 WAYNE MEMORIAL 50**

**Sept. 25 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner:**

Elyssa Hofmann (Churchill), 22:01.4.

**Other Churchill finishers:**

2. Alexis Lombardo, 22:07.1; 3. Lauren Bernhardt, 22:17.4; 4. Julia Twigg, 22:43.1; 5. Rachel Tomassi, 23:05.7; 6. Jenna Hickson, 23:29.9; 7. Erica Krupsky, 23:31.6.

**Wayne finishers:** 8. Megan Macek, 25:34.2; 9. Kendelle Hood, 27:11.7; 10. Kaiserin Macairan, 31:07.1; 11. Victoria Bold, 32:47.8; 12. Angella Baker, 33:01.2; 13. Chelsea Dziekan, 34:53.3.

**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 0-4 overall, 0-3 KLAAs South.

**CANTON 25 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 30**

**Sept. 25 at Nankin Mills Individual winner:**

Natalie Douglas (Franklin), 20:13.6 (5,000 meters).

**Canton finishers:** 2. Mary Galm, 20:17.9; 3. Jessica Slegler, 20:54.9; 4. Olivia McTee, 21:03.9; 7. Sam McGrath, 21:22.3; 9. Laura Murphy, 21:29.9; 13. Kera Sullivan, 22:28.2; 14. Hannah Feree, 22:36.9.

**Other Franklin finishers:**

5. Natalie Martinez, 21:06.4; 6. Anna Snider, 21:17.9; 8. Mandy Pokryfky, 21:26.6; 10. Katelyn Kovach, 21:32.5; 11. CC Shoemaker, 22:01.9; 12. Jané Modes, 22:22.3.

**Dual meet records:** Canton, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAAs South.

**PLYMOUTH 20 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 41**

**Sept. 25 at John Glenn Individual winner:**

Marina DeBiasi (Plymouth), 19:41 (5,000 meters).

**Other Plymouth finishers:** 3. Brianna Lax, 21:07; 4. Charlotte Clark, 21:48; 5. Alex Cichlan, 21:58; 7. Allison Morren, 22:07; 8. Hailey Foster, 22:09; 9. Shannon Shave, 22:12.

**John Glenn finishers:** 2. Shekiah Johnson, 21:01; 10. Caroline Mahalak, 23:29; 11. Courtnee MacQuarrie, 24:00; 12. Kaitlyn Mitchell, 25:02; 13. Hannah Mitchell, 25:22. 14. Bailey Paddock, 27:50.

**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAs South Division; John Glenn, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAs South.

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY MONROE JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL RESULTS**

**Sept. 22 at Sterling State Pk. TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Brighton, 43 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 78; 3. Ann Arbor Huron, 83; 4. Canton, 103; 5. Livonia Franklin, 132; 6. Wayne Memorial, 153; 7. Monroe, 187; 8. Gibraltar Carlson, 202; 9. Belleville, 253.

**Individual winner:** Jack Kosarian (Brighton), 16:27.2 (5,000 meters).

**Churchill finishers:** 11. Ben Yates, 17:51.91; 13. George Bowles, 17:19.48; 15. Jonathan Alessandrini, 17:25.95; 21. Jonathan Hovemale, 17:35.0; 22. Matt Cohan, 17:35.29; 23. Colin Murphy, 17:35.29; 24. Sean McKeon, 17:40.39.

**Franklin finishers:** 5. Keenan Jones, 16:59.97; 7. Ross Cecil, 17:03.34; 45. Jacob Forgacs, 18:36; 47. Tony Floyd, 18:41; 48. Calvin Hilt, 18:45; 56. Nick Robertson, 19:09; 58. Mike Elrod, 19:50.59.

**Wayne finishers:** 14. Daniel Malcolm, 17:19.94; 19. Devin Gibson, 17:33.92; 36. Zack Williams,

18:12.93; 39. Tim Flores, 18:16.48; 65. Uriel Figueroa, 20:45.35; 77. Tyrell Hicks, 23:21.05; 78. Devin Person, 24:51.53.

**CATHOLIC CENTRAL INVITATIONAL RESULTS**

**Sept. 22 at Cass Benton Pk. TEAM STANDINGS (Division 2, 3, 4):**

1. Dearborn Divine Child, 34 points; 2. Farmington Harrison, 86; 3. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 89; 4. Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 101; 5. Lutheran High Westland, 116; 6. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 132; 7. Plymouth Christian, 135; 8. Detroit Renaissance, 221; 9. Redford Union, 245; 10. Detroit Renaissance, 292.

**Individual winner:** Griffin Miller (Divine Child), 16:45.0 (5,000 meters).

**Lutheran Westland finisher:** 13. Hunter Roedel, 18:48.5; 16. Eric Smith, 19:10.2; 22. Daniel Bunge, 19:31.9; 28. Pete Sillanpaa, 19:59.0; 37. Ian O'Banion, 20:14.9; 55. Weslee Warren, 22:37.5; 60. Josiah Masey, 23:36.0.

**DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 19 WAYNE MEMORIAL 40**

**Sept. 25 at Cass Benton Pk. Individual winner:**

Ben Yates (Churchill), 17:15.0 (5,000 meters).

**Other Churchill finishers:**

2. George Bowles, 17:31.3; 3. Jonathan Hovemale, 17:32.7; 6. Sean McKeon, 17:42.1; 7. Andrew Malik, 17:50.0; 9. Colin Murphy, 18:23.6; 10. Matt Cohan, 18:34.1; 11. Brian Duszkiwicz, 18:41.1; 12. Sam Yurgill, 18:52.2.

**Wayne finishers:** 4. Daniel Malcolm, 17:35.5; 5. Devin Gibson, 17:37.6; 8. Zack Williams, 18:10.8; 13. Tim Flores, 19:02.2; 25. Uriel Figueroa, 20:52.7; 28. Devin Person, 20:52; 29. Tyrell Hicks, 22:48.

**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 1-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAs South.

**CANTON 25 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 36**

**Sept. 25 at Nankin Mills Individual winner:**

Ross Cecil (Franklin), 16:32.4 (5,000 meters).

**Canton finishers:** 3. Billy Toth, 16:50; 4. Evan Dunklee, 17:24.6; 5. Tom Walkinshaw, 17:54.3; 6. Andrew Stevens, 18:00.6; 7. Josh Joly, 18:04.9; 8. Owen Ash,

18:08.6; 9. Evan Childs, 18:15.9.

**Other Franklin finishers:**

2. Keenan Jones, 16:49.0; 10. Jacob Forgacs, 18:27.9; 11. Calvin Hilt, 18:34.0; 12. Tony Floyd, 18:40.8; 13. Nick Robertson, 18:44.9; 14. Alex Perelli, 19:00.2.

**Dual meet records:** Canton, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAAs South.

**PLYMOUTH 15 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 50**

**Sept. 25 at John Glenn Individual winner:**

Brandon Dalton (Plymouth), 17:10 (5,000 meters).

**Other Plymouth finishers:** 2. Liam Cardenas, 17:32; 3. Zane Berlanga, 17:41; 4. Jonny Dalton, 17:52; 5. Nick Williamson, 17:57; 6. Max Rogowski, 18:15; 7. Caton Hacker, 18:16.

**John Glenn finishers:** 8. Ed Maya, 18:39; 9. Micah Orr, 18:44; 10. Chris Codd, 19:32; 11. Austin Hickerson, 20:13; 12. Ayron Franka, 20:37; 13. Jessie Orsoria, 21:58; 14. Darian Reilly, 24:12.

**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAs South Division; John Glenn, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAs South.

## C'ville spikers 2nd at Clawson

Ayanna Buckley earned All-Tournament honors as Livonia Clarenceville earned a runner-up finish Saturday in the Clawson girls volleyball tournament.

Auburn Hills Oakland Christian defeated the Trojans in the finals, 25-12, 25-16.

"We just couldn't finish," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "We needed to block and they were putting it where we weren't. The girls played extremely well and fought hard all day. We played as a team. Our goal is to get better every day and I think we are doing just that."

The Trojans, who improved 10-10-4 overall, reached the championship match with a 25-21, 25-21 semifinal victory over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook after going 4-0 in pool play and earning the top seed with wins over the Cranes (25-18, 27-26), Berkley (25-15, 26-

24), Ferndale University Prep (25-11, 25-15) and Hazel Park (25-14, 25-12).

Buckley, a 6-foot-1 junior, finished with a total of 40 kills, 14 ace serves and eight blocks in six matches.

Setter Nicole Kurdziel also added 61 assist-to-kills on the day.

Other top Clarenceville performers included Ashley Murphy (19 kills, five blocks, 27 digs); Tonya Vernier (13 kills, nine aces); Jodi Ankiel (13 kills, 24 digs); and Christine Hurmiz (22 digs).

**Trojans roll**

On Tuesday, Livonia Clarenceville rolled to a 25-11, 26-24, 25-19 triumph over host Hazel Park as Ayanna Buckley had 1

# Solid footing

## Churchill extends Canton before falling

Livonia Churchill put up quite a battle Tuesday night before succumbing to KLAA South Division boys soccer leader Canton, 4-1.

The Chiefs, now 11-2-2 overall and 7-0 in the division, need a pair of goals during the last seven minutes from Bobby Budlong and Daniel Ovesea to put the match away.

Visiting Churchill jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first half on Nate Bradford's goal off a restart from Eric Meyer.

Canton answered with two goals in the final 10 minutes of the same half thanks to a corner kick from Connor Shennan followed by Griffin Parks' goal with two minutes remaining.

"We came out in a defensive formation and marked with intensity," said Churchill first-year coach Matt Grodzicki, whose team slipped to 3-7-2 overall and 3-4 in the KLAA South. "That last goal of the first half (by Parks) took away some of our momentum."

Churchill goalkeeper Colton Robison was heroic in defeat with 16 saves. "Colton stood on his

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head," Grodzicki said. "It was one of the best performances I've seen in a number of years. Every Canton player can strike the ball. They're a fast and strong team."

Canton, the defending Division 1 state champions, used two goalkeepers (Brandon Pickert and Ian Wingate).

**JOHN GLENN 8, WAYNE 0:** Bobby Mason, Alex Isaevski and Tyler Simpson each tallied a pair of goals Tuesday as visiting Westland John Glenn (8-4, 4-3) rolled past rival Wayne Memorial (1-11, 0-7).

Carlos Santiago also added a goal and assist for the Rockets, who invoked the eight-goal mercy rule.

Other assists went Isaevski (two), Simpson, Dan Savor, Ryan McCarthy and Austin Hartford.

Savor (one save) got the shutout in goal. "It was a total team effort," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "We played as a single unit from front to back. Every guy on the roster played considerable minutes and every guy on the roster made a huge impact on the game."

"As a defensive minded coach I was thrilled with our entire team's effort on the defensive side of the ball. And I felt like our possession looked as good as

it has all season. Teamwork won the day."

**PLYMOUTH 4, FRANKLIN 1:** Livonia Franklin (3-8-1, 2-5) scored first Tuesday, but the host Wildcats (5-7-2, 5-2) roared back for four unanswered goals to earn the KLAA South Division win.

Franklin took a 1-0 lead on Jordan Bickham's goal from Nick O'Brien, but Plymouth made it 1-1 at halftime on Chandler Olah's goal.

The Wildcats then got second-half goals from Jason Liguori, Do-Hyung Kim and Jeff Pattison.

Franklin goalkeeper Spencer Lewandowski made nine saves, while James Gibbs was in goal for Plymouth.

"The first half we played great, moved the ball well," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The second half we let our marks get too far away. Overall I think we played well, but we were ineffective in certain situations and it cost us goals."

**CVILLE 6, SUMMIT 1:** On Tuesday, Matthias Hoffmann led the way with two goals and one assist as Livonia Clarenceville (4-6-1) routed host Romulus Summit Academy North.

Alec Jones, David Vanderkerkhove and Andrew Murphy also chipped in with a goal and assist, while Ma Sambou Jatta also scored.

Goalkeeper Evan Gregg made six saves to notch his fourth win, while the Trojans also got solid played from Connor Noiland and Ricky Rutenbar.

**ROEPER 5, LUTH. WESTLAND 0:** Spencer Solys and Max Whipple each scored a pair of goals Tuesday lifting host Birmingham Roeper (10-2-1, 9-2), ranked No. 4 in Division 4, to a Michigan Independent Athletic Association Blue Division over Lutheran High Westland (2-10, 2-10).

Chase Solys also added a goal for the Roughriders, who led 5-0 at halftime.

Roeper goalkeeper Calvin Lind made four saves to post the shutout, while freshman Jordan Williams had five stops for the Warriors.

Ernie Babon was Lutheran Westland's top offensive threat with four shots.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 3, PCA 2:** Ernie Babon's hat trick carried Lutheran High Westland (2-9, 2-9) to a MIAC Blue Division victory last Friday at Plymouth Christian Academy (0-9, 0-9).

Babon's first goal game in the fifth minute when he headed in a corner from Walter Gembariski. Babon scored again in the 20th and 25th minutes off assists from Nick Flanery and Troy Gotchev.

Jacob Bailey's two goals in the 33rd and 68th minutes cut the deficit to one for PCA.

Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Jordan Williams made seven saves, while Jayme Putney had 10 stops for PCA.

The victory proved to be costly for the Warriors, who lost midfielder Daniel Roberts to an apparent dislocated knee and will likely be lost for the season.

# Boatright's goal lifts S'craft by Muskegon

Derek Boatright picked the right time to score his first goal of the season.

The freshman midfielder from Redford tapped in the game-winner on a rebound during the 58th minute off an assist from Romario Georgis as the ninth-ranked Schoolcraft College men's soccer team earned a 1-0 NJCAA Region XII victory Saturday over visiting Muskegon Community College.

Goalkeeper Ryan Tikey (Livonia Franklin) made five saves to post his second straight shutout as the Ocelots improved to 8-1-1 overall and 6-0-1 in Region XII.

Tyler Lane made five saves for 17th-ranked Muskegon, which dropped to 7-3 overall and 5-2 in NJCAA Region XII.

Schoolcraft is now 3-0 in the Michigan CC Athletic Association, while Muskegon falls to 1-2.

On Friday, Schoolcraft posted a 3-0 victory over Ancilla (Ind.), which dropped 1-4-2 overall and 0-2 in the MCCA.

The Ocelots took a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Ardit Dushkaj (Livonia Clarenceville) in the 33rd minute from Gino Pasquali followed by Pasquali's goal in the

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38th minute from Dushkaj.

In the 65th minute of the second half, Mike Bojovic scored from Ahmad Jawad.

Tikey made four saves for the shutout. **MADONNA 1, SIENA HEIGHTS 1 (2 OTs):** Madonna University (4-3-1, 0-0-1) opened its 2012 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season Saturday at home with a two-overtime draw against Siena Heights University (2-3-2, 0-0-1).

After a scoreless first half where the Crusaders outshot the Saints, 7-0, MU scored in the 47th minute when Doug Beason set up Joe Carver (Schoolcraft College) on a give-and-go for a 1-0 lead.

Siena Heights tallied the equalizer in the 59th minute when Justin Johnson took a pass from Shane Patterson and beat MU goalkeeper Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) to the far post.

"We did a lot of good things around their backline today, but just couldn't find another one," said MU coach Eric Scott. "Siena Heights did a great job of taking advantage of the opportunity. I thought Lucas Sagar, Aaron Lain, Shane Patterson and Justin Johnson were effective for them. Dane (Laird), Doug (Beason) and Joe (Carver) did everything they could for us."

John Boudreau (Livonia Stevenson) started in goal and played the first 45 minutes for the Crusaders before giving way to Motta, who made four saves over the final 65 minutes. Sagar recorded five stops for the Saints.

# Jarrett's PK saves Lady Ocelots

Samantha Jarrett made good on a penalty kick midway through the first half to give the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team a 1-0 triumph Tuesday over host Concordia College in Ann Arbor.

Goalkeepers Tara Gessler and Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) shared the goalkeeping duties and combined on the shutout for the Lady Ocelots, who improved to 8-3-1 overall.

"We dominated much of the possession and created many opportunities, but simply didn't convert those scoring opportunities," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman said. "Give full credit to Concordia. They defended hard and made it tough to score."

Shivraman also singled out the midfield play of

Rachel Blackney (Livonia Churchill) and Alexis Walker.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 3, MUSKEGON CC 0:** Three different players scored first-half goals Saturday as the host Schoolcraft College (7-3-1, 3-0-1) defeated Muskegon Community College (1-3-2, 1-2-1) in a MCCA match.

Lauren Badalamente opened the scoring at the 20-minute mark with her fifth goal of the year from Megan McDonald.

Rachel Blackney scored unassisted just 54 seconds later to make it 2-0 and Kayla Szado (Churchill) added another unassisted goal in the 38th minute.

"That was more than enough for Schoolcraft goalkeepers Alexis Smith and Tara Gessler to post the shutout. Smith played the first 25 minutes and made two saves, while Gessler made 10 saves over the final 65 minutes as the Lady Ocelots improved to 4-1-1 in the NJCAA Region XII. Goalie Emily Manchester made five saves for Muskegon, now 1-3-1 in NJCAA Region XII.

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to 6-2-4 overall and 4-1-2 in the KLAA Central (14 points).

"This was the most important regular season game for us," McCarthy said. "That's why the first half was so disappointing where we played so poorly."

"The second half was a much better effort and the two goals were very big. I couldn't be happier with our performance in the second half."

Stevenson controlled a majority of the first half and appeared to be on its way to picking up three points.

The Spartans took a 1-0 lead with 4:10 remaining in the first half on Joey Demarco's goal off an assist from Dominic Sabatini.

And Stevenson held that one-goal lead for nearly 21 minutes before Brady Cole's game-winning goal. "It's funny, but the moment they scored their first goal, I thought we



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Stevenson's Jake Zeppa (14) tries to beat Salem's Connor Cole (9) to the ball during Tuesday's KLAA Central Division clash.

really finally got in what we wanted to down the field," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "The cross came in off the counter attack against our backline. Their attack was on and it was a good finish. We had a bad three minutes. We didn't seem to recover. We haven't given up a lot of goals, so I thought there was a little bit of a letdown after that (first one) went in. We struggled to react."

It was a missed opportunity for Stevenson to take control of the KLAA Central Division race with three matches remaining.

"Everyone knows what was at stake in this game," Shingledecker said. "They (Salem) battled hard in the second half to get on the board. They were a motivated team."

Third-place Novi, following Tuesday's 2-0 victory over fourth-place

Northville, also remaining in the hunt to improve to 4-2-1 in the KLAA Central (13 points).

"We have a lot of games to play," Shingledecker said. "Even with a win here (by Salem), there's nothing guaranteed. There's lots of division games that's going to decide this down the stretch. By no means are we done. They've got games they got to play and win. We'll see this thing until the end and hopefully we'll come on the right side of it."

Salem could be the driver's seat, but McCarthy remains cautious.

"These next three games are going to be pretty important," he said. "And Northville is going to make things happen. And none of these last games against Novi, South Lyon or South Lyon East are a guarantee. We have to be good and need all the points we can get to be able to finish at the top of the division, which is our goal."

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ships in the decathlon three times.

He was also a contestant on the popular Japanese show Ninja Warrior on the G4 Network.

Now living in San Luis Obispo, Calif., Terek retired from competition in 2010.

Terek still owns the all-class Michigan prep record in the pole vault (16-6) and was an All-State wide receiver in football.

### Bernie Carbo

The 1965 grad was a first-round draft pick of the Cincinnati Reds.

Ironically, Hall of Fame catcher Johnny Bench was the Reds' second-round pick that same year.

Carbo, an outfielder, played for seven different Major League teams from 1969-80.

He was voted 1970 Sporting News National League Rookie of the Year after hitting .310 with 21 homers with the Reds where he was managed by Sparky Anderson.

Carbo appeared in two World Series with his

most famous moment coming in 1975 with the Red Sox (against the Reds) in the seven-game series where he hit two pinch-hit homers, including a 3-run blast in Game 6 to set up Carlton Fisk's infamous 11th-inning homer to force a Game 7.

Carbo also played on Franklin's 1964 undefeated football team.

### Dawn Warner

The 1991 Miss Basketball Runner-up averaged 29 points per game her senior year, including a school-record 47 in a regional tourney loss to Detroit Murray-Wright.

The 5-foot-6 point-guard, who led Franklin to four straight district titles, went on to enjoy a sterling career at Western Kentucky University, which at the time was one of the nation's top women's basketball programs.

Warner was also the starting second baseman on Franklin's 1990 state Class A runner-up softball team.

### Mike Donnelly

The 1981 grad played high school hockey for the Patriots and later went on to play 10 seasons in the National Hockey League.

In 1986, Donnelly scored an NCAA record 59 goals (97 points) while leading Michigan State to the NCAA Division 1 men's title.

Donnelly, now a scout with the LA Kings, appeared in 465 NHL games with 114 career goals and 121 assists.

The left winger played in the 1993 Stanley Cup Finals scoring six goals and adding seven assists where he was a linemate of the "Great One," Wayne Gretzky.

### Tracy Lectka

Pitched the Patriots to their second state team title in school history throwing a no-hitter in the 1986 state Class A championship game to beat Waterford Kettering, 1-0.

Even more impressive was Lectka's 21-inning semifinal performance which lasted over two days.

The right-hander was not overpowering, but was a magnificent fielder who was agile as a cat around the mound.

In 1985, Lectka pitched the Patriots into the state championship final only to lose to L'Anse Creuse North, 5-0.

Lectka also was a starter as a guard in basketball.

### Taylor Twins

Never will there be a more dynamic duo than Brianna and Brittany Taylor, who led Franklin to its greatest run in girls' basketball during the 2008-09 season.

The Patriots finished 24-4 overall highlighted by an upset 55-54 overtime victory over heavily favored Detroit Renaissance in the state semifinals at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

In that game, Brianna sank the game-winning free throw with no time left to propel the Patriots to the state final, only to fall to Miss Basketball Destiny Williams (now a starter for NCAA champion Baylor) and Benton Harbor, 60-46.

Both Taylor sisters also earned All-State honors in softball and have gone on to excel at Grand Valley State.

Brianna was an NCAA Division 2 honorable mention All-America last season in basketball for the Lakers. Both also earned All-GLIAC honors in softball.

### Sam Antonazzo

The three-sport standout and 1965 Franklin grad helped the Patriot

football team to its first undefeated season (9-0) in 1964.

Antonazzo, a running back and defensive back, led a Franklin team that outscored their opponents 245-28, including a 32-0 victory over rival Livonia Bentley, the Suburban Six champion.

Antonazzo went on to play three seasons at Western Michigan University where he still holds the Broncos' interception record (4) in one game.

Still seen occasionally at Franklin football games, Antonazzo resides in Clarkston. He taught and coached in the Waterford Schools.

### Tim Hollandsworth

The linebacker and fullback was the key cog in the Patriots' run to the state Class A football title in 1975.

Despite playing on a heavily taped sprained ankle, Hollandsworth was the game's leading rusher in the 21-7 victory over Traverse City.

Hollandsworth was also an All-State baseball player and earned All-Mid-American Conference honors in football as a linebacker in 1979,

leading Central Michigan University to a 10-0-1 record and MAC co-championship.

Hollandsworth still resides in Livonia and has enjoyed a long career as a representative with Josten's.

### Chris Baker

The transfer from Dearborn Heights Riverside was a two-way standout in baseball and basketball for the Patriots.

In 1979, the 6-foot-4 outfielder was a first-round draft pick of the Detroit Tigers, taken 23rd overall as an additional compensation pick for losing free agent pitcher Jim Slaton.

Baker was selected in the first round by the Tigers along with University of Michigan quarterback Rick Leach, who was drafted 13th overall.

A broken ankle during his second year in the minors cut short his promising baseball career.

Baker also ranks as the fifth all-time leading scorer in Franklin boys basketball history in just two seasons.

Brad Emons has been Sports editor for the Observer for the past 33 years.



Tenth Avenue North

## Christian band to play in Plymouth

Tenth Avenue North, a contemporary Christian music band, will bring its "The Struggle" tour to NorthRidge Church, in Plymouth Township next month.

The band will perform new music from its latest project as well as fan favorites. The concert also features Audrey Assad and Rend Collective Experiment.

Performance time is 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. NorthRidge is located at 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. Tickets are \$20 and \$25, available by calling (800) 965-9324 or (734) 414-7777 or by visiting [www.rushconcerts.com](http://www.rushconcerts.com).

The tour is named for Tenth Avenue North's third label project, *The Struggle*, which is produced by six-time SES-AC Christian Songwriter of the Year, and two-time GRAMMY nominee, Jason Ingram. *The Struggle* is a creative leap forward for the band, reflecting influences ranging from fan insight to the addition of two band members to a new recording process.

For more information on "The Struggle" fall tour and CD, visit: [www.TenthAvenueNorth.com](http://www.TenthAvenueNorth.com) or [www.thestruggle-tour.com](http://www.thestruggle-tour.com).

### RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

#### September

##### AUTHOR SPEAKS

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30

**Location:** Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Jim Kenney, co-founder of Common Ground, will talk about his book, *Thriving in the Crosscurrent: Clarity and Hope in a Time of Cultural Sea Change*. \$10 per person. Free childcare is available.

**Contact:** [www.Farmington.org](http://www.Farmington.org); (248) 478-7272

##### BETHANY

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 29

**Location:** Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inkster Road, Redford

**Details:** Admission to this Bethany Together Dance is \$13

**Contact:** Loretta at (586) 264-0282

##### GARAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29

**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Held in the church parking lot  
**Contact:** Dianne Sherman at (734) 812-5172

##### HEALTH FAIR

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 29

**Location:** Kingdom Builders Christian Church, 23310 Joy, Redford

**Details:** CVS will have an off-site flu shot clinic. Oakland Community Health will check cholesterol for \$4 per person and will offer blood pressure and blood sugar checks.

**Contact:** Mary Tuggle at (313) 378-2528

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**DICKERSON, LON EDDY**

Of Chelsea, Michigan, Age 96, passed away on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born on February 7, 1916 on the family homestead in Ogden Township, Blissfield, MI, to Mary (Eddy) and Ellsworth Dickerson. Lon married Maxine Merryfield on October 14, 1939. Lon and Maxine moved to Plymouth, MI in 1950 where they owned and operated Dickerson's Market until 1968. Lon then worked as a butcher for Kroger's for the next 17 years. They moved from Plymouth to the Chelsea Retirement Community in July 2002. They had 63 years together before Maxine's passing in 2003. Throughout Lon's life he enjoyed sports, fishing, and being with his family and numerous friends. Lon is survived by his partner, Alberta Sabin; his children, Lon (Anne) of Metairie, LA and Karen (Merlyn) Street of Chelsea; his grandchildren: Charna Boquette, Robert (Cara) Dickerson, Sarah Jackson, Martina (Erik) Tjolsen, and Kyung Paik (Peter Dickerson); and ten great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings: Leota Powers, Harper, Alice Flanagan, Myrtle Schattenheim, Elmer, and Eunice Sherbrook. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, September 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel, 801 W. Middle St., Chelsea with Janet Alford officiating. Visitation will be held at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and also at the Chapel on Friday from 9-10 a.m. Memorial Contributions may be made to the UMRC Heritage Foundation, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, MI 48118.



**LABARGE JR. ALBIE**

Died September 24, 2012, age 87. Beloved husband of the late Gwendolyn. Dear father of Gerianne (Charles) Anglin, David LaBarge, and Elizabeth LaBarge. Grandfather of CJ (Katharine), and Chad. Visitation MANN'S-FERGUSON Funeral Home 17000 Middlebelt Road (S. of 6 Mile) on Thursday from 2 to 8 pm with a Rosary prayed at 6:30 pm. In State Friday 10:45 am until the time of Mass at 11:30 am at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Catholic Church 29015 Jamison St. in Livonia. Memorials are suggested to the Lions Club - Highnooners 15600 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48154

Share a memory at: [www.mannsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mannsfuneralhome.com)

**MURRAY, KENNETH JOHN**

Age 83, September 22, 2012. Loving father of Preston (Janet), Mark (Dawn), Michelle (Al) Urban, Kevin (Brenda), Paul (Ryan) and Kathryn (Kent) Kzeski. Dear grandfather of Damon (Michelle), Heather, Erin, Albert, Emily, Amy, Allison and Alexandra. Great grandfather of Ian, Alexa, Ashley and Ava. Brother of Donald (Donna) and Gordon (June) Murray, Margaret Murray-Silverman and Mary Lou (Don) Rice. Ken was a longtime resident of Livonia, MI. He was an employee of Ford Motor Co. and subsequently an Airline Executive. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Monday, 11 a.m. Visitation Sunday, from 1-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Please share a memory at: [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com)

**PETERS, GEORGE C.**

92, of Northumberland, PA, died on September 22, 2012 at Nottingham Village of congestive heart failure. He was a native of Madisonville, Louisiana, and a graduate of Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana. George served in World War II as a Marine officer assigned to the battleship Nevada. He participated in the invasions of Normandy, southern France, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. George retired from the Corps with the rank of Captain. He had a successful business career with General Motors in Detroit and retired in 1984 as the Manager of Administrative Affairs, Public Relations Staff. George is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Thomas Williams of Dallas, TX; one son and daughter-in-law, Dr. John and Carrie Peters of Lewisburg, PA; one sister, Imelda Amadon of New Orleans; two grandsons, George and Michael Williams; and one granddaughter, Shannon Peters. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Dorothea. A memorial mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 18, at the Sacred Heart Church, 814 St. Louis St., Lewisburg, PA with the Rev. Msgr. William M. Richardson, officiating. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to benefit Camp Victory may be made to The Nicholas Wolff Foundations, P.O. Box 810, Millville, PA 17846. The family is being assisted by Cronrath-Greoble Funeral Home, South Second and St. Louis Streets, Lewisburg, PA. Expressions of sympathy may be shared at: [www.cronrathgreoblefuneralhome.com](http://www.cronrathgreoblefuneralhome.com)

**SZELIGA, MARIGOLD H.**

Passed away September 23, 2012 at age 89. Beloved wife of the late Bernard W. Loving mother of Bernadette (Clarence) Treadwell, Vincent (Barbara), Renee Therrien, Conrad (Wadad), Gerald, Brian, and Pamela Hess. Dearest grandmother of Kelly (Samuel) Molin, Kevin (Suzanna) Szeliga, James Therrien, Mark Szeliga, Jonathon Szeliga, Kayla Szeliga, Kimberly Szeliga, Andrea Hess (Fiance James), Erica Hess, Adam Hess (Fiance Sammi). Dear great-grandmother of Hailey and Sam Molin. Marigold was also a longtime member of the Daughters of Isabella. A funeral Mass was held at St. Priscilla Catholic Church and arranged through the Neely-Turovski Funeral Home in Livonia. [www.neely-turovski.com](http://www.neely-turovski.com)



**MITCHELL, VICKIE L.**

Sept 23, 2012, age 55 of Plymouth. Beloved daughter of Jerry and Sharlene Finnegan. Dear sister of Brenda (Gordon) Coram, Shannon Finnegan and Jennifer (Michael) Gibbons. Dear aunt of Bradley Finnegan and Ryan Coram. Dear granddaughter of Ella "Betty" Johnson. Visitation Friday 12 Noon until the 4 PM. Funeral Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the "Family Memorial Fund". To share a memory, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

**WRIGHT, ALICE R.**

September 23, 2012, age 95. Beloved mother of Gary (Barbara) Wright, Daryl (Judy) Wright, Cheryl (David) Wurster and Merrie (Bob) West. Also leaves seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren and sister Anna Swindell. Services were held today at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, MI. [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)

**DORFSTATTER HELENE A.**

Died 9/24/2012. Visitation Fri. 4-8pm Casterline Funeral Home 122 W. Dunlap Northville. Mass Sat. 10:30am, St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile, Novi.

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## Actress, animal activist Tippi Hedren to meet fans at 'The Birds' screening

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Tippi Hedren has always loved animals — from the “big cats” at her Shambala Preserve to the trained gulls in her first film, *The Birds*.

“I’ve always loved getting to know different species of wild things and I love getting to know about them whether they’re an army of ants or an elephant or whale,” Hedren said.

Or birds. Hedren, who will visit Michigan this weekend for screenings of the Alfred Hitchcock thriller, *The Birds*, said she didn’t fear the trained gulls and ravens during shooting of the 1963 film.

“The bird trainer was excellent. He was so gentle with them. So many times he’d say, ‘Mr. Hitchcock, the birds are tired.’ I’m standing on the set saying, how about me?”

The 82-year-old actress spoke with the *Observer* recently about her work as an animal activist, actress and upcoming appearances at the Redford Theatre.

*The Birds* will screen at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the theater, located on Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit; (313) 537-2560. The theater will open an hour before each show for autographs. Hedren will sign photos or personal items for \$20 or pose for a photo for \$10. Admission to the film is \$5.

In addition to Hedren,

the movie stars Rod Taylor, Jessica Tandy and Suzanne Pleshette. It tells the story of a small northern California town menaced by birds that begin to viciously attack people.

“That movie has a life of its own,” Hedren said. “I don’t know if it’s the fact that it’s such a strange idea that all the birds banded together and started attacking us. It’s a scary thought, but I think the other situation with that movie is the relationship of the characters in it are fascinating ... it gets to be convoluted and interesting. You care about these people.”

### Two Hitchcock films

Hedren was a fashion model when Hitchcock offered her a contract for film work in 1961. She made her movie debut in *The Birds*, and co-starred with Sean Connery in *Marnie*, which was released in 1964.

Hedren said *Marnie* was her most memorable character.

“That was a very difficult character. I worked really hard on that,” she said. “It was a real acting piece. I was very fortunate in doing it.”

Both films were unforgettable for another, more sinister reason. Hedren was sexually harassed during filming. Author Donald Spoto wrote about her difficulties with Hitchcock in two of his books, *The Dark Side of Genius: The Life of Alfred Hitchcock* and *Spellbound by Beauty: Alfred Hitchcock*



and *His Leading Ladies*. HBO’s *The Girl*, which premieres Oct. 20, is based on Spoto’s writings and chronicles Hedren’s experiences with Hitchcock.

“I trusted Donald so much. We had been friends for a long time when he wrote the book,” she said, referring to *The Dark Side of Genius*. “He was the first one I ever discussed this with. I trusted that he would treat it in a sophisticated way.”

“I never told anyone at the time it happened. There was no one I could go to.”

She said sexual harassment was prevalent and somewhat accepted at the time.

“It wasn’t accepted as far as I was concerned. I was brought up in a moral house. You know what good and bad and evil is. I became an expert at getting out of situations.”

### Saying no

She rejected Hitchcock’s advances but couldn’t escape his stranglehold on her career.

Because she was under contract, he wouldn’t allow her to work for anyone else, even though she declined to work with him again after *Marnie*.

“He was a mean man. He ruined my career for the moment, but not my life.”

She hopes women of all ages realize they “don’t have to acquiesce to sexual harassment or anything that violates their moral code.”

“Walk away from the job. Find something else to do,” she suggested.

Hedren continued working as an actress on both television and in movies after her break with Hitchcock.

Her interest in wild animals, specifically exotic lions, tigers and other “big cats,” began in 1969 while working in Africa on a film. After release of her 1981 movie, *Roar*, she founded the Roar Foundation and The Shambala Preserve in Acton, Calif., as a sanctuary for neglected, abandoned and mistreated exotic felines. The preserve is home to lions, tigers, cougars, leopards, bobcats and servals that are confiscated by government agencies from roadside zoos and from private citizens.

Hedren is an outspoken voice for wildlife. She testified before Congress in favor of a bill that outlawed interstate transport of exotic felines for the pet trade. The Captive

Wildlife Safety Act was signed into law in 2003.

“The bill I’m working on now is to stop breeding of exotic felines,” she said. “I love these animals, but they are not pets and should not be born here.”

For more information about her advocacy efforts, visit [www.shambala.org](http://www.shambala.org).



Tippi Hedren, star of Alfred Hitchcock’s “The Birds,” will meet fans at screenings of the movie, Sept. 28-29 at the Redford Theatre.

### GET OUT!

#### Art

##### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Family Sundays:** 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

**Exhibits:** Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum’s drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Faberge: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Oct. 14-Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, Oct. 31-March 3, 2013

**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

##### LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

**Time/Date:** Through Sept. 28

**Location:** Livonia City Hall lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia

**Details:** The Club, founded in 1960, holds its 52nd annual art exhibit, featuring oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, collage and drawings

**Contact:** Livonia City Hall at (734) 466-2200

##### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 22

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** “Vote for Me! Artists Respond to the Presidential Election of 2012,” Oct. 5-27, with an opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

#### Dance

##### FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

**Time/Date:** 7:30-10:30 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Singles and couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

**Contact:** Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

##### MOON DUSTERS

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

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## Film

### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Sept. 28, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 29-30

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** "The Dark Knight Rises," \$3

**Coming up:** "Hope Springs," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Oct. 5-6 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Oct. 7

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

### REDFOOT THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

**Details:** "The Birds," \$5, with special appearances by Tippi Hedren at all three shows

**Coming up:** The Three Stooges Festival, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, includes "Three Little Pigskins," "Three Little Beers," "Hoi Polloi," "Ants in the Pantry," "We Want Our Mummy," and "Dutiful But Dumb," \$5

**Contact:** (313) 537-2560

## Music

### THE ARK

**Time/Date:** Madcat/Manfara Blues Band, Sept. 27; The Kin & Find Vienna, Sept. 28; Peter Yarrow, Sept. 30; Ben Taylor and Grace Weber, Oct. 1; Earth Tones: A Benefit for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Oct. 2; Bell X1 & Duke Special, Oct. 3; Nervous but Excited & Andrea Gibson, Oct. 4; Chris Smither, Oct. 5; Lou & Peter Berryman, Oct. 6; Matt Wertz & Steve Moakler, Oct. 7; Shovels & Rope, Oct. 8

**Location:** 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor

**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

### CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6

**Location:** Seligman Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day, 13 Mile at Lahser, Beverly Hills

**Details:** Roberto Diaz gives a rare viola recital with pianist Gloria Chien. Tickets range from \$30-\$60.

**Contact:** (248) 855-6070

### CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10

**Location:** Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills

**Details:** Pianist Simone Dinnerstein plays works by Chopin and Felsenfeld. Tickets are \$25

**Contact:** (248) 645-0097 or visit www.cranbrookmusic-guild.org

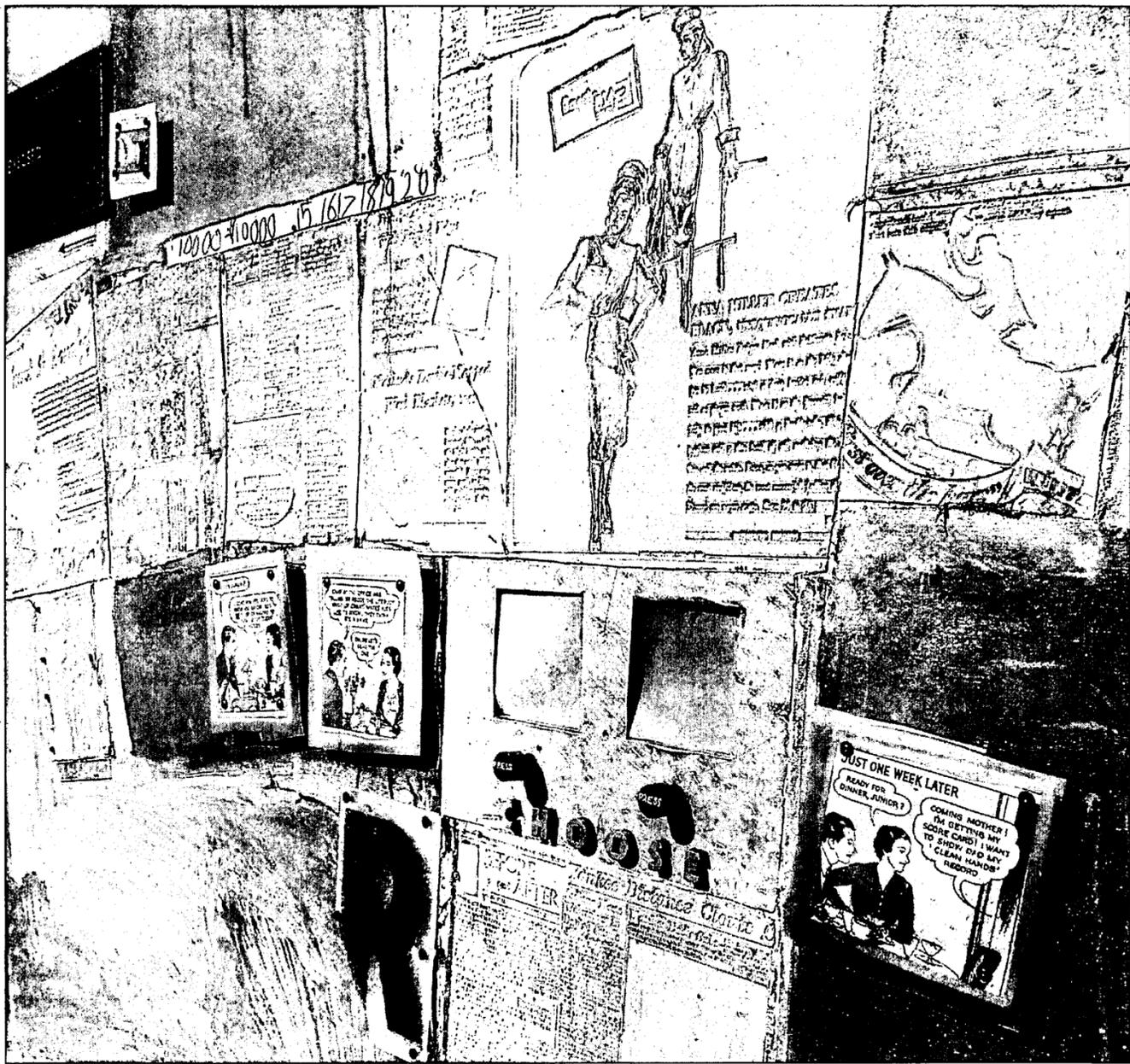
### JAZZ AT THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

**Contact:** (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com



## Exhibit to examine voting

With the 2012 presidential election just around the corner, the Northville Art House will present an eclectic artistic vision of this year's political fun as area artists respond to the election process. This year's "Vote for Me!" exhibit continues an election year tradition the Art House began in 2008. Participating artists include Adnan Charara, Topher Crowder, Sergio DeGiusti, Carl Demeulenaere, Darcel Deneau, Rocco DePietro, John Dinzer, Matthew Hanna, Deb Hyde, Lester Johnson, Dennis Michael Jones, Nora Chapa Mendoza, Eric Mesko, Sabrina Nelson, Craig Paul Nowak, Gloria Pritschet, Victor Pytko, Jarie Ruddy, Senghor Reid, Julie Sabit, Gilda Snowden, Jack Summers, Joan Potter Thomas and Larry Zdeb. The show is curated by Jeff Cancelosi. The show will open in the Art House's upper gallery with a reception and artists' talk on Friday, Oct. 5, from 6-9 p.m., AND continue through Oct. 27 during the Art House Gallery hours (Wednesdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.). For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.



George Hamilton (left) and Christopher Sieber will star in "Las Cage Aux Folles" Sept. 25-Oct. 7 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Seth Glier, Sept. 28; Chimney Choir, Sept. 29; Claude Bourbon with JB Davies, Oct. 6; Empty Chair

Night, Oct. 7; Sons of the Never Wrong, Oct. 12; Erik Brandt and Noah Riemer, Oct. 13; Around the House - A Trinity House Theatre Variety Show, Oct. 19. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

**Contact:** (734) 464-6302

## Something different

### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$11



Sons of the Never Wrong performs Oct. 12 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.

**Contact:** (248) 541-5717

## Theater

### FISHER THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Oct. 7

**Location:** 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit

**Details:** George Hamilton and Christopher Sieber star in "La Cage Aux Folles." Tickets are \$40-\$80 and includes parking and are available at www.ticketmaster.com, www.BroadwayinDetroit.com, or (800) 982-2787

**Contact:** (313) 872-1000

### TWO MUSES

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30

**Location:** Barnes & Noble Theatre Space, 6800 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield

**Details:** "A Little Work," a new comedy by Anita Diamant and Stephen McCuley. Tickets are \$18 and \$15; \$2 more at the door. Buy tickets directly from Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills and Two Muses Theater will donate 40 percent of the ticket price to Bonvallet's charity, Helping Hands Touching Hearts, which plans to build two classrooms for Venda Villages in Messina, South Africa

**Contact:** Bonvallet at (248) 514-3022

## Subscribing has REWARDS...

The following subscribers have won a Free 4-square Cheese Pizza from Buddy's in our weekly drawing:

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Sweet and Spicy Pork Mini-Kabobs

## Tailgating heats up with pork

Is your tailgating grub feeling a little fatigued? Everybody loves classics like wings, chips and dips, but it might be time to give these standbys a break.

Score big at your next tailgate with crowd-pleasing, creative pork dishes. Pork's versatility and its ability to pair with a variety of ingredients make it perfect for bringing people together.

Sweet and Spicy Pork Mini-Kabobs offer a fun, inspired twist that takes tailgating food to the next level. In this effortlessly mouthwatering recipe, tender chunks of pork are infused with flavor from chili powder, peppers, pineapple and a sweet glaze. Served as a starter or main dish, these tasty mini-kabobs are sure to bring even more playful fun to game day.

For more tailgating inspiration and pork recipes, visit the National Pork Board at [www.PorkBeInspired.com](http://www.PorkBeInspired.com), [www.Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired](http://www.Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired) and [www.Pinterest.com/PorkBeInspired](http://www.Pinterest.com/PorkBeInspired). Also, be sure to follow @allaboutpork on Twitter for timely recipes and tips.

### Sweet and Spicy Pork Mini-Kabobs

Makes: 24 servings (8 to 12 small plates)

24 bamboo skewers (6-inches), soaked in water for 30 minutes, drained  
3 pounds pork tenderloin, silver skin removed, cut into 48 (1-inch) pieces  
2 tablespoons chili powder  
2 teaspoons salt  
½ ripe pineapple, peeled, cored, and cut into 24 (1-inch) pieces

1 large red bell pepper, cored and cut into 24 (1-inch) pieces  
½ cup honey  
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
Preheat broiler with rack about 8 inches from heat source.

Toss pork with chili powder and salt. Thread 2 pieces of pork and 1 each of pineapple and red pepper pieces on each skewer.

Wrap exposed end of each skewer with foil to discourage scorching.

Mix honey and vinegar together for glaze.

Broil, turning occasionally and brushing well with glaze during last 2 minutes, until pork is barely pink when pierced with tip of knife, about 8 minutes. Serve warm.

— Courtesy of Family Features

## Wholesome, naturally delicious meals made easy

When you've got a lot on your plate, it can be hard to put wholesome, great-tasting food on your family's plates. Planning meals around simple, tasty ingredients can make mealtime a lot easier on you - and a lot better for them.

When grocery shopping, think simple, colorful and natural:

Simple Ingredients — Simple often means delicious:

- Cheese can be used as a snack, on sandwiches and salads, in main dishes - it's a versatile, family-friendly ingredient. Take advantage of free samples at the grocery store to try new varieties.

- Pasta makes meal time super easy. Try tiny orzo in soups, corkscrew pasta in homemade mac and cheese, and spaghetti.

- A peanut butter and jelly sandwich using natural peanut butter, a natural fruit spread and 2 slices of whole wheat bread is less than \$1 a sandwich. Add a glass of low-fat milk and a piece of fruit, this is a protein packed and budget-friendly snack. For a twist on this classic meal, try these recipes for Peanut Butter and Jelly Pita, or PB&J Parfaits.

- Add Color to the Menu - Incorporating colorful fruits and vegetables not only adds great flavor, but plenty of good nutrition, too.

- Buy extra red, green, orange and yellow bell peppers when they're on sale, as well as white onions, then chop up and freeze some for later use.

- Apples come in yellows, greens and lots of reds. They store for quite a while, so buy plenty for snacking on whole, or enjoying in this recipe for a tasty PB and J Pita.

- Dark-skinned purple and blue fruits tend to have more natural antioxidant power than their lighter-skinned counterparts. Look for eggplant, plums, raisins, purple potatoes, and fresh grapes. Also, 100 percent juice made with Concord grapes is another way to add purple fruit to the diet and to liven up your day.

Naturally Healthy — Whole foods bring a lot of nutrition to the table:

- Get some good protein from nuts and lean meats. When you grill chicken, grill up a few extra pieces to be used in a salad or sandwich the next day. Sprinkle almonds onto your salad or morning oatmeal for an extra energy boost.

- Whole grains are an easy way to get energy to eat a little better. "Multi-Grain" isn't the same as "whole grain," so make sure the label lists whole grains first in the ingredients list.

- Herbs are a terrific way to add fla-



A twist on the sandwich, this Peanut Butter and Jelly Parfait is made with grape or strawberry jelly spread, nonfat vanilla yogurt, peanut butter, granola, banana and strawberries.

avor without adding sodium or calories. Kid-friendly herbs include thyme, oregano, parsley and rosemary. Sprinkle some on oven-baked potatoes for an easy side dish.

You can find more delicious family-friendly recipes for any meal at [www.welchs.com/pbjrecipes](http://www.welchs.com/pbjrecipes).

### Peanut Butter and Jelly Parfaits

Makes 4 servings

½ cup grape or strawberry Spread  
1 ¼ cups nonfat vanilla yogurt  
½ cup natural chunky or creamy peanut butter  
1 cup crunchy granola cereal  
1 medium banana, sliced  
1 cup sliced strawberries

Microwave jelly, in a microwave-safe bowl, at high 30 seconds or until melted. Drizzle 1 tablespoon down sides of each parfait glass; set aside.

Combine yogurt with peanut butter in medium bowl. Spoon ½ of peanut butter mixture into each parfait glass. Top each with 2 tablespoons cereal, then ½ of the fruit; repeat. Drizzle with remaining jelly. Garnish, if desired, with mint leaves.

### PB and J Pita

Makes 1 serving

3 tablespoons Concord grape or strawberry jelly  
3 tablespoons natural creamy peanut butter  
1 8-inch whole wheat pita bread, toasted if desired  
½ cup chopped apple, sliced banana and/or raisins  
Evenly spread peanut butter and jelly on pita bread. Top with apple and raisins.

Courtesy of Family Features

## Snacks to keep you active and energized

Whether you're out on the golf course, going for a jog, or running errands all day, feeling hungry can make it hard to be at your best. Healthy snacks, however, can keep you fueled and focused.

Having nutritious snacks on hand is a smart way to go, but it's challenging to find a snack that tastes great and can be easily tucked away in a sports bag.

"A healthy snack like almonds can give you the satisfying crunch and punch you need to lead an active life," says Robert Yang, R.D. and founder of The Performance Lab. "They're portable and packed with nutrients."

A handful of almonds can be an active person's best friend:

- They're not only cholesterol-free, but also have protein, fiber and unsaturated fats.

- A single serving, which is about 23, makes a great snack, providing 13 grams of unsaturated fat, only one gram of saturated fat, six grams of protein and three-and-a-half grams of fiber.

- Almonds are also rich in vitamin E, an excellent source of magnesium and manganese, and a good source of fiber,

copper, phosphorus and riboflavin.

When compared ounce for ounce, almonds are the tree nut highest in protein, fiber, calcium, vitamin E, riboflavin and niacin.

"No matter what sport you're playing, or how busy you are, feeling energized helps you perform better," says pro golfer D.A. Points. "I always keep a stash of almonds in my golf bag for a quick snack."

Whole almonds are the perfect snack to sustain energy throughout the day, and can be enjoyed in a number of different ways: seasoned, spiced, roasted, glazed and plain.

Here are some delicious — and nutritious — ways to enjoy an energizing snack:

- Make your own Honey-Roasted Almonds with soy sauce, honey, orange peel, garlic and ginger.

- Combine chocolate and almonds in a Backpacker's Superbar you can take with you to the golf course or anywhere.

- Try this Almond Crunch Granola, with rolled oats, coconut, cinnamon, honey and toasted almonds. Put some into a snack-sized zip top bag for an anytime energizer.

For additional energizing snacking tips, and to create your own custom snack mix with the Almond Snack Generator, visit [www.AlmondBoard.com/ProSnacker](http://www.AlmondBoard.com/ProSnacker).

### Almond Crunch Granola

This granola is packed with good ingredients, as well as vitamin E. It's also low in sodium. Eat a handful or sprinkle it on berries or yogurt.

Servings: 12

1 cup slivered almonds, toasted  
2 ½ cups rolled oats (either old-fashioned or quick cooking)  
1 cup flaked coconut  
¾ teaspoon cinnamon  
½ cup honey  
¼ cup almond or vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 350° F. Combine toasted almonds with oats, coconut and cinnamon. Whisk honey with oil and drizzle over almond-oat mixture, tossing to mix well. Bake 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from oven; loosen with spatula and cool.

Tip: To toast almonds: Spread almonds in a single layer in shallow pan. Place in cold oven, toast at 350° F, 9-11 minutes, stirring occasionally, until lightly toasted. Cool on counter.

### Parmesan Herb Almonds

Created by the Almond Board of California  
Servings 8

¾ cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1 tablespoon Italian herb seasoning  
1 ½ teaspoon garlic powder  
½ teaspoon paprika  
2 egg whites

2 cups whole natural almonds, roasted

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a small bowl, mix all ingredients except egg whites and almonds; set aside. In large bowl, whisk egg whites until they begin to form soft peaks and are opaque. Add almonds; toss to coat. Add cheese mixture; toss gently to coat evenly. Oil, or coat a baking sheet with vegetable cooking spray. Arrange almonds on baking sheet in single layer. Bake in center of oven 15 minutes. Gently toss almonds and arrange again in single layer. Continue to bake 15 minutes longer; toss gently. Turn off oven. Leave almonds in oven with door ajar 20 minutes. Remove from oven; cool completely. Store in airtight container up to one week.

### Almonds Mocha

Created by Almond Board of California  
Servings 8

6 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 tablespoon instant coffee granules  
1 egg white  
2 cups whole natural almonds

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In container of electric blender, combine all ingredients except egg white and almonds. Blend 30 seconds, pulsing on and off; set aside. In large bowl, whisk egg white until opaque and frothy. Add almonds; toss to coat. Add sugar mixture; toss gently to coat evenly. Oil, or coat a baking sheet with vegetable cooking spray. Arrange almonds on baking sheet in single layer. Bake in center of oven 15 minutes. Gently toss almonds and arrange again in single layer. Continue to bake 15 minutes longer; toss gently. Turn off oven. Leave almonds in oven with door ajar 15 minutes. Remove from oven; cool completely. Store in airtight container up to two weeks.

Courtesy of Family Features



Almond Crunch Granola

## Family home will always hold a special place in my heart

By Julie Brown  
O&E Staff Writer

That recent Tuesday held a double dose of good news at the end of the workday. Our niece called to announce her engagement, and my husband and I were ecstatic. Her sister is also getting married next year and in the throes of wedding planning. Both young women plan 2013 weddings, one in June and her sister in the fall, which brought back fond memories of our own Sept. 9, 1989, wedding.

The second call was more commercial but also carried an emotional wallop. My sister called to say that our parents' house, after just over a week on the market, had received a respectable offer.



Julie Brown

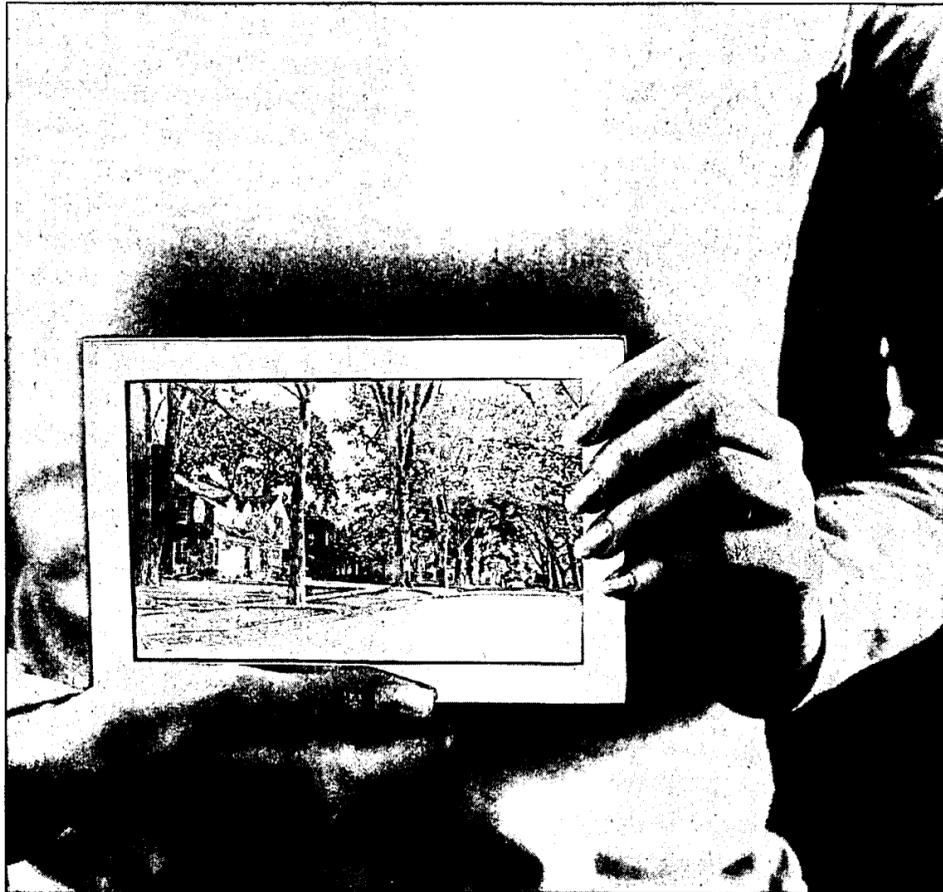
I'd heard from Realtor friends and sources that good homes in good neighborhoods are going fast now, receiving multiple offers within

days of going on the market. Even so, I was unprepared to say goodbye to our homey four-bedroom colonial in Bloomfield Township.

I moved, while still single, to a Plymouth Township bungalow in 1988 and am used to that being home now. It's a great neighborhood and we've been happy. Still, part of me clings to that childhood home, where I moved in as a 6-year-old first-grader excited about having my own room.

My sister and I had shared a room in our previous Royal Oak home. My own room meant decorating decisions, having friends over and even inviting my sister, older by two years, to sleep over, a Christmas Eve tradition we shared for years.

Like most sisters, it wasn't all sweetness and light, but she was kind enough to tell me for several years she thought she'd heard Santa's reindeer on



the roof. We found our beloved dolls in the garage of our parents' home, much of their hair "loved off." Family photos brought back so many good memories, even if we weren't sure who all the people were.

Our dad died in 1999 at age 74, and we lost mom this past April at a still-spry 85. My sister and brother-in-law did the lion's share of cleaning out and sprucing up the Bloomfield house, with my husband and me joining them on weekends.

There's still the door frame where our parents marked our heights in pencil by name, although it's been painted over. I found some college correspondence — letters! — I'd written and received. It was as

if my grandmas and great-aunt in St. Louis, Mo., were with us again.

A freshman year letter from a girlfriend at another Michigan college revealed her excitement at going to a dance with a young man who was a sophomore. I've adapted to e-mail as necessary, but was still glad to find that treasure trove of letters.

Some of the homes in my parents' neighborhood have been tear-downs, replaced by larger and newer homes. My sister held out hope that a new young couple or family would find our home appealing, and build some memories of their own there.

It looks like that's going to

happen, and we're glad, both for them and for ourselves. The Plymouth Township home I share with my husband was previously home to an older couple; we've made some changes, but I hope they're looking down and happy with what we've done.

Homes are certainly an investment, and that part of them has been a challenge in recent years. I'm glad to know my childhood home will be home to a new family, and wish them all the best.

Julie Brown is presentation editor for the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers. She can be reached at jcbrown@hometownlife.com.

## Learn about condo operations

A four-week course on Successful Condominium Operation is being offered by real estate expert Robert Meisner beginning Oct. 2.

It is designed for persons who are interested in serving on a board of directors of a condominium, cooperative or community association, as well as developers and managing agents who are assisting these boards. All attendees receive a complimentary copy of Meisner's booklet, *Condominium Operation: Getting Started and Staying on the Right Track*.

Participants will learn about:

- Collection of assessments and enforcement of restrictions and bylaws by the association.
- Ways to avoid and protect directors and officers from potential liability.
- Which amendments to condominium documents are needed to comply with laws,
- FHA and improve efficiency and marketability.
- The legal and fiduciary responsibilities of directors and officers.
- Dealing with the new FHA certification requirements which may affect the

marketability of units in your association.

• How the statutes in the State of Michigan affect officers and directors of a condominium and/or homeowners association.

• Parliamentary procedures and the four essential audits.

• Solving problems with developers concerning abandoned projects

The program will be held 7-9 p.m. on Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23 at the Meisner Law Group offices at 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, in Bingham Farms.

Meisner is the founding member of The Meisner Law Group, P.C. He has represented numerous condominium, homeowner and community associations, developers and builders in all facets of operation, throughout his more than 40 years as an attorney, as well as general counsel to the United Condominium Owners of Michigan since its inception.

Cost of the course is \$95 per person; \$85 for additional attendees from same association. Go to [www.meisner-law.com](http://www.meisner-law.com) or call (248) 644-4433.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 18-22, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
48827 Amelia Ct	\$345,000
43145 Applewood Rd	\$156,000
2531 Barkhill Rd	\$75,000
2532 Barkhill Rd	\$77,000
42523 Beechwood Dr	\$185,000
1640 Bennington Ct	\$68,000
7777 Charrington Ct	\$205,000
539 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$128,000
39784 Fox Valley Dr	\$120,000
48606 Greenwich Cir	\$280,000
7305 Haverhill Ct S	\$405,000
8720 Holly Dr	\$117,000
44845 Leslie Ln	\$194,000
8391 Orhan St	\$131,000
2037 Premier Ln	\$75,000
42417 Redfern St	\$100,000
2409 River Woods Dr N	\$230,000
4429 Southbridge Dr	\$106,000
46842 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$155,000
4195 Strathmore Ln	\$135,000
403 Sylvan Dr	\$392,000

1253 W Crystal Cir	\$157,000
6178 Winter Dr	\$154,000
47208 Woodlong Dr	\$296,000
46743 Woodside Dr	\$267,000
47097 Yarmouth Dr	\$335,000
GARDEN CITY	
28763 Barton St	\$49,000
33070 Barton St	\$53,000
33452 Florence St	\$80,000
31335 Rosslyn Ave	\$69,000
28956 Sheridan St	\$40,000
LIVONIA	
14561 Arden St	\$83,000
14034 Ashurst St	\$235,000
18968 Brentwood St	\$48,000
29510 Bretton St	\$65,000
35417 Brookview Dr	\$215,000
11565 Cavell St	\$55,000
28465 Cleveland St	\$106,000
20440 Ellen Dr	\$325,000
9912 Fairfield St	\$100,000
14312 Fairway St	\$107,000
18514 Flamingo Blvd	\$103,000
35413 Gardner St	\$260,000
38560 Grennada St	\$139,000
8863 Hartel St	\$150,000
10005 Hubbard St	\$83,000
36969 Lancaster St	\$156,000
38438 Lapham Ct	\$252,000
35972 Leon St	\$78,000
9047 Oporto St	\$92,000

8988 Pere Ave	\$130,000
37750 Pickford Dr	\$240,000
20036 Pollyanna Dr	\$205,000
34764 Saint Martins St	\$263,000
14368 Stonehouse Ave	\$152,000
32953 Summers St	\$160,000
20009 Sunbury St	\$98,000
11055 Sunset St	\$151,000
18417 University Park Dr	\$40,000
29699 W Chicago St	\$80,000
NORTHVILLE	
15991 Brook Trout Ln	\$135,000
19480 Cardene Ct	\$135,000
40477 Delta Dr	\$370,000
48341 Four Seasons Blvd	\$140,000
48254 Heather Ridge Dr	\$160,000
18889 Heather Ridge Dr	\$589,000
16074 Johnson Creek Dr	\$144,000
16145 Johnson Creek Dr	\$147,000
16054 Morningside	\$121,000
20165 Silver Spring Dr	\$58,000
48687 Stoneridge Dr	\$540,000
20297 Woodhill Dr	\$370,000
PLYMOUTH	
14732 Greenbriar Ct	\$200,000
11751 Hopkins Dr	\$455,000
48200 Joy Rd	\$44,000
543 Leicester St	\$205,000
522 N Harvey St	\$197,000
566 N Harvey St	\$208,000
40638 Newport Dr	\$62,000

40815 Newport Dr	\$44,000
433 Pacific St	\$203,000
11676 Parkview Dr	\$162,000
730 Penniman Ave	\$255,000
13065 Portsmouth Xing	\$335,000
11617 Spicer Dr	\$185,000
REDFORD	
11312 Appleton	\$48,000
8900 Fenton	\$70,000
25961 Fordson Hwy	\$65,000
26731 Glendale	\$60,000
9336 Hemingway	\$80,000
9527 Kinloch	\$54,000
19389 Kinloch	\$32,000
17396 Olympia	\$36,000
26622 Student	\$40,000
9600 Tecumseh	\$15,000
12751 Tecumseh	\$45,000
20510 Wakenden	\$30,000
WESTLAND	
31757 Arenac Ct	\$32,000
31202 Cooley Blvd	\$103,000
1259 Dowling Ct	\$90,000
5875 Huff St	\$190,000
29128 Manchester St	\$22,000
7421 Manor Cir	\$33,000
33043 Melton St	\$70,000
720 N Byfield St	\$89,000
662 Ravencrest Ln	\$84,000
34344 Somerset St	\$53,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 4-8, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
19017 Saxon Dr	\$485,000
BIRMINGHAM	
432 Arlington St	\$1,325,000
494 Aspen Rd	\$585,000
1943 Bradford Rd	\$251,000
1813 Derby Rd	\$155,000
712 Fairfax St	\$470,000
1979 Fairway Dr	\$592,000
767 Harmon St	\$800,000
1563 Lakeside Dr	\$400,000
968 Madison St	\$300,000
1115 N Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$155,000
520 Puritan Ave	\$888,000
876 Stanley Blvd	\$670,000
2115 W Lincoln St	\$520,000
1345 Washington Blvd	\$985,000
175 Wimbleton Dr	\$325,000
943 Worthington Rd	\$339,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	

4073 Willoway Place Dr	\$220,000
5819 Pentland Rd	\$235,000
2025 Quarton Rd	\$375,000
1831 Stonycroft Ln	\$175,000
1044 Stratford Ln	\$117,000
2830 Theford Rd	\$390,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2737 Amberly Rd	\$558,000
4090 Antique Ln	\$290,000
1965 Devonshire Rd	\$268,000
2651 Douglas Dr	\$210,000
3660 Halla Ln	\$295,000
476 Henley Dr	\$266,000
2758 Hunters Way	\$290,000
502 Newburne Pointe	\$208,000
1630 South Hill Cir	\$118,000
4544 Wagon Wheel Dr	\$337,000
128 Hamilton Rd	\$365,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
6147 Birchcrest Ln	\$390,000
4625 Commerce Woods Dr	\$197,000
5678 Strawberry Cir	\$358,000
FARMINGTON	
31582 Lamar Dr	\$93,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
23301 Derby Ln	\$191,000
38209 French Pond	\$270,000
26607 Gremlocke Trl	\$177,000
29198 Heythorpe Ct	\$182,000
21610 Jacksonville St	\$77,000

35975 King Edward Dr	\$265,000
30845 Leelane	\$154,000
29501 Meadbury St	\$106,000
21911 Parklane St	\$215,000
25275 Power Rd	\$120,000
21507 Randall Ln	\$115,000
31158 Squire Ln	\$360,000
30949 Sudbury St	\$185,000
24117 Tana Ct	\$135,000
31993 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 302	\$28,000
30052 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 67	\$33,000
21550 Woodcrest Ct	\$260,000
FRANKLIN	
25045 Franklin Park Dr	\$315,000
26104 German Mill Rd	\$240,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
27623 Rackham Dr	\$154,000
17576 Sunnybrook Ave	\$108,000
MILFORD	
601 Duchess St	\$148,000
934 Panorama Dr	\$90,000
NOVI	
29936 Brush Park Ct	\$328,000
25942 Glenmoor	\$301,000
44458 Gwinnett Loop	\$150,000
44478 Gwinnett Loop	\$155,000
27616 Harrington Way	\$270,000
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FARMINGTON HILLS: Moving/Garage Sale. 32403 Nestlewood, 48334. Signs Posted. Fri-Sun. 10-4. For directions: 248-217-2692

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - South Lyon Annual Rummage Sale, 205 E. Lake St. Sept. 28, 8-8 Sept. 29, 8-noon.

GARDEN CITY - Gigantic Garage Sale! Sat., Sept. 29, 10am-5pm. 1 day sale, everything must go! Jewelry, knick knacks, glassware, tools, Nascar, records, pans, boat clock, lots, lots more. 30835 Rosslyn, btwn Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill, E off Merriman.

LIVONIA: 30026 Bentley, Sept. 28-30. 9-5. Furniture, tools, kids clothes, Avon collectibles, Cape Cod dishes. Navity Set, jewelry, bed spreads, curtains.

LIVONIA: 4 family sale! Thurs-Sat, Sept. 27-29, 9:30-4:30pm. 28198 Acacia, btwn Schoolcraft & Inkster.

LIVONIA: 9/27-9/28, 9-4pm, 35944 Summers, off Lavan, 1/2 N of Schoolcraft. Craftsman tools, art work, Christmas items, luggage, clothes, electronics, houseware & misc.

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LIVONIA: Furniture, home items. 9/27-9/30, Thurs-Sat 9-5pm. 8931 Stonehouse, N of Joy, W of Newburgh

LIVONIA: Garage/ Antique sale! 15422 Golfview, 5 & Levan. Sept 27-29th, 9-4pm. Furniture, antiques, kerosene lamps, vintage bins & soap boxes, Hummel & Rockwell pictures, Sony HT55000 System, guitars, household & Christmas items, books, extension ladder, small to extra large men & women's clothing and boys, & much more!

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Garage/Moving Sales

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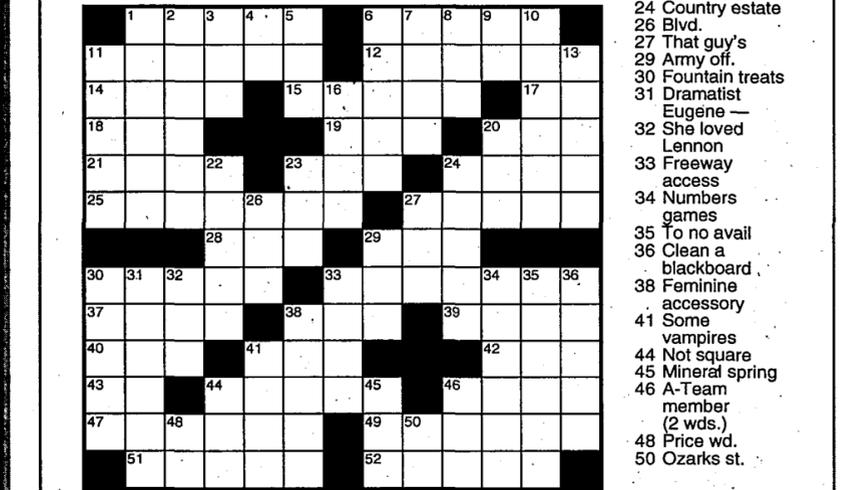
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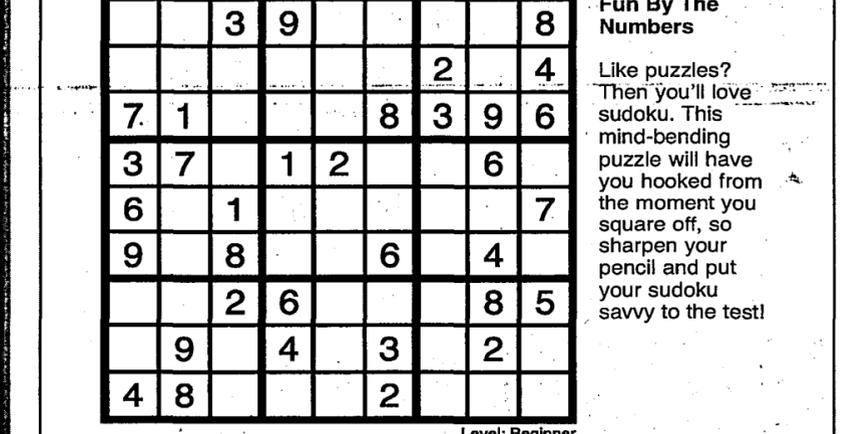
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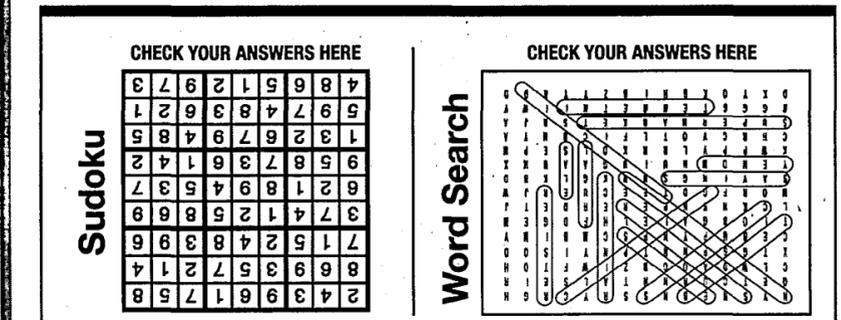


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