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## WCCCD seeks millage renewal

BY MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

While voters in other communities will decide local elections next month, Redford Township voters will face a single decision — on a 1.5-mill property tax renewal.

Wayne County Community College is seeking to extend a tax that, according to a publicity campaign, provides 40 percent of its total annual revenue of about \$102 million. The 10-year renewal would not take effect until 2011, after the current 1.5-mill tax expires.

"There's no way this college will be able to continue to offer the education and services we offer right now without the continuation," said WCCC spokeswoman Tina Bassett.

The WCCC district includes most of Redford Township and a large part of the city of Westland. The tax means about \$105 a year for the owner of a home with a taxable value of \$70,000. That home would have a market value of \$140,000 or more.

The 2001 millage, Bassett said, allowed WCCC to pay for needed facility renovations and improvements, acquire a new northwest campus in Detroit, open the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education at the Downriver campus, and otherwise serve a growing student body, Bassett said. "We've done enormous, enormous amounts of work," she said.

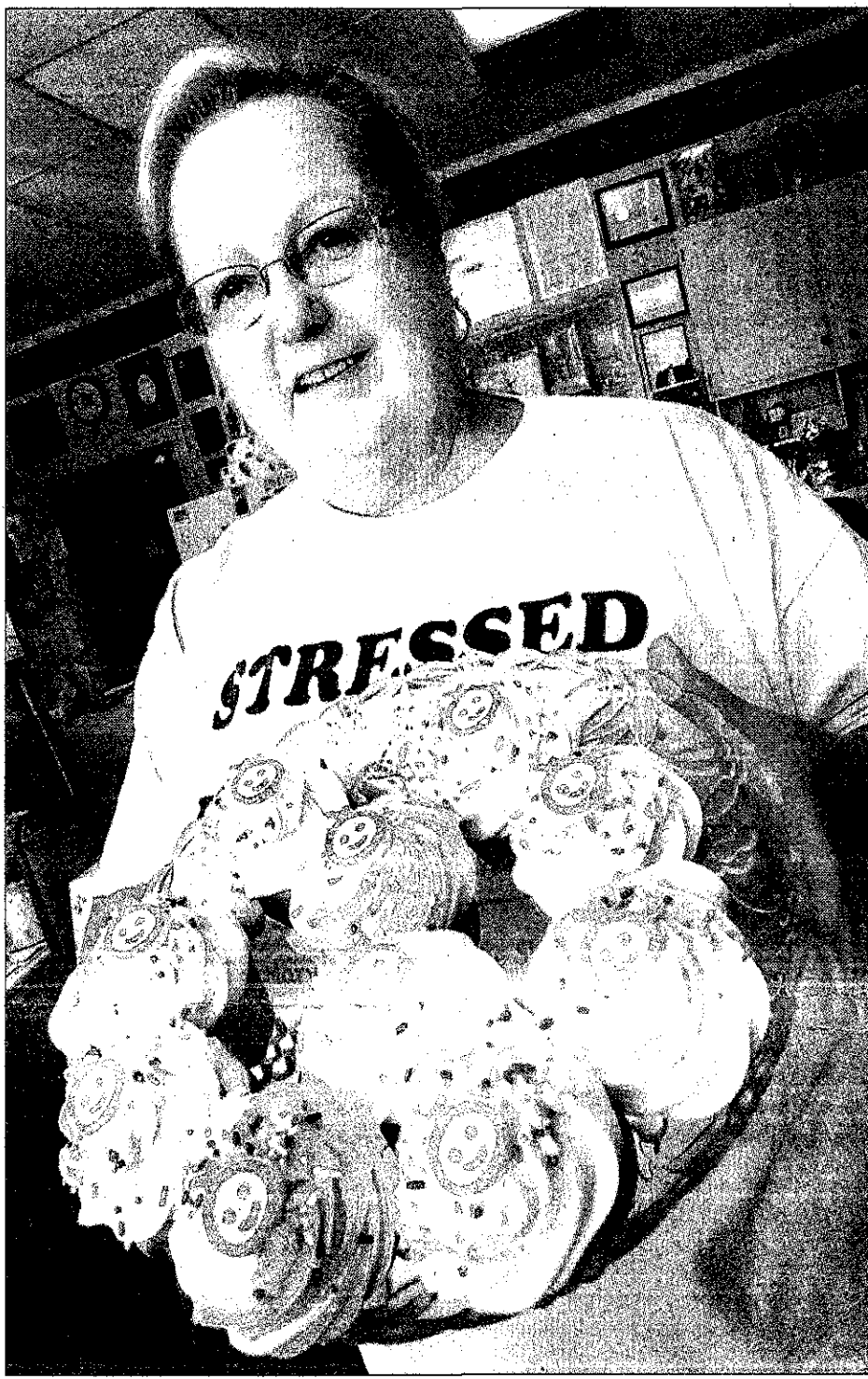
Enrollment has more than tripled since the 2001 tax was approved; according to WCCC figures, there were 65,435 students in the fall of 2006, up from just over 17,000 in the fall of 2001.

In Redford, however, opposition to the renewal has surfaced.

Clerk Garth Christie is speaking out against the millage and, until Tuesday's deadline, was urging people to register to vote based on the

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## Sweet cause



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mary Denning of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe is among area bakers selling specially decorated cupcakes this week for Cupcakes for a Cause for CancerCare for Kids.

## Cupcake sale benefits CancerCare kids program

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Mary Denning lives her life surrounded by sweets. A baker and the owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland, she creates cakes and confections to delight young and old alike. A stegosaurus birthday cake for a young dinosaur enthusiast, a wedding cake decorated with leaves for the fall bride.

But her latest creation is cupcakes meant to be enjoyed and support youngsters battling cancer and their families.

"I saw it in one of my baking magazines and knew I needed to do something like that," said Denning. "I called all my baker friends and they're also selling them."

The event is the fourth annual Cupcakes for a Cause. Beginning Monday, Oct. 15, and running through Sunday, Oct. 21, bakeries around the country will be selling specially made and decorated cupcakes and donating the proceeds to support the CancerCare for Kids program.

Denning will sell the cupcakes, which come with a special CancerCare for Kids sugar medallion, at six for \$6 Monday through Saturday — her shop is closed

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### CUPCAKES FOR A CAUSE

**What:** Specially made cupcakes that will be sold to benefit the CancerCare for Kids program

**When:** Monday-Sunday, Oct. 15-21.

**Where:** Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 Wayne Road, Westland, and Sorella's Homemade Baked Goods, 31236 Five Mile, Livonia.

**Why:** To support CancerCare, a national non-profit organization that provides free, professional support services to anyone affected by cancer: people with cancer, caregivers, children, loved ones and the bereaved. Founded in 1944, it now provides individual help to more than 91,000 people each year, in addition to the 1.6 million people who gain information and resources from its Web site. CancerCare programs, including counseling, education, financial assistance and practical help, are provided by trained oncology social workers and are completely free of charge. For more information about the organization, call (800) 813-HOPE or send an e-mail to info@cancercares.org.

## Trial ordered in stabbing death

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A witness testified Friday that he didn't notice any tension between his roommate, 18-year-old Christopher Long, and a drywall worker Long is accused of stabbing to death Aug. 19 outside a Westland apartment building.

Bernard Whitfield said he didn't see Long refuse to share a cigarette with Gerald William Dean Jr., 45. Whitfield also said he didn't hear Dean, a white man, mutter a racial slur against Long, who is black.

Whitfield, who described Dean as "nice," had stood outside with Long and Dean before the killing occurred. Whitfield testified that he had gone inside to the bathroom when he heard police sirens arriving at Country Court, on Wildwood north of Ford.

Whitfield said he walked from the bathroom and saw Long playing a video game.

"I opened the door, and I saw yellow (crime-scene) tape everywhere, and Mr. Dean was face down on the grass," Whitfield said, testifying during Long's preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court.

A neighbor had called police after seeing Dean on the ground, but a statement that Long made to police — reiterated in court Friday — has remained the only account authorities have of what may have happened that August afternoon.

Friday's testimony prompted Judge C. Charles Bokos to order Long to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit

Court for first-degree murder. If convicted, Long will face life in prison.

Police Officer Richard Novakowski read aloud a statement that he said Long wrote one day after Dean was killed while working at Country Court.

Long wrote that he only had one cigarette and that he didn't want to share it with Dean. Novakowski said Long alleged in his statement that Dean remarked, "That's why I don't mess with n-----."

Long confessed that he went inside and got a kitchen knife and asked Dean if he had a problem, Novakowski said. Long said Dean, in turn, swung at him with an unidentified object that had a green handle, Novakowski testified.

"I pulled out the knife and swung, hitting the victim in the back of the head," Long said, according to the statement read by Novakowski.

Long told Novakowski he went inside and started playing a video game as Whitfield came out of the bathroom, looked outside and remarked, "old boy dead."

In court, defense attorney Steven Scharg argued that the charge against Long should be reduced to second-degree murder, which could carry a lesser penalty upon conviction.

But, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lisa Screen said Dean's wound indicates he was attacked from behind.

Bokos said the incident appeared to be a deliberate act. He ordered Long jailed without bond as he awaits trial.

## Man pleads guilty to assaulting 2 girls

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man will face at least 25 years in prison when he is sentenced Wednesday for drugging two 12-year-old twin girls, sexually molesting them while they slept and videotaping it.

Raymond Pniewski Jr., 52, could potentially face an even lengthier sentence when he appears in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Vera Massey Jones.

"Everyone should be assured that children will be protected from this guy for a long time," said Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Daniel Less, who handled the case.

Pniewski's decision to plead guilty to four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct brought a swift resolution to a shocking case that surfaced in July, when one of the molested girls awoke while Pniewski was trying to put prescription sleeping medication in her mouth.

In return for his guilty plea to criminal sexual conduct, prosecutors agreed to drop additional charges of child sexually abusive activity.

Pniewski was accused of drug-

ging the girls and molesting them while they lived at his house in the 7300 block of Mohawk, near Warren and Wayne. The twins had moved there with their mother, who was a friend and former girlfriend of the defendant.

Charges against Pniewski stemmed from accusations he molested the girls numerous times between Dec. 1, 2005, and July 26 of this year, police Sgt. Debra Mathews has said.

The molester had been jailed in August on a \$1 million bond set by Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli. Police searched Pniewski's house and found videotapes, a camcorder and pictures that he had taken, Mathews said.

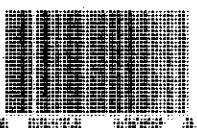
The twins' mother took them to a hospital after the one girl awoke, found Pniewski near her and told her mother that she tasted what police described as sleeping pills. Hospital officials reported the incident to police.

The girls and their mother had moved to Pniewski's house more than two years ago because they needed a place to live, Mathews said. The molester had known the girls most of their lives.

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### Coming Thursday



Haunted houses and Halloween events highlighted for all in Thursday's Filter



**AROUND WESTLAND**

**Psychic fairs**

Take a look into your future at a psychic fair that will be held noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at AMVETS Post 171 Hall, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill. Admission is \$2. There will be reading and a bake sale.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 will hold a psychic fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Proceeds will support the auxiliary's VA Hospital projects and for refreshments at its monthly bingos at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital.

**'Heart Quest'**

The Cherry Hill Seventh Day

Adventist Church at 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City, will host "Heart Quest" at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19. Broadcast worldwide via satellite, "Heart Quest" is a series of seminars dealing with improving your life, finding hope in a shaky world, finding true meaning for your life and reconciliation through the study of the Bible. For more information, call (734) 427-3982.

**In concert**

Indie phenomenon Secondhand Serenade is John Vesely, and he is coming to play at Skateland West on Saturday, Oct. 27. The all-ages show starts at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$15. Secondhand Serenade is a

one-man show hailing from Menio Park, Calif., that has caused a strong reaction with the fans of MySpace. Secondhand Serenade has reached more 28,024,508 plays on MySpace, an incredible feat for an artist just signed by Glassnote Records.

Secondhand Serenade is touring with Permanent Me and Rookie of the Year. Skateland West is at 37550 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-2802 or go online at www.myspace.com/skatelandwestmusic.

**Church fair**

The First Congregational Church will hold its 61st annual

church fair, "O Christmas Tree," 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 1-2.

There will be aprons, attic treasures, books, boutiques, candy booth, Christmas gifts, Country Store, Decorations booth, pet shop, specialties booth, raffle and more. The coffee shop will be open at 9 a.m. A la carte lunch will be served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinner, costing \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children, will be available 5-7 p.m.

The church is at 2 Towne Square, south of westbound Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

**Flu shots**

Maple Drugs at 34500 Ford will hold flu shot clinics 1-4

p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. The cost will be \$30 for flu shots and \$40 for pneumonia shots. There's no charge for people who have Medicare Part B coverage.

**Music program**

The public is invited to attend a free musical program, "The History of the Saxophone," presented by Steve Thomas 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, in the library's community rooms of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Children under age 6 should be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the Children's Desk at (734) 26-6123. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford.

**CUPCAKES**

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on Sunday — but she took the cupcake sale one step further by enlisting the help of neighboring businesses in selling her cupcakes.

They agreed, but have gone one step further. They're hosting a Children's Special Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Oak Plaza Mall on Wayne Road north of Cowan in Westland where they're located.

Face painter Janel Turner, balloon clown Seville and a magician will be there to entertain youngsters and Bobby's Bouncers had donated an inflatable for their jumping pleasure. Miss Helen's Dance also will do crafts, games and dancing.

All of the stores, including dentist Dr. Rita Patel are selling the cupcakes, but some of the businesses are doing even more. The Divine Hair Salon is donating a portion of haircuts and Melissa Bless at Paperbacks and Things, will donate 100 percent of the sales of children books that day.

Carlos Herrera of Carlo's Mexican Restaurant will give free tacos to children and donate \$1 of every dinner he sells, while Phil Jenks of Toarmina's Restaurant will be selling pizza slices with proceeds going to the organization. "At first, I asked if they'd sell my cupcakes, so then we decided to do something together," said Denning. "And it was let's do a mall event."

Denning also has gotten help from her vendors. Pillsbury has donated flour and sugar, Gordon Foods has given her some cupcake holders. She's also gotten donations of eggs.

Denning is known for her giving. Each year she puts the chocolate in the Women of Westland's Chocolate Fantasy Ball, creating thousands of desserts. She does it, she said, because "the community has been good to me."

"I like to give back," she said. "I wouldn't be here, if not for the support of the community, especially being here 15 years."

CancerCare is a national nonprofit organization that provides free, professional support services for anyone affected by cancer. It got its start in New York and has gone nationwide through use of the Internet.

According to Diane Blum, executive director of CancerCare, children diagnosed with cancer and those who have a parent or sibling with cancer "face very difficult emotional questions and concerns that most kids their age don't have."

"Cupcakes for a Cause is a great way to do something fun with your family while helping children affected by this devastating disease," she said.

Denning said the organization is "really excited to see Michigan getting involved" in the cupcake sale.

"It sounds like a real nice organization — it's awful enough to have cancer or have an adult with cancer, but a child would be devastating," she said.

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**WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL**

The council will meet at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, Westland.

**AGENDA**

- Call Meeting to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Nadia Thompson and Michael Tadjewski, fifth-grade students from Hamilton Elementary School.
- Roll Call
- An announcement from Robert Brown, executive director of The Senior Alliance, regarding its Outreach Program.
- Citizens requests 1- Limited to a half hour. Citizens are requested to limit their conversation to five minutes in order to give other citizens a chance to speak. Citizens who do not speak during the first half hour will be heard at the end of the agenda.

All matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the Council and will be enacted under one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member so requests, in which event, he item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of regular meeting of Oct. 1, 2007.
- b. Request from the Westland Festival Committee, Inc. to hold the 2008 Westland Summer Carnival from Wednesday, July 2, 2008, through Sunday, July 6, 2008, from 9 a.m. until midnight on city hall grounds and parking lot, Bailey Recreation Center parking lot, and partial use of Central City Park/Thomas H. Brown Park and Tot Town. Also, requesting approval to conduct a parade on Wednesday, July 2, 2008, starting at the Wayne Ford Civic League, going north on Wayne Road, west on Ford Road to City Hall, and to have a fireworks display on Wednesday, July 6, 2008, at approximately 10 p.m. and waiving all applicable fees except mechanical.
- c. Request from the Salvation Army to "Ring the Bell" on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, and Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the intersection of Wayne and Warren Roads.
- d. Approval of bid for bulk road salt.
- e. Approval of bid for three Panasonic laptops.
- f. Adoption of Budget Amendment 2008-04; General Fund \$3,750,000.
- g. Adoption of Ordinance 121-J-2, an ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Article III, Section 22-76 of the Westland City Code to adopt the

**ON THE AGENDA**

- Michigan State Construction Code - Mechanical Code.
- h. Adoption of Ordinance 121-J-3, an ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Article III, Section 22-56 of the Westland City Code to adopt the Michigan State Construction Code - Electrical Code.
- i. Adoption of Prepared Land Division Resolution, Parcel #051-99-0022-000, north side of Florence Avenue, west of Hix Road.
- j. Adoption of Prepared Land Division Resolution, Parcel #027-03-0016-300, southeast corner of Webb Drive and Webb Court, south of Warren Road and west of Hix Road.
- New Business**
- 1. Adoption of Prepared Resolution No. 4, setting public hearing on the assessment roll for Street Paving District 2006-P-1, Florence Street from Wayne Road east to Christine Street.
- 2. Request for a Liquor License Stock Transfer for Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon of Michigan, Inc.
- 3. Revised Site Plan approval for proposed cooler addition to Rocky's Restaurant, 1622 S. Wayne Road, Parcel No. 060-02-0177-000, west side of Wayne Road, north of Palmer.
- 4. Site Plan Approval for proposed Metro Storage Mini-Storage Warehouse Facility, Parcel No. 058-03-0001-000, -0002-000 and -003-000, east side of Manufacturer's Drive, south of Cherry Hill.
- 5. Proposed Land Division, Parcel # 062-99-0008-703, east side of Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill Road.
- 6. Approval of vouchers.
- 7. Citizens Request 2.
- 8. Comments from the Mayor.
- 9. Council Members Requests/Comments.
- 10. Adjournment.

**RENEWAL**

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issue. He's trying to get the word out about what he calls a "stealth election."

Christie objects to the timing of the ballot question, given that the current tax won't expire for three years.

The renewal would normally come before voters in 2010, during the next gubernatorial election, he said.

"They're avoiding the scrutiny of a large election by putting it on three years early," Christie said.

The WCCC tax was originally defeated in 2000, during the presidential election that year, then reappeared

on the ballot in 2001, when it was approved, Christie said. Christie said few people from Redford attend WCCC, and that he would prefer the township join the Schoolcraft College district.

Redford's Board of Trustees

on Tuesday approved a resolution condemning the timing of WCCC's renewal request.

"A sneak attack on your pocketbook will not work if the people get the word out," Christie said during the meeting.

WCCC's Bassett said the renewal is being sought early to allow school officials to do long-range planning.

"You have to plan ahead for these things, to know where you're going and what you're doing," she said.

**WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction October 16, 2006 at 11:15 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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# Woman charged with giving out fake documents

A Westland woman will be in Livonia's 16th District Court on Tuesday, Oct. 16, to determine if she should be bound over on charges of providing Secretary of State documentation to people with fake identification.

Janice Bess, 43, of Westland, a worker at the Secretary of State's branch office at Six Mile and Newburgh Road in Livonia, was arraigned Oct. 2 on charges of forgery, use of a computer to commit a crime, two counts of identity theft and two counts of false certification - the impermissible use of personal information. She is free after posting a personal bond.

Also facing the same charges as well as being a fourth time habitual offender is Cheryl Simpson, 42, of Detroit. She was arraigned on the charges on Oct. 8. She remains in the Wayne County Jail after failing to post a \$40,000/10 percent bond.

"We believe that, for a price, Ms. Simpson would identify customers and Ms. Bess would produce these items, using the name and personal information of an unwitting person already in the Secretary of State computer system," Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans said.

Investigators and prosecutors say Bess was issuing valid state license plates, vehicle titles and registration - even Michigan drivers' licenses - to people using fake identities. She was arrested at her job on Oct. 1 after she issued a new license plate and vehicle registration to the undercover deputy, who was using an assumed name and produced no identification.

At the same time, officers executed a search warrant at Detroit home of Simpson, who

had introduced the undercover officer to Bess.

According to investigators, Simpson also told an undercover deputy that Bess could provide the officer with a "whole new identity," complete with a state driver's license, with her photo and someone else's name, address and driver's license number taken from Secretary of State computer records.

"It is incredible in a post Sept. 11 world that a government employee would provide anyone with picture identification under a false name," Evans said. "The potential for homeland security issues here is significant."

"I never cease to be amazed that some people will risk a good job and their entire career to turn a fast illegal buck," said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy. "As we know, people will do this when times are good and when they are bad; greed is the motivation. Now these defendants may go from dispensing licenses plates to making them in prison."

Evans and Worthy said the investigation began when a deputy noticed a fraudulent paper temporary license plate taped inside the back window of a vehicle the officer had pulled over. The driver of the vehicle provided investigators

with the name of the person who had sold them the pink 15-day "temp tag."

"From that point the investigation continued to escalate, as each person our investigators contacted gave us information on someone else," Evans said. "The seller of the temporary tags gave us some one who was selling fake auto insurance policies, who then gave us someone else. Eventually, one of the suspects told us about Ms. Simpson, who claimed to 'have someone inside the Secretary of State's Office,' referring to Ms. Bess."

Warren added that the undercover deputy was able to make contact with Simpson and both went to the SOS Livonia branch, where Bess produced a license plate and vehicle registration with renewal tabs under an assumed name that Bess knew to be false.

Five individuals, including Bess and Simpson, have been arrested, and deputies and prosecutors are continuing their investigation.

Evans and Worthy said that once the Secretary of State's Office was notified of the investigation, it cooperated fully, assisting along the way.

"The Department of State operates with the highest degree of integrity and profes-

sionalism," Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said. "We take our mission - and the trust that comes with it - very seriously. We have no toler-

ance for any violation of that trust. While these types of allegations involving a department employee are few and far between, we're continually

vigilant through our internal auditing and investigative procedures. I applaud the professionalism of the Sheriff Evans and his office in this matter."




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## City distributes food to eligible residents

Eligible Westland residents can obtain surplus federal food at the Dorsey Community Center Thursday, Oct. 18.

Grape or grapefruit juice, peanut butter, macaroni, and vegetarian vegetable soup will be distributed 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center, 32715 Dorsey Road between Glenwood and Palmer, for residents living north of Michigan Avenue.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers should contact their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at their building.

The surplus food program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

## Hydrants, water mains receive preventative work

Residents in the southeastern section of Westland may see a change in their water and water pressure when Westland Department of Public Service employees begin flushing water mains and hydrants Monday, Oct. 15.

The work will be done between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. through Friday, Oct. 19, in the area south of Annapolis, north of Van Born, west of Inkster and east of Merriman.

The effort is a preventative measure to ensure clean, safe drinking water, however, it may result in a temporary loss of water pressure. Residents are asked to refrain from doing laundry during the flushing, and are encouraged to run cold water for about 15 minutes to clear their service line should any discoloration of water occur.

"Although this may impose a slight inconvenience, this is necessary to make certain that our hydrants are ready when we need them and that our water mains continue to function properly," said Westland Mayor William R. Wild.

Residents can call Westland DPS at (734) 728-1770, if they have any questions or concerns.

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## INFORMATION CENTRAL

Teen Read Week 2007 is here! The theme this year is LOL@YOUR LIBRARY. If you don't know what that means, ask a teenager!

To help celebrate all things funny, we have several events lined up for the week. We are introducing a funny book brochure that highlights some of the more hilarious books in our young adult collection.

The library will be hosting a make your own mini-comics workshop by Jane Irwin, author of the Vogelein series. At this program, attendees will learn how to put together a self-published mini-comic from linking to coloring to adding text. Space is limited so make sure to register beforehand to make sure you get a spot.

The 7-UP Book Club is meeting to discuss the very funny book, "Alice, I Think," by Susan Juby. This book is about a girl who has been home schooled most of her life. Now that she is starting high school, she'll be attending the local public school.

Her quest to form an identity, from buying silver moon boots at a thrift store to getting the worst

haircut of her life (followed by her mom getting into a fistfight with one of the new classmates in that parking lot) will have readers ROFL!

If you would like to participate in the book club, come get a copy of the book at the Reference Desk. We will be giving away four copies of the book at the meeting. Be sure to ask your teachers if you can get extra credit for coming.

For those of you who like to show off how much you read, we have a great contest going on all week. Come in and have a look at the book covers on display and see if you can guess which book the cover is from. The more people who enter, the bigger the prize will be!

So if you like to laugh, come to the Library between Oct. 14-20 and see what we have to offer you.

For more information about Teen Read Week, or any of our teen programs, call the library at (734) 326-6123 or log on at [www.westland.lib.mi.us/teens](http://www.westland.lib.mi.us/teens).

## Highlighted Activities

**Adult Book Club:** 7 p.m. Oct. 16. Join us as we discuss "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion. You can check out the reading guide on our Web site. Please read the book before the meeting. All are welcome.

**Capital Market Outlook - 3rd Quarter Review:** 7 p.m. Oct. 17. Get a rundown on the market. Let Andrew Gagne, associate financial advisor, help you put current market conditions in perspective to help you become a better informed investor. Question and answer session to follow. Stop by the library or call (734) 326-6123 to reserve your seat.

**Internet 101:** 10:30 a.m. Oct. 19. A beginner's guide to the Internet - how do I get around a Web site, what is a Web site. No registration is required. Walk-ins are welcome.

**Information Central** was compiled by young adult librarian Bridget Study. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

# Dillon: State was going broke without taxes

BY MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

With no short-term fixes to fall back on and the possibility of Michigan's bankruptcy looming, state legislators had no choice but to raise taxes as they approved a spending plan for the new fiscal year.



Dillon

That was Rep. Andy Dillon's message Thursday to several dozen people who attended a town hall meeting on the state budget. Dillon, of Redford, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, was instrumental in negotiating the legislative deal that patched a \$1.75 billion gap in the roughly \$42 billion state budget for the fiscal year that began this month.

"I saw the state facing insolvency," said Dillon in answering the first question of the evening, about why taxes were raised. "Revenue was a necessary part of the equation."

The budget fix included an 11.5-percent hike in the state income tax — from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent — a new tax on some services, the details of which are still being clarified, and some \$440 in savings from spending reforms.

"We don't have the luxury of just running deficits to get out of a long-term problem," said Dillon.

Before taking written questions from the audience, Dillon used a slide show, with charts and graphs, to make his case at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 345 in Redford. He said:

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Legislature have discretion over only about \$9 billion, which is less than a quarter of the general fund. Much of the state's spending is either set by the Michigan Constitution or, if the money is from federal sources, the federal government.

Dillon said he would be open to revisiting the Constitution and possibly reallocating some spending.

The state income tax rate has moved down over several years, and residents are spending a greater proportion of

## Settlement near in suit over catering bill

BY MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

With the two sides moving toward a settlement, the trial over a disputed catering bill from a popular Redford Township sandwich shop was postponed Friday.

Cvetko "Steve" Zdravkovski, the owner of DiMaggio's Italian Bakery on Six Mile, brought the suit against Supervisor R. Miles Handy II over what Zdravkovski says is a bill for \$2,703. Zdravkovski says he provided food and drinks for Handy, others on Handy's slate and their campaign workers on Election Day 2004, when Handy was elected supervisor, and hasn't been paid.

Handy has said he received no bill and that he wasn't involved in Team Handy's

catering arrangements for that day.

On Friday Judge Richard Hammer Jr., in 21st District Court, rescheduled the trial for Monday, Nov. 19, in order to give the parties more time to settle the claim.

"We're close," said Dragan Stojanov, Zdravkovski's attorney. He would not divulge details of any in-the-works settlement.

The suit was originally filed in Redford's 17th District Court, but Judge Karen Khalil recused herself and the court from the case because of familiarity with the people involved. It was assigned to the 21st District Court in Garden City.

Neither Handy nor Zdravkovski appeared in court Friday.

## 'Honor and Comfort' benefits military organizations

A benefit dinner, planned for Wednesday, Oct. 24, will help raise money to support and assist injured members of the military and their caregivers.

The "Honor and Comfort" dinner will be held 5:30-10 p.m. at the Crystal Gardens Banquet Center, 16703 Fort St., Southgate, for the benefit of Michigan Military Moms, Operation Quiet Comfort and other military support groups.

Southgate resident Todd D. Creutz and a returning wounded veteran will share their experiences. Creutz is a survivor of the attack on the World Trade Center

survivor on Sept. 11, 2001.

The evening also will include live and silent auctions and special prizes. Auction items include a certificate for 2 persons to fly the skies of Detroit with News/Talk 760 WJR's Captain Joel Alexander in the News/Talk WJR JetCopter during the Afternoon Drive Metro Traffic coverage, one-week condo stay at Casa Blanca on Siesta Key, Fla., gift certificates to area restaurants, florists and business services.

There also will be quilt square signings at \$10 per square. The squares are used for Four Freedom Gratitude Quilts which

are given to injured service members. The quilts are made of denim squares cut from jeans, are signed by groups and individuals and include messages of support.

Dinner tickets cost \$35 per person in advance and \$40 at the door. They're can be ordered, using a charge card, by calling Crystal Gardens at (734) 285-2210. They can be picked up or held at Will Call.

More information about the Honor and Comfort Dinner and a list of businesses selling tickets is available online at [www.honorandcomfort.com](http://www.honorandcomfort.com).

## YW seeks nominations for achievement awards

Time is running out to nominate an outstanding woman you know for the YWCA of Western Wayne County 2007 Women of Achievement Awards. The deadline to nominate is Friday, Oct. 19.

The Women of Achievement Awards recognize outstanding women throughout Western Wayne County in the categories of communications/the arts, business leadership, government/law,

dedicated volunteer, young professional, leadership award and young woman.

Nominees will be honored at the Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon and Silent Auction Nov. 16 at The Dearborn Inn. The YWCA also will honor Carolyn Clifford from WXYZ-TV 7 as its Woman of the Year. The program begins at 11 a.m. with a silent auction. The awards present-

tation begins at 12:15 p.m. The YWCA will also be unveiling an exclusive Women of Achievement sterling silver charm bracelet and omega necklace, created by Solstice Designs, to commemorate the event.

Tickets are \$40 per person and \$400 for tables of 10. Call the YWCA at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 14, for a Women of Achievement nomination form and tickets.

# Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

**Dr. Sheldon Smith helps those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.**

By Elena Lombardi  
For most of us, activities like reading, knitting, driving or playing cards seem like simple tasks, but for those who don't see well, these tasks can be difficult or even impossible. People with visual limitations from conditions like glaucoma, diabetes, cataracts or macular degeneration are said to have low vision.

However for many of these people, Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers they have been seeking. "People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people who have lost vision from these types of eye diseases. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"Many people are told by their doctor that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit specially designed devices to help patients meet their personal visual goals."

Many patients seeking to help themselves end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers. Conversely Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same

telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are."

"Mostly, telescopic glasses focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery" the doctor said, "but they can be set up for closer tasks as well."

"They can even help with driving" the doctor explained. Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles William age 81 of Taylor MI came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer age 70 of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision was 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newspaper. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes are another way to help make reading a little easier. There are as many low vision devices as there are various activities. Dr. Smith also



Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

counsels his patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to safeguard the vision from getting worse.

Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "My objective is to help each patient do what matters most to them. Whatever the goal, I try to match it with a device to meet that need. People really improve their quality of life and independence."

If you or someone you know is struggling to do the things they love because of severe vision problems, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at 1-877-677-2020.

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren, Shelby Township and the Lansing area.

Visit Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at [suburbaneyecare.com](http://suburbaneyecare.com) or find out more about the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists at [ialvs.com](http://ialvs.com).

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# Family member is better suited to be a trustee

**Dear Rick: Is it proper and safe to have your business attorney also be the trustee of your revocable trust or would it be better to have two of my children be trustees (there are four children)? My big concern is the cost involved.**



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

I am not a fan of using professional trustees for living trusts whether they are attorneys, CPAs or banks. I think in the great majority of situations, family members are better suited to handle the duties of trustee.

It is important to understand what a trustee does. A trustee is in charge of managing the trust. In many living trusts, the sole duty of the trustee is to accumulate assets and then to distribute those assets immediately upon death.

In other situations, as opposed to distributing the money upon death, it is dis-

tributed over a period of time so the trustee would be in charge of investing money and accounting for it. In some trusts, the trustee makes decisions as to whether the beneficiary can have access to their money at different points in time. It's not unusual for a trust to have a grandchild as a beneficiary and that grandchild would not be entitled to receive mandatory distributions until they are 30 years of age. Before that time, the trustee has the discretion for distributions and is responsible for managing the money on an ongoing basis.

In cases such as these, I generally prefer the trustee being someone who knows my values

and who would make decisions not purely based upon dollars and cents, but rather what I would want done if I were still around. Obviously, a professional trustee does not have that insight and would make decisions based upon the strict interpretation of the trust.

I recognize where there is ongoing management involved, someone in your family may not have the necessary skills to perform some of the functions required of a trustee. However, to me that is not the issue. The real issue is who has control of the trust. As far as I am concerned, a trustee doesn't necessarily have to have the knowledge to perform all the duties because they can hire professionals to assist them.

In addition, by having a family member involved as opposed to a professional trustee, there is no doubt there would be some control over

fees. Unfortunately, many of the fees charged by attorneys and financial institutions are outrageous and there is very little that a beneficiary can do because, after all, they're not in charge of the trust.

I am not saying there is never a time and place for professional trustees. However, I believe those situations are few and far between. Where there are difficulties within the family, sometimes a professional trustee can be a benefit. However, in most situations I would name a family member and let them hire the expertise needed.

In your situation at hand, why only name two children as successor trustees? After all, let's never forget the main purpose of a good estate plan is to promote family harmony. If assets are distributed equally to children upon death, having them all involved tends to limit disagreements. If only

two of the children are successor trustees, the others may feel slighted.

If you are going to engage the services of a professional trustee, it is important to understand the fee structure before you name them in your trust document. In addition, a provision you may wish to consider is allowing the beneficiaries in certain situations to fire the professional trustee and higher a new one. This would allow the beneficiaries to have some power and to be able to keep a check and balance system over the professional trustee.

In addition, if you name a bank, it may not be around at your demise. We have seen many bank mergers over the last number of years and I have no doubt we will see more in the future. Therefore, your trust document should address this issue.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

## Fieger latest 'Dining With Stars' guest

The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Southfield attorney Geoffrey Fieger.



Fieger

Fieger is one of the most successful and controversial trial attorneys in the country.

According to his Web site, Fieger has won more multi-million-dollar awards than any other attorney in the country. A few of his most well-known trials include the defense of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the Jenny Jones Show trial, and the defense of Nathaniel Abraham, the youngest person ever tried for murder as an adult in the state of Michigan.

Fieger has won record awards in Michigan, Florida, Pennsylvania and Indiana, and many of his trials have generated national attention and set legal precedents.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you'd like to have lunch or dinner with Geoffrey Fieger at Buddy's Pizza.

Send your fan letter to [BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com](mailto:BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com) and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15.

A photograph of you and Fieger will be published in the Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers and online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

The winner will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of All Class Transportation & Limousine Services; a make-over from Beauty Salon by J. Lyle Ltd. featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick; a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield; and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" will feature Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and O&E columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-

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**GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL WELLNESS PROGRAMS**

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**Monday, Oct. 15**  
**Power Hour** at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we guarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

**Childbirth Education** (sixth of six classes) at 6 p.m. The six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class run-time is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

**Tuesday, Oct. 16**  
**Get Up and Move** at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get-moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for

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**Strength and Stretch** at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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**Yoga** (second of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

**Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club** at 7:30 p.m. Support is offered

to those who have had an aneurysm or stroke as well as to their family and friends. The club meets every third Tuesday of the month to listen to various presentations and to promote interaction between people who have something in common. This free group is held in Garden City Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit dining room. For more information, please call (734) 458-4392.

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**CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic** at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call

(734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

**Eating Disorders Support Group** at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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**Presidential politics pop up in suburbs**

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
 STAFF WRITER

California Congressman Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., who is seeking the Republican nomination for president, used E&E Manufacturing in Plymouth to outline the Restore Manufacturing Act he'll introduce in the U.S. House of Representatives, one he says will eliminate all federal income taxes on domestic manufacturers and level the playing field against low-cost global competition.

"If you stay in the United States and you employ Americans and don't go off shore, my bill cuts your manufacturing taxes to zero," Hunter told several hundred workers, supplier representatives and others at E&E Monday afternoon. "That will keep our industry here, and stop the ones that are being tugged off shore from going off shore. And I think that will bring some jobs back."

Hunter was in town to participate in Tuesday's presidential debate in Dearborn, which gave E&E owner Wes Smith an opportunity to show his support for Hunter. Smith said while the federal government announced 110,000 jobs were created last month, the manufacturing sector lost 18,000 jobs, a total of 148,000 for the year and 3.4 million since 2000.

"Some of our friends in Washington will tell you these losses are the result of a more efficient, productive workforce," Smith told the audience. "The real efficiencies are in the purchasing departments of our largest multi-national corporations. They are working harder than ever to bring all their products, except components, from every low-cost country they can find."

"The economic and military might our nation has been built on the foundation of our vast manufacturing strength," he added. "This foundation is crumbling by the constant chipping away of low-cost and communist countries employ-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Presidential hopeful Duncan Hunter talks about the loss of U.S. manufacturing at E&E Manufacturing in Plymouth Township.**

ing illegal trade practices." Hunter received applause when he told workers he'll restore the nation's industrial base.

"I will stop China from cheating on jobs, and I will make sure we maintain and bring back to our country high-paying manufacturing jobs," Hunter said. "That's my promise to you."

That was good news to E&E employee Shirletha Garby, 43, of Detroit.

"I'm concerned about illegal immigrants and China taking all our work," Garby said. "I just want to see our jobs come back and our people back to working."

Smith, chairman of the national Precision Metalformers Association which is supporting Hunter's new bill, said there are better-known candidates, but he's supporting Hunter in his bid for the Republican nomination for president.

"When you listen to the presidential debates, he's the only one who really talks about manufacturing, and he talks about it from the small- and medium-size point of view," Smith said. "Others will tell you things are great, wonderful, but it's not."

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## Anderson cannot have it both ways

The anti-tax zealots are forging ahead with recall efforts against Michigan legislators who voted in favor of two tax measures as part of a package to achieve a constitutionally required balanced budget.

The pressure has been intense in some districts where Democrats won by narrow margins in the last election and in the few districts where Republicans bucked their party and voted for one or both of the tax increases.

Certainly Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, whose district includes Westland, Garden City, Redford and Livonia, won't be feeling the recall heat. He voted against both tax measures.

Anderson represents one of those districts that splits fairly evenly. He defeated an incumbent Republican, Laura Toy, in the last election. In a press release, he said he heard from his constituents that they were "overwhelmingly" opposed to raising taxes. He went on to say that he favors focusing on reforms and would "continue to look for every opportunity to get the most out of each tax dollar the state spends."

That's a fair position. Republicans on principle advocate limited government. But even many Republicans were leery of the level of spending cuts proposed for the state budget.

Anderson's concern about the burden of the extra income tax on his constituents, somewhere between \$6 and \$10 a week, seems to overlook the needs of his constituents for good schools, health care, public safety and other state-financed services. We share his concern about the disjointed and arbitrary tax on services.

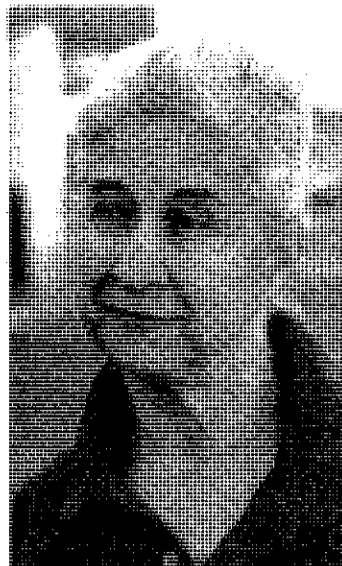
But as the state now works toward finding ways to cut \$440 million from the budget, we expect Anderson to take a leadership position in slashing programs and tightening the belt.

If Anderson believes the budget could have been balanced without new taxes, then he needs to stand firm against future government spending, because he and other legislators cannot have it both ways.

If, on the other hand, he only voted to avoid the wrath of the anti-tax zealots, then he owes his constituents an apology for not doing the right thing on the most important vote he'll make this session.

COMMUNITY VOICES

What do you think about the state's new service tax?



"I think it's ridiculous. Michigan is in the worst shape I've seen and I've been here 30 years. I've never seen it like this. It's discouraging."

Beulah Raper  
Garden City



"I know it's needed, but being a single mom with a 15-year-old grandson that I'm raising, it hurts."

Kathy Green  
Garden City



"It's pretty reasonable, but I don't think it makes to shift it down to the workers. It bothers me because the ones buying and paying the taxes are the workers."

William Tucker  
Detroit



"I don't think it's fair. I don't want to pay more for everything when they're sitting up there and don't have to worry about losing their jobs."

Beth Patra  
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LETTERS

Repeal income tax

Repeal the income tax to keep cash in the pockets of consumers!

They can choose what services they need, and "volunteer" to pay the additional tax if they want to. To repeal the service tax is the wrong way to go. I do not know what the Detroit Chamber and businesses are complaining about, they will just pass that tax on to the consumer like any other purchased good where we pay sales tax.

In fact, the legislators need to expand the service tax to include games, movies and events to get the full potential of this tax, an estimated additional \$50,000,000 in revenue.

If Lansing takes this action plus the following 11 they would be well on their way to repealing the income tax increase without impacting services to the citizens of the state of Michigan:

1. Make the political parties pay for the primary elections, not the citizens of Michigan = \$10,000,000
2. Bid out the state health care pro-

grams at once every three years instead of using the same policy every year = \$500,000

3. Cancel the new state police HQ project, it's not needed or wanted by the state police or Michigan State University = \$112,000,000

4. Replace the state pension program with a 401(k)-style program managed by a third party nonprofit = \$52,400,000

5. Reduce staff and expense accounts for legislators = \$550,000

6. Eliminate paying for legislators' membership dues to organizations = \$103,000

7. Eliminate lifelong health care and retirement for elected legislators = \$4,533,900

8. Eliminate cars, housing and driving allowances for legislators and staff = \$20,000,000

9. Overhaul the state's Information Technology Department = \$81,922,020

10. Abolish the state Senate. We have no need for two sets of stagnant legislators! = \$36,192,200

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nating senators and staff = \$967,900

Add it all up for a grand total of \$369,169,020! And these are just estimates based on the House fiscal analysis of the legislative branch budgets. Imagine the combined savings when you throw in some cuts from the executive branch and judicial branch!

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# Catholic leader: Immigrants must be treated like people

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

A Catholic bishop, who has Texas roots near the Mexican border, told a group Tuesday that America needs to come up with a humane way to deal with its immigration problem.

Detroit Bishop Daniel E. Flores, who grew up in Corpus Christi, spoke at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church in Canton. The church's social justice committee invited Flores to speak on the issue of immigration.

Flores, who was ordained a bishop with the Archdiocese of Detroit in 2006, said the Catholic church has been debating the issue of immigration for a number of years. In fact, the pope has a pontifical council that deals specifically with migrants, political refugees, and itinerant peoples.

He said the issue of immigration in America is causing a dilemma because two "principles" are odds with one another.

"It is the right of a sovereign nation to protect its borders. It's also a right for people to leave dire situations to look for better conditions to support their families," he said. "How do we reach an accord of these



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bishop Daniel Flores speaks about immigration issues Tuesday.

two principles?

"We have a serious political problem to solve."

Flores said there are several issues that the church believes should be dealt with to help solve the problem.

First, he said economic reform must be sought in Mexico, including revisiting the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), to improve the life of poor Mexicans, so they won't be compelled to leave their home and families to seek work in America. Secondly, America should develop a workable

visa system "that doesn't take a decade to work through" to encourage legal immigration.

Also, he said America needs "a more transparent recognition of who is here" and giving immigrants already here legal status. He said this would be in America's best interest because leaders would know who is here, but it would also protect immigrants who might "fall prey to unscrupulous employers."

In the meantime, Flores said it is the obligation of every Catholic, and all Christians for that matter, to treat immi-

grants, and all people with compassion.

"You can't just say they're not here, because they are. They're here. And they are people," Flores said. "The human dignity and human rights of a

migrant must be respected and protected."

St. Thomas a' Becket member JoAnn Erpelding, a Canton resident, was impressed with Flores. She said the topic of immigration was a pertinent

one, with no easy answers.

"He is a very kind man. He has the right ideas on some of these issues," she said. "These are important issues that we have to think about and talk about."

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# Spartans cruise to 1st-ever WLAA title

## Western no match, 35-3

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson put an exclamation point on the Western Lakes Activities Association portion of its football schedule with a resounding 35-3 victory Friday at home over Walled Lake Western.

The Lakes Division champions earned their first WLAA championship in school history and improved to 8-0 overall, while the Warriors, the Western Division winners, fall to 6-2.

Stevenson 13th-year coach Tim Gabel was doused with water following the victory and then was handed the WLAA trophy.

"It was a big game, just by the very magnitude of it being a championship game," said Gabel, whose team can cap an undefeated regular season with a win next Friday at Brighton. "This means a lot because it's a great league with a lot of great coaches. It's a tremendous accomplishment."

Before anyone could get

settled in their seats, Stevenson took a 14-0 lead.

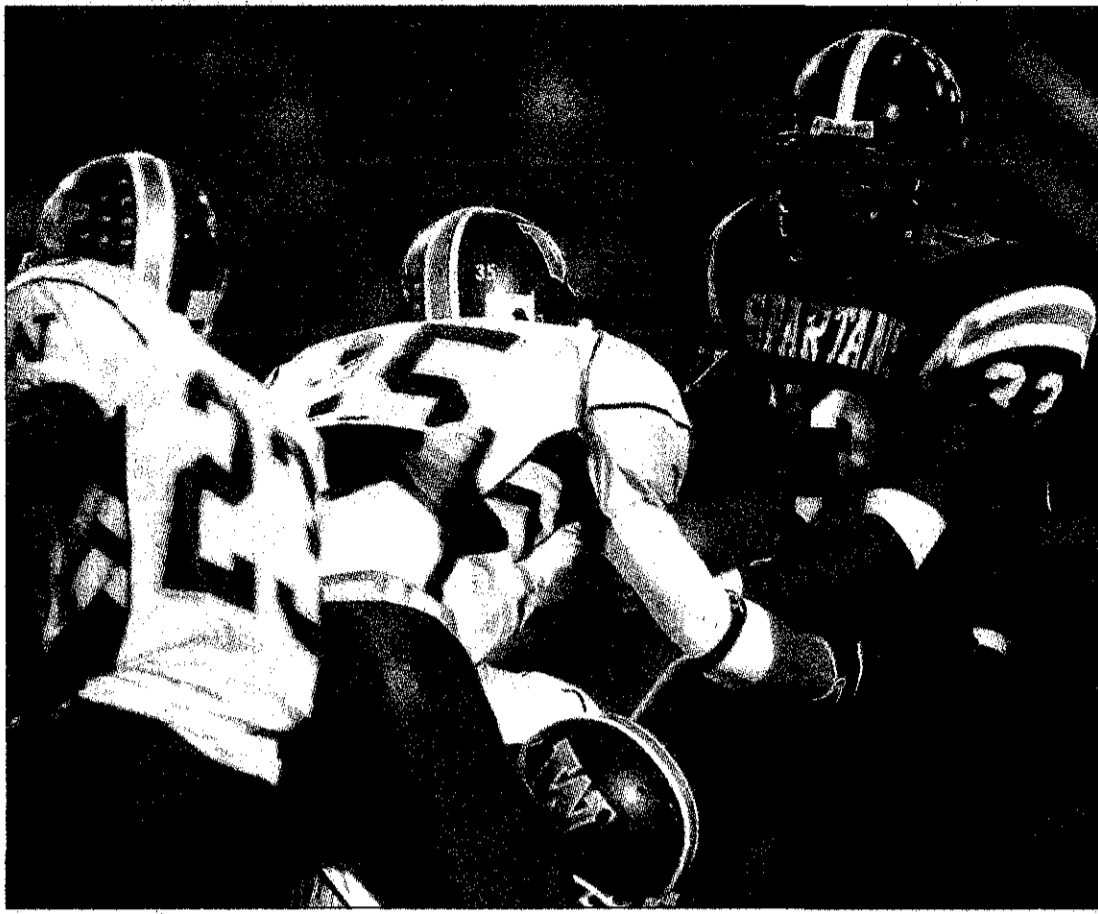
Western pooched the kickoff and Stevenson junior return man Wade Stahl took the ball at his own 36, found a seam and a wall of blockers in front of him, and raced 64 yards for a touchdown just nine seconds into the game.

Stevenson defensive back Pat York then intercepted a Western pass at his own 35, and six plays later, quarterback Mitchell White scored on a 1-yard sneak to give the Spartans a 14-point cushion following Jonny Myshock's extra point.

With 1:34 left in the first quarter, Stevenson thwarted a Western drive when Wade Stahl picked off another Western pass at his own 1-yard line.

Western got on the board with 4:15 remaining in the first half on a 36-yard field goal by Matt Watko, but Stevenson responded just a minute later when sophomore Austin White, who led all rushers with 123

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Emanuel Onwuemene looks for an opening in the Walled Lake Western defense as he makes his way downfield leading to the Spartans' second TD during Friday's WLAA championship game.

## Sidelines

### Sharing the Dream

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will host five female Olympians, including Livonia and Stevenson High grad Sheila Taormina, in a Sharing the Dream program from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Nov. 3 at Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road (between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy Road).

Joining Taormina will be Shannon Miller (gymnastics), Angela Ruggiero (ice hockey), Cheryl Hayworth and Natalie Woolfolk (weightlifting).

Taormina is currently competing in the modern pentathlon and trying to make history to become the first woman to compete in the Olympic Games in three different sports. She captured a gold medal in swimming at the 1996 Atlanta Summer Games (women's 4 x 200-meter relay). In the women's triathlon, she also competed in the 2000 Athens Games (finishing sixth) and the 2004 Sydney Games (23rd).

Special guest appearances will also be made by professional dance crews the Detroit All Stars and a.s.i.d.

Pre-sale tickets are \$3 and are available at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road) and Eddie Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (off Stark just west of Farmington Road). Tickets are the door are \$5.

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### Blazers tie Mercy

Senior Jenna Sheahan's second-half goal enabled Livonia Ladywood to earn a 1-all draw in Michigan High School Field Hockey League action at Farmington Hills Mercy.

Ladywood, getting five saves from sophomore goalie Sara Burnosky, is 4-4-4 overall and 1-3-4 in Division II of the MHSFHL.



Churchill's Lexi McFarlane turned in another strong showing in Thursday's Division 1 regional at Giant Oaks in Temperance with a 92 as the Chargers took third in the team standings and qualified for the state tourney.

## Churchill joins fray

### Warner regional medalist, Chargers head to state

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Shannon Warner will have some welcome company this season at the Division 1 state girls golf tournament.

The senior, two-time defending state medalist, shot a 71 Thursday at Giant Oaks in Temperance to win her fourth straight regional title.

She also got a bonus as the Chargers finished third in the team standings with a 370 total, edging Sahine by four strokes for the third and final qualifying spot and a trip to the state finals, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20, at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows in Allendale.

Churchill, securing its first state qualifying berth since 2000, placed fourth the past two years, four shots off the pace last May and only two strokes behind in 2006.

"We've been close the last two years and this puts a punctuation mark on our season," Churchill coach Gary Harper said. "The girls were ecstatic to finally make it. They were very happy. Shannon's been up there (as an individual state qualifier) the

past last three years. She's really pleased that her teammates will be with her."

Junior Lexi McFarlane, coming off an All-Conference round of 84 in Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament at Canton's Pheasant Run, continued her strong play by shooting 47-45-92 at Giant Oaks.

Seniors Danielle Lesniak (53-50-103) and Amanda Dobos (52-52-104) rounded out Churchill's scorers. Junior Jessica Burdette came in at 55-51-106.

Cool temperatures and wet conditions played havoc during the first nine, but Warner continue her sterling play. Coming off a course-record 67 in the WLAA tourney, she warmed up with a 33 after scoring a 38 on the front side at Giant Oaks.

"The scores got better as the weather cleared," Harper said. "The first few holes were pretty miserable, mostly rain and winds around 25 MPH. It's an old-style, country club course. The rough was wet and pretty grown up."

The Chargers, WLAA co-champions with Northville, had the benefit of playing a practice round at Giant Oaks only a

week earlier.

"We charted out the course as far as where to hit," Harper said. "On the doglegs we had to lay up on the right side of the fairway to set up the next shot, try and play it smart."

Although Warner was able to get in a practice round recently at The Meadows when she was in Grand Rapids with the Churchill volleyball team, the rest of the Chargers will be playing GVSU course for the first time.

"From what I know, it's fair," Harper said. "The greens can be tricky. It depends where the pins are placed."

Franklin senior Paige Scarpace shot an 87, just missing an individual qualifying berth by one place.

"Tee to green she hit the ball great, but really struggled finding her touch around the greens in wet conditions," Franklin coach Brian McCalister said. "She rarely chipped the ball close and that led to a few three, and even four-putts. It was a disappointing end to a season in which she

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# Stevenson nets co-share of regional crown

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

For the second consecutive season, Livonia Stevenson is headed to the Division 1 boys state tennis finals.

The Spartans booked a trip next weekend to Midland by sharing the regional title Friday at Flat Rock-Woodhaven with Dearborn High, each scoring 25 points.

Livonia Churchill just missed the state team cut by one point, scoring 17 followed by Dearborn Fordson, 11; host Woodhaven, 9, Livonia Franklin and Taylor Truman, 6 each; Wayne Memorial and Southgate, 2 each; and Detroit Cass Tech, 1.

## BOYS TENNIS

Stevenson, tied for 16th in last year's Division 1 finals, reached the finals in seven of eight flights, winning three singles and one doubles crown.

"We knew it wasn't a lock to qualify because Dearborn and Fordson always have good doubles teams, and not to forget Churchill from our own league (Western Lakes)," Stevenson fifth-year coach Kathy Ladd said. "I'm very proud of our play in both singles and doubles. Our guys were very focused. They were all business and they played well. The day went smoothly and we're looking forward to going to 'state.'"

Stevenson singles winners included senior Gino McCathney (No. 1), who beat Dearborn's Dean Masuda, 6-2, 6-3; junior Chris Martin (No. 3), who downed Alex Bentz of Dearborn, 6-1, 6-2; and junior Erik Koch, who downed Alex Close of Churchill, 6-2, 6-3.

McCathney reached the final with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Wayne's Kevin Erdmann. Martin lost only four games in his three matches, while Koch dropped just seven en route to the title.

At No. 2 singles, Churchill sophomore Aniket Patil, the Western Lakes champion, defeated Kellen Mrkza of Dearborn for the regional title, 6-4, 6-1. Patil was coming off a 7-6 (7-3

tiebreaker), 6-2 triumph over Canton's Mike Darouie in the WLAA final. Stevenson's other title came at No. 4 doubles as seniors Evan McWilliams and Grant Campbell bested Ali Nasrallah and Wassim Khanafar of Fordson, 6-1, 7-5.

Dearborn took the first three doubles crowns - all against Stevenson in the finals.

Kosta Ramirez and Nick Elliott (No. 1) defeated Mike Greco and Pat McHugh in three sets, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; Cody McDonald and Mo Haider (No. 2) downed Clayton Northey and Chris Orlos, 6-3, 7-6; and Derek Baker and Shaun Range (No. 3) stopped Alex Cook and Ben Bagazinski, 7-5, 6-3.

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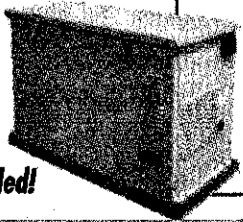
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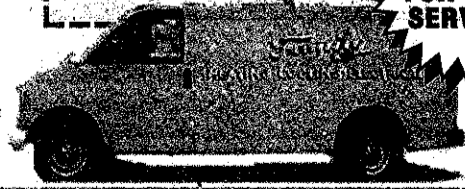
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DUAL MEET RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 12 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 74 Oct. 11 at John Glenn 200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Caitlin O'Sullivan, Jordan Burgess, Ashley Sells, Rachael Alholinn), 2:05.0; 2. Churchill (Lisa Cezal, Eren Ural, Emily Hiser, Ashley Cabadas), 2:14.2; 3. John Glenn, 2:16.2. 200 freestyle: 1. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 2:05.5; 2. Casey Peterson (WJG), 2:06.7; 3. Kim Raley (WJG), 2:19.4. 200 individual medley: 1. Samantha Reid (LC), 2:31.1; 2. Hiser (LC), 2:37.2; 3. Danielle Gunther (WJG), 2:45.9. 50 freestyle: 1. Jessica Fielhauer (WJG), 28.4; 2. Cabadas (LC), 28.9; 3. Alholinn (WJG), 30.1. 1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 174.60 points; 2. Katrina St. Pierre (LC), 170.90; 3. Kallie Stancer (LC), 146.5. 100 butterfly: 1. Reid (LC), 1:07.0; 2. Sparks (WJG), 1:07.7; 3. Hiser (LC), 1:08.6. 100 freestyle: 1. Fielhauer (WJG), 1:02.0; 2. Cabadas (LC), 1:04.5; 3. Raley (WJG), 1:05.4. 500 freestyle: 1. Sells (WJG), 5:28.9; 2. Peterson (WJG), 5:41.4; 3. Leslie Botts (WJG), 6:35.6. 200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Raley, Peterson, Jennie Humbach, Sparks), 1:55.7; 2. Churchill (Lorie Avanesian, Katrina Nelson, Haley Fox, Reid), 1:58.8; 3. John Glenn, 2:01.3. 100 backstroke: 1. Burgess (WJG), 1:06.1; 2. Emily Parker (LC), 1:16.9; 3. Avanesian (LC), 1:17.0. 200 breaststroke: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:14.3; 2. Ural (LC), 1:26.0; 3. Chelsea Wezeny (LC), 1:28.6. 400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Raley, Peterson, Sells, Sparks), 4:09.2; 2. Churchill (Cabadas, Hiser, Avanesian, Reid), 4:16.4; 3. Churchill, 4:41.3. Dual meet records: John Glenn, 4-2 overall; 2-1 WLA-Lakes Division; Churchill, 1-7 overall and 0-3 WLA-Lakes Division.

Plymouth, 4:28.77. Franklin's dual meet record: 4-2 overall, 2-1 WLA-Lakes Division. FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 145 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 40 Oct. 11 at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center 200-yard medley relay: 1. Mercy (Abby Wallace, Maria Bargardi, Caley Shimskey, Alex Swies), 1:59.9; 2. Ladywood (Brianna Wilson, Mandy Nameth, Kelley Hodges, Shannon Kelly), 2:03.1; 3. Mercy, 2:03.46. 200 freestyle: 1. Maddie Patterson (FHM), 2:14.6; 2. Ernie Noble (FHM), 2:15.76; 3. Kari Santeiu (LL), 2:18.27. 200 individual medley: 1. Mo Nicholson (FHM), 2:17.79; 2. Kathryn Carey (FHM), 2:19.21; 3. Alexa Milewski, 2:22.66. 50 freestyle: 1. Sarah Baumann (FHM), 25.7; 2. Anna Vandecaveye (FHM), 26.8; 3. Gabi Crowley (FHM), 27.56. 1-meter diving: 1. Carlie Sevald (FHM), 216.80 points; 2. Megan Novak (FHM), 203.1; 3. Allison Spitzley (LL), 175.40. 100 butterfly: 1. Lauren Ochoa (FHM), 1:05.52; 2. Jill Becker (FHM), 1:06.87; 3. Crowley (FHM), 1:08.31. 100 freestyle: 1. Baumann (FHM), 56.46; 2. Vandecaveye (FHM), 56.8; 3. Lauren Duda (FHM), 1:00.09. 500 freestyle: 1. Hisami Kakhira (FHM), 5:31.56; 2. Swies (FHM), 5:41.08; 3. Katie Patterson (FHM), 5:47.06. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Mercy (Wallace, Ochoa, Noble, Baumann), 1:48.7; 2. Ladywood (Kelly, Wilson, Nameth, Hodges), 1:48.94; 3. Mercy, 1:52.78. 100 backstroke: 1. Nicholson (FHM), 1:05.07; 2. Alex Milewski (FHM), 1:06.53; 3. M. Patterson (FHM), 1:11.7. 100 breaststroke: 1. Carey (FHM), 1:10.8; 2. Shimskey (FHM), 1:11.37; 3. Bargardi (FHM), 1:11.92. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Mercy (Nicholson, Noble, Ochoa, Kakhira), 4:03.83; 2. Mercy (Perr Michalzuk, Kelly Karpus, K. Patterson, Swies), 4:04.92; 3. Mercy, 4:07.98. Dual meet records: Mercy, 7-0 overall, 5-0 Catholic League; Ladywood, 4-5 overall, 3-1 Catholic League.

WAYNE MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL GIRLS SWIM MEET Oct. 5-6 at Wayne TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 383 points; 2. Livonia Ladywood, 275; 3. Livonia Churchill, 213; 4. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 138; 5. Wayne Memorial, 136; 6. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 99; 7. Garden City, 61. FINAL HEAT RESULTS 200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood (Brianna Wilson, Mandy Nameth, Annemarie Brinkman, Shannon Kelly), 2:03.23; 2. John Glenn (Ashley Sells, Khiry Sparks, Jessica Fielhauer, Jennie Humbach), 2:03.4; 3. Churchill (Stephanie D'Annunzio, Eren Ural, Natalie Hiser, Katrina Nelson), 2:10.45; 4. Crestwood, 2:22.07; 5. Annapolis, 2:27.08; 6. Wayne, 2:32.71. 200 freestyle: 1. Jordan Burgess (WJG), 2:04.73; 2. Samantha Reid (LC), 2:11.4; 3. Kelley Hodges (LL), 2:13.93; 4. Amanda Bacchus (DHA), 2:18.78; 5. Courtney Lyskawa (LL), 2:20.96; 6. Sadie Earnest (WM), 2:22.48. 200 individual medley: 1. Casey Peterson (WJG), 2:25.85; 2. Wilson (LL), 2:33.30; 3. Chelsea Randles (WM), 2:40.64; 4. Keri Santeiu (LL), 2:35.76; 5. Brinkman (LL), 2:40.64; 6. Jill Morgan (DHA), 2:41.46. 50 freestyle: 1. Sparks (WJG), 27.21; 2. Kelly (LL), 27.36; 3. Madelynn Bevil (WM), 27.43; 4. Rachel Rakstis (DHC), 28.12; 5. Fielhauer (WJG), 28.62. 1-meter diving: 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 302.80 points (11 dives); 2. Ivana Koleva (DHC), 295.05; 3. Katrina St. Pierre (LC), 293.70; 4. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 265.95; 5. Humbach (WJG), 222.50; 6. Kely Harris (WJG), 221.0. 100 butterfly: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:00.45; 2. Randles (WM), 1:09.41; 3. Hiser (LC), 1:09.94; 4. Earnest (WM), 1:10.91; 5. Brinkman (LL), 1:11.93; 6. Hodges (LL), 1:12.65. 100 freestyle: 1. Peterson (WJG), 59.52; 2. Kelly (LL), 1:01.12; 3. Bevil (WM), 1:01.29; 4. Nikki Burnaska (DHA), 1:02.95; 5. Rakstis (DHC), 1:02.96; 6. Fielhauer (WJG), 1:03.26. 500 freestyle: 1. Burgess (WJG), 5:26.76; 2. Reid (LC), 5:59.67; 3. Santeiu (LL), 6:04.39; 4. Morgan (DHA), 6:07.8; 5. Bacchus (DHA), 6:08.12; 6. Humbach (WJG), 6:27.53. 200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Fielhauer, Peterson, Sparks, Burgess), 1:49.12; 2. Ladywood (Mollie Pelon, Santeiu, Nameth, Hodges), 1:53.21; 3. Wayne (Bevil, Randles, Earnest, Krystle Crandall), 1:54.55; 4. Churchill, 1:57.0; 5. Annapolis, 2:00.62; 6. Crestwood, 2:00.95. 100 backstroke: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:03.78 (pool record); 1. Wilson (LL), 1:07.89; 3. Hiser (LC), 1:11.84; 4. Caitlin O'Sullivan (WJG), 1:13.99; 5. Emily Parker (LC), 1:16.54; 6. Ashley Solberg (WJG), 1:17.35. 100 breaststroke: 1. Sparks (WJG), 1:15.1; 2. Nameth (LL), 1:15.6; 3. Harris (WJG), 1:18.96; 4. Pelon (LL), 1:23.34; 5. Jacquelyn Hewitt (WJG), 1:24.08; 6. Ural (LC), 1:26.57. 400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Humbach, Sells, Peterson, Burgess), 4:01.08; 2. Ladywood (Kelly, Santeiu, Wilson, Hodges), 4:06.43; 3. Churchill (Ashley Cabadas, D'Annunzio, Hiser, Reid), 4:10.18; 4. Wayne, 4:18.98; 5. Annapolis, 4:26.48; 6. Garden City, 4:45.92.

PLYMOUTH 96 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 90 Oct. 11 at Franklin 200-yard medley relay: 1. Franklin (Jordan Haymour, Natalie Cote, Kayla Douglas, Katie Kent), 2:03.2; 2. Plymouth (Chantel Cote, Madison Tustian, Abby Kelly, Paige Stevens), 2:16.9; 3. Franklin, 2:23.45. 200 freestyle: 1. Cote (LF), 2:04.37; 2. Michelle Change (P), 2:08.05; 3. Molly McKinstry (P), 2:16.91. 200 individual medley: 1. Sija Hao (P), 2:23.52; 2. Haymour (LF), 2:29.95; 3. Dominique Jordan (LF), 2:38.12. 50 freestyle: 1. Alyssa Liakos (P), 27.18; 2. Kent (LF), 28.1; 3. Colleen Anthony (LF), 28.62. 1-meter diving: 1. Meghan Powers (LF), 157.80 points; 2. Emily Quint (LF), 153.60; 3. Kay Borst (P), 132.45. 100 butterfly: 1. Douglas (LF), 1:06.26; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:09.14; 3. Elie Palczynski (P), 1:12.9. 100 freestyle: 1. Cote (LF), 57.2; 2. Kent (LF), 1:01.16; 3. Liakos (P), 1:01.77. 500 freestyle: 1. Hao (P), 5:35.36; 2. Haymour (LF), 5:53.05; 3. McKinstry (P), 6:01.68. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Douglas, Cote, Kent, Anthony), 1:50.4; 2. Plymouth (Chang, Palczynski, Cote, McKinstry), 1:53.9; 3. Plymouth, 2:05.32. 100 backstroke: 1. Douglas (LF), 1:05.71; 2. Maslyk (P), 1:11.46; 3. Celeste Alexander (P), 1:15.63. 100 breaststroke: 1. Palczynski (P), 1:15.4; 2. Chang (P), 1:20.14; 3. Tustian (P), 1:22.0. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Hao, Liakos, Maslyk, Chang), 4:02.36; 2. Franklin (Jessica Gilbert, Rose Carpenter, Anthony, Haymour), 4:19.37; 3.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood (Brianna Wilson, Mandy Nameth, Annemarie Brinkman, Shannon Kelly), 2:07.99; 2. Canton, 2:10.31; 3. Canton, 2:15.40. 200 freestyle: 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:07.43; 2. Kelley Hodges (LL), 2:16.42; 3. Katie Kubacki (C), 2:16.78. 200 IM: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 2:07.77; 2. Catherine Irwin (C), 2:23.65; 3. Keri Santeiu (LL), 2:35.54. 50 freestyle: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 26.8; 2. Kelly (LL), 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 27.82. 1-meter diving: 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 188.85 points; 2. Mallory Hudak (C), 184.20; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 162.75. 100 butterfly: 1. Kayla Eyster (C), 1:10.42; 2. Hodges (LL), 1:11.97; 3. Brinkman (LL), 1:14.42. 100 freestyle: 1. Kelly (LL), 1:01.81; 2. Kubacki (C), 1:02.19; 3. Meghan Sears (C), 1:02.61. 500 freestyle: 1. Santeiu (LL), 5:58.33; 2. Sara Schmitt (C), 5:58.63; 3. Maddy McLean (C), 6:05.99. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Blaesser, Maddy McDuiff, Sears, Carlson), 1:51.13; 2. Canton, 1:52.94; 3. Ladywood, 1:53.46. 100 backstroke: 1. Wilson (LL), 1:10.12; 2. Eyster (C), 1:11.81; 3. Lindsey Kubacki (C), 1:18.01.

100 breaststroke: 1. A. Schmitt (C), 1:17.3; 2. Nameth (LL), 1:17.39; 3. Mollie Pelon (LL), 1:23.47. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Kelly, Santeiu, Wilson, Hodges), 4:14.31; 2. Canton, 4:47.0; 3. Wayne Memorial, 4:47.0. Dual meet records: Ladywood, 4-2 overall; Ladywood, 4-4 overall. WAYNE MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL GIRLS SWIM MEET Oct. 5-6 at Wayne TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 383 points; 2. Livonia Ladywood, 275; 3. Livonia Churchill, 213; 4. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 138; 5. Wayne Memorial, 136; 6. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 99; 7. Garden City, 61. FINAL HEAT RESULTS 200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood (Brianna Wilson, Mandy Nameth, Annemarie Brinkman, Shannon Kelly), 2:03.23; 2. John Glenn (Ashley Sells, Khiry Sparks, Jessica Fielhauer, Jennie Humbach), 2:03.4; 3. Churchill (Stephanie D'Annunzio, Eren Ural, Natalie Hiser, Katrina Nelson), 2:10.45; 4. Crestwood, 2:22.07; 5. Annapolis, 2:27.08; 6. Wayne, 2:32.71. 200 freestyle: 1. Jordan Burgess (WJG), 2:04.73; 2. Samantha Reid (LC), 2:11.4; 3. Kelley Hodges (LL), 2:13.93; 4. Amanda Bacchus (DHA), 2:18.78; 5. Courtney Lyskawa (LL), 2:20.96; 6. Sadie Earnest (WM), 2:22.48. 200 individual medley: 1. Casey Peterson (WJG), 2:25.85; 2. Wilson (LL), 2:33.30; 3. Chelsea Randles (WM), 2:40.64; 4. Keri Santeiu (LL), 2:35.76; 5. Brinkman (LL), 2:40.64; 6. Jill Morgan (DHA), 2:41.46. 50 freestyle: 1. Sparks (WJG), 27.21; 2. Kelly (LL), 27.36; 3. Madelynn Bevil (WM), 27.43; 4. Rachel Rakstis (DHC), 28.12; 5. Fielhauer (WJG), 28.62. 1-meter diving: 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 302.80 points (11 dives); 2. Ivana Koleva (DHC), 295.05; 3. Katrina St. Pierre (LC), 293.70; 4. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 265.95; 5. Humbach (WJG), 222.50; 6. Kely Harris (WJG), 221.0. 100 butterfly: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:00.45; 2. Randles (WM), 1:09.41; 3. Hiser (LC), 1:09.94; 4. Earnest (WM), 1:10.91; 5. Brinkman (LL), 1:11.93; 6. Hodges (LL), 1:12.65. 100 freestyle: 1. Peterson (WJG), 59.52; 2. Kelly (LL), 1:01.12; 3. Bevil (WM), 1:01.29; 4. Nikki Burnaska (DHA), 1:02.95; 5. Rakstis (DHC), 1:02.96; 6. Fielhauer (WJG), 1:03.26. 500 freestyle: 1. Burgess (WJG), 5:26.76; 2. Reid (LC), 5:59.67; 3. Santeiu (LL), 6:04.39; 4. Morgan (DHA), 6:07.8; 5. Bacchus (DHA), 6:08.12; 6. Humbach (WJG), 6:27.53. 200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Fielhauer, Peterson, Sparks, Burgess), 1:49.12; 2. Ladywood (Mollie Pelon, Santeiu, Nameth, Hodges), 1:53.21; 3. Wayne (Bevil, Randles, Earnest, Krystle Crandall), 1:54.55; 4. Churchill, 1:57.0; 5. Annapolis, 2:00.62; 6. Crestwood, 2:00.95. 100 backstroke: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:03.78 (pool record); 1. Wilson (LL), 1:07.89; 3. Hiser (LC), 1:11.84; 4. Caitlin O'Sullivan (WJG), 1:13.99; 5. Emily Parker (LC), 1:16.54; 6. Ashley Solberg (WJG), 1:17.35. 100 breaststroke: 1. Sparks (WJG), 1:15.1; 2. Nameth (LL), 1:15.6; 3. Harris (WJG), 1:18.96; 4. Pelon (LL), 1:23.34; 5. Jacquelyn Hewitt (WJG), 1:24.08; 6. Ural (LC), 1:26.57. 400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Humbach, Sells, Peterson, Burgess), 4:01.08; 2. Ladywood (Kelly, Santeiu, Wilson, Hodges), 4:06.43; 3. Churchill (Ashley Cabadas, D'Annunzio, Hiser, Reid), 4:10.18; 4. Wayne, 4:18.98; 5. Annapolis, 4:26.48; 6. Garden City, 4:45.92.

Churchill nails Salem in Lakes clash

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER Livonia Churchill's front-row aces Kyndra Abron and Kristen Nalez provided the hammers in Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division match against visiting Salem.

But it was the Chargers' back-row specialists - Lindsey Graciak, Jordan Kerr and Shannon Warner - who nailed down the four-game victory over the Rocks, 25-22, 25-11, 23-25, 25-9. Churchill is now 27-2-3 overall and 6-0 in the Lakes. Salem slipped to 31-11-2 and 3-3 in the division. "Kyndra is a fantastic player - she's a big part of what we do - but we have other kids who are equally effective," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier. "Other teams focus on Kyndra, as they should, but we have other kids who do a nice job, too. "We fought some injuries and sickness, but now that we're healthy hopefully it will make a difference for us as we make a push for the second half"

Abron, a senior who has committed to play volleyball at Michigan State University next year, registered 26 floor-punishing kills, seven more than hard-hitting teammate Nalez. Defensively, Graciak, Kerr and Warner combined for 47 digs. Except for a long stretch in their Game 3 victory and portions of Game 1, the Rocks were never able to get into a flow on offense. "Our serve-receive was horrible tonight," lamented Salem coach Amanda Suder. "And we couldn't pass to the target, so we weren't able to make any plays at the net. "Jansen (Falcusan) had 20 assists, but it's hard to set the ball when you're running all over the place like she was tonight. "Churchill is a very well-coached team and they're very scrappy. I thought we did a good job at times on Kyndra tonight, but we couldn't finish."

Judging by the way the first game unfolded, it appeared as if Wednesday's match was going to be a five-game nailbiter. A Falcusan kill knotted things up at 22-all before Churchill swept the final three points to take the game. Game 2 was all Churchill, which raced to a 20-6 advantage before winning 25-11. The Rocks trailed by as many as 17-9 in the third game before rallying behind some scintillating defense by Alyssa Matchette and strong front-row play by Kelly MacDonald to win, 25-23. Game 4 was hardly ever in doubt as the Chargers built a 9-1 lead before coasting in with a 25-9 win. Matchette was sensational for the Rocks, racking up 41 digs. The MacDonald sisters - Kelly and Kerry - recorded nine and six kills, respectively. Churchill has lost just twice despite returning just four players from last year's state championship team. "It's nice to have the anchor in the middle (Abron) back and a couple of other returners, but we're really a different team than we were last year," said Grenier. "This team is carving its own path." The way they're playing, it could be a path that leads straight to Battle Creek, the site of the Division 1 finals.

Warriors take over 1st in Metro

Before an exuberant crowd Thursday, host Lutheran High Westland took over sole possession of first place Thursday in the Metro Conference with a 28-26, 25-18, 25-23 girls volleyball win over Macomb Lutheran North. The Warriors, who ended North's 27-game winning streak in the Metro, improved to 20-1-4 overall and 5-0 in the conference. "We had a lot of fans, we played well," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We have three matches left and this puts us in good shape in the conference." Junior Becca Refenes led the victorious Warriors with 16 kills, 20 digs, three aces and six solo blocks. Allyson Yankee contributed four kills, while setter Lauren Gieschen had 14 assist-to-kills. Kately Ramthun and Myrian Storck each recorded three solo blocks, while Abi Gieschen finished with 12 digs. The Warriors led 20-12 in the first game before the Mustangs (16-8-3, 5-1) rallied to take a 26-25 advantage. Gieschen's ace knot-

ted the count at 26-all and the Warriors got the final two points to win. "We never panicked and were able to pull it out," Wade said. On Tuesday, the Warriors knocked off host Clawson in the Metro Conference match, 25-23, 25-18, 25-12, as the 6-foot-2 Refenes had 16 kills, 12 digs and four solo blocks. Lauren Gieschen and Julie Jongsma each finished with 15 assists, while Kately Ramthun had nine kills. Storck and Yankee added five kills each, while Sam Terranella finished with four. The loss dropped Clawson to 14-7-3 overall and 1-3 in the Metro. CLARENCEVILLE 3, HARPER WOODS 0: Kat Hall and Amber Mills led a balanced attack Thursday as host Livonia Clarenceville (10-11-2, 2-3) defeated the Pioneers in three games, 25-11, 25-14, 25-12. Kat Hall and Amber Mills led the Clarenceville hitting attack with four kills each. Corinne Clark added three kills, while Amanda Moody finished

with 22 digs and three ace serves in the Metro Conference triumph. STEVENSON 3, JOHN GLENN 0: In a WLA-Lakes Division match Wednesday, Stephanie Labby and Meg Iafate each registered 13 kills to lead host Livonia Stevenson (14-12-3, 2-4) past Westland John Glenn (6-11-4, 2-4) in close three games, 25-23, 25-22, 26-24. Other leaders for the Spartans included Brooke Knoche (10 kills), Kaylee McGrath (seven kills, three blocks), Christine Armstrong (six kills), Jordan Pilut (20 digs), Katie Vellucci (11 assists) and Claire LeBlanc (four assists). Labby also contributed 13 digs and Iafate added five blocks. Junior Brittany Holbrook led Glenn with 19 kills, 17 digs and one solo block. Senior Kirstin Kirk added 49 digs. "We're kind of one-sided on offense and defense right now," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "I tried to juggle the lineup, but we had mixed results. We'll see how it goes and keep trying." PLYMOUTH 3, FRANKLIN 0: In a WLA-Lakes Division match Wednesday, the Wildcats (14-6-3, 4-2) defeated host Livonia Franklin (6-20, 1-5) in three straight, 25-23, 25-12, 25-20. Brianna Taylor and Ashley Price finished with nine kills and four digs apiece for the Patriots. Amy McCaughy had a team-high six digs.

First-place Saints boot Madonna

Emily Wabich scored an unassisted goal just 5:28 into the second half Wednesday, and that was enough for visiting Aquinas College to edge Madonna, 2-1 in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer match. Wabich beat the MU defense and deposited her shot to the right of Crusaders freshman goalkeeper and Livonia

WOMEN'S SOCCER Clarenceville alum Chelsea Gregg (three saves). Both teams scored goals during a 3:24 span in the first half. Opening the scoring was Kami Kracht of Aquinas (12-2-0, 8-1-0), finding the mark with a header. Madonna evened things at

the 16:01 mark when junior midfielder Ashley Stoychoff (Salem) chipped in a shot from about five yards in front of Saints' goalkeeper Kristina Gladstone (three saves). Assisting on the Crusaders' goal was freshman forward Chelsea Skinner. Madonna dropped to 7-5-2 overall and 6-3-1 in the conference with the defeat.

MU spikers rebound in WHAC play

The Madonna University women's volleyball team appears to be over its midseason swoon. The Crusaders bounced back on consecutive nights with a victories Thursday at home over Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference cellardweller Aquinas College (30-12, 30-13, 30-19) and Friday in Ann Arbor over Concordia University (30-21, 30-20, 33-31). NALA All-America Lubovj Tihomirova and Mary McGinnis led the way in the win over Concordia with 15 and 12 kills, respectively, as MU improved to 21-7 overall and 9-2 in the WHAC. Setter Inta Grinvalds added 45 assists, while Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill) recorded 15 digs. Eric Manning finished with 13 kills, while Samantha Cuppen added 11 kills and 16 digs for the Cardinals (16-19, 3-6). Tihomirova had a game-high

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL 18 kills in the win over Aquinas (4-20, 0-9), while Whitney Fuelling had 10 block-assists. On Tuesday, the Crusaders had only 38 total kills and fell in a virtual three-way tie for first place in the WHAC as host Cornerstone defeated 17th-ranked MU in three games, 30-19, 30-22, 30-23. Cornerstone, ranked No. 20, got 23 kills from Holly Cousins and 21 from Rebecca Baker to improve to 29-3 overall and 6-2 in the WHAC. Marcie Blacquiere had 42 assist-to-kills for the Golden Eagles. Tihomirova was the MU attacker in double figures in kills with 20. Grinvalds recorded 33 assists, while Gatt finished with a game-high 17 digs. The brief two-game WHAC slide began Oct. 5 as two area players figured prominently as the University of Michigan-Dearborn handed the

Crusaders their first WHAC regular season home setback since Sept. 30, 1997 in four games, 30-28, 30-21, 12-30, 30-28. The Crusaders lost to the Wolves for only the second time in school history. Jamie Wozniak paced the victorious Wolves (16-12, 6-2) with 13 kills. Senior middle blocker Kristi Igo (Wayne Memorial) and 6-foot freshman Courtney Provencher (Garden City) added 12 and 11, respectively. Setter Renee Laidler had 38 assist-to-kills for UMD, while Chelsea McCune finished with a team-high 20 digs. Tihomirova led MU's offensive attack with 18 kills, but hit at only a .111 clip. McGinnis contributed 17 kills, while Fuelling added 10. Grinvalds recorded a game-high 43 assists, while Gatt finished with a game-high 31 digs. Grinvalds and Redford's Amy Szymanski (Livonia Ladywood) added 13 and 12, respectively.

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yards on 11 carries, busted up the middle and raced 55 yards for a TD. And right before the half, York came up with his second interception of the night at his own 37 and returned it to midfield. The Spartans, however, got stalled when they were called for successive personal fouls. Despite the 18-point halftime lead, Gabel was not completely satisfied with what had transpired. "It was nice to have the points, but we struggled offensively the first half and I thought we got outplayed," the Stevenson coach said. "We also had to make some adjustments defensively at halftime. They were moving the ball and had good field position. The inter-

ceptions were key for us." After Western missed a 50-yard field goal try early in the third period, Stevenson salted the game away with a pair of scores - Stahl on a 25-yard TD run down the sideline with 6:58 to go and Mitchell White on a 38-yard TD pass to senior tight end Mike Flynn only 3:25 later. "Wade was awesome tonight," Gabel said. "People always talk all the time about the Whites (brothers), but he has a tremendous set of ball skills and balance as an athlete himself." Stevenson had 339 yards total offense to Western's 132. The Spartans racked up 268 on the ground with senior fullback Emanuel Onwuemene contributing 89 yards on seven carries. Mitchell-White was 4-of-8 passing for 71 yards. "We felt there were some creases in there and there were

some matchups that we liked," Gabel said of the second-half running game. "It's been our M.O. all year to mix it up (the run and pass) the best we can." Stevenson did not have a turnover, while Western had three and gave up a big play on the opening kickoff. "We overran it (the kickoff)," Western coach Mike Zdebski said. "Then we got some momentum going, but we missed two tackles on their big runs and we had three picks. I don't know who you're going to beat doing that, especially this (Stevenson) team. They execute and they don't make mistakes. That's why they're 8-0 and they'll be 9-0 after next week. Their running backs were more explosive than we thought. They were running through the tackles." bemans@oe.homedcomm.net (734) 953-2123



# Ryan's song: Chargers stymie Canton behind 2nd-half surge

Canton's football team's chances of qualifying for the Division 1 state playoffs for the ninth straight year took a serious hit Friday night when it was upended by Livonia Churchill, 20-7, in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game played on the Chargers' home turf.

Playoff-bound Churchill improved its overall football record to 7-1, while the Chiefs fell to 4-4 heading into Friday's season finale against Salem.

Teams that register six wins earn an automatic playoff berth while a select few 5-4 teams get in each year based on a number of criteria.

The last time Canton failed to reach the postseason was 1999 when it went 4-5.

In a contest dominated by both teams' defensive units, the Chiefs held a 7-0 advantage through the first two-and-a-half quarters thanks to a 10-

yard scoring pass from senior quarterback Adam Powers to junior running back Nick Sweda.

The play, which was followed by Dan Stoney's extra point, came at the 7:48 mark of the second quarter.

The Chargers knotted the game at 7-7 with 6:59 left in the third quarter when a pair of Ryans - Whittum and Dolan - made a momentum-altering defensive play. Whittum's hit on Powers forced a fumble, which Dolan picked up and ran to pay dirt. Whittum's ensuing extra point made it 7-all.

Whittum gave the Chargers the lead for good with a 32-yard field goal on the first play of the fourth quarter. The multi-talented senior tacked on a 30-yard field goal with

7:25 left to up Churchill's lead to 13-7.

The Chargers sealed the deal on Jeff Ricketts' 39-yard TD run with 3:45 to play.

Matt Kowalis paced the Chargers offense with 105 yards on 26 carries. Churchill quarterback T.J. Tilley completed 4-of-8 passes for 57 yards.

Churchill's defense, which stopped Canton on four fourth-down plays during the second half, was led by inside linebacker Devin Moynihan (20 tackles), senior linebacker Darius Miller-Wells (eight tackles and two sacks) and Eliot Sylvester, who was in on 11 stops.

Sophomore Alex Dixon was the Chiefs' top ball-carrier, picking up 51 yards on 13 attempts.

Powers led all Canton defenders with 11.5 tackles. Tevin Brooks was next with 7.5.

# Calloway catches fire as Zebras down Vikings, 33-3

Antwain Calloway had velcro-like hands Friday night, catching four passes for 130 yards and three touchdowns as Wayne Memorial dumped host Walled Lake Central for the second time this year, 33-3, in a Western Lakes Activities Association fourth-place football crossover.

The Zebras, who beat Central 33-16 on Aug. 31, improved to 4-4 overall.

The Vikings, meanwhile, dropped to 2-6 overall.

D.J. Freeman hooked up with the 5-foot-11, 160-pound Calloway on a 20-yard TD pass in the first quarter and Josh Gonzales added the point-after to make it 7-0.

Central's Brad Lyons answered with a 35-yard field goal later in the period, but Wayne added a pair of second-period scores - D.J. Freeman to Calloway on a 68-yard pass and Alan Freeman ran 7 yards for a score for a 19-3 lead.

In the third quarter, Calloway hauled in his third TD pass of the game, an 8-yarder from D.J. Freeman, who was 7-of-11 for 150 yards. (D.J. Freeman hit Tim Siegfried on the two-point pass to put Wayne up 27-3.)

D.J. Freeman, who rushed for 146 yards on 21 carries, completed the scoring in the final quarter on a 30-yard keeper.

Anthony Baskin contributed 89 yards rushing on six carries. Wayne had a total of 353 yards to Central's 198.

Central quarterback Cory Davis was 8-of-15 for 113 yards, but was picked off twice (one each by Corey Campbell and Eric Butler). Ramsey Hart and Campbell also recovered fumbles.

Clarenceville stumbles

Playoff-bound Montrose (7-1) exploded for 34 unanswered second-half points Friday to beat host Livonia Clarenceville (7-1) in a non-conference encounter, 48-6.

The Trojans trailed by only eight at intermission, 14-6.

Leading rushers for Clarenceville included Levonte Brooks (19-for-57) and Brad Pozniak (13-of-47).

## GOLF RESULTS

**REGIONAL GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENTS**  
**DIVISION 1**  
**Oct. 11 at Giant Oaks G.C.**  
**TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet):** 1. Temperance Bedford, 353 strokes; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 355; 3. Livonia Churchill, 370; 4. Saline, 374; 5. Ann Arbor Huron, 399; 6. (tie) Monroe and Belleville, 416 each; 8. Livonia Franklin, 429; 9. Westland John Glenn, 436; 10. Dearborn, 441; 11. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 452; 12. Canton, 453; 13. Plymouth, 523; 14. Salem, 552; 15. Wayne Memorial, no team score.  
**Medalist:** Shannon Warner (C.I. 71)  
**Other individual state qualifiers:** Chelsie Little (Monroe), 79; Laura Inch (Dn.), 82; Sarah Hoffman (Saline), 83.  
**AREA TEAM RESULTS**  
**Churchill finishers:** Warner, 71; Lexi McFarlane, 92; Danielle Lesniak, 103; Amanda Dobos, 104; Jessica Burdette, 106.  
**Franklin finishers:** Paige Scarpace, 87; Georgia Patrick and Natalie Polakowski, 110 each; Samantha McAtee, 122; Heather Bacon, 130.  
**John Glenn finishers:** Heidi Irvine, 97; Jamie Young, 108; Dakota Howell, 115; Courtney McKinney, 116; Samantha Baker, 129.  
**Canton finishers:** Chelsie Osborn, 98; Kara Gregory, 105; Johanna Alexander, 121; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 129; Alexandra Wie, 133.  
**Plymouth finishers:** Patricia Burns, 107; Melissa Gosbee, 126; Liz Cizek, 140; Megan Haggerty, 150.  
**Salem finishers:** Jamie Bricker, 126; Kelly Janiczek, 141; Natalie Barnett, 142; Lizzy Mazorwicz, 143; Mary Johnson, 144.  
**Oct. 11 at Oak Pointe G.C.**  
**TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state ee):** 1. Brighton, 335; 2. Northville, 339; 3. Walled Lake Western, 383; 4. Farmington Hills Mercy, 391; 5. White Lake Lakeland, 392; 6. Hartland, 403; 7. Walled Lake Northern, 415; 8. Pinckney, 417; 9. Walled Lake Central, 418; 10. Novi, 420; 11. Waterford Kettering, 431; 12. Howell, 436; 13. Milford, 445; 14. Livonia Stevenson, 462; 15. South Lyon, 499; 16. (tie) Waterford Mott, NTS; West Bloomfield, NTS; North Farmington/Harrison Unified, NTS.  
**Top individual finishers:** 1. Alica Weber (Northville) 75; 2. Emmie Pietila (Brighton) 78; 3. Sarah Johnson (Walled Lake Central) 81; 4. Sara Walker (Brighton) 82; 5. Kristen Friesen (Northville) 85; 6. Elana Thomas (Lakeland) 86; 7. (tie) Courtney Erickson (Hartland) 87; Kelsey Haupt (Brighton) 87; 9. (tie) Amy Bernstein (Northville) 88; Erin Williams (Brighton) 88; 11. Natalie Krick (Novi) 90; 12. (tie) Marni Weinstein (Walled Lake Western) 91; Brianna Roberts (Northville) 91; Michelle Cha (Walled Lake Western) 91; 15. Morgan Reed (Brighton) 92; 16. Diana Karvelis (Mercy) 94; 17. Lindsay Mack (Mercy) 95; 18. (tie) Kelley Hill (Northville) 96; Ann Marie Pop (North Farmington/Harrison) 96; 20. (tie) Courtney Jenkins (Pinckney) 98; Megan Novak (Mercy) 98; Natasha Thomas (Lakeland) 98.  
**AREA TEAM RESULTS**  
**Stevenson finishers:** Elizabeth Grace, 99; Natalie Cicchelli, 114; Gabrielle Sabatini, 120; Claire Massman, 129; Shelby Plichota, 141.  
**Note:** The top three teams, plus the top three individuals not on qualifying teams, advance to the state finals, Oct. 19-20, at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows Golf Course.  
**DIVISION 2 REGIONAL**  
**Oct. 11 at Pontiac Country Club**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Birmingham Seaholm, 364; 2. Birmingham Groves, 415; 3. Warren Regina, 420; 4. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 430; 5. Birmingham Marian, 431; 6. Dearborn Divine Child, 435; 7. Farmington, 443; 8. Trenton, 448; 9. Livonia Ladywood, 479; 10. Carleton-Airport, 495; 11. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 508; 12. Redford Thurston, 522; 13. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 529; 14. Berkley, 540; 15. Ypsilanti, 753.  
**Top individuals:** 1. Alexandra Lipa (Seaholm), 79; 2. All Restalno (Seaholm), 90; 3. Melissa Raffoul (Regina), 91; 4. Erica Mazur (Ladywood), 92; 5. (tie) Brooke Selis (Seaholm), Maria Raffoul (Regina), 94; 7. Maria Sande (Groves), 95; 8. Danielle O'Brien (Farmington), 97.  
**Individual qualifiers:** Mazur, O'Brien and Kristi Clemens (Divine Child).  
**AREA TEAM RESULTS**  
**Ladywood finishers:** Mazur, 92; Katelyn Papler, 124; Marissa Ley, 127; Vel Dimilia, 136; Marissa Briden, 156.  
**Note:** The top three teams, plus the top three individuals not on qualifying teams, advance to the state finals, Oct. 19-20, at Forest Akers (West Course) in East Lansing.

# Pats overcome Martin, Glenn

Livonia Franklin used a balanced offense Friday night to keep its faint playoff hopes alive while avenging a season-opening defeat with a 28-20 football win over host Westland John Glenn.

The Patriots, 4-4 overall, had 383 yards total offense, including 201 on the ground and 182 passing as quarterback Jesse Carpenter was 10-of-17.

The loss damages Glenn's playoff hopes as the Rockets, who beat Franklin in the season opener, 26-17, also fall to 4-4 overall.

"We played an all-around game for the first time all season," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said.

Franklin overcame the sterling play of Glenn senior quarterback Keshawn Martin, who rushed 20 times for 244 yards.

Franklin opened the scoring with 8:40 to play in the first quarter when Cole Kelly capped an eight-play, 59-yard

drive with a 5-yard touchdown run. Carpenter's extra point made it 7-0.

Martin then got loose for a 63-yard TD run with 5:44 to go in the same period to make it 7-all following Victor Sanders' extra point.

The Patriots took a 14-7 first-quarter lead with 2:09 remaining when Carpenter hit Israel Woolfork on an 8-yard TD strike.

But Martin broke free again on a 90-yard TD run with 10:38 remaining in the half to knot the count at 14-all.

"We had him (Martin) trapped in the backfield on both long runs, but he's so athletic that he made plays," Kelbert said.

Franklin took the lead for keeps with 8:42 left in the half on a four play, 75-yard drive culminating in Carpenter's

54-yard TD toss to Brian Humenay.

Carpenter and Humenay teamed up again with 6:30 left in the third period, this time on a 23-yard scoring pass to make it 28-14.

Martin, however, wasn't done, intercepting a Carpenter pass and going 30 yards for a score with 10:32 to go in the game.

With five minutes remaining, the Rockets drove down to the Franklin 20, but turned the ball over on downs.

Junior Corey Tower was Franklin's leading rusher with 87 yards on 14 carries, while Mark McRobb added 86 on nine attempts.

Woolfork added four catches for 63 yards, while Humenay had three for 86.

Connor Leidal led the Franklin defense with a pair of interceptions, while Zack Bozigan led Glenn with a pair of sacks.

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played so well. However, she was grinding to the last putt and I'm proud of her efforts."

**Mazur makes grade**

Livonia Ladywood, runner-up in last year's Division 2 state tourney, finished ninth Thursday in the Pontiac Country Club regional with a total of 479, but the Blazers' Erica Mazur, qualified as an individual by finishing

fourth with a 92.

The Catholic League champion will be headed this weekend to Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course) for the finals.

Birmingham Seaholm, led by medalist Alexandra Lipa, took first with 364 followed by team state qualifiers Birmingham Groves (415) and Warren Regina (420).

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**PREP FOOTBALL**  
**Friday, Oct. 19**  
 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Brighton, 7 p.m.  
 Clawson at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 20**  
 Lutheran West at Lutheran Westland, 1 p.m.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Monday, Oct. 15**  
 Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.  
 W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 16**  
 Ladywood at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at Lutheran West, 6:30 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Harper Woods, 6:30 p.m.  
 Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 17**  
 John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Oct. 18**  
 Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.  
 Lutheran West at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.  
 Agape Christian at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 20**  
 Ladywood Tournament, 9 a.m.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
**DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS**  
**DIVISION 1**  
**NORTHVILLE (Host)**  
**Monday, Oct. 15:** (A) Salem at (B) Livonia Churchill, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Stevenson at (D) Canton, 7 p.m.; (E) Redford Union at (F) Northville, 7 p.m.; (G) Plymouth at Farmington OH, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 17:** A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Oct. 19:** Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Livonia Stevenson vs. Saline district champion.)  
**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH (Host)**  
**Monday, Oct. 15:** (A) Livonia Franklin at (B) Garden City, 7 p.m.; (C) Dearborn Edsel Ford at (D) Dearborn Fordson, 7:30 p.m.; (E) Wayne Memorial at (F) Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.; (G) Detroit Western at Grosse Pointe South, TBA.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 17:** A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Oct. 19:** Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Livonia Stevenson vs. Saline district champion.)  
**DIVISION 3**  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE (Host)**  
**Monday, Oct. 15:** (A) Flat Rock vs. (B) Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 5 p.m.; (C) Grosse Ile at (D) Allen Park Cabrini, 4 p.m.; (E) Detroit Cesar Chavez vs. (F) Livonia Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 16:** A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 4:30 p.m.; Riverview Gabriel Richard vs. E-F winner, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday, Oct. 18:** Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Williamston vs. Williamston district champion.)  
**DIVISION 4**  
**SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN (Host)**  
**Monday, Oct. 15:** (A) Plymouth Christian Academy at (B) Lutheran Huron Valley, 4 p.m.; (C) Canton Agape Christian at (D) Southfield Christian, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 17:** Franklin Novi Road Christian at A-B winner, 4 p.m.; West Bloomfield Jewish Academy at C-D winner, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, Oct. 19:** Championship final, 4 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Jackson Mehall Field vs. Jackson Christian district champion.)  
**ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST (Host)**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 16:** (A) Taylor Baptist Park Christian at (B) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 4:30 p.m.; (C) Ypsilanti Calvary Christian at (D) Newport Lutheran South, 4:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, Oct. 18:** Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. C-D winner, 3 p.m.; Ann Arbor Greenhills vs. A-B winner, 4:45 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 20:** Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Jackson's Mehall Field vs. Lansing New Covenant Christian district champion.)  
**BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Friday, Oct. 19**  
 WLA Meet at Willow Metropark, 4:10 a.m.  
 Metro Conf. Meet at Lutheran West, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 20**  
 Catholic League Meet at Stony Creek, 9 a.m.  
**GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 16**  
 Rocket Inv. at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.  
 Ladywood at R.O. Shrine, 6:30 p.m.  
 Redford Union at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Oct. 18**  
 Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
 W.L. Western at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
**Monday, Oct. 15**  
 Country Day at Ladywood, 4:15 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 16**  
 Siena Heights at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
 Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 17**  
 Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Oct. 19**  
 (Indiana Wesleyan Tournament)  
 Madonna vs. Georgetown (Ky), 6 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 20**  
 (Indiana Wesleyan Tournament)  
 Madonna vs. Olivet Nazarenes (Ill.), 10 a.m.  
 Madonna vs. Indiana Wesleyan, 12:15 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 16**  
 Madonna at Siena Heights, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 17**  
 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 20**  
 Lakeland (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Sunday, Oct. 14**  
 Schoolcraft at Laramie Co. (Wyo.), 10 a.m.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 17**  
 Madonna at Siena Heights, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 20**  
 Madonna at Adrian College, 7 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**Sunday, Oct. 14**  
 Whalers at South St. Marie, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Oct. 18**  
 Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Oct. 19**  
 Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware, 7:05 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 20**  
 Whalers vs. Oshawa at Compuware, 7:05 p.m.  
 TBA - time to be announced.

# Canton hands Stevenson 1st loss of season

BY BRAD EMONS  
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The Western Lakes Activities Association boys soccer championship trophy will stay right at Canton High School for another year.

The Chiefs, getting a sterling performance from senior goalkeeper Kevin Krause, repeated as WLA champion by handing host Livonia Stevenson its first defeat of the season, 2-1, in a double-overtime, sudden-death shootout.

Canton, which improved to 12-3-4 overall, averaged a 2-0 setback to the No. 2 state-ranked Spartans only a week earlier.

The two teams meet again in the rubber match in the opening round of the Division 1 district tournament, 7 p.m. Monday at Canton.

Last year, the Western Division champion Chiefs captured the WLA title with a double-overtime shootout win over rival Salem.

And this time, the Chiefs led 1-0 from the 23rd minute through the 76th minute thanks to Eric Caron's goal off a cross from Sheriff Hansanien. The play came off a counter-attack.

"We went in with a better mentality as far as winning 50-50 balls, and stressing a faster speed of play because Stevenson plays a ridiculously high-pressure game," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "Playing a team three times in a row is challenging and you can't show everything. We're playing them three times in 13 days, but you have to love it because of what's at stake and the competition."

Meanwhile, the Spartans (16-1) eight good chances to score, but could only get one past Krause - that coming with only 4:55 left in regulation on Adrian Fylenenko's rocket shot from 25 yards out.

Both teams then became more defensive-minded in a pair of 15-minute sudden-death overtime periods, forcing penalty kicks.

In the five-shot series, Stevenson made its first three attempts as Brian Klemczak, Kendal Snow and Dylan Green found the



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Stevenson's Adrian Fylenenko (front) tries to break away from Canton's Scott Zech during Wednesday's WLA championship game. Canton won in a shootout, 2-1.

back of the net before Krause stopped Joey D'Agostino's kick.

Canton answered with four straight, the first ironically coming from Krause followed by Caron, Scott Zech and Kyle Breitmeyer.

Stevenson keeper Conner Burton, who came on at the start of the second half for starter Justin Collins, then kept the Spartans alive by thwarting Joe Krizanek's attempt.

With each team making four-of-five, it came down sudden death with Krause stopping Brady Thom, and Mark Edwards sew-

ing up the victory for the Chiefs.

"He (Krause) had four key saves," Tomasso said. "He was in position and he used his footwork to keep Stevenson from scoring. Number seven (Fylenenko) has a wicked left foot, but other than that goal, the rest of the time he was a game changer."

Tomasso, a former All-State goaltender himself from Canton who played at Eastern Michigan University, took a direct and simple approach with his goalkeeper heading into the shootout.

"I just tried to calm him down," said of his senior. "It was nice he took the first (penalty) shot and made the first shot. It gave our team a boost of confidence. I told him to react rather than guess because shooters shoot at different speeds. Most of the time you'll only stop one goal (in a shootout), but he came up with two."

Stevenson, the Lakes Division champion, now can focus on the state tourney. Last year the Spartans reached the Division 1 championship game before losing to Traverse City West, 1-0.

"We certainly want to make this into a positive," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Sometimes your fears come true... that things have come too easily for us. The fact that we had to suffer somewhat, play from behind, go to overtime and penalty kicks, is a great experience and hopefully will prepare us for what lies ahead in the tournament. But I'm sure we would have loved to get the victory because it would have been a great thrill for the boys. But it wasn't to be and Canton found a way to win."

The loss could also be analyzed simply as not putting the ball into the net when the opportunity presented itself for the Spartans.

"We had some good chances, but the hardest part of this sport is the finishing touch," Richters said. "We've been fortunate this year in that when we needed one to go in, it's gone in. But tonight our finishing was not as good as it needed to be."

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# Lyoha goal gives S'craft 1-0 win

BY TIM SMITH  
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All it takes is one goal more than the opponent to win, and that's all Schoolcraft College needed Wednesday.

The Ocelots nipped visiting Owens (Ohio) 1-0 on a cold, drizzly afternoon thanks to stingy defense and a brilliant individual effort at the other end by freshman midfielder Michael Lyoha. It was his goal with 12:52 to play that provided the margin of victory in the non-conference men's soccer match.

Sophomore forward Louie Djokic (Livonia Stevenson)

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chipped the ball up through the middle in front of Owens goalkeeper David Skoszyn (seven saves) and Lyoha did the rest. He fielded the ball, spun around on a dime and drove the ball into the net.

"It was unbelievable," Schoolcraft head coach Rick Larson said. "It was absolutely the best goal we've scored - in a few games, anyway."

With a smile, Larson added, "How many goals do you need to score anyway? One more than the other team, right?"

Schoolcraft (11-2-2 overall) did not have many anxious moments defending that slim lead down the stretch as a defensive crew led by sophomore and Stevenson product Nick Dordeski and sophomore defender David Ukjic threw a blanket over Express sophomore forward Sean Bucknor, who Larson said is "the best player in the region."

According to Larson, Dordeski "was fantastic and so was David Ukjic. They had standout games, but the rest of the group also played well."

The Schoolcraft defense was able to short-circuit Bucknor by blocking his path as much as possible and by limiting the time he had the ball. "They did a great job on him, he hardly had any opportunities," Larson said.

Other players on the Express weren't much more successful in that area; the team directed just four shots toward Schoolcraft freshman goalkeeper Chris Riley, and he needed to make one only stop.

Even though Wednesday's damp weather was a far cry from the 90-degree temps of Sunday's match - also a 1-0 win, against Cincinnati State - Larson said it didn't have any impact on how his team competed.

The bottom line, he added, is playing well against competitive squads and preparing for the upcoming National Junior College Athletic Association postseason.

"We've played all our games to get ourselves ready to beat top-level teams," Larson said. "We're honing things and refining things. I think things are going in the right direction. We should go to the regionals as a top-two (qualifier)."

# Confident Warriors eye district after 4-0 win over C'ville

With the state boys soccer tournament rapidly approaching, Lutheran High Westland appears to be finding its "comfort zone."

Junior Josh Kruger had a pair of goals and one assist Thursday as the Warriors improved 10-5-3 overall with a 4-0 Metro Conference consolation-round playoff victory over Livonia Clarenceville.

In first-round Division 4 district action Monday, Lutheran Westland hosts Plymouth Christian Academy. (Game time is 4 p.m.)

## BOYS SOCCER

"I like the way we looked, we're starting to hit our stride," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "When we're getting opportunities, we're finishing. We just looked more comfortable, especially in the attacking third of the field."

Sophomore defender Tony Cipolla and sophomore forward Austin Baglow each chipped in with a goal for the Warriors, who led 3-0 at halftime. Senior Ryan Baglow contributed two

assists. Goalkeeper Micah Hausch, who made two saves, registered his eighth shutout of the season.

Clarenceville (5-12-1) was led by midfielder Matt Parent, who had a goal along with Matt Garant in Tuesday's 2-1 triumph over visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

At 6:30 p.m. Monday in Division 3 district play, Clarenceville hosts Detroit Cesar Chavez, which defeated the Trojans 6-0 on Sept. 5.

FRANKLIN 3, CRESTWOOD 3: In a non-con-

ference match Friday, host Dearborn Heights Crestwood scored a pair of second-half goals to earn a tie with Livonia Franklin (3-14-1).

The Patriots led 3-1 at intermission on goals by Ryan Matthey (free kick), Zain Qureshi (unassisted) and Mike Dobson (20 seconds remaining in the half from Matthey).

FARMINGTON 4, JOHN GLENN 1: Ryan Dinco scored a pair of goals Friday to give the host Falcons (12-7) a non-conference triumph over visiting Westland John Glenn (3-14-1).

Ryan Pimlott added a goal and two assists for Farmington, which hasn't won 12 games since the 2000 season. Nate Mynseberge also scored for Farmington.

## PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

### WESTERN LAKES JAMBOREE CROSS COUNTRY MEET (No. 2)

Oct. 11 at Plymouth H.S.

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 34 points; 2. Canton, 50; 3. Walled Lake Western, 63; 4. Livonia Franklin, 98; 5. Plymouth, 102; 6. Wayne Memorial, 163.

**Individual winner:** Duncan Spitz (Canton), 16 minutes, 25 seconds (5,000 meters).

**Northville finishers:** 4. Nick Kolbow, 16:49; 5. Jon Zurek, 16:54; 6. Jack Dalton, 16:55; 8. Erik Peterson, 16:57; 13. Frank Griffiths, 17:17; 17. Nitin Jacob, 17:28.

**Canton finishers:** 1. Spitz, 16:25; 3. Kyle Clinton, 16:45; 13. Zach Spletzer, 17:06; 14. Derek Hoerman, 17:14; 19. Josh Olsinski, 17:32; 20. Greg Reed, 17:33; 31. David Catalean, 18:41.

**Western finishers:** 2. Chris Schnaible, 16:44; 9. Brian Cheadle, 16:59; 10. Kousel Yajima, 16:59; 18. Jon Rhodes, 17:31; 23. Mark Mehring, 17:44; 32. Jordan Lutren, 18:42; 37. Steve VanMaele, 19:55.

**Franklin finishers:** 7. Evan Sirena, 16:56; 16. Mike Krcatovich, 17:26; 24. Doug Cole, 17:47; 25. Dylan Taylor, 17:54; 26. Pete Wablay, 17:59; 33. Jason Rifeel, 18:52; 35. Austin Jones, 18:56.

**Plymouth finishers:** 11. Derek Lax, 17:05; 15. Justin Huey, 17:15; 21. Alex Noble, 17:36; 27. Warren Buzzard, 18:00; 28. Matt Neumann, 18:11; 34. Steve Balaze, 18:54; 36. Zach Koch, 19:03.

**Wayne finisher:** 22. Jacob Schofield, 17:43; 30. Abraham Mendez, 18:22; 38. Patrick McKinzie, 22:20; 39. Deon Williams, 23:10; 40. Mike Gallagher, no time available; 21. Joe Barton, NTA; 42. Robert Woodson, NTA.

### GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Northville, 39; 2. Canton, 59; 3. Plymouth, 60; 4. Walled Lake Western, 63; 5. Livonia Franklin, 133; 6. Wayne Memorial, 188.

**Individual winner:** Lindsay Hagan, 19:26 (5,000 meters).

**Northville finishers:** 1. Hagan, 19:26; 6. Jenny Murphy, 19:54; 10. Anna Hardenbergh, 20:11; 11. Becky Reynolds, 20:19; 13. Stephanie Hamel, 20:37; 14. Kristen Stroud, 20:51; 23. Amy Baditoli, 21:17.

**Canton finishers:** 3. Sarah Thomas, 19:34; 5. Rachel Rohrbach, 19:50; 16. Kay Galm, 20:52; 17. Bianca Kubicki, 20:53; 18. Katie Rymond, 20:58; 27. Melanie Kulczyk, 21:44; 31. Abigail Gorzalski, 22:24.

**Plymouth:** 2. Kelly Hahn, 19:33; 7. Beth Heldmeyer, 19:56; 12. Molly Slevens, 20:34; 19. Lauren Ahearn, 21:01; 21. Pam Bhuller, 21:03; 26. Brianna Hessler, 21:43.

**Western finishers:** 4. Ana Trivax, 19:45; 8. Rachel Wessel, 19:57; 11. Lindsay Clark, 20:25; 15. Lindsay Doherty, 20:51; 8. 25. Kelsey Young, 21:26; 32. Annie Walton, 22:36; 37. Ruy Wessel, 24:10.

**Franklin finishers:** 22. Kelly Wablay, 21:08; 24. Mallory Church, 21:23; 28. Megan Wickens, 21:46; 29. Victoria Church, 22:03; 30. Brittany Dilley, 22:05; 33. Tiffan VanOrden, 22:37; 34. Kelsey Kaplan, 23:07.

**Wayne finishers:** 35. Melissa Smith, 23:41; 36. Claire Moro, 23:54; 38. Esmeralda Rivera, 24:55; 39. Chelsea Gilbert, 25:30; 40. Haley Hayes, 26:19; 42. Nicole Rau, no time available.

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**Oct. 9 at Riverview Patriot Park**  
**TEAM SCORES:** Livonia Ladywood 23, Farmington Hills Mercy 34; Ladywood 15, Riverview Gabriel Richard 49; Mercy 18, Gabriel Richard 41.

### Individual winner:

Megan Yanik (Ladywood), 19 minutes, 51 seconds (off course, long, not scored).

**Other Ladywood finishers:** 2. Amanda Field, 19:57 (off course, long, not scored); 3. Julia Kenney, 21:50; 6. Emily Bambach, 22:08; 7. Cathy Wojtanowski, 22:13; 8. Becky Babon, 22:25; 9. Laura Bou-Maroun, 22:53.

**Mercy finishers:** 4. Karina Nordstrom, 22:00; 10. Kelsey McGill, 23:03; 11. Katie O'Donnell, 23:07; 19. Katie Conley, 23:54; 21. Lauren Parr, 24:04; 22. Julia Kowalski, 24:38.

**PORTAGE INVITATIONAL**  
**Oct. 6 at Portage West Middle School**  
**(GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 1):** 1. Saline, 110 points; 2. Brighton, 114; 3. Grand Blanc, 117; 10. Livonia Stevenson, 341 (38 schools).

**Individual winner:** Alexandra Banfich (Culver, Ind. Military Academy), 17:59.7.

**Stevenson finishers:** 14. Courtney Calka, 19:16; 55. Julia Schroeder, 20:24; 81. Victoria Saferian, 20:51; 94. Denee Meier, 21:09; 97. Samantha Kay, 21:17; 152. Rebecca Gidley, 22:09; 204. Molly Serge, 23:04.

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 1):** 1. Pinckney, 93; 2. Saline, 108; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 128; 34. Livonia Stevenson, 954 (38 schools).

**Individual winner:** Justin Heck (Monroe), 15:42.1.

**Stevenson finishers:** 59. Shawn Woswe, 17:43; 212. Brian Fenech, 19:15; 214. Joe Urso, 19:33; 231. Travis Gosselein, 20:03; 238. Jeff Wrenbeck, 20:31; 249. Ethan Collins, 21:17; 251. Andrew Longhi, 21:29.

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## Choose foods that are close to the sun

**H**ow much is your health worth to you? In real terms, place a monetary value on your health. Consider all the aspects of your health that you value: energy, weight loss, cardiovascular fitness, disease prevention, freedom from pain, sleep quality, and even emotional state. Really think about your health, the only asset you will control over the course of your entire life and the only factor that determines how you are able to spend your time.

I love to read magazines about all of the hottest trends in society. The one thing I notice time and again is people will spend money on maintaining the illusion of health before they will spend money to maintain real health, purchasing botox, hair removal, skin dermabrasion, plastic surgery, diet pills, and thousands of dollars of supplements that they do not even need.

People are more willing to dedicate hours of their time to pursuits that yield external modification with little internal change. I am not advocating against any of these techniques; in fact, I fully support people doing things that help them feel more beautiful, powerful, sexy and happy.

However, doing entirely external modifications without working to enhance your health and beauty from the inside does not make sense.

How a body ages is directly proportional to how the body is treated while aging. Nutrition is the No. 1 factor in anti-aging medicine, yet few people seem to understand good nutrition. Some think artificial sweeteners, diet foods and low-carbohydrate, packaged foods are the ideal recipe for long-term health.

Others consume vast quantities of fast foods, hydrogenated oils and other junk as long as their figure supports the consumption. Eating in these ways will give you minimal nutrition and can cause great harm.

Nutrition should be common sense. I tell my patients all the time to first think of food from the perspective of where it comes from. Eat foods as close to the sun, that is, recently harvested, and as close to their natural form as possible. If you sit for a moment and think about what this statement means, you could easily identify foods that you regularly consume that do not come close to fitting the criteria. We all can.

Foods close to their origins and close to the sun are full of vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and essential fats. These are the substances that promote graceful aging, weight loss, and mood enhancement, prevent heart disease and help sustain a long life.

You need to consume at least five servings of fresh fruits and vegetables a day. This is not punishment; it is a reward full of great options, taste and potential. Many people don't eat fruits and vegetables because they have always bought the wrong ones or ones prepared in the wrong way.

Many children have never been offered peaches that did not come from a can in which they had been soaked in corn syrup. Not only does this ruin the true flavor of the peaches, but it creates the false impression that peaches taste like processed sugar. In addition, I strongly disagree with those who claim that there is no difference between organic and conventional fruits and vegetables. I have purchased organic for 12 years now, and overall I have found organic foods are stronger in flavor and have much better appearance than conventionally processed foods.

You need to drink water. Dehydrated skin becomes saggy and loose. Many people never come close to drinking enough water to satisfy their tissues. The correct formula is half your body weight in ounces each day. This ensures all your cells are maintaining correct osmotic balance and that your body is able to eliminate waste effectively.

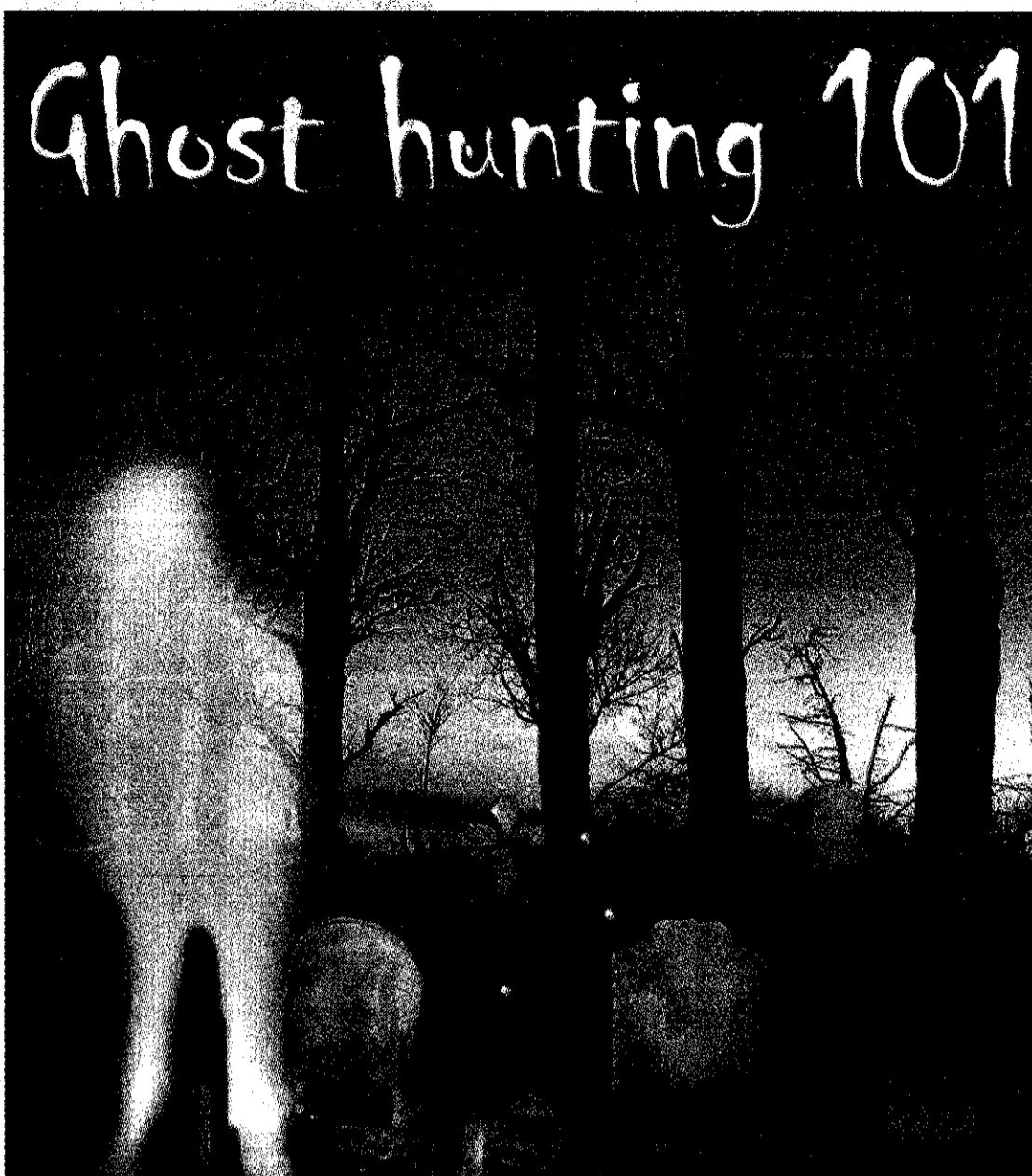
Practice prevention through treatments such as acupuncture, massage, chiropractic and general medicine that encourage a healthy body, relaxation and overall immune and cellular health.

Think about the value you place on your health, and then set a plan, find a practitioner and get going to look better, feel younger and enjoy aging.

Julie TwoMoon owns Breathing Waters Health Center in Plymouth Township. She can be reached at (734) 414-7669.



Julie TwoMoon



## Ghost hunting 101

### Livonia investigator tracks paranormal activities

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

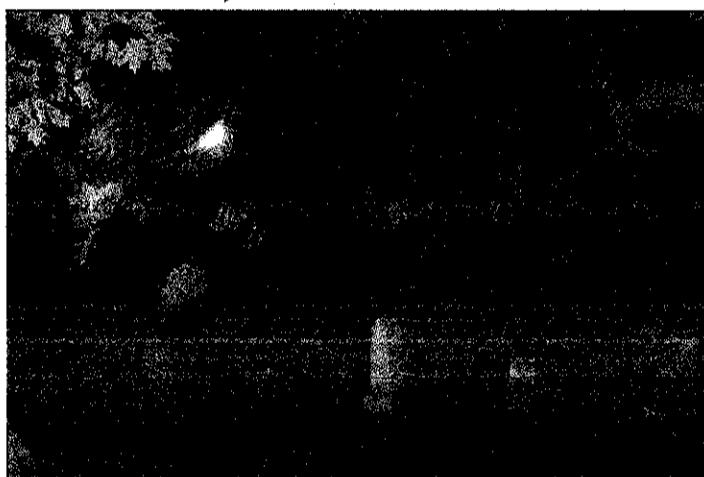
**K**risty Robinett never goes ghost hunting alone. The psychic medium cringes at the thought of running into an evil person in the dark, but not apparitions. She's encountered spirits since childhood when her parents, who were extremely religious, told her "it was of the devil."

For years Robinett denied her gift of seeing spirits even though she kept receiving information from them about murders and even has the journals she kept during the time of the Oakland County child killings. Today, Robinett volunteers her time to help law enforcement agencies with investigations of missing persons, murders, suicides, and arsons in addition to psychically profiling criminals.

Most ghosts are friendly, or at least the woman in white in Plymouth doesn't cause any harm. She occasionally can be seen walking around Kellogg Park carrying a baby.

Robinett, a Livonia resident, is currently writing a book for

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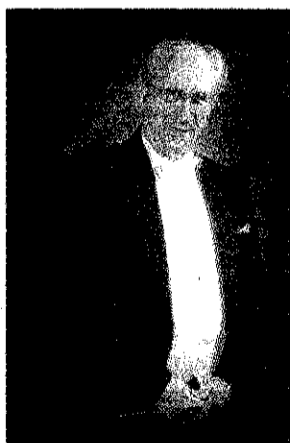
Ectoplasm can be seen in this photograph of a Livonia cemetery. Many paranormal investigators believe ectoplasm, which looks like fog or smoke in a photo, is actually a spirit or ghost. The spiritual energy or psychic phenomenon is not usually seen before the image is taken.

#### MICHIGAN'S HAUNTING EXPERIENCE

**What:** An evening event to explore paranormal activity or ghosts  
**When:** 5:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30  
**Where:** Blackhawk Bar & Grill, 8940 North 32nd Street, Richland, Mich. 49083  
**Costs:** \$10 for paranormal speakers (5:30-7:45 p.m.), \$10 to hear Michigan Ghost Stories (8:15-9:15 p.m.), \$10 for paranormal investigation of the Blackhawk Grill (9:45-10:45 p.m.), and \$10 for seance (11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.), or \$40 for the entire event. To order tickets, go to <http://paranormalwomenleague.com/hauntingexp.htm> or call (734) 891-7444. For more information about Kristy Robinett, visit [www.tangledwishes.com](http://www.tangledwishes.com).

## Symphony season travels to Europe after leaving America

Livonia Symphony Orchestra conductor Volodymyr Shesiuik opens the 2007-2008 season with the music of American composers.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Volodymyr Shesiuik loves his adopted country so much he and the Livonia Symphony Orchestra music committee have programmed an entire concert of American composers on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

The 2007-2008 season travels to Europe following the opener which features selections by George Gershwin, Richard Rogers and Christopher Tew, a former orchestra violinist now living on the East Coast.

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#### LIVONIA SYMPHONY SEASON OPENS

**What:** The Livonia Symphony Orchestra opens the 2007-2008 season with American composers George Gershwin, Aaron Copland, Richard Rogers, and Christopher Tew  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20  
**Where:** Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Tickets:** \$17 adults; \$5 children/students, and available at all Livonia libraries and at the door the night of the concert. For more information, call (734) 421-1111 or visit [www.livoniasymphony.com](http://www.livoniasymphony.com)



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# Women of faith to gather for daylong retreat

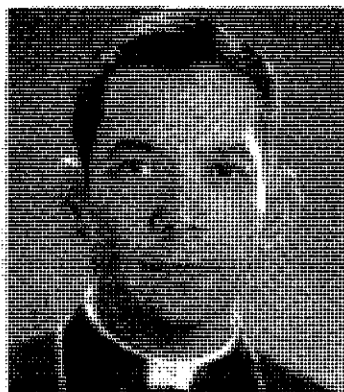
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Teresa Chisholm is looking forward to the Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit. Chisholm is an attorney expecting her first child around Christmas. The daylong event on Saturday, Oct. 27, will be a retreat for her.

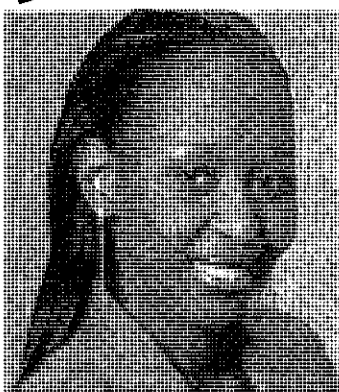
"I went for the first time last year. It was a great day jam-packed full of motivating speakers. It's nice to be strengthened by seeing other women there trying to live the faith," said Teresa Chisholm of Farmington Hills.

"For me everyone needs to have some time for retreat away from our busy schedules to be refreshed in the Lord. When the baby comes it will be very busy. It will be nice to have some time to reflect."

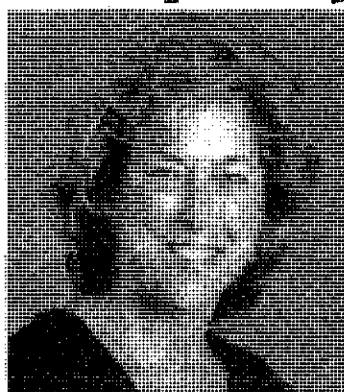
Chisholm is especially interested in hearing Sister Prudence Allen speak. Sister Allen co-founded the ENDOW program which Chisholm is co-facilitating at her parish, St. Gerald's in Farmington. ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) was started as a study group for women to look at the writings of Pope John Paul II, but since



Bishop Daniel Flores



Immaculee Ilibagiza



Patricia Cooney-Hathaway



Sister Prudence Allen

has expanded to include other church documents.

"The church in general and Pope John Paul II in particular provided us with so many great documents on the teachings of the church," said Chisholm. "Often the people in the pew don't read the documents. ENDOW gives us an opportunity to have important discussion with other women on the topics of our day."

Sister Allen is just one of an unbelievable lineup of speakers, says Judy Maten, coordinator for the Archdiocese Office of Evangelization and organizer of the conference. Bishop Daniel Flores; Patricia Cooney-Hathaway, associate professor of spirituality and systematic theology at Sacred Heart Major

Seminary, and Immaculee Ilibagiza will also speak.

Ilibagiza is author of the book, *Left to Tell, Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*.

"Bishop Daniel Flores is the newest auxiliary bishop and oversees the Spanish ministries in the Archdiocese," said Judy Maten. "Immaculee Ilibagiza survived the 1994 genocide by living in a 3 by 4-foot bathroom with 7 other women for 91 days. She speaks around the world as a crusader for peace and a love for God that eliminates hatred, revenge and suffering."

"I encourage any and all women to attend. This isn't just for Catholic women or a certain age group. The witness of faith speaks to all. It's about a relationship with Christ. It's that

walk of faith we're all called to. It's so important for the men to support the women and encourage their wives, mothers and girlfriends to attend this. The fellowship that comes out of women gathering together in faith is precious."

Mary Elliott says the conference has been life changing for her. This will be the fourth time the Livonia woman has attended. Elliott and her husband Greg teach sixth grade catechism at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

"It leaves me with a special gift each year. The first time was a gift of mercy and forgiveness and a peaceful soul. Last year it was a gift of friendship and women in my life," said Mary Elliott.

Elliott now serves on the committee coordinating the conference. She heard Ilibagiza speak at the Detroit Institute of Arts

this summer.

"Her story can tap into everyone's heart and apply to all of our lives," said Elliott. "I can see truly when women walk away they walk away with gifts, pearls and treasures, to plug through another day in life."

The conference has helped Elliott "to be a better mother, wife, a friend." She's especially excited about this year's conference because daughter Stephanie, 22, will accompany her for the first time.

"It's important for young women to hear these messages because they will be able to embrace something that many women of my generation may not have had a chance to embrace," said Elliott. "I was a Catholic girl from a good Catholic family and went to St. Damian's in Westland for 8 years. I didn't ever waver in my faith, but they just never intro-

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

What: Women's Conference  
 Date: Oct. 27, 2007  
 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Location: St. Gerald's Church, 1000 E. 14th Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
 Cost: \$45 (includes lunch and materials)  
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duced us to all these things to keep the fire going and share all of this."

Maureen Karby loves working with Elliott and the more than 16-member committee on the conference. It takes 10 months to put on the day-long event.

"The conference is steadily growing from 700 the first year to over 2,000 last year," said Maureen Karby, event coordinator and a Plymouth resident. "We all work together for one purpose - to bring the message of the Lord to these women. I know we're going to have our best conference."

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The flare shows itself by painful joints, aching tendons, and daily fatigue. In some individuals the joint pain is minimal but fatigue and stiffness dominates. In this instance, the physician must be alert to realize the patient is experiencing a flare of arthritis and is not depressed by a long, gray winter.

Recognizing the weather-related change in psoriatic arthritis is important because medicine exists to help you get through the winter months and beyond if needed. Having such therapy at hand is recent and the medical community is still in the process of catching up with this advance.

If you have psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis, make a point of bringing your condition to the attention of your doctor. That information may provide the answer for an otherwise puzzling seasonal change in your status.

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# Livonia Arts Commission exhibits best works in state

A gala reception was held Friday evening, Oct. 5, as the Livonia Arts Commission celebrated their 10th Annual Fine Arts Exhibition in the Atrium of the Civic Center Library. Artists and their guests along with elected officials from the state, county and city, enjoyed the festive evening with food, music by the jazz ensemble The Men of Note, and an awards ceremony. Ribbons were presented to three winning artists.

More than 300 entries were received from artists across the state of Michigan. The field of entries had to be juried down to 85 by artist Lucille Procter Nawara. She has taught at several local universities and colleges and is currently an adjunct instructor of watercolor at College for Creative Studies in Detroit. In addition, she has exhibited at numerous American museums and her work has been acquired for the permanent collections of the Detroit Institute of Arts, National Endowment for the Arts and a number of corporations.

Best of Show was awarded to Margie Guyot for her oil titled White Owl. Second Place went to William Murcko, for his oil portrait Lady in the Red Hat. A resident of Mackinac Island,



William Murcko took Second Place for his oil portrait, Lady in the Red Hat, in the 10th annual Livonia Arts Commission's Fine Arts Exhibition.

Murcko came all the way down for the reception. Third prize was given to Susan Fisher for her lithograph and silkscreen titled Veering.

Other prizes included the Juror's Choice given to Marat Paransky, Mayor's Choice to Gerard Panyard, and Art Commission's Choice to Julie Sabit.

Honorable Mentions went to Bettina Edwards, Cristin Richard, Geoffrey Merrill, and Katrina Ruby. Sponsor Ribbons were given to Marianna Defer-Pfeifer, Jerry Power and Julie Haw.

Artists in the exhibition from Livonia included Allen

Brooks, Regina Dunne, Sherry Eid, Doug Frank, Pamela Grossman, Beverly Johnston, Tresa Lee Meyer, Loretta Neville and Katrina Ruby.

The exhibition will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Civic Center Library until Oct. 29. The Gallery is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

For information on the exhibit or arts commission, call Livonia's Community Resources department at (734) 466-2536.

# Presidential wives come to life at museum

The Petticoat Ladies bring history to life 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, across from the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Watch and listen as The Petticoat Ladies tell the stories of Victorian-era Presidential wives in historical costume and character. Meet Mary Lincoln, Julia Grant and others.

This program is appropriate for children and adults.

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Credit unions are working diligently to promote youth financial literacy by giving young people the tools and knowledge they need to become savvy consumers, savers and investors, both today and in the future. Credit union staff members are in classrooms each week educating youth and young adults about saving, credit and investing. In fact, according to the National Youth Involvement Board, Michigan credit union staff members conducted nearly 2,000 personal finance classroom presentations during the 2006-07 school year, reaching more than 41,000 Michigan students.

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# Cupcakes for a Cause is Oct. 15-21 Auction

Michigan bakeries and retailers are joining bakeries around the country to support children affected by cancer. CancerCare's fourth annual Cupcake for a Cause takes place Oct. 15-21, and benefits the CancerCare for Kids program that provides free support services for children and their families who have been affected by cancer.

Visit Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Westland,

Livonia; Garden City Bakery, or Sorella's Pastry Shoppe, Livonia, and mention that you want to support Cupcakes for a Cause. Each bakery will donate part of their proceeds to the program. Also participating are retailers at Oak Plaza, Westland.

Along with selling cupcakes, Paperbacks and Things, Toarmina's Pizza, Miss Helen's Dance, Carlo's Mexican Restaurant, Divine

Hair Salon, and Dr. Rita Patel, DDS, will be hosting a Children's Special Day on Oct. 20, with games, good and fun for the family. Proceeds will be donated to the CancerCare for Kids program. Oak Plaza is located on Wayne road, north of Warren, south of joy, between Wendy's and Arby's.

For more information, call Mary Denning at (734) 261-3680 or visit the Cupcakes for a Cause Web site.

# to benefit Three Cities Art Clubs

Thomas Kinkade fans will want a chance to bid on the featured item at the Three Cities Art Club's fund-raising auction Saturday Oct. 20, at Richard's Restaurant, 39305 Plymouth Road, west of Newburgh. Admittance is free and appetizers will be served. Arrive anytime after 12:30 p.m. for advance preview of live auction items plus, as an early bird, you will get first pick from the bargain tables. If you have never been to an auction, this is a free, no-pressure opportunity to learn how it works and join in on the competitive bidding.

Thomas Kinkade's limited edition lithograph, Autumn On Mackinac Island (valued at \$425), was donated by Parkside Gallery of Plymouth in their continued support of the arts and Three Cities Art Club. Martin F. Webber has donated a number of gift certificates for their art supplies. Sharon Dillenbeck, owner of D & M Art Studio located in Canton and a member of Three Cities Art Club since 1986, has once again donated over \$200 in new art supplies to be auctioned off. Showroom of Elegance Fine Jewelry donated a beautiful pair of earrings valued at \$70 and a gift certificate. Everyone will have a chance to bid on these items and other valuable merchant gift certificates from community-minded businesses such as Clearly You (skin care) and Michigan Made and More.

When you arrive, register at the welcome table to obtain a bidder ID number paddle upon which you can write down the Lot Number, title and bid amount for items that you successfully bid on so you can collect them upon payment when you leave. Bargain tables from 50-cents to \$25 (pay as you go canisters on the honor system) will contain a wide assortment of goodies such as jigsaw puzzles, picture frames, small appliances, art supplies, books, magazines and more. Throughout the live auction, bargain items not sold move down to lower priced tables. In addition to the auction, members of the club will have framed originals, matted prints and note cards available for sale.

Sorry, no credit cards; cash or checks and carry only. Dealers must bring their valid sales tax license to be tax exempt.

Three Cities Art Club is comprised of adult artists specializing in oil, watercolor, acrylics, colored pencil, pastels, photography and more. Members are from Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties and meet monthly in the lower level of Canton Township Hall (Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill) for demonstrations, workshops and social events for a nominal annual dues of \$20.

Each event includes a Popular Vote competition where members enter recent artworks to be voted on by those attending for a chance to win ribbons and cash prizes. At the end of the club's season, the artist with the most points is honored with a solo art exhibition at a local gallery. Members are eligible to receive discounts on art supplies, have the opportunity to meet people with similar interests, qualify to exhibit and sell their artwork and win prizes. Everyone is welcome and can attend up to three events prior to paying the annual fee.

Donations for the auction will be accepted through the morning of Oct. 20. Contact Marilyn Meredith at (248) 557-3800 weekdays, (734) 397-2348 nights and weekends or by e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com to make donation arrangements. Proceeds help educate members, provide funds for art show awards, contribute to the operation of the club and promote the arts in our communities.

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Dulong-McGuire

Gary and Sharon Dulong of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Rochelle Dulong, to Robert Daniel McGuire, son of Michael and Marjorie McGuire of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She will graduate with a pharmacy doctoral degree in May 2008 from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy.

The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and 2006 graduate of Western Michigan University in aviation administration. He is a lieutenant



in the United States Army stationed at Hunter Airfield in Georgia.

An December, 2007 wedding is planned for St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth.

### Kidd-Honeycutt

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kidd of Plymouth (originally Nottingham, England), announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Louise Kidd, to Jeffrey Donald Honeycutt, son of Janet K. Honeycutt and of the late James I. Honeycutt of Canton. A May wedding is planned in the United Kingdom.

The bride-to-be graduated from Salem High School in 1993. She received a license as a cosmetologist from the Douglas J. Aveda Institute in Ann Arbor.



The future groom is a 1989 graduate of Canton High School. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in communications from Eastern Michigan University.

### Ludwig-Lucas

Phil and Jackie Ludwig of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer LeighAnn Ludwig, to Joseph Anthony Lucas, son of Patricia Lucas of Livonia and Jerry Lucas of Clarkston.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of South Lyon High School and works as a dental assistant for Dr. Ryan Breasbois in Howell.

The prospective groom is a 1999 graduate of Clarenceville High School and works as



Hi-Lo driver for Plastipak in Westland.

A November 2008 wedding is planned.

### Jeffries-Beehler

Tim and Karen Jeffries of Canton Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Renee, to Jake Beehler, son of Wes and Terry Beehler of Canton Township.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School and is presently working on her associates degree in massage therapy from Schoolcraft College. She will then be pursuing her degree in nursing as she continues her employment at an accounting firm in Farmington.

The prospective groom is a 2003 graduate of Canton High School and a 2005 graduate of the Los Angeles Recording Workshop. He is presently



employed at an automotive design research company in Ann Arbor and is interested in attending flight school to pursue a career as an airline pilot in the future.

A January 2008 wedding is planned.

## WEDDING

### Carlson-Wolicki

Elizabeth Buckley of Chicago and Mark Anthony Wolicki of Chicago were wed Aug. 11, 2007, at St. Patrick's Church in Chicago with the Rev. Thomas Buckley officiating. The reception was held at the Mid-Day Club in Chicago.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia and Stephen Carlson of Chicago. Elizabeth graduated from Princeton University in 2004. She is in her third year at the University of Chicago Law School.

The groom is the son of Melvin and Rosalie Wolicki of Livonia.

Mark is a graduate of Stevenson High School. He graduated from Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in business. He is employed as Sellerson Troob Trading in Chicago.

The bride was attended by maid of honor Meghan Fraley and bridesmaids, Haley Campbell, Julie and Susan



Carlson, Katherine Eng, Lisa Giovannini, Christina Harber and Sandra Wolicki. The flower girl was Mary Petracca.

The groom was attended by best man John Rarog and groomsmen John Brown, Matthew Campbell, Erick Giovannini, Brian Nygard, Dan Piekarski, John Tripp and Edward Wong.

The couple honeymooned in Tahiti. They are making their home in Chicago.

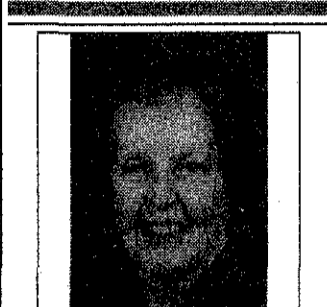
## Event planning course offers basic knowledge

The Redford Community Center will offer continuing education courses for event planners, coordinators, and consultants or those that aspire to become event planners 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23 to Nov. 20, at the center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford. For more information, call (313) 387-2650 or visit www.eloquets.com. The event planning course will empower individuals with the

basic knowledge needed for event planning.

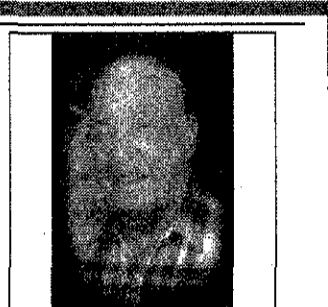
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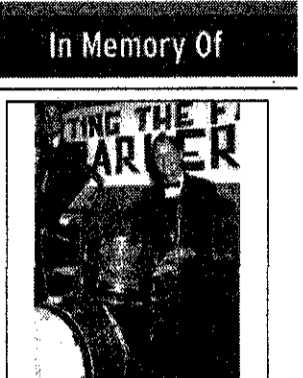
### JACQUELYN A. CONVERSE

Age 80, died October 11, 2007. Beloved Wife of 57 years to Byron. Loving mother to Sheryl Schmidt, Sandy (Gary) Phillips, and Ron Converse. Dearest grandmother of eight and great grandmother of four. Dear sister of Barbara Field and Leigh Smith. Friends may call upon the family Monday 2-9 at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 W. 12 Mile Rd., (2 blks. W. of Woodward), Berkley, Instate, Tuesday 10:30 AM until time of Service at 11AM at the St. John Episcopal Church, 26998 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Memorials may be made to the church and/or to St. John's Hospice. Share your memories at: www.sawyerfuller.com



### PAUL R. KELLER

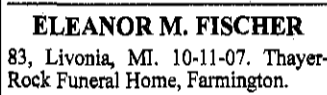
87 Passed away Sept. 25, 2007. Born May 23, 1920, P.H.S. Grad class of 1940, Grad of Meinsinger Art School, Wayne Co. O.L.G.C. parishioner, Boy Scout Leader, Holy Name Society member. Retreat leader, long time Fo. Mo. Co. employee. Disabled Am. Vet, Coast Guard, 1944. Began Passage Gatty Am Legion Post 670 Church St. in Plymouth in early 40's. Survived by: Brother, Edward in Melbourne, Fla; Former wife Rosemary and children, Kathleen (Corcoran), Jeanine, Ronald, Dennis and Paulette (Roberts) and by current wife Pauline and children, Dennis, Candice & James. Also survived by 13 Grandchildren and 13 Great Grand Children. Loved and never forgotten. "Miss Me-But Let Me Go!"



### IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND RICHARD PANKAU (PARKER) Sept. 16, 1929-Oct. 16, 2006

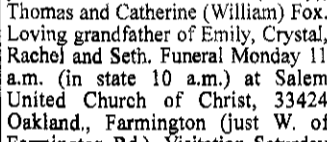
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### ELEANOR M. FISCHER

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### DONALD GERDS

October 10, 2007, Age 85. Beloved husband of the late Esther for 50 years. Dear father of Edward (Becky), Thomas and Catherine (William) Fox. Loving grandfather of Emily, Crystal, Rachel and Seth. Funeral Monday 11 a.m. (in state 10 a.m.) at Salem United Church of Christ, 3424 Oakland, Farmington (Just W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Saturday 4-9 p.m. and Sunday 2-9 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River, Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to Salem United Church of Christ. www.thayer-rock.com



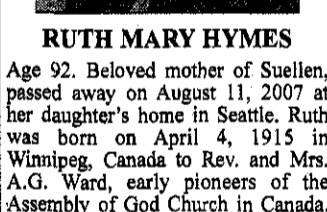
### MARY AVENDT NOLAN

October 10, 2007, in Harbor Springs, age 89. Beloved wife of the late Edmund T. for 40 years. Loving mother of Patricia Gillard (John), Mike (Jenny), Timothy, Mary K. Connor (Jack), Jane E. Birtwell (Jack), and Thomas. Dear grandmother of fifteen and great-grandmother of 5. Sister of Raymond Avendt. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (between 13 -14 Mile) Sunday 4-8 PM with Scripture Service at 7 PM. Funeral Mass Monday 10 AM at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln (at Lahser), Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins Monday at 9:30 AM. Rite of Committal Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorials to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, 3434 M-119, Suite F, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, or University of Detroit Mercy, "Fund for UDM", 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



### E. NOREEN SHAW 6/25/16 - 9/30/07

(Eleanor) Noreen Shaw died on September 30 in Naples, FL. Mrs. Shaw was born in 1916 in Butte, Montana, moving to Flint, MI in 1923. In 1932 at age 16, Noreen was valedictorian of her Northern High School class in Flint and began working at Chevrolet Motors. She married Charles F. Shaw in 1939, and they were married for 58 years until his death in 1997. In the early 1960's, after her four children were in school, Mrs. Shaw pursued her goal of a college degree. She graduated magna cum laude in mathematics in 1967 from the University of Michigan, Flint campus and taught high-school math in Michigan until she retired. Upon retirement in 1984 she and her husband moved from Bloomfield Hills, MI, to Marco Island, FL, and in 2000, Mrs. Shaw moved to Naples, FL. Always active in her community, at her death she was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, the American Association of University Women, Welcome to Florida International, and a life-time member of the Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. Shaw, although unassuming by nature, was quite adventurous and instilled this spirit in all of her children. She loved to travel, from a 1934 cross-country train-trip with friends to Western Canada and San Francisco, to extensive US travel with her husband and four children, to trips to Europe, the Middle East, Taiwan and China well into her 80's. She played bridge and golf for decades and had her first hole-in-one at the age of 89. When she turned 90, Mrs. Shaw engaged in a fight against lymphoma and won, only to succumb to other illnesses at 91. She is survived by her four children Charles Shaw, Jr., of Chicago, Karyl Shaw of East Lansing, MI, Deborah (Stephen) Marquardt, of London, England, and Kristi (Kevin) Brown, Kenilworth, IL, one sister, Eileen Webb, 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on October 26th at 9 am at Kenilworth Union Church, Kenilworth, IL. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of E. Noreen Shaw to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, PO Box 27106, NY, NY 10087-7106, or visit and go to: Make a Gift.



### RUTH MARY HYMES

Age 92. Beloved mother of Suellen, passed away on August 11, 2007 at her daughter's home in Seattle. Ruth was born on April 4, 1915 in Winnipeg, Canada to Rev. and Mrs. A.G. Ward, early pioneers of the Assembly of God Church in Canada. Ruth married Gene Hymes of Ottawa, Kansas on March 25, 1939 in Toronto. In 1945, Gene and Ruth settled in Farmington and opened the Farmington Radio Store, later Radio and Television Store, on Grand River, in downtown Farmington. Both Gene and Ruth were active in community affairs for many years. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Gene in 1993, her sister Ellen Blakeman and her brother, Rev. C.M. Ward. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Suellen of Seattle, two granddaughters, Jana and Rebecca, of El Paso, Texas, and one great-grandson, Marcus, age six. A graveside ceremony will be held on Friday, October 19th at 1:00 p.m. at Oakwood Cemetery on Grand River in Farmington.

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 Romulus MI 48174  
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**Dental Receptionist/Scheduling Coordinator**  
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[robertsrestaurants@msn.com](mailto:robertsrestaurants@msn.com)

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### Dearborn Fordson

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### Dearborn Heights Riverside

**Class of 1977**  
A 30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at Warren Valley Banquet Center in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264.

### Detroit Central High School

**Class of 1952**  
A 55-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007. For more information, call Selma Cohen at (248) 541-7864.

### Detroit Cooley

**Class of 1947**  
A 60th reunion luncheon 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For information, contact Dave Vaughn at (248) 380-6939 or Reta (Ansell) Steinhuis at (248) 851-4682.

### Detroit Christ the King Elementary

**Class of 1963**  
A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail [denplace@bigfoot.com](mailto:denplace@bigfoot.com).

### Detroit Denby

**Class of 1952**  
Seeking alumni for a 55th reunion Oct. 21 at the American Polish Century Club. For more information, call (586) 468-2259 or (586) 286-3352.

### Detroit Girls Catholic Central

**Class of 1967**  
Searching for classmates of the class of 1967 for a 40th reunion this summer/fall. Contact Diane Kangas (Krok) at (586) 446-9011 or Mary Mezzardi (Winowiecki) at [mmezazdr@hotmail.com](mailto:mmezazdr@hotmail.com).

### Detroit Henry Ford

**Class of 1977**  
Looking for classmates for a 30-year reunion. Information at [henryfordhigh-school.com](http://henryfordhigh-school.com).

### Detroit Mackenzie

**Class of 1957**  
Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at (734) 425-8278.

### Detroit Osborn

**Classes of 1970, '71, '72**  
Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007. Best Western Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights. Alumni can update their addresses by either calling Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mailing [celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com](mailto:celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com). Visit Web site at [ctrinc.divincinet.com](http://ctrinc.divincinet.com).

### Detroit Redford High School

**Class of 1954**  
Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. \$40 per person. Classes of 1953 and 1955 are invited. For more information, [www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com](http://www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com) or Doug King at (248) 478-3621 or [dking000@ameritech.net](mailto:dking000@ameritech.net).

### Detroit Sacred Heart

**Alumni weekend**  
Dinner bash 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, Sacred Heart Activity Building, \$20. Reunion Mass 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, Sacred Heart Church. Contact Barbara (Battle) Hunt at (313) 568-7303. Maxine (Jaggers) Adames at (313) 526-6322 or Almeta (Carruth) White at (313) 862-2064.

### Farmington High School

**Class of 1977**  
Looking for classmates to plan 30th reunion. Call Elaine (Stewart) Conn at (248)-476-4821 or [shakaconn1129@yahoo.com](mailto:shakaconn1129@yahoo.com).

### Class of 1997

A 10-year reunion. 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007 (Thanksgiving weekend), Chell's Chill Bar in Detroit. For information, visit [www.fhsclassof1997.com](http://www.fhsclassof1997.com).

### Garden City High School

**Class of 1960**  
Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).

### Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, e-mail, etc.). Contact [GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net](mailto:GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net) or call Sherryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

### Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at [gchst989reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:gchst989reunion@hotmail.com) and check out web site at [www.myspace.com/gchst20threunion](http://www.myspace.com/gchst20threunion). The reunion date has not been set yet.

### Lakeland

**Class of 1982**  
A 25th reunion 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 24, 2007, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Limited amount of rooms at a discount until September. Ticket purchases due by Oct. 15. Contact Lisa (Perna) Hartman for tickets at [musicmuse@comcast.net](mailto:musicmuse@comcast.net) or Laura Lovelace at [lauralee@comcast.net](mailto:lauralee@comcast.net) for more information.

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### Livonia Bentley High School

**Class of 1982**  
A 25th reunion, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007 at Baker's of Milford. For information visit [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com) or call 877 376 1703. RSVP soon to reserve your spot!

### Livonia Franklin

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A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: [Kaynilitu@aol.com](mailto:Kaynilitu@aol.com).

### Class of 1966, 1967

A 41st and 40th reunion will be held Oct. 20, 2007, 6:30 to midnight. Tickets are \$50. Call Tom Kujath at (248) 888-9535.

### Livonia Churchill High School

**Class of 1997**  
10 Year Reunion 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel. For information and tickets, send e-mail

to [CHS97@CHSChargers.info](mailto:CHS97@CHSChargers.info) or visit [www.snowdenhq.com/chs97](http://www.snowdenhq.com/chs97).

### Livonia Stevenson High School

**Class of 1987**  
The Class of 1987 at Stevenson High School meets for its 20th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at (734) 261-3264; e-mailing to [celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com](mailto:celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com) or visiting [ctrinc.divincinet.com](http://ctrinc.divincinet.com).

### Melvindale High School

**Class of 1967**  
A 40 year class reunion, Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at the Double Tree Hotel in Dearborn beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Donna Labare Wright at (313) 277-8870 or [dewcrews@aol.com](mailto:dewcrews@aol.com) or Ron Morris at (734) 676-8111 or [ronniem67@hotmail.com](mailto:ronniem67@hotmail.com).

### Plymouth High School

**Class of 1968**  
Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734) 451-1048 or contact [phs40threunion@charter.net](mailto:phs40threunion@charter.net).

### Southeastern (Detroit)

**Class of 1987**  
A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Faison at (313) 220-4769 or [infifaison@aol.com](mailto:infifaison@aol.com).

### St. Agatha High School

**Class of 1972**  
6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Monahan K of C Hall. Dress casual. \$15 at the door. For information, call Jane Linn at (734) 525-4321.

### St. Francis de Sales

**Class of 1967**  
A 40-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at Ginopolis on the Grill, Farmington Hills. Dinner and dancing. For more information, contact Gloria (Mishik) Bobrowski at (734) 462-1372, [jewelry74u@ameritech.net](mailto:jewelry74u@ameritech.net) or Chuck Zuccarini at (734) 425-3788, [kzuc@aol.com](mailto:kzuc@aol.com).

### Trenton High School

**Class of 1987**  
A 20-year reunion 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at Grecian Center in Southgate. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or email [rsculbert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsculbert@sbcglobal.net).

### Wayne Memorial High School

**Class of 1967**  
A 40-year reunion at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton Township, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 24, 2007. \$50 per person; no tickets sold at the door. Missing contact info for more than 200 classmates. For more info, e-mail Sue Egbert at [segbert67@sbcglobal.net](mailto:segbert67@sbcglobal.net) before Oct. 20 or contact Vicki Porter Wood at 734/718-3559 or 734/641-7771 or Fran Mancuso Belanger at 734/673-0500.

### WSDP

**35th Anniversary**  
WSDP, the student radio station with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is celebrating its 35th anniversary on 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club. Tickets are \$50. More information available at [www.myspace.com/wsdpalumni](http://www.myspace.com/wsdpalumni) and [www.881theescape.com](http://www.881theescape.com). You can also call Bill Keith at (734) 416-7732 for reservation form. Reservations are due Oct. 1, 2007.

### Warren Cousino High School

**34th and 35th Reunion**  
Cousino High School, Class of 1972 & 1973, are holding their 34th & 35th Year Class Reunions on Friday, Nov. 2, 2007 at the Partridge Creek Banquet Center. Contact Kathy at (586) 263-3075.

### Westland John Glenn High School

**Class of 1987**  
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## Exercise may help rebuild your heart

Anthony from Farmington Hills e-mails and says he suffers with heart problems and does not know if he should exercise.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Could it be bad for his heart? Actually, Anthony, just the opposite seems to be true. Exercise could help the heart repair itself. Researchers followed a

group of people with serious heart failure. They found those who rode a bike for up to 30 minutes a day for four months actually produced more stem cells in their bones and also had more small blood vessels in their muscles. Stem cells can help relieve stress on the heart and may repair damaged parts. Since there are no medications to produce new stem cells, exercise may be the only way to rebuild the heart. But remember to check with your cardiologist before you start any fitness program.

Tim from St. Clair Shores e-mails asking what he could add to his diet to help battle cancer.

Tim, I get asked this question a lot, and the answer is to try some vitamin C.

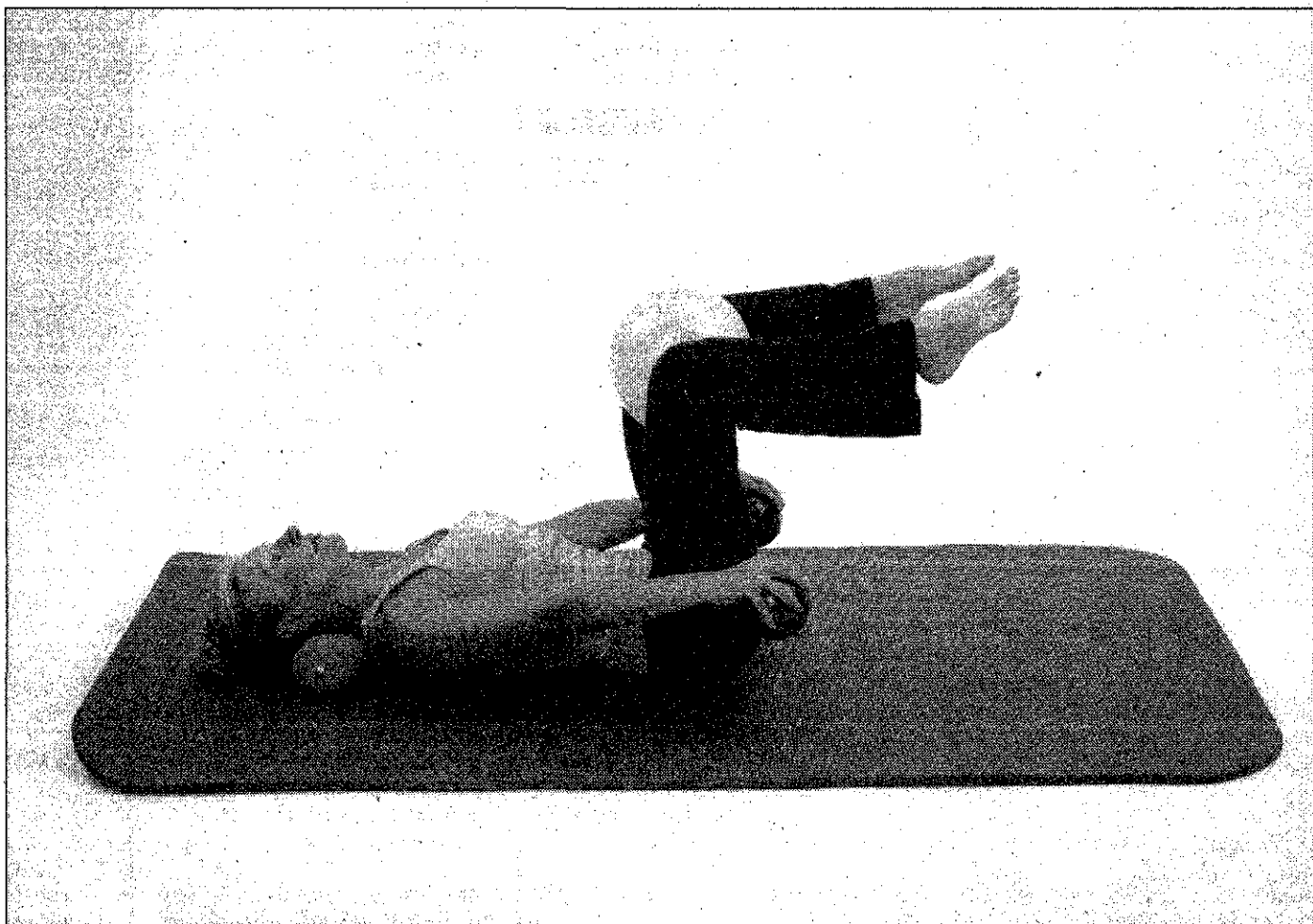
A new study found vitamin C can actually slow the growth of some types of tumors. Vitamin C is an antioxidant, a nutrient known to prevent some of the damage from free radicals in the body.

Foods packed with vitamin C include oranges and green, red and yellow peppers.

Experts do caution against taking high doses of vitamin D. They are still unsure how the vitamin actually fights cancer.

They are doing more research, which will hopefully lead to a new cancer treatment.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.



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## Age-perfected movement

### Physical therapist develops exercise program for baby boomers

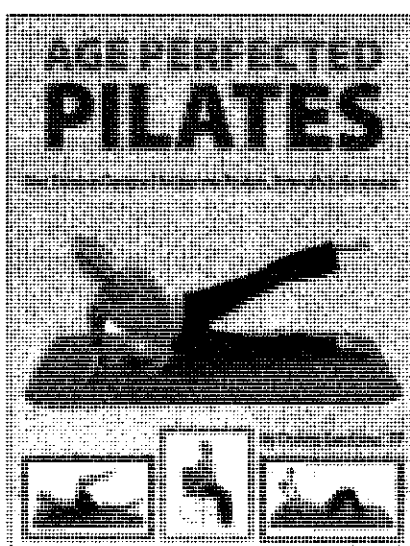
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Donna Gambino was tired of hearing reasons for not exercising. She knew baby boomers in her Pilates classes were having success in strengthening their muscles and eliminating the aches caused by years of wear and tear on their joints.

As a physical therapist Gambino prescribes Pilates to reduce pain in patients with back, neck, knee, and shoulder injuries so she designed a modified program for orthopedic issues including osteoporosis. The mat exercises use fitness equipment which allows nearly everyone to benefit from the movements without discomfort.

Gambino describes the program in her new book, *Age Perfected Pilates*, released by Orthopedic Physical Therapy Products ([www.optp.com](http://www.optp.com)) in Minnesota in September. OPTP approached Gambino about writing *Age Perfected Pilates* after seeing her first book, *On a Roll @ Home*, a series of exercises on a foam roller to improve core strength and massage tight muscles. OPTP makes the equipment pictured in the spiral bound *Age Perfected Pilates* book which is meant to be read while working out on the floor.

Pilates is a series of exercises to strengthen the core muscles in the abdomen, back, buttocks, and inner thighs which are necessary for good posture. Alignment and good posture are key to preventing back problems especially.



"Pilates has been good for all of my clients with back pain. If someone comes to me with pain and can't do the exercise we modify it," said Donna Gambino of Canton. Gambino worked at Providence and Oakwood hospitals before going into private practice as a physical therapist. She teaches Pilates four times a week at Canton Premiere Dance.

"No exercise should cause pain - not weight training, aerobics or yoga," said Gambino. "The new book uses three pieces of equipment - a 9-inch ball, small weighted balls no more than 1- to 2-pounds, and a BodyBolster that inflates and deflates to fit the curves of the body. In the past we used rolled up towels to help position a neck or back. You can do the exercises without equipment, but it's good to have when you start. There's a chair workout at the back of the book that you can do anywhere. Many people are sitting in the all-American position all day at the computer and become stiff and sore. You can use the BodyBolster for resistance. Even people with osteoporosis where the risk is fracture, by changing position and using the bolster they can still strengthen and not be at risk

#### PILATES EVENTS

**What:** Workshop to learn to do the exercises in Donna Gambino's new book, *Age Perfected Pilates*

**When:** Noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

**Where:** Canton Premiere Dance, 2860 Canton Center Road, Suite 325, Canton 48187

**Cost:** \$25. Space is limited. Books will be available for purchase. To register, send e-mail to [infinityhealth@comcast.net](mailto:infinityhealth@comcast.net) or call (734) 377-1055

**Book signing:** 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at As The Page Turns, 149 N. Center Street, Suite 102, Northville, (248) 912-0085

for damage."

As with any exercise program Gambino says to check with your doctor first. Gambino started taking Pilates classes in 2001 while working as a physical therapist.

"I wasn't seeing results in my back pain clients and was hearing about Pilates. Even in clinic we don't use machines any more and we don't use bracing as much. You need to get those muscles strong," said Gambino.

"We like people to learn to manage their own pain, take control of their wellness. Pilates allows them to strengthen and do their treatment on their own. The goal of any exercise program is to be strong for whatever you do in your daily living from fly fishing to cycling."

Gambino urges men as well as women to give Pilates a try. "Some men think Pilates is for girls," said Gambino.

"It's a good workout. Pilates is focused on quality movement, breathing correctly in good alignment. It's very slow and controlled. You don't have to feel the burn. There's a repetition of only 8 to 10 so it's concentrated and focused. That's why it's called mind-body exercise."

You have to think about all of these things - posture, breathing while doing the exercise."

Diane Kwiatkowski makes sure her shoulders are back, abdomen and chin tucked in even when not in Gambino's Pilates classes. Aligning the body is the first step in staying off pain in her back, neck and thighs. At one point the Plymouth-Canton Montessori teacher hurt so much she couldn't grocery shop for more than 10 minutes. Today with 85- to 90-percent of the pain gone she has no problem getting up and down on the floor with her students as they do their work. She's purchased both of Gambino's books.

"I did household chores in tears," said Diane Kwiatkowski, 52.

Kwiatkowski first met Gambino when the two were taking Jazzercise classes. Kwiatkowski continues to do the cardiovascular workout 3 to 4 times a week. "Donna taught me modifications, how to do low impact. Always at the beginning of the class she asks if people have any issues."

Liz Ryda began taking Gambino's Pilates classes three years ago when one of her friends from Jazzercise said Pilates had done more to tighten her abs and make her waist smaller.

"This really targets the abdominal area," said Liz Ryda, a special education teacher at Canton High School. Ryda does Jazzercise 3 to 5 times a week in addition to Pilates.

"I'd always done something to exercise. This is just something different. Sometimes I would have back pain from standing a long time. It's a result of poor posture. I haven't had pain in some years."

*On a Roll @ Home* costs \$24.95 and is available at [www.infinityhealth.org](http://www.infinityhealth.org) or at The Book Cellar & Cafe, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

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## Hospitals to host breast health events

In recognition of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month area hospitals are presenting events to raise awareness and money for research.

Beaumont Hospitals present the second annual Breast Health Fair which offers information on screening, cancer genetics, lymphedema prevention, meditation, educational programs, treatment, cancer clinical trials, diet, and survivorship programs 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Beaumont Cancer Center, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. Interactive sessions on lymphedema, mindfulness-based stress reduction, and acupuncture. Also featuring Lilly Oncology on Canvas: Expressions of a Cancer Journey, an art exhibit with works by people affected by cancer. There is no charge. Call (248) 551-1219 for information.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and Indigo Salon Day Spa are hosting a cancer awareness benefit event 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the salon, 50545 Cherry Hill Rd. in Canton's Cherry Hill Village.

For more information, call (734) 961-3245 or visit [www.indigosalonanddayspa.com](http://www.indigosalonanddayspa.com). Event

organizers are hoping to raise a minimum of \$4,000 to donate to the American Cancer Society. Donate for a chance to win over \$3000 worth of prizes including tickets to major sporting events, gift certificates from local restaurants, golf courses, and businesses, a full day package at Indigo Salon and Day Spa, product baskets valued at \$300 each, tickets to the village theater and more

Informative mini seminars show how to do a self breast exam. Instructors include Cynthia Aki, DO, breast specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital; registered dietitian Judy Swancutt, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, and Trish Tyl, cosmetologist and clinical specialist answer questions about image care.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center is also holding a Locks of Love Hair Cut-A-Thon where all hair/proceeds will also be donated ALL proceeds donated to The American Cancer Society Join The C Club The C Club helps cancer conquerors reclaim, reshape and renew their life after cancer. Find out how during this event.

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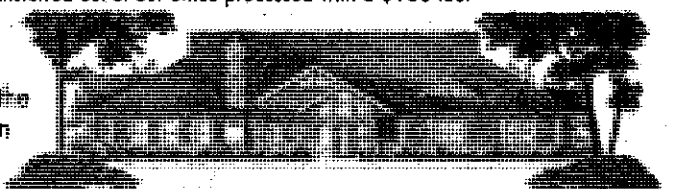
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# GHOSTS

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Schiffer Publications on Plymouth's haunted places which is scheduled for release around Halloween next year.

"Plymouth doesn't want to be known as haunted, but it has so much history - the land and houses. I've been called to do different paranormal investigations. Plymouth is actually extremely haunted - Kellogg Park, the land where the Mayflower stood. There's a stable downtown that will wink at you," said Kristy Robinett. "In Westland there are old houses off Wayne between Ford and Marquette. Fox & Hounds (the former restaurant in Bloomfield Hills) was mafia haunted. Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Estate are also haunted."

In the near future Robinett is planning to do ghost walks throughout Michigan from Plymouth to Frankenmuth, Traverse City and Algonac.

"We plan to have an early 19th century dress up and tell the history. Almost every large state has a ghost walk," said Robinett. "We're trying to make it historical. What takes so long is doing the research."

In the meantime, Robinett and the League of Extraordinary Paranormal Women host the first annual Michigan's Haunting Experience at the Blackhawk Bar & Grill in Richland on Tuesday, Oct. 30. The event features supernatural speakers including Todd, a radio show personality and founder of NightWatchers Paranormal Group; Nick Reiter, a scientist at a solar photovoltaic research facility in Toledo, Ohio, and co-author of Bridges of Avalon; Thomas "Fiver" Murphy, UFO Investigator with the Southern Michigan Paranormal Investigators group; Kathleen Tedsen and Beverlee Rydel, authors of the upcoming Michigan travel guide, *Haunted Travels of the Michigan Vacation Guide*, and Amy Williamson of Haunted Hillsdale ([www.hauntedhillsdale.com](http://www.hauntedhillsdale.com)), a group interested in the paranormal and ghost hunting in the Hillsdale area including Hillsdale, Branch and Lenawee counties.

Robinett co-founded the League of Extraordinary Paranormal Women with Williamson to provide ghost research, evidence, discussion and support to women in the paranormal field. Paranormal activities include a wide variety of phenomena such as ghosts, hauntings, reincarnation, telepathy, and extra-sensory perception.

"The Blackhawk Grill is about a 1 1/2 hour drive. We have a deal with the Gull Lake Inn for lodging. Ninety-five percent of ticket sales are from metro Detroit. People are carpooling from Jackson," said Robinett.

"A lady haunts the restaurant. We're going to do a paranormal investigation and a seance to see what spirits we can get to. The land dates back to the time of the American Indians."

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# Theater group to hold costume sale

If you still haven't decided what to be for Halloween, the Farmington Players have a sale for you.

Members of the Farmington Players are selling costumes just in time to dress up for the fun holiday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

There will be no costume priced over \$10.

# LSO

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"It's very American music. We are Americans and it's time for us to be proud of our music, to show people it's a real good music," said Volodymyr Shesiuk, the LSO conductor who left his Ukraine homeland for Garden City in 1990.

Shesiuk served as conductor-in-residence of the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow, conductor of the Lviv Philharmonic Orchestra, and chief conductor of the Kyrgyzstan National Opera before joining the LSO as a violinist in 1994.

The season continues with a Dec. 1, Christmas concert; the music of Scandinavian composers on Jan. 26; a celebration of spring March 8, and concludes with the music of Franz Liszt and Antonin Dvorak April 26. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. except for the Christmas concert which starts at 3 p.m.

"The Christmas concert is very special with the Santa Claus Symphony by an American composer with slides and a choir from Clarenceville High School," said Shesiuk. "We've planned

more family concerts so people can come with kids, grandsons and granddaughters. I'm working closer with members of the orchestra and they're coming up with very nice ideas. In January, a young pianist, Julia Siciliano from Livonia, is performing a Beethoven concerto. For years we had Joshua Cullen (a pianist who debuted with the LSO at age 8). We're trying to keep this tradition of featuring our talented young people."

Tom Bjorklund is especially proud of the outreach program that brings classical music to the schools. Last year, LSO musicians visited five assemblies of elementary students to teach them about the instruments and their role in the orchestra.

"We think it's important to get the word out to younger people about classical music. Last year we passed out vouchers (at the assemblies) to encourage young people and their families to come to LSO concerts," said Bjorklund who's served four years as president of the nonprofit Livonia Symphony Society board of directors who oversee the administrative and fund-raising business of the orchestra.

Bjorklund is currently busy trying to secure matching funds for a \$10,000 Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

"It's a great time to consider a donation to a good cause," said Bjorklund. "We've had super support from the community. We've also been able to expand the scope of volunteers. There are a lot of positive things that have happened with the LSO. The effort has always been there with volunteers. When you can get a lot of people involved it helps out a great deal."

Right now volunteers are busy working on the Nov. 16 fund-raiser, Ballroom Brilliance, an evening that includes dinner, a silent auction, and performances by the LSO and ballroom dancers. Tickets are \$60. For more information, call (734) 591-0266 or (734) 421-1111.

"It's a fun theme," said Bjorklund. "The country is in something of a craze. My wife's addicted to Dancing with the Stars. There will be dancing. It will be a fun night."

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