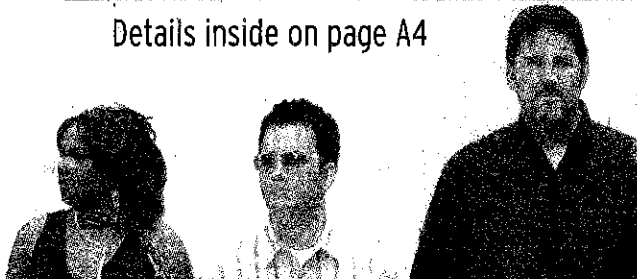


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## Developer scores with plan

### Council approves soccer complex for Cooper School site

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A \$15 million plan to build a huge soccer complex with indoor and outdoor fields on the old Cooper School site will bring to Westland a trailblazing project unrivaled in Michigan, developers said Monday.

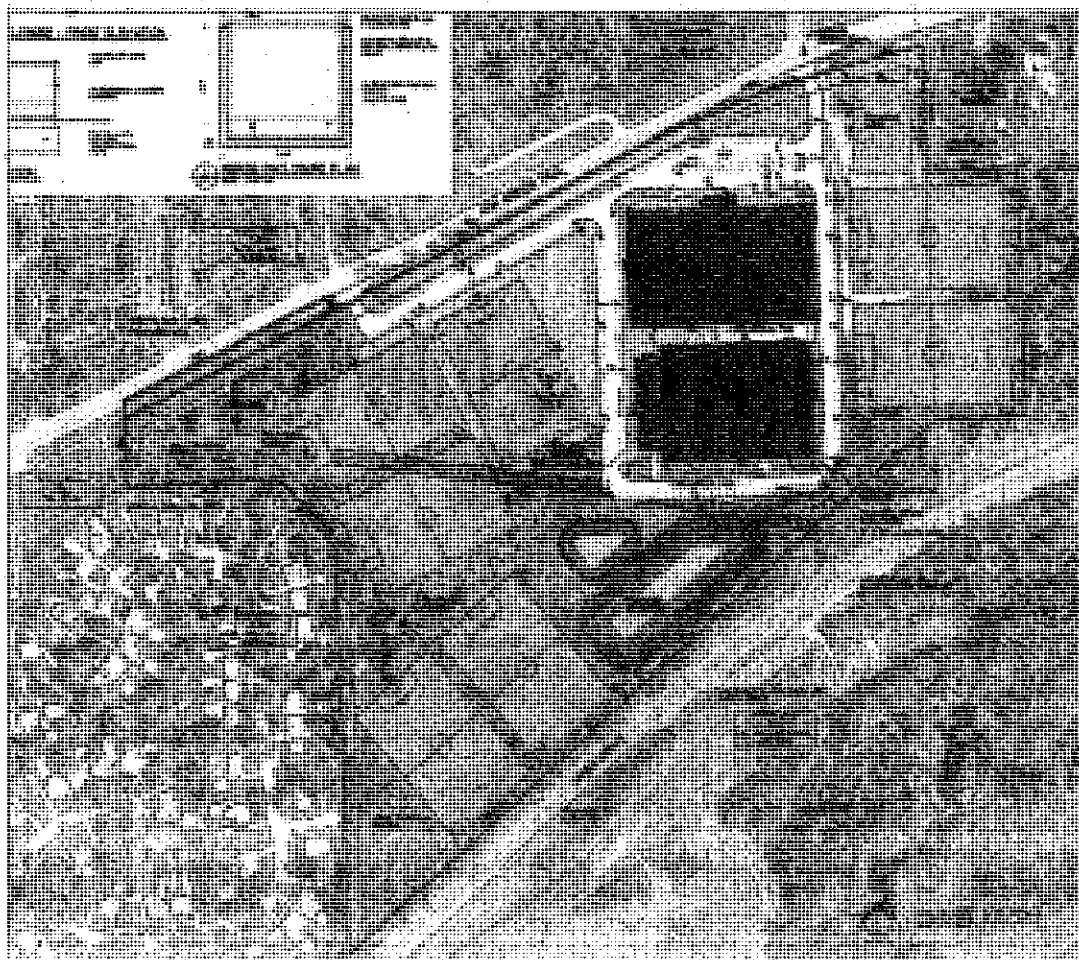
"This will put Westland on the map," said Tony Hermiz, a one-time national soccer champion and coach who is involved with developers J.N. Cooper LLC in pioneering the local complex.

Developers have rolled out plans for seven outdoor fields, a soccer dome and a 97,162-square-foot arena on the 37-acre site on Ann Arbor Trail east of Middlebelt. In all, the proposal calls for nine regulation-size fields that could be divided into smaller playing areas for younger teams.

The project moved ahead Monday night on two fronts, as an eager Westland City Council approved a preliminary plan and changed the property's residential zoning from residential to accommodate the recreation complex. Outside the meeting, developer Frank Jonna indicated that construction of the initial phase, the soccer dome, could begin by March of next year.

Developers still have to receive approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a remediation plan for the contaminated Cooper School site, a former landfill that was fenced off 17 years ago by Livonia Public Schools.

Developers said the project will complement three outdoor soccer fields that city leaders hope to build amid remediation plans for portions of another contaminated site, Central City Park, several miles away near Ford and Carlson.



This is a drawing of the soccer complex planned for the old Cooper School site. The arena and the dome are in the middle, flanked by the outdoor fields.

Officials say that, collectively, the facilities could provide the momentum to make Westland a leading destination for statewide soccer tournaments — a move that city Economic Development Director Lori Fodale has said could boost the local economy, create new jobs and generate tax revenues.

On Monday, Jonna conceded that the sour economy had killed earlier plans to build medical office buildings and senior housing on the old Cooper property. But he appeared confident that the latest vision, partly funded by more than \$3 million in

state dollars, will be the project that finally transforms the site.

"We're hoping this is the one that does it," Jonna told city leaders.

Councilman Dewey Reeves commended developers for a decade of pursuing a workable solution for the site.

"To stick to something like that for 10 years — it's amazing," Reeves said.

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## Walker fills vacancy on W-W board

BY SUE MASON  
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Shawna Walker got far fewer votes than when she ran in the May school election, but the Westland resident got more than enough Monday evening to become the newest member of the Wayne-Westland school board.



Walker

The school board voted 5-1 to appoint Walker to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Frederick Weaver last month. Board Secretary Cindy Schofield cast the lone dissenting vote.

"I'm overwhelmed," said Walker about the appointment. "I'm excited and I look forward to serving on the board. It's such an honor."

Walker was one of four residents interviewed by the school board during a special meeting Monday evening.

Also interested in filling the vacancy were Lori Mirales-Smith of Westland, Jack Garret Jr. of Wayne and Bhagwan Dashairya of Westland. A fifth resident, Donna Chapman of Westland, withdrew from the process.

In an interview prior to the voting, Walker told the school board she decided to try for the appointment because "I honestly want to make a change in the district."

"I think I can bring a new way of thinking to the board," she said.

Walker also told the board that her goal, once she gets into her role as a board member, was to make sure students get the education they deserve. Saying that she sees improvement in every area, including test scores, she cited the budget is the No. 1 issue facing the district. It will remain the top priority even if the economy changes, she added.

"I think we have a good school district," she said. "I love this school district."

A former Ford Motor Co. employee, Walker is employed as an optical technician and is a student at Henry Ford Community College. She and her husband, Dwayne, have four children. She has helped her children's school. She also volunteers with Looking for My Sister, a domestic violence program, and is active in the women's ministry at her church, the Pure Word Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit.

Walker had campaigned in the May school election, finishing just 55 votes behind Trustee William Gabriel. Dashairya also was a candidate in the election, finishing fifth with 230 votes.

Walker will serve until June 30, 2009. She has told the board that she will seek election to the seat in next May's school election. She said she plans to talk to as many of the board members as possible prior to her first meeting Monday, Sept. 22, when a ceremonial swearing-in will be held.

"I want us all to work together to keep this district moving forward," she said. "I'm really excited, I'm really looking forward to this."

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## City needs recruits to launch Play Planet

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Space, the final frontier. This is the voyage of the Starship Westland.

This time, it's a four-day mission to boldly go where no Michigan community has gone before by building a new planet, a Play Planet, where children climb, slide, crawl and maneuver through an outer-space themed play structure like nothing else on Earth — Westland's section of Earth, anyway.

Those brave enough for the journey are being recruited by city parks and recreation leaders to help build the 25,000-square-foot Play Planet in Tattan Park, an area southwest of Ford and Carlson long defined by miniature city buildings collectively dubbed Tot Town.

"This is going to be the biggest playscape around," Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said.

Here, in this cosmic community of 86,000 people, the future is now.

Scores of people will be needed to build Play Planet from Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 22-25. They'll need to come prepared to fasten and bolt the plastic and steel pieces of the \$250,000 structure,

**'To the best of our knowledge, it is the opinion of GameTime that this is one of the Top 10 largest play structures in the country, and it is quite likely the single largest, contiguously attached play structure in the country. It's mammoth. It will be a wonderful addition to the community.'**

RICHARD SINCLAIR, Sinclair Recreation LLC

although Kosowski said the tools will be provided.

"All the parts come ready to assemble," he said. Several local restaurants will provide lunch.

Community volunteers are asked to give four hours of their time. The work is expected to be done 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except on Saturday, when it is hoped the project will be completed in time for an afternoon ribbon-cutting and the first shuttle into, well, space.

The city's Downtown Development Authority bought Play Planet. The DDA worked with a Michigan company, Holland's Sinclair Recreation LLC, that

represents Alabama-based manufacturer GameTime.

"To the best of our knowledge, it is the opinion of GameTime that this is one of the Top 10 largest play structures in the country, and it is quite likely the single largest, contiguously attached play structure in the country," said Richard Sinclair, vice president of Sinclair Recreation LLC.

"It's mammoth," he said. "It will be a wonderful addition to the community."

Moreover, Sinclair said Play Planet will be accessible for children with special needs.

Play Planet will be nearly twice the size of the old Imagination Play Station that volunteers built 11 years ago in nearby Central City Park, now fenced off after it was learned the park was contaminated with lead.

Anyone who wants to help build the new structure is asked to sign up by calling the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620. Already, building trades students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center have offered to volunteer, Kosowski said.

"I can't wait to get started," he said. "This is a big move for the city's park system."

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# Preparedness is key to handling emergencies

In the event of a disaster or emergency, would you be ready? Would your children be prepared? Do you know specific actions to take in a critical situation?

To help ensure all Americans can handle the unexpected and the unavoidable, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has designated September as National Preparedness Month, and SERVPRO of Westland is offering advice to residents on the steps they need to take to be prepared.

SERVPRO is a Coalition member of National Preparedness Month for the third straight year and is committed to promoting preparedness by providing valuable tools and resources for disaster planning, said Gary Gasser, owner of SERVPRO of Westland.

"As disaster recovery specialists, it's our job to meet the needs of insurers and property owners in the event of a crisis; however, we want to encourage our customers and community members to take steps to prepare themselves now, instead of waiting until a disaster strikes," Gasser said.

"By being a part of the National Preparedness Month initiative, we're able to help communities minimize the impact an emergency can have on their lives," he added.

Gasser suggests the following steps to help local community members prepare:

- **Get an Emergency Supply Kit.** The kit should include one gallon of water for each person for three days, a three-day supply of food, a battery-powered radio, a flashlight with extra batteries, a first aid kit, a whistle, moist towelettes, garbage bags, a manual can opener for food and local maps.

- **Make a Family Emergency Plan.** It is extremely important to contact family members and alert them as to where you are and the situation. Make sure you

have a plan if your cell phone were inoperable. Also, inquire about emergency plans at places such as schools, day-care facilities, work, etc. Incorporate their plans into your family plan. Know where you would meet and how you would get there.

- **Know the appropriate responses to each emergency.** Disasters come in many different forms and each one has a different response protocol. Be prepared by contacting your local or state Office of Emergency Management.

Also, when an emergency does occur, use the radio in the emergency supply kit to find out specific advice from officials.

- **Pet owners, older Americans, disabled Americans and business owners** need to take extra steps. Individuals with special needs need to alter their emergency supply kits and plans to accommodate those conditions.

- **Get involved.** Join community groups, such as Citizen Corps Councils, that are dedicated to coordinating community and non-governmental resources in emergency planning, response and recovery.

"We know how much devastation can be caused from a disaster and we hope our community members follow these steps, but we'll also be there when we're needed to deliver immediate help and peace of mind," Gasser said.

SERVPRO of Westland, part of the leading national franchise organization, is a provider of fire, water, mold and other specialty cleanup and restoration services. SERVPRO responds to property damage emergencies ranging from multi-million dollar disasters affecting entire communities to those suffered by individual businesses and homes.

For more information about SERVPRO, call Gary Gasser at (734) 721-5699.



Four-year-old Kylie Machacek finishes the race with her mom and dad, Sherri and Martin Machacek of Plymouth.



Sara Johnson finished with a time of 24:16.9. George Law finished at 24:20.9.

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## St. Mary Mercy 5K run/walk for cancer raises \$13,000 to help patients in need

Organizers of the St. Mary Mercy Hospital second annual Celebrate Life! — 5K Run/Walk for Cancer called the event a shining success even with the rain on Saturday.

More than 430 runners and walkers registered for the event, which raised almost \$13,000. Proceeds assist the hospital's uninsured and underinsured cancer patients.

Awards were given to the top three male and female overall winners of the run, as well as almost 90 age-group winners, from ages 13 and under through 80 and up. Top three overall male winners were Steve Menovik of Lansing, with a time of 16:42; Vincent Jesudowich of Northville, at 17:30; and John Tarkowski of Northville, at 18:20. Top three overall female winners were Alison Fitzsimmons of Northville, with a time of 20:09; Heather Vandette of

**'We appreciate the tremendous community support, as well as staff support, of our second annual 5K for Cancer. This is not only a fun, well-organized event, but more importantly, it is for a great cause.'**

DAVID SPIVEY, St. Mary Mercy CEO/president

Livonia, at 20:18; and Marjorie Brooks of Westland, at 20:19.

"We appreciate the tremendous community support, as well as staff support, of our second annual 5K for Cancer," said David Spivey, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "This is

not only a fun, well-organized event, but more importantly, it is for a great cause," said Spivey, who also ran in the race.

St. Mary Mercy leaders appreciated the support of sponsors and contributors, including BrightHouse Networks, Roberta Palmer, Contractors Steel Company, Lutheran Home of Livonia, Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, Mercy Home Care/Mercy Hospice, RunningFit, the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Detroit-Livonia, Concord Ambulance, Eli Lilly and Company, massage therapy by St. Mary Mercy's Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center, and Serenity824 Massage Therapy Services, Busch's, Joe's Produce, Einstein Brothers Bagels, Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury, and others.

### AROUND WESTLAND

#### Not too late to join

If you would like to learn how to cheer, chant, stomp and more and learn different styles of dance (pom pon, jazz, hip-hop, novelty and lyrical) come join the Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team. Clinics are being held 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18 and 25, in the at the multi-purpose room of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland. Try-outs will be 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

#### Olympic celebration

Join the residents of Ashford Court Senior Residence, at 37501 Joy, west of Newburgh in Westland, for an Olympic Awards Ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19. The ceremony will honor Ashford's own

senior Olympians who have been participating in bowling, basketball throw, bull's eye beanbag toss, discus throw and beach volleyball during this week's Olympics. Dessert and coffee will follow. Seating is limited, so call (734) 451-1155 to reserve a spot.

#### Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner is back at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert for \$6 as well as entertainment. Dinner is being served 4-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

#### Author visits

Author Cecil Castellucci will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday,

Oct. 4, at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland. Castellucci has authored four young adult books, including *The Queen of Cool*, *The Plain Jeans* and *Boy Proof*, and has a fifth book coming out later this month. She will deliver a short lecture and hold a question and answer session, and do a book signing. People can either bring their own copies or purchase them the night of the event.

People should register for the lecture by calling (734) 326-6213 or going online to [www.westland.lib.mi.us](http://www.westland.lib.mi.us). Walk-ins will be welcome, if there is room. William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

#### Junior Miss orientation

Girls who are seniors in

high school, live in the cities of Wayne or Westland and are interested in participating in this year's Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Scholarship Program, can find out about the program at an information orientation at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Westland senior Friendship Center on Newburgh north of Marquette.

For more information, call Carol Baker, president/director of the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Scholarship Program, at (734) 673-7923.

#### Parish Festival

St. Damian Parish will have a Parish Festival noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at the church, 30055 Joy, east of Merriman, Westland. There will be games and Activities for Kids, a spaghetti dinner, Polish dinner, entertainment, raffles, grilled food and drinks. Call (734) 421-6130.

#### Grand opening

Ecclesiasticus Temple Church will hold a grand opening of a Bible and religious book store 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at 2361 S. Venoy, Westland. The church also offers Life Recovery 12-

step program for any type of addiction and habit 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call the Rev. Karl Childs at (734) 722-7365.

#### Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Collins House, and the Westland Historic Society meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, also at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

#### ACT testing

Students interested in taking the next ACT college admissions test and placement exam must register by Sept. 19. Late registrations, with the additional fee, will be accepted until the final postmark deadline of Oct. 3. Students can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org), or pick up registration packets from high school counseling offices.

The cost is \$31 for the traditional ACT and \$46 for the ACT Plus Writing. Some colleges require or recommend ACT's optional Writing Test score, so students should find

out the requirements of prospective colleges before registering for the exam. ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States.

The test will be administered on Oct. 25. Additional information about registration for those with special needs can be found at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Students in need of financial assistance should visit their school counselor for qualification information and to apply for a fee waiver.

#### Preschool enrollment

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is accepting enrollment into its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs. The preschool is at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

#### Meals drivers needed

Residents who have the time and available transportation can help the elderly delivering meals to homebound seniors as part of the Meals on Wheels program. The route can be done in approximately 45 minutes, and mileage is paid to the driver. Half the route is a senior high-rise lobby drop-off, the other consists of a condo route.

For more information, call Barbara Ramseur at (734) 722-7632 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### YWCA enrollment

The YWCA of Western Wayne County's preschool programs are now accepting registration for the fall.

The YWCA offers quality programs to children 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs also are available. Children learn skills needed for socialization and educational growth.

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# Pickering praises Dodson for her work as building director

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Retiring Westland Building Director Sue Dodson drew strong praise Monday from a Westland City Council member who hailed her as a strong leader who "treated her staff like family."

Dodson, who will officially retire from her Westland position on Sept. 29, was commended in a lengthy statement by Councilman Charles Pickering, who called her an "excellent employee" and said another community would be fortunate to hire her, if she seeks another job.

Pickering complimented Dodson for her role in starting up a city rental-inspection program, ridding a troubled neighborhood of rats, consistently offering ideas for generating new revenues, providing expert budgetary reports and sending early warning signs about the foreclosure crisis.

Pickering described himself as "quite surprised" that Dodson suddenly announced plans to retire.

Dodson's retirement comes as Mayor William Wild has restructured the building department,

partly in an effort to put more inspectors on city streets to combat problems like neighborhood blight.

Dodson came to Westland six years ago when Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Cicirelli was still serving as mayor. She already had worked in other communities, such as Plymouth Township, Belleville and Garden City.

Wild has praised Dodson's "professionalism and invaluable experience" and wished her well "as she embarks on this new chapter in her life."

Dodson will be replaced as director by building department employee Roger Shifflett, who has worked as the city's mechanical inspector since July 2004.

Wild has said Shifflett "shares my commitment of putting residents first and aims to deliver professional, courteous customer service at all times."

Although Dodson's retirement doesn't officially begin until later this month, Shifflett sat in her chair during Monday's Westland City Council meeting.

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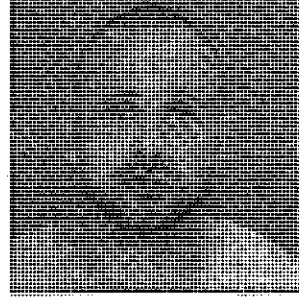
# Man charged in robbery of in-store bank last Thursday

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A parolee with a lengthy criminal history was arraigned Wednesday afternoon on charges he robbed a bank branch last Thursday inside the Kroger store near Michigan Avenue and Merriman Road in Westland.

Michael John Polgar, 28, was arraigned in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli, who ordered him jailed with a \$500,000 cash bond.

Polgar is accused of implying he had a gun and robbing a bank teller at the Best Bank branch shortly before 3:30 p.m. last Thursday. He fled and was captured a few hours later following a similar incident at a Kroger store near Michigan Avenue and Outer Drive in Dearborn,



Polgar

police Sgt. Steve Borisich said.

Polgar could face penalties ranging up to life in prison, if he's convicted of bank robbery. Cicirelli entered a not-guilty plea for the defendant and ordered him back in court on Sept. 25 for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

According to Westland police Lt. Dan Karrick, Polgar is accused of hand-

ing the Westland bank teller a note, insinuating that he had a gun and demanding that she "put all the money in a bag." The teller followed his orders. No shots were fired and no one was injured.

Karrick has said that most of the money was retrieved.

Polgar had just been paroled on Aug. 26 after serving part of a one-to-five-year sentence for breaking and entering a vehicle that was damaged during an incident in August of last year.

Polgar also has a criminal history that includes resisting a police officer, retail fraud, breaking and entering, felonious assault, and receiving stolen property worth \$1,000 to \$20,000, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

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# Mojo in the Morning: Win lunch with the 95.5 crew at Buddy's

It's back! The *Observer & Eccentric/Mirror Newspapers* and Buddy's Pizza "Dining with the Stars" contest returns this fall asking: Who wants to have lunch at Buddy's Pizza with Mojo, Spike and Kyra of Mojo in Morning?

Mojo, along with Spike and Kyra, wakes up metro Detroit with some outrageous antics. The show is known for Spike's "Senseless Surveys," "War of the Roses" and outrageous phone scams (the station Web site says more than 570 people have been heckled, bothered and bullied by phone scams).

Mojo, who came to Detroit and Channel 955 in February 2000, is one of metro Detroit's

most popular personalities. "My interests are my wife, my kids, and sports ... in that order," he said. "My hero is my dad. He came to this country from Cuba for a better life for himself. He learned a new language and became a doctor, husband and dad. I get my work ethic from him. He was the biggest supporter of me getting in radio. Without his support, I would never made it."

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Mojo, Spike and Kyra at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to [BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com](mailto:BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com) by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

In addition to lunch, the



Kyra, Spike and Mojo.

winner will be treated to a limo ride courtesy of Class Plus Limo, mini-makeover by Sebastian and Heba of I Design Salon and Spa in Dearborn, \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in

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# Madonna chosen as site for sign language testing

Last year a law was passed in the State of Michigan requiring sign language interpreters to earn state Quality Assurance (QA) certification. In addition, any interpreters working in K-12 education must pass the national Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment (EIPA). Until now, Lansing was the only EIPA testing site in the state. Madonna University has been approved to administer these tests at its main campus in Livonia.

Rebecca Shriner, interpreter coordinator for Madonna's Office of Disability Resources and instructor for sign language studies, is certified to proctor the national EIPA exam at Madonna. The exam is given in two parts, written and performance. The written portion can be taken at Madonna; however the performance portion must be completed at a Lansing testing site, where Shriner also is a certified proctor. The University plans to offer performance testing for the

EIPA exam in the future. "These certifications are important to ensure that only knowledgeable and qualified people are interpreting the words of the deaf community," Shriner commented. "Madonna's sign language studies program is proud to offer convenient testing for those performing this vital service."

The Michigan QA test also can be taken at Madonna University, where Delores Garipey, Madonna sign language studies instructor, administers the test one Friday a month. Upcoming test dates are: Sept. 19, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5. Arrangements to take the EIPA or QA tests can be made by calling the Division on Deafness at 877-499-6232.

Since 1975 Madonna University ([www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu)) has offered the state's only Bachelor of Arts degree in sign language studies (SLS). By the year 2012, all sign language interpreters must have a bachelor's degree before taking the national Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) exam.

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**Schoolcraft College**

**Fall 2008 Events at Schoolcraft College**

Unless otherwise noted, events are at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Maps and directions are available at [www.schoolcraft.edu/maps/](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/maps/).

**Wednesday, October 1 College Night**  
 Representatives from more than 60 colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions and distribute informational literature.  
 8:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Physical Education Building  
 Admission: Free  
 Information: 734-462-4426 or [admissions@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:admissions@schoolcraft.edu)

**Wednesday, October 8 Panayis Lyras, piano**  
 Noon to 1 p.m.  
 This tradition of free lunchtime recitals at Schoolcraft continues.  
 Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center  
 Admission: Free  
 Information: 734-462-4403

**Monday, October 13 Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble**  
 The ensemble performs at the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.  
 8:00 p.m.  
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**Friday, October 24 WRC Luncheon Series "Hiking Michigan"**  
 From Sleeping Bear Dunes to the Porcupine Mountains, authors Susan Wedzel and Roger Storm offer a "guided tour" of trails in some of the most scenic areas in both of Michigan's peninsulas.  
 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
 Diponio Room inside VisTaTech Center  
 Admission: \$16 (prepaid, includes lunch)  
 Information: 734-462-4443

**Fridays and Saturdays October 24/25 and November 7/8, 14/15**  
**Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn"**  
 Presented by the Schoolcraft College Theatre Department

This delightful comedy about Harry Baker and the two sons who continually challenge his patience is full of richly comic complications that prove to be unfailingly inventive and delightful.

**Dinner Theatre Performances:**  
 October 24/25 and November 7/8  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Admission: \$24

**Theatre Performances Only:**  
 November 14/15  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Admission: \$12

Theatre (LA500) Inside Liberal Arts Building  
 Information: 734-462-4586

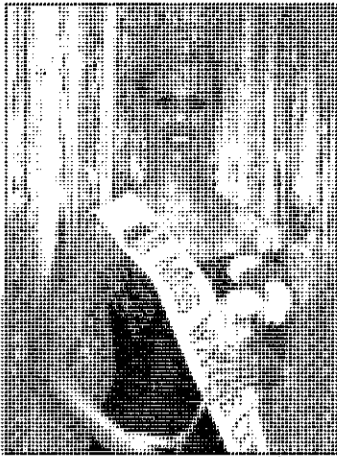
**Sunday, October 26 Halloween Concert**  
 Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble

Seasonal favorites and a children's parade are highlights of this family-friendly concert. Costumes are encouraged.

Admission: Free; donations accepted at the door  
 Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City  
 Information: 734-462-4403

**Save the date**  
 November 8 (9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and 9 (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.), Schoolcraft College Foundation Fall Craft Show (734-462-4518)  
 November 9 at 4 p.m., Schoolcraft College Choral Union Fall Concert (734-462-4403)  
 November 12 at noon, Logan Skelton, piano and Jennifer Goltz, soprano (734-462-4403)  
 November 14 at 8:00 p.m., James Tocco, piano (734-462-4403)  
 December 5 at 11:45 a.m., WRC Luncheon Series, "The Parade Company" (734-462-4443)  
 December 5 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Wind and Artist Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4403)  
 December 12 at 7 p.m., Bach Piano Honors Recital (734-462-4403)  
 December 12 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Jazz and Synthesizer Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4400, ext. 5217)  
 December 14 at 4 p.m., "A Winter's Tale" Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert (734-462-4403)

# Relay for Life tops platform for new Miss Wayne County



Nicole Blaszczyk, a student at Wayne State University, is all smiles after being crowned Miss Wayne County.

A 21-year-old Novi resident will travel throughout Wayne County and the state of Michigan advocating a platform issue, Relay for Life, as the new Miss Wayne County.

"I am truly honored to be Miss Wayne County 2008," said Nicole Blaszczyk. "This year is going to be an exciting journey, and I can't wait to see where this path and crown take me."

Blaszczyk received her crown during the Miss Wayne County Pageant held at Livonia Churchill High School earlier this month. As Miss Wayne County, she receives a \$700 scholarship and the opportunity to compete for the Miss Michigan title in Muskegon on June 13, 2009.

A student Wayne State University,

majoring in marketing, she plans to pursue a career in sports marketing, obtain a master of business administration degree and dance professionally. Blaszczyk works as a dance teacher at Sheryl's School of Dance in Farmington Hills and the Wixom Community Center.

"My goal as Miss Wayne County is to promote my personal concern for cancer awareness, create a strong bond with Miss America's our state," said Blaszczyk. She will talk to various government representatives, business leaders, community groups and citizens, urging them to get involved in the fight against cancer.

"We are very excited to have Nicole represent Wayne County for the next

year," said Sheila Sigro, executive director of the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Program. "She will be a wonderful role model for all the young women in our area. She's talented, smart, and has a giving heart. We are thrilled with the judges choice. She will be an excellent representative."

The first runner-up was Christina Hastie of Dearborn and second runner-up was Lauren Allen of Inkster. Blaszczyk won overall talent and physical fitness in swimsuit, while Kiara Crockett of Saginaw won non-finalist talent, Allen the People's Choice Award, Hastie Miss Congeniality and Dayna Dunne of Livonia Community Service Award.

Established in 1991, the Miss Wayne

County Scholarship Program provides opportunities for young women to achieve their personal and professional ambitions. Contestants also participate in community service activities and develop leadership skills that help them excel in their chosen career and life goals. Winners of the annual Miss Wayne County competition are eligible to compete in the Miss Michigan competition, held every year in Muskegon in June. Five Miss Wayne Counties have captured the title of Miss Michigan and have gone on to compete at Miss America.

For more information about the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Program, visit the Web site at [www.misswayneco.com](http://www.misswayneco.com) or call Sheila Sigro at (734) 367-0560.

## GC Hospital announces two staff appointments

Garden City Hospital has named Fred Cizauskas its director of Public Relations and Marketing and tapped Art Greenlee to serve as vice president operations and chief administrative officer.

A Westland resident, Cizauskas will oversee all functions of public relations and marketing, including overseeing the creation of a marketing campaign that includes print, radio and billboard advertising, direct mail and Web digital search.

Cizauskas will manage the relationships with community partners and media contacts and also run Garden City Hospital's Physician Referral service that includes a call center.

A health care leader with 16 years of experience from multiple Michigan hospitals and the private sector, Cizauskas received his bachelor of science in marketing from Ferris State University in 1992 after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. After graduation, Cizauskas worked in the private sector at Haviland Consumer Products and then at CUL-MAC Industries, a leading automotive chemical supplier, where he served as the national marketing manager/national sales manager. Most recently, Cizauskas served as senior marketing officer at Oakwood Healthcare System.

Cizauskas is a member of the Society for Healthcare

Strategy & Market Development of the American Hospital Association, the Michigan Society for Healthcare Planning and Marketing and a member of the Monsignor Clement H. Kern Council of the Knights of Columbus in Canton. He also serves on an advisory board for Thomson Reuters, which assists in the refinement of their Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software.

Cizauskas and his wife, Amy, have two children. As the vice president operations and chief administrative officer, Greenlee will oversee 28 functional areas of the hospital, including the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, Sports

Rehabilitation Center, Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center, Respiratory Therapy, Emergency Department, Laboratory, Community Service and Imaging Services.

Greenlee also will provide support for strategic planning and business development.

A health care leader with 27 years of experience from Michigan hospitals, Greenlee joined Garden City Hospital in June 2006 as vice-president, planning, marketing and business development and chief strategic officer. Within the first 18 months, he developed a revised vision and strategic plan, a new marketing plan and a plan to improve customer satisfaction.

His efforts focused on

implementation of these plans and on developing physician relationships to bring additional business to the hospital.

Greenlee received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan in 1979 and his master's degree in health services administration from U-M in 1981. Greenlee worked at the Detroit Medical Center, where he advanced to the position of director of planning. Following his departure from the DMC, Greenlee was the executive vice-president, planning and marketing, for Horizon Health System. He played a role in formalizing and implementing the merger of Horizon into Henry Ford Health System (HFHS). After Horizon merged into Henry



Cizauskas

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Ford Health System, Greenlee assumed the title of vice president, strategic development.

He has served on the Michigan Department of Community Health - Ad Hoc Committee for Bone Marrow Transplantation. Greenlee was also a founding member and past president of the Michigan Society for Healthcare Planning and Marketing.

A Northville resident, Greenlee has six children with his wife, Susan, a nurse midwife.

## 2 events help people get stimulus checks from U.S. government

With millions of dollars in economic stimulus checks still unclaimed, State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, wants to make sure all eligible citizens in Michigan are getting the checks they are entitled to through the national economic stimulus program.

The filing deadline is in October, and during the next month Anderson will host two events in his district to assist those who have not yet filed

for the payment they are due.

"There are still thousands of Michigan citizens who have not received their check in the mail because they haven't filed a 2007 tax return," said Anderson.

As the cost of living continues to rise, these economic stimulus payments are as critical as ever. The Michigan League of Human Services recently issued a report stating there are still 150,000

eligible Michigan residents who have not filed a federal tax return to claim their payment. According to the IRS, unclaimed payments for the state total \$46.4 million.

People who received at least \$3,000 in Social Security, veterans benefits, or Tier I Railroad Retirement benefits in 2007 and have not yet filed a tax return have until Oct. 15, to file to become eligible to receive a payment of up to

\$300 from the federal government.

The first event will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at VFW Post 345 at 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford. The second event will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at the Westland Friendship Center at

1119 N. Newburgh, Westland.

People who need help will need to bring a copy of their SSA 1099, RRB 1099 or VA benefits earnings statement, photo identification, bank account information (canceled check or check book) and unaddressed stamped number

10 legal size envelope. If the filing is on behalf of another tax payer, proof of Power of Attorney is required. If the person is deceased, a death certificate from 2007 or 2008 must be provided.

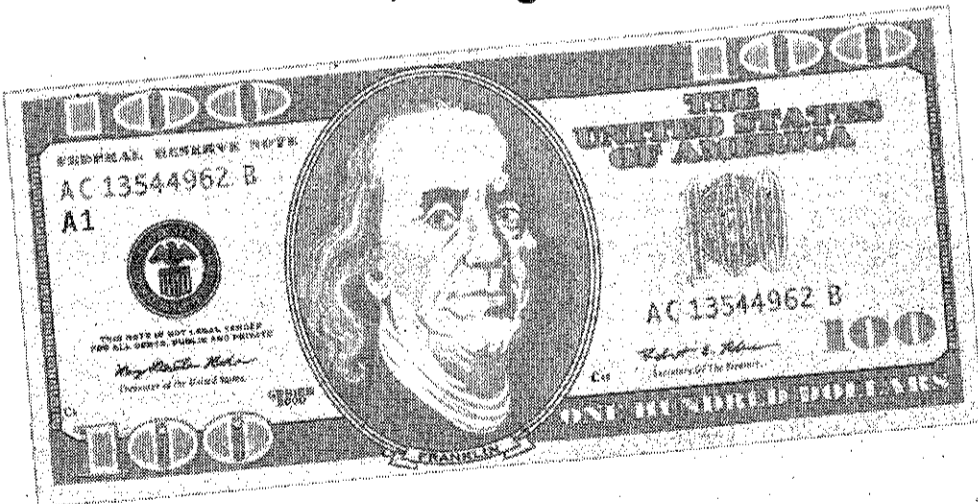
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# Be prepared with videos and insurance when disaster strikes

We have all seen the devastation caused by Hurricane Ike. We are lucky to live in an area that doesn't experience the same natural disasters as other parts of the country. We do, however, have our share of severe weather and the result of those storms can be catastrophic. Last weekend, high winds in Plymouth and Livonia and flooding throughout the metro area showed we are not immune from nature's wrath.

It is important to do all we can to reduce the financial effects caused by natural disasters.

As part of good personal financial planning, there are a few simple things to reduce the financial impact of a storm.

The first is to have a current up-to-date inventory of the contents of your home. I recommend a video inventory. Even though the majority have homeowner's insurance, it is important to document loss. Video documentation provides strong evidence.

It's hard to remember everything that you own. Video inventory is an effective way to remind the homeowner of his/her contents. I find video much more effective than photographs because it offers



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Record copies of appraisals or other receipts of significant purchases. Remember, the purpose of the video is to provide proof to an insurance company of losses and to remind the homeowner of his/her contents.

It is important to store the video in a location other than your home. For the tech-savvy, there are many Web sites available to store the information. If, however, you're not tech-savvy, keeping a copy in your safety deposit box is a good alternative.

And while taking inventory, it's also an excellent time to review homeowner's coverage. All too often, people renew their homeowner's coverage when it comes due. They never look at updating coverage.

All homeowner's insurance is not the same. There are differences between the compa-

nies and those differences can affect the coverage, so it pays to shop around.

For the majority of people, a house is the single largest investment they will make, so it is important to have proper coverage.

Remember that the lowest bid on insurance is not necessarily the best one. If you can obtain better coverage at a lower price, that is fine. However, price is only one factor. One of the most important issues is how the company handles claims. You can have all the coverage you want, but if you can't collect when there is a claim, the policy is worthless.

Whenever I buy any type of insurance, I use the Internet to research how the insurance company pays claims. Mother Nature's fury can arise at any time, so it is important to protect yourself and that includes having an up-to-date video inventory and homeowner's policy.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@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).

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**OUR VIEWS**

## Library card is tool for school

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This month is national Library Card Signup Month. Observed every September since 1987, Library Card Signup Month is meant to remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Libraries like our own William P. Faust Public Library offer books, magazines, audio- and videotapes, computers, software and other multimedia materials. It also offers a wide range of other items on loan to children and their families and most can be borrowed simply by showing a library card.

The library also offers a variety of programs to stimulate an interest in reading and learning. Preschool story hours expose young children to the joy of reading. Summer reading clubs keep children reading during school vacation.

It's easy to apply for a library card. Just stop by the reception desk, and simply present a valid driver's license or Michigan ID showing your name and Westland address. Those under 18 must have their applications co-signed, in person, by a parent or legal guardian who must present proper ID.

Your library card enables you to enjoy the services of more than 88 other libraries in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties. Your card also entitles you to Michicard privileges at many Michigan libraries, both public and academic.

With the new school year just starting, we encourage students and their families to get library cards at the Faust Library on Central City Parkway north of Ford. The process is simple and takes just a few moments. There's no credit check, no monthly payment, no interest ... well, just an interest in a world of opportunities.

## Deer hunters must abide with ban against baiting

Michigan's annual deer hunting season will get under way today with a special five-day antlerless-only firearm season in areas of the state where large deer numbers have been a problem. It will continue next weekend with the annual youth/disabled veterans hunt, and then archery season begins Oct. 1.

Roughly three-quarters of a million deer hunters will take to the state's fields and forests between now and Jan. 1, when all the various deer hunting seasons conclude. During that time, they will contribute about \$500 million to the state economy through the purchase of food, lodging, transportation and hunting equipment.

One of the items many deer hunters have become accustomed to purchasing is bait — the apples, carrots, sugar beets, corn and other food sources hunters use to lure deer within shooting distance. This year, however, using such bait in the state's Lower Peninsula is illegal. The Department of Natural Resources instituted the baiting ban Aug. 25 after discovering a captive deer in Kent County had contracted chronic wasting disease (CWD), a fatal neurological sickness that causes infected animals to quit eating.

There is no doubt that many hunters will simply ignore or openly defy the baiting ban, which was instituted because bait piles attract large numbers of deer into close quarters where diseases like CWD can easily be spread. Not only is such behavior irresponsible, it is also reckless. If CWD becomes widespread, it could have a devastating impact on not only the state's deer herd, but also on the economy as well. Too many small-town businesses rely on the revenue produced by deer hunters to survive.

As it is, hunter numbers have been on the decline for several years. A sick deer herd would only make this worse.

DNR conservation officers say they will be on the lookout for illegal bait piles. Violators would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and \$500 in fines, and could lose their hunting privileges.

Of course, this is something that is out of the hands of the average, everyday hunter. However, hunters can do their part to help stop the spread of CWD by not using bait this deer hunting season.



**LETTERS**

### Lower the drinking age

I just finished reading the "Our Views" article in the paper. I felt the need to voice my opinion on the subject.

I am in total agreement with all the people who have joined the initiative to lower the drinking age to 18. We have such a double standard in this country that is so ridiculous, it is almost funny. You feel that people at the age of 18 are not responsible enough to drink. These are the same people that are serving in our armed forces and dying every day so that you can voice that opinion.

These are the same young people that pay the same amount of taxes as you. They are held to the same laws as you. They are married and have the same responsibilities as you. They have to support their families like you, but you don't think that they are responsible enough to drink.

Am I the only one that sees something wrong with this?

Don't you think that if they're not responsible enough to drink then they should not have to pay taxes, fight our wars and be held accountable for all the other things that they are until they reach the age of 21? If they can not have a beer until they are 21, then the rest should not apply until they are 21.

I also see where they want to restrict driving until the age of 17. So I can't drive until I am 17, but the minute I turn 18 I can ship out and maybe die for my country. How sad.

I am 63 years old and when I shipped out to Vietnam from California I was 20 years old. I had to stop a guy on the street to go in and buy me a six-pack. Four days later, I was in Vietnam. Do you not see something wrong with this?

Roger Caldwell  
Westland

### Thanks for the memories

The Class of 2008 Churchill High School Senior All Night Party was another successful sendoff! This annual event was held June 7 and was once again a huge success because of the support received by businesses and individuals from Livonia and surrounding communities. Without their help we would not have been able to provide our graduates with such a wonderful memory.

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### Golf outing was success

The 29th annual Lyman Foundation Golf Outing was held at Hickory Creek Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 9. The Lyman Foundation is a nonprofit organization that hosts the outing to raise money for Burger School for Students with Autism-East and West Buildings in Garden City.

The Foundation has helped fund school programs such as Cub Scouts, Princess Clubs, School Assemblies, Burger Bowling Olympics and the basketball teams. The Lyman Foundation has also donated money to renovate school kitchens and flooring in the West gym, as well as purchased supplemental curriculum material for the resource rooms in both buildings.

This year's event raised \$28,000. Numerous volunteers, including Burger staff and parents, worked hard to make the golf outing run smoothly. Donations from local businesses and the support from the community continue to make the annual event a success.

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## Bully Bonanza showcases bulldog breeds

Today, thousands of pit bull-type dogs are faced with many challenges in Wayne County communities, including cruelty, neglect, homelessness and breed specific legislation.

Responding to the need to improve the lives of pit bull-type dogs, the Wayne County Coalition for Animals has organized the Bully Bonanza, a day of fun-filled activities to showcase the breed and promote responsible ownership.

The goal of this event, planned for Sunday, Sept. 21, is to raise awareness about responsible ownership of pit bull-type dogs, and help people understand that pit bull-type dogs can make excellent companion animals, just like any other breed of dog today. WCCA is inviting all pet owners to attend the Bully

Bonanza, to help create a brighter future for all dogs in Wayne County.

"People often automatically assume that pit bull-type dogs are dangerous, simply because of their breed," said Linda Reider, Animal Welfare Director for the Michigan Humane Society. "WCCA is striving to dispel these myths and to demonstrate the many positive qualities that bully breeds and their responsible owners possess."

Experts will demonstrate dock diving and weight pulling, and help individuals learn how to train their dogs for these types of activities.

"Bully breeds are born athletes, we encourage their families to bring them to this event to try their paws at dock diving or weight pulling. Of

course, all breeds will be welcome," said Elaine Greene, executive director of Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter. "Whether your pet is a Chihuahua or a pit bull, engaging in exciting activities like these can strengthen the bond between you and your canine."

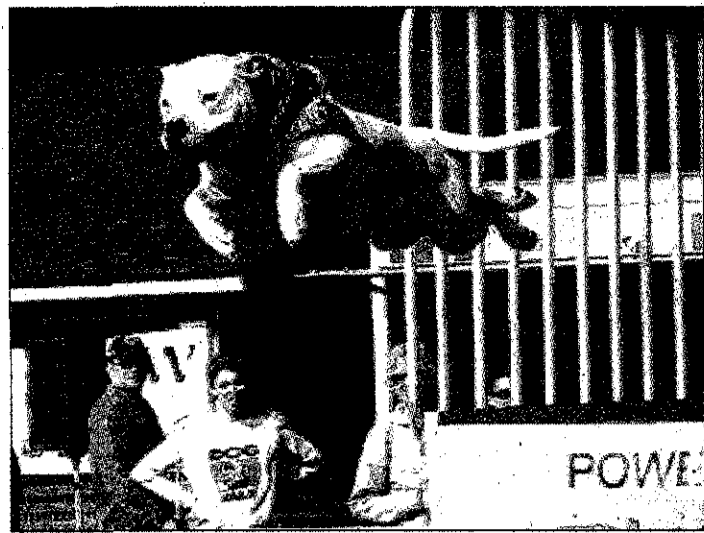
Bully Bonanza will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Currey's Family Pet Care, 6261 Hannah Road, east of I-275, between Van Born and Ecorse in Romulus. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair to view the activities. Refreshments will be available for a nominal donation. Attendees can enter fun competitions with the opportunity to win prizes.

This free event also offers low cost vaccinations, micro-

chipping, heartworm testing and sterilization vouchers. People are reminded that all dogs must be properly collared and leashed.

The Wayne County Coalition for Animals is a coalition of animal welfare organizations in Wayne County, which strives to unite municipal animal shelters and private animal welfare organizations to address problems faced by companion animals and residents in Wayne County communities. The founding partners include Detroit Animal Control and Care, Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter, Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and the Michigan Humane Society.

For more information, call Kristy Graszak at (248) 283-1000 or contact her by e-mail



Dock diving will be among the activities demonstrated at Sunday's Bully Bonanza.

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## Educational forum gathers thoughts on drop-out rates

The public will have a chance to express their views on drop-out rates at a public hearing this afternoon (Sept. 18) at the Wayne County RESA headquarters in Wayne.

The hearing is one of 10 statewide hearings that have been organized by the Michigan Education Association and education groups Michigan's Children, Michigan's Charter Schools, Michigan's Promise, and Michigan Future, Inc.

With half of the school districts and two-thirds of public school academies in Wayne County have dropout rates above the state average

of 15 percent, the group says there is an urgent need to create a network of successful programs that ensures that no students slip through the cracks - because one dropout is too many.

That concept is the impetus for the hearings about the dropout crisis that began earlier this year. Attended by students, parents and educators, as well as law enforcement, business, community and faith leaders, the hearings provide a venue for discussion about the variety of causes and solutions for the dropout problem.

"We have to continue broad com-

munity conversations about this problem to better identify what works - and what doesn't - in making sure students get a quality high school education," said MEA President Iris K. Salters. "And then we must work together in our communities to make it happen."

Low dropout rates can mislead communities into thinking they don't have a problem. For example, the Livonia Public Schools has six public high school programs that could have graduated as many as 1,551 students in 2007, according to data released in August by the Center for Educational

Performance and Information. Those schools have a combined average dropout rate of only about 4.90 percent. While that low percentage may not raise too much concern, the problem is still critical for the approximately 76 students who did drop out from those schools.

"These students face a lifetime of economic and social problems," said Jack Kresnak, president of Michigan's Children. "They'll have trouble finding stable employment, affordable housing and accessible health care. They are more likely to commit a crime than their classmates

who graduated. And most critically, they are more likely to raise children who go on to not earn a diploma, continuing the cycle."

The public is invited to participate in today's forum at the Wayne RESA headquarters at 33500 Van Born, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. Testimony will be recorded, transcribed and delivered to Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Legislature at the Dropout Prevention Leadership Summit on Oct. 20 in Lansing.

Testimony also can be given online at www.mea.org/dropouts.

## Providing good care: United Home marks 25th anniversary

In 1983 five women health care professionals aspired to deliver quality home care services in their community and embrace people with care. The company they founded was United Home Health Services, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The From its humble beginnings in an old house in Plymouth furnished with old desks and garage sale specials, United has grown into a home care agency that has earned its reputation for excellence through hard work, strict ethics, and a long standing commitment to outstanding patient care and customer service. Located in Canton and affiliated with affiliated with Garden City Hospital, United has delivered care to thousands of patients and employed hundreds of staff.

With 78 million baby boomers in the United States just entering their retirement years, home care is an increasingly valuable and needed resource. More people than ever will need help managing chronic illnesses and disabilities in order to remain independent in their own homes. In addition, advanced technology, cost-effectiveness of home care, and increased public awareness all are leading the trend toward

home care.

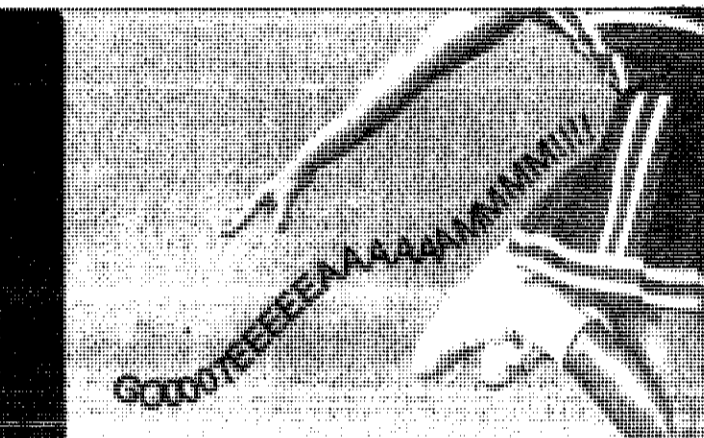
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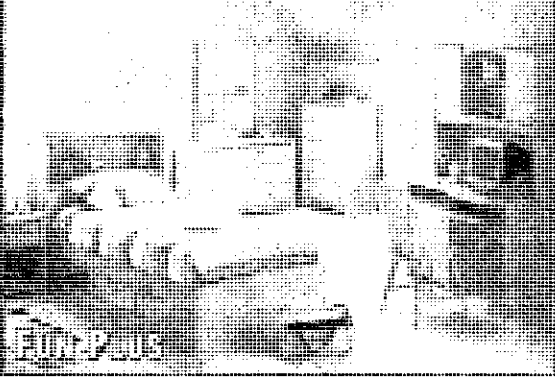
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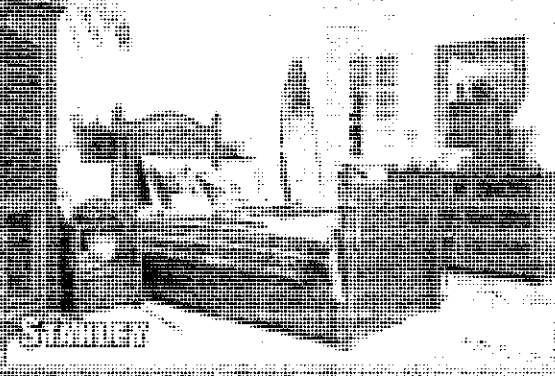
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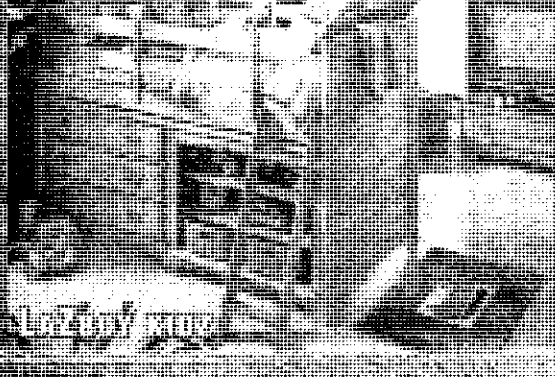
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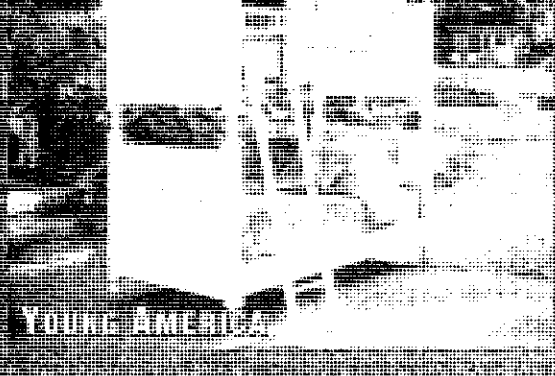
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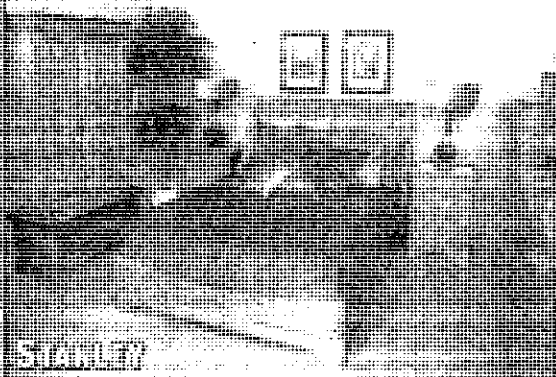
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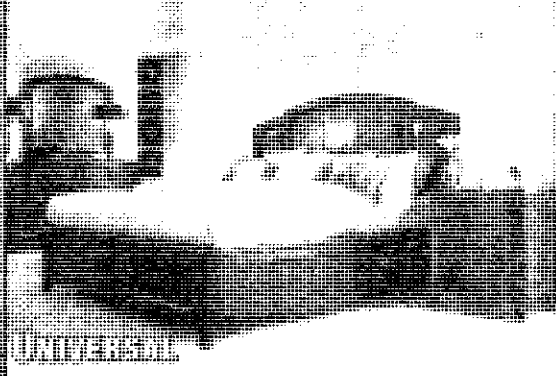
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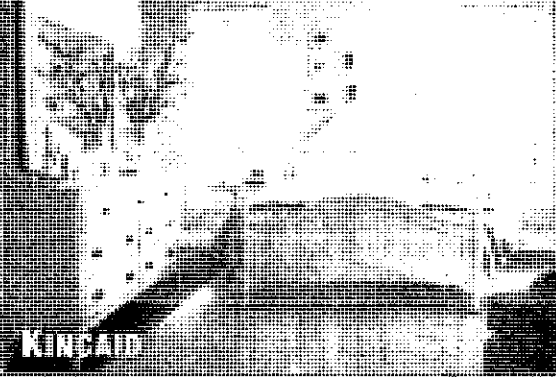
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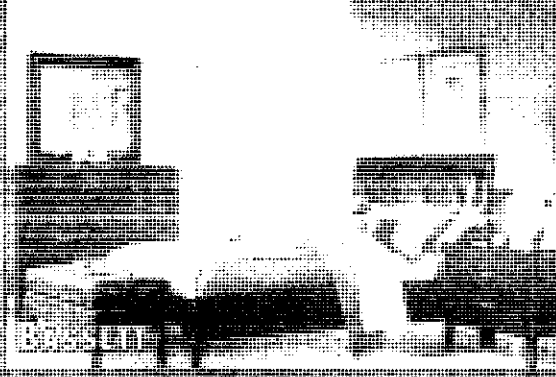
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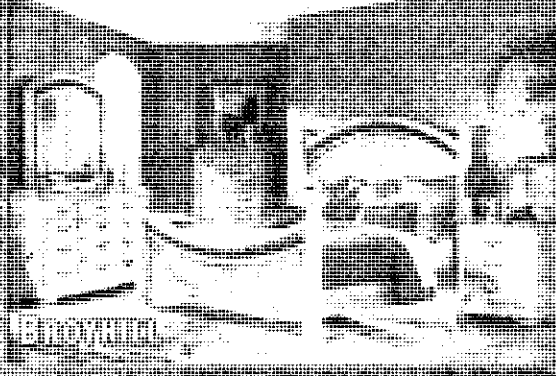
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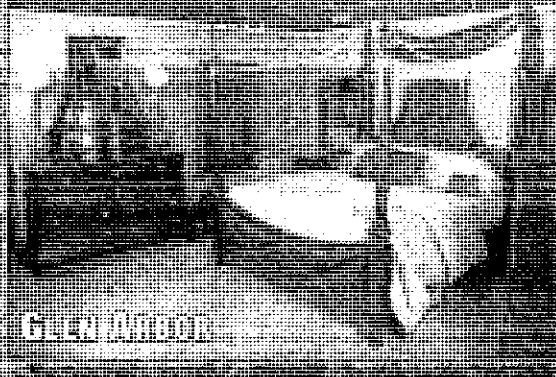
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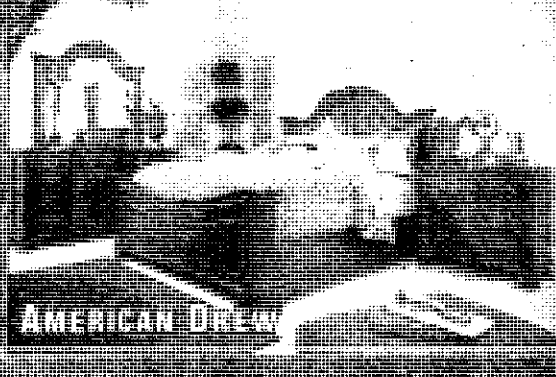
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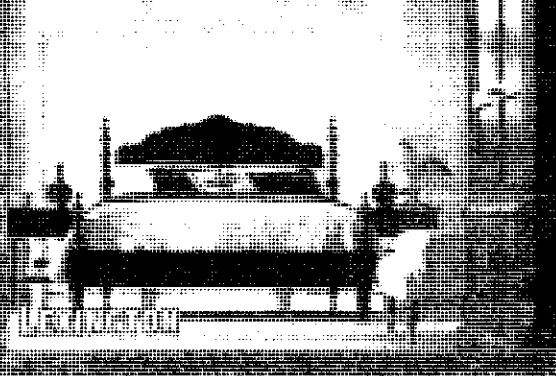
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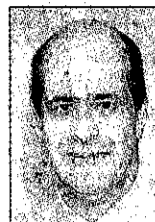
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## MU's Abraham reaches another NAIA milestone

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Abraham

25-17, 25-21, 25-23.

"It's not something I think about too much," said Abraham, asked about the record on the bus ride back to Livonia. "I am very appreciative of the achievement."

"But seeing how well we are playing right now and how we are blossoming into a cohesive unit ... is my top priority and what I am concerning myself with."

The coach, in his 22nd season with Madonna, added that veterans and newcomers are meshing on the court "and

### COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

we are getting consistent play from the entire team."

Against Aquinas, junior outside hitter Mary McGinnis (12 kills) senior middle hitter Whitney Fuelling (eight kills) and senior outside hitter Lubovj Tihomirova (seven kills) provided balanced offense in the front row.

Junior setter Inta Grinvalds orchestrated the attack with 20 assists while strong back-row efforts were turned in by junior defensive specialists Brynn Kerr of Livonia Churchill (four defensive digs) and Abby Long (three digs).

Abraham now will wait a while before getting the

chance to surpass Swanson as the all-time winningest NAIA coach.

The sixth-ranked Crusaders are idle until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, when they host Concordia University.

### Lady Ocelots triumph

Another strong weekend improves the Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team to records of 13-5 overall and 6-1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association-Eastern Conference standings.

After the Lady Ocelots lost to St. Clair last Thursday (15-25, 15-25, 23-25), they won four out of five matches over Friday-Saturday, sparked by the excellent play of Virginia

Butler (41 kills and 48 defensive digs for the weekend), Whitney Clay (40 kills, 13 blocks), Brittany Denter (86 assists), Jordan Kerr (67 digs) and Kaitlyn Litteral (seven aces, 11 blocks).

On Friday, Schoolcraft swept Ancilla (25-9, 25-11, 25-10) and the Hope JV (25-9, 25-18, 25-21) before continuing the winning streak Saturday.

The first opponent was Alma's JV, with Schoolcraft emerging on top by scores of 25-21, 25-21, 25-19. The Lady Ocelots then outlasted Muskegon in a four-game match (25-18, 25-21, 23-25, 25-21).

Finally, Schoolcraft ran out of gas when St. Clair again defeated the Lady Ocelots, this time 17-25, 17-25, 18-25.

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**Sidelines**

## Churchill rules Chargers block rivals Franklin, Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Churchill moved into the Division 1 top-10 state rankings and improved to 5-2 overall after winning a double round-robin set of matches Tuesday at home against fellow Livonia Public Schools members Stevenson and Franklin.

Senior Kristen Nalezek had 13 kills and junior Sarah Suppelsa added eight as the Chargers downed Stevenson in three games, 25-21, 25-22, 25-9.

Jessica Stroud contributed seven kills and two blocks in the win, while setter Cory Urbats had 15 assist-to-kills. Kristy DeClercq also finished with 10 assists and seven digs.

Churchill also defeated Franklin in three straight, 25-13, 25-6, 25-9 as Suppelsa recorded 12 kills, while Nalezek and Cierra Yetts added nine and six, respectively.

Setter Lindsey Graciak recorded 16 digs, while Katie Matz finished with three kills, three assists, three aces and three digs.

"We need to improve on all phases, but we're moving in the right direction," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier, whose team is ranked No. 9. "I thought overall we played pretty well. We have to minimize our unforced errors. We haven't played that many matches so far. We need to see the court more to improve."

Stevenson improved to 4-8 overall by defeating Franklin in the first match of the night, 27-25, 25-15, 25-17.

Please see **CHURCHILL, B8**



Stevenson's Kaylee McGrath sends a shot over to Franklin's Emma Green during Tuesday night's Livonia Public Schools double round-robin invitational.

## Rothley excels in 'Golden Years'

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michael Phelps must have been hearing footsteps last month after Livonia's Bill Rothley hauled in seven gold medals at the Michigan Senior Olympics 2008 Summer Games.

Rothley dominated the field events in the men's 75-79 age division, first winning the pole vault held Aug. 8 at Eastern Michigan University when he cleared 6 feet, 8 inches, but missed at a state record attempt at 7 feet.

On Aug. 9 at Rochester High School, Rothley captured six more field event titles including the long jump (13-10.5) and the triple jump (24-3.5), both believed to be Michigan Senior records, along with the discus, javelin, shot put and high jump.

Rothley, who turns 75 on Saturday, has qualified for his seventh Senior Olympics Nationals, which are scheduled for 2009 in San Francisco, Calif.

He has competed in Senior Olympics for 15 years and won't let his age slow him down.

"Going into an event you get into the best shape possible so you won't be embarrassed," said Rothley, a retired plant supervisor from General Motors. "But there isn't a muscle that I haven't pulled, from the big toe on up. When you get the adrenalin going and competing, that's when you forget about your muscles. But you always feel it the next day — believe me."

Rothley holds his own, particularly in the throws, despite his 5-foot-6, 160-pound frame.

He's competed on a national level against ex-collegiate standouts and for-

Please see **ROTHLEY, B2**

## Spartans' Richters happy with 3-1 win

Mission accomplished for the Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team after playing the state's top-two ranked teams in Division 1.

After earning a 1-1 tie Monday at No. 1-rated Salem, the No. 3-ranked Spartans returned home Tuesday night and scored an impressive 3-1 victory over No. 2 Northville.

With the victory, the Spartans improve to 7-1-2 overall and 4-0-1 in the Central Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Northville, meanwhile, falls to 8-2 and 3-2.

"We were issued a tough challenge back-to-back nights and I'm proud that we came away with a couple



Richters

of good results," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "We responded well to the first series of challenges, but we have many more ahead."

It was 1-all at halftime as Stevenson's Nick Anagnostou scored first off and an assist from Brian Klemczak, but Northville's Alex Marilley answered with a goal.

In the second half, Anagnostou teamed up with Klemczak again for his second goal and Kendal Snow put the game away midway through the second half when he knocked home a

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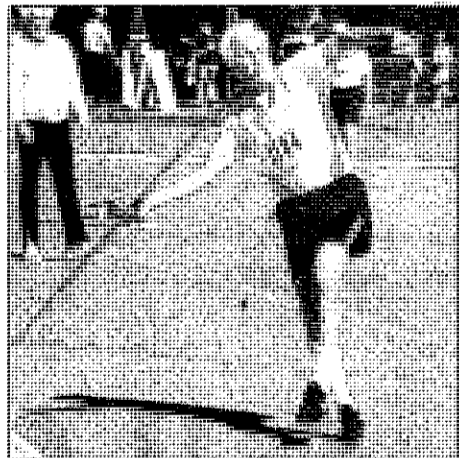
rebound after the Mustangs failed to clear a corner kick. Joey D'Agostino assisted on the goal.

"We played a patchy first half, we had some good moments and some lulls," Richters said. "We played a very good second half. We stayed strong and consistent."

**CHURCHILL 4, FRANKLIN 2:** Drew Sieber and Etienne Lussiez had a goal and assist as KLAA-South Division leader Livonia Churchill (6-2, 5-0) downed visiting Livonia Franklin (1-8-1, 1-3-1).

The Chargers led 2-0 at halftime on Drew Sieber's goal from Adam Bedell fol-

Please see **KLAA, B4**



Livonia senior Olympian Bill Rothley shows his form in the javelin throw. He captured seven gold medals last month in the Michigan Senior Olympics.

### MU's Sied hailed

Madonna University senior men's soccer player Keith Sied (Livonia Stevenson) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week for the week ending Sept. 14.

Sied had both MU goals in a 2-1 win on Saturday at Aquinas College.

For the season Sied is leading MU with his four points and two tallies. This is the first award for a MU men's soccer player this season.

### Youth tri-winners

More than 60 athletes ages 6-14 competed last month in the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's fifth annual Youth Triathlon held at Clements Circle Park.

Among the top boys finishers included: (ages 13-14): 1. Jacob VanDyke; 2. Patrick Folk; 3. Sean Reppenhagen; (ages 11-12) 1. Arthur Nemeth; 2. Ryan McGillivray; 3. Anselm Jia; (ages 9-10) 1. Kevin Taylor; 2. Matthew McGillivray; 3. Blake Beck; (ages 8-and-under) 1. Connor Beck; 2. Brad Gibson; 3. Even Beck.

Among the top girls finishers included (ages 13-14): Lia Andreassi; (ages 11-12): 1. Mairi VanDyke; 2. Brittany Gates; 3. Chole Lester; (ages 9-10) 1. Jessica Wagner; 2. Sylvia Cervantes; 3. Cynthia Jia; (ages 8-and-under) 1. Emily Wagner; 2. Natalie Yurgil; 3. Caraline Weglarz.

### Stickman gets 5th

Keenan Jones, a sixth-grader at Livonia's Cooper Elementary School and member of the Stickman United Racing team, finished fifth out of a field of 100 in the Walled Lake Western Invitational.

Jones finished fifth out of a field of 100 six-graders with a time of 8 minutes, 14 seconds on the hilly 2,000-meter course.

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# Football influences league jockeying

Football drives most conference affiliations. So with the impending break-up of the Michigan Mega Conference with several members bolting for the new 10-school Downriver League for 2009-10, and the new Kensington Lakes Activities Association seeking a 24th member, the scramble begins. The Metro Conference, now consisting of eight schools after Clawson left for the Macomb Area Conference, could also be in for a shake-up with the apparent application by Macomb Lutheran North to join the Catholic League. Current Metro member Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, with no football program, will join the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference in 2009-10. Meanwhile, Lutheran High Westland of the Metro has already been extended in invitation to join the MIAC, which has only three current football programs among its 12 mem-



Grid Picks

Brad Emons

bers. With the brand-new school, Howell Parker, on the shelf indefinitely, the four-division KLAA is seeking a new partner to even out things. Rumored KLAA candidates to be the 24th member include Belleville, Redford Union and Dearborn High, all of Mega, along with Grand Ledge of the Capital Area Activities Association. So who's left picking up the pieces for 2009-10 is anybody's guess. The remaining Mega and the Metro members may have to form some sort of alliance. Stay tuned. As far as your prognosticators, Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright never seems to be wrong these days. He remained on a hot streak last

week picking 9-of-10 games correctly to improve to 27-9 overall. I had a fair week for a change after a dismal start, going 8-2 to pull even at 22-14 overall to tie Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith in the overall standings. Smith went 6-4. Here is a sneak preview at this weekend's action:

**FRIDAY'S GAMES (ALL AT 7 P.M.)**

**LIV. CHURCHILL (1-2, 0-1) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (2-1, 1-0):** The Patriots are averaging 47 points per game and are doing it with a pair of key injured players (Nate Robinson and David Fortin). Churchill is coming off a 26-0 loss to Glenn as starting quarterback Grant Morgan went down with an ankle injury. **PICKS:** Emons (Franklin); Smith (Franklin); Wright (Franklin).

**CANTON (3-0, 1-0) AT WESTLAND GLENN (1-2, 1-0):** The Chiefs are back in the state rankings following a 26-16 win over rival Plymouth as Adam Payter rushed for 254 yards on 18 carries. Glenn, meanwhile, blanked Churchill 26-0 with 411 yards rushing to give rookie coach

Tim Hardin his first win. **PICKS:** Emons (Canton); Smith (Canton); Wright (Canton).

**WAYNE (0-3, 0-1) AT PLYMOUTH (2-1, 0-1):** Zebras rookie coach Kevin Weber is still searching for its first victory, while Plymouth hopes to get back into the KLAA-South Division race after falling to rival Canton. **PICKS:** Emons (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth).

**LIV. STEVENSON (2-1, 1-0) AT SOUTH LYON (1-2, 0-1):** The Spartans romped to an easy 40-7 victory last week over Salem in their KLAA-Central Division opener. Stevenson now travels to "The Jungle" where the Lions have lost their last two including a 21-20 setback to Northville. **PICKS:** Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson).

**NOVI (2-1, 1-0) vs. SALEM (0-3, 0-1) AT P-CEP:** The Wildcats cruised to a 61-19 KLAA-Central Division win over South Lyon East and should breeze against a Salem team which is only 13-62 since the new millennium began. **PICKS:** Emons (Novi); Smith (Novi); Wright (Novi).

**REDFORD UNION (1-2, 0-2) AT DBN. FORDSON (3-0, 2-0):** The Panthers had a tough time last week with fellow Mega-White Division foe

Woodhaven, losing 27-0. Now are has the task of beating state-ranked and Mega-Red favorite Fordson, which is coming off a 26-6 win over Belleville. **PICKS:** Emons (Fordson); Smith (Fordson); Wright (Fordson).

**GARDEN CITY (1-2, 0-2) AT HIGHLAND PARK (1-2, 1-1):** The Cougars were stymied 35-3 by Ypsilanti last week and now face the Polar Bears in a Mega-Blue matchup. Highland Park's only win was a stunning 24-22 victory in Week 2 over highly-regarded Inkster. **PICKS:** Emons (Highland Park); Smith (Highland Park); Wright (Highland Park).

**WILLOW RUN (2-1, 1-1) AT RED. THURSTON (1-2, 1-0):** Records can be deceiving. Thurston is coming off a 38-0 loss to Inkster, while the Flyers have a 47-6 win over Ecorse and a forfeit win over Connor Creek Academy, sandwiched in between is a 34-14 loss to Dearborn Heights Crestwood. **PICKS:** Emons (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Wright (Thurston).

**LUTHERAN N'WEST (3-0, 2-0) AT CLARENCEVILLE (3-0, 2-0):** It's another showdown for first place in the Metro Conference as the Trojans are coming off a signature 30-14 win over Harper Woods. Northwest is coming off a 35-20 win over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and

blanked Macomb Lutheran North, 27-0, the previous week. **PICKS:** Emons (Clarenceville); Smith (L. N'west); Wright (Clarenceville).

**RED. COVENANT (2-1, 1-0) AT ROMULUS SUMMIT (0-3, 0-1):** The Spartans bounced back from their second-week loss to Detroit Loyola by skunking Star International, 45-0. Summit, nicknamed the Dragons, have yet to breath fire after being outscored 130-6 in three games, including a 43-0 setback last week to Southfield Christian. **PICKS:** Emons (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Wright (Covenant).

**SATURDAY'S GAME (1 p.m. start)**

**LUTHERAN NORTH (1-2, 0-1) AT LUTH. WESTLAND (1-2, 1-1):** Lutheran North is an uncharacteristic 0-2 in the Metro Conference, but is coming off a 22-0 win over Detroit University Prep. Lutheran Westland, meanwhile, needed a last-second TD from Steve Kemp to beat Hamtramck last week, 12-8. **PICKS:** Emons (North); Smith (Westland); Wright (North).

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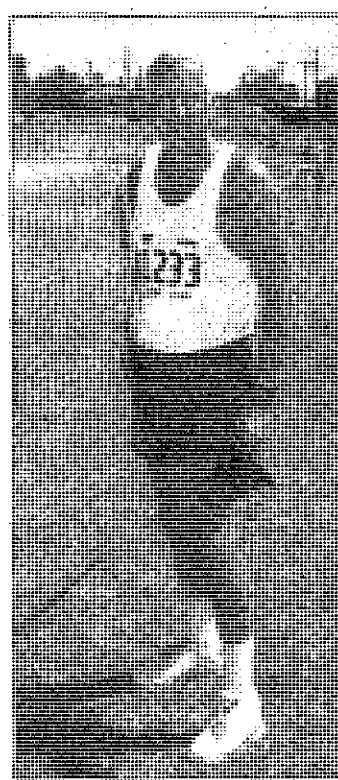
## ROTHLEY

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mer Olympians from the 1956 and 1960 Summer Games — and the competition never gets old. (He had the thrill of meeting the late four-time Olympic gold medalist Al Oerter during a Senior Games in Florida.) Rothley has a bucket full of medals in his Livonia home, but he cherishes three the most. In 2007, Rothley, despite a back strain, returned home from Louisville, Ky., with a silver medal in the men's 70-74 long jump. And in 1999 at Orlando, Fla., he took a pair of gold medals in the javelin and the long jump (with a leap of 15-7.75) in the 60-64 age division. "When you go to the Nationals, you meet people from all over the U.S.," he said. "They have 10,000 partici-

pants in all different sports. It's encouraging to see the guys. It makes you come back damn determined to do better and practice. And that's what made it more exciting this year (at the Michigan Senior Olympics) — a new set of records to go for." Rothley raised six children, four sons and two daughters, along with his late wife, Cynthia, who died three years ago. He has a total of 21 grandchildren. "Things are different now, but when I was kid I got on the bus and worked," Rothley said. "I played baseball growing up, but didn't really have time for sports in my late teens. I played a lot of softball — fast-pitch — for 15 years back when it was popular." During the spring and summer, Rothley prepares for the state Senior Olympics at Holmes Middle School in Livonia. He'll also compete in the annual

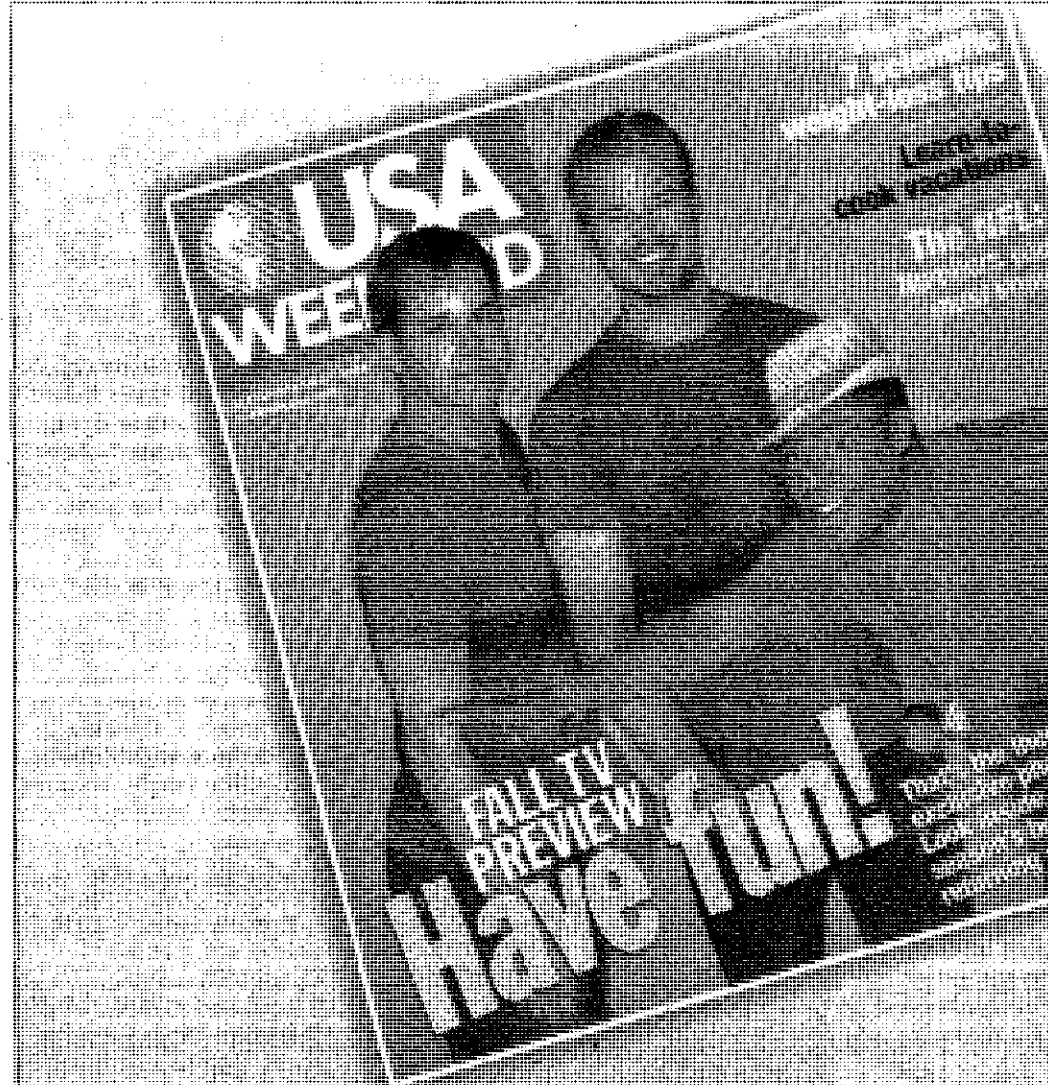
Redford Senior Olympics. Rothley also stays sharp five months during the winter in Punta Gorda, Fla., where he competes in Senior Olympic events and helps coach high school athletes in the field events. Rothley also works with Special Olympians and recently trained a young competitor who reached the nationals. "Working with the special needs kids is more fun that you can even imagine," Rothley said. "That, in my mind, is the most rewarding thing you can do." Rothley has a full head of hair, although he admits: "Back then it was gray, now it's all white." He wishes more athletes over 50 would get involved in Senior Olympics. "They need to get the word out more," Rothley said. "It's something I think would be rewarding and worth their while."



Livonia's Bill Rothley, 75, retains his fountain of youth while competing and winning gold medals in the state and national senior Olympic events.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL**  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
 Luth. N'west at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne vs. Plymouth at P-CEP, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
 Lutheran North at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
 Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 6:30 p.m.  
 Birm. Marian at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
 K'zoo Central Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
 UM-Dearborn Tournament, 9 a.m.
- BOYS SOCCER**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
 Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Wash. Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.  
 Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.  
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
 Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
 Farmington at Churchill, 8:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
 Luth. Westland at S'field Christian, 11 a.m.
- BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
 Monroe-Jefferson Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Petoskey Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
 Shamrock Inv. at Cass Benton, 10 a.m.
- GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
 Wayne at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
 Plymouth at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.  
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
 Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.  
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
- GIRLS GOLF**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
 Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.  
 Franklin vs. John Glenn, Wayne vs. Canton at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. Novi at Cattails, 3 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
 Grosse Ile Inv. at West Shore C.C., 1:30 p.m.
- GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
 Ladywood at E. Grand Rapids, 11 a.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
 Concordia JV at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
 Madonna at Davenport, 3 p.m.  
 Schoolcraft at Parkland (Ill.), 11 a.m.  
**Sunday, Sept. 21**  
 Schoolcraft at Heartland (Ill.), noon.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
 Oakton CC (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
 Madonna at Davenport, noon.  
**Sunday, Sept. 21**  
 Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 1 p.m.



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# Lutheran Westland spikers roll past Lutheran North

Lutheran High Westland cruised to an easier-than-expected Metro Conference girls volleyball victory Tuesday night at Macomb Lutheran North.

The Warriors got to go home early with a 25-9, 25-15, 25-19 triumph over the host Mustangs.

Becca Refenes sparked the victory with a team-high 13 kills, along with three solo blocks and 11 digs as the Warriors improved to 11-3-2 overall and 1-0 in the Metro.

Allyson Yankee contributed 11 kills, while Katey Ramthun chipped in with six kills and served 14 points.

Other contributions came from Abi Gieschen, who had a team-best 16 digs to go along with four aces, including 10-for-10 serving.

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Setters Cathy Haller and Lauren Gieschen added 14 and 11 assist-to-kills, respectively. Lauren Gieschen also had three aces.

The loss drops North to 12-6-1 overall and 0-1 in the conference.

## Clarenceville triumphs

Livonia Clarenceville overcame a sluggish start Tuesday to earn a 26-28, 25-20, 25-15, 25-8 Metro Conference victory Tuesday at Harper Woods.

The Trojans, now 4-1 overall and 1-0 in the Metro, were led by Marlene Azar's 10 ace serves and nine kills.

Kat Hall added eight kills and nine digs, while setter Katie Blacker finished with

nine digs and eight assist-to-kills.

## Hawks outlasts Macomb

In a five-game encounter Tuesday, visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran pulled out a 25-13, 25-13, 22-25, 22-25, 15-11 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division win over Warren Macomb Christian.

Senior setter Kayla Stockdale paced the victorious Hawks, now 4-4 overall and 2-0 in the MIAC-Red, with 33 assist-to-kills.

Sophomore Leah Miller was Huron Valley's top attacker with 14 kills, while senior Samantha Barber added 10 kills.

Macomb Christian is 0-1 in the MIAC-Red.

# Patriots garner runner-up finish

After going winless in their first tournament, the Livonia Franklin girls volleyball team made it all the way to the finals of the Ypsilanti Invitational before losing to Redford Union in three games, 17-25, 25-19, 15-10.

The Patriots, now 5-6 overall, scored victories over the host Phoenix (20-25, 25-9, 15-10), Wayne Memorial (25-19, 25-19), Willow Run (25-19, 25-14), Taylor Truman (25-13, 25-14) and Taylor Kennedy (25-15, 25-19).

Outside hitter Ashly Butkowski led the Patriots with 33 kills, eight ace serves and 21 digs, while setter Liz Holloway had 20 kills, 71 assist-to-kills, eight blocks and 17 aces.

Other top offensive performers included middle hitter Chelsea Williams (28 kills and eight blocks) and Emma Green (15 kills).

Franklin's defense was paced by Nicole Williamson (23 digs), Kate Zurekno (22 digs), Sam Culp (15 digs) and Ellen Hurt (14 digs). Williamson also had nine aces, while Zurekno added six.

## Blazers fall in semifinals

Livonia Ladywood went 3-3 on the day, reaching the Gold Division semifinals of the Warren X Elite Center Invitational before losing to Clarkston in three games, 23-25, 25-15, 15-7.

The Blazers, 10-7-5 overall,

opened pool play with a 25-15, 25-8 win over Southfield before losing to Milford, 13-25, 15-25.

In power pool action, Ladywood lost to Troy in three games, 17-25, 25-23, 15-13, and beating Farmington Hills Harrison, 25-21, 25-18.

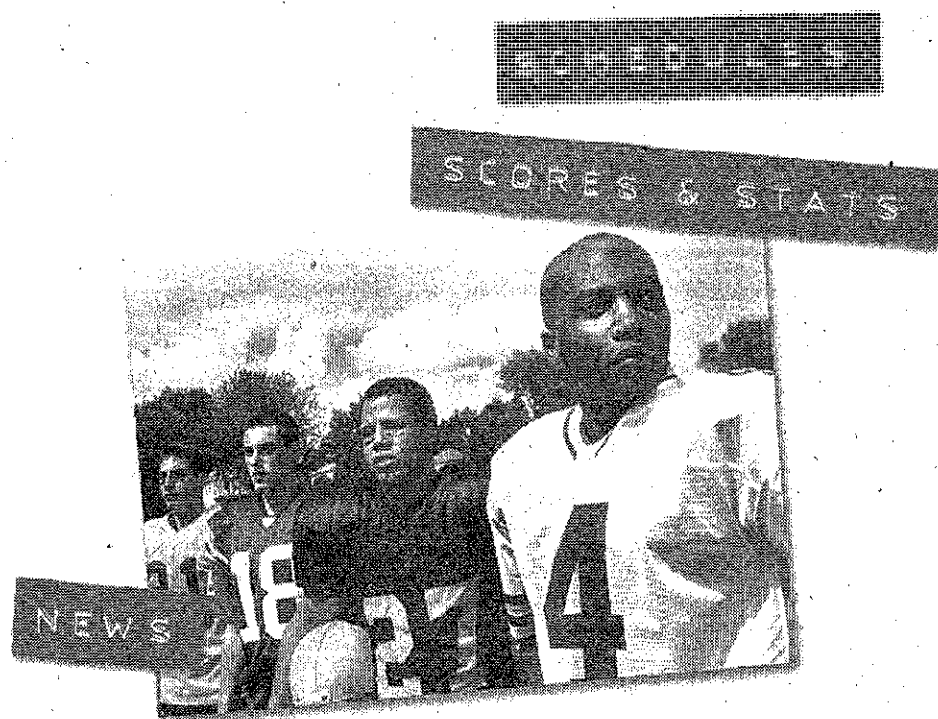
In the elimination bracket, the Blazers avenged a loss to Milford, 25-18, 25-21.

Senior Rachael Fuller paced Ladywood's offensive attack with a total of 59 kills, while Claire Dezelski added 33 kills and 46 digs. Katy Rooney and Shannon Hogg contributed 15 blocks each.

Setter Julie Rhodes finished with 119 total assist-to-kills and 10 aces, while Ashley Hines had 41 digs and 10 ace serves.

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## Too close for comfort: Hawks split

Close games have become the norm these days for the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran boys soccer team.

The Hawks' Aaron Howell scored the game-winning goal in the 100th minute of play Friday to beat host Sterling Heights Parkway Christian in double-overtime, 1-0.

Goalkeeper Kyle Tacia earned the shutout.

On Tuesday, Taylor Baptist Park held off host Huron Valley in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference match, 4-3, as four different players scored for the Wildcats (5-3-1, 4-1) including Andrew Bruck, Khory Davenport, Matthew Reid and Noah Combs.

Andy Falk, Mark St. John and Austin Tranchica tallied goals for the Hawks, who fell to 4-4 and 3-3.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 1, HAMTRAC 0:** On Tuesday, Josh Kruger's goal in the 66th minute off an assist from Gage Flanery enabled host Lutheran High Westland (7-2-1, 2-1) to edge

the Cosmos (1-2, 0-2) in a Metro Conference match.

Laith Francis initiated the game-winning goal and goalkeeper Micah Hausch, who made four saves, earned his third shutout.

The Warriors' backline of senior Chris Barnaby, junior Tony Cipolla and sophomores Jake Andrzejewski and Kent Krzyse stood out in the victory, according to coach Rich Block, along with center-midfielders Brad LaRose and Mitchell Boehm.

**LIGGETT 2, CLARENCEVILLE 1:** In a Metro Conference match Tuesday, host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (5-3, 2-2) overcame a 1-0 halftime deficit to beat Livonia Clarenceville (4-5, 1-3), which dropped its fourth straight.

The Trojans led on Garett Hintzman's goal from Dustin Csokasy, but Liggett stormed back on goals by Jack Fisher in the 63rd and 72 minutes.

Garrett Gregg, who made 12 saves, was outstanding in goal, for Clarenceville.

"Garrett kept us in the game," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "They (Liggett) flipped the switch at halftime and we were on the defensive the entire second half."

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lowed by Tim Devine's unassisted effort.

Max Washko made it 3-0 off an assist from Lussiez, who in turn, scored to make it 4-0 from off an assist from Sieber, both coming in the second half.

Jordan McGuire and Noel Romo tallied goals in the late going for Franklin.

"We played OK and we had an extremely difficult time finishing," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "It was a frustrating game, a lot of fouls. We got the result and we're happy to win, but it's not the way we wanted to finish."

Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos brought Steve Trapp back from the midfield to help contain Churchill's offensive attack.

"We came out defensive at the beginning," Rodopoulos said. "We followed the game plan and it worked out well today. We were able to step it up offensively later in the game."

**CANTON 5, JOHN GLENN 0:** On Tuesday, the host Chiefs (6-3-3, 4-1) were bolstered by Josh Hurst's hat-trick and a two-goal effort by Scott Zech in a win over Westland John Glenn (3-8-1, 2-3).

Kyle Breitmeyer contributed two assists and Sherif Hassani added

one. Nick Turnbull and Tai Walter split time in net for Canton.

**PLYMOUTH 8, WAYNE 0:** It was over at halftime Tuesday as the host Wildcats (5-6-1, 2-2-1) rolled to the KLAASouth Division mercy-rule triumph over Wayne Memorial (0-10-1, 0-5).

Steven Jahn paced Plymouth's offensive attack with a pair of goals, while Andrew Yoder, Nick Russ, Vin Nguyen, Ian Griffiths, Harold Blohm and Evan Yoder also tallied goals.

Josh Hill got the shutout in for the Wildcats.

**HARRISON 2, JOHN GLENN 0:** On a wet and sloppy field Saturday, host Farmington Hills Harrison (5-2-1) downed visiting Westland (3-7-1) in a nonleague encounter at Buller Field.

Neither team was able to score in the first half as the field conditions made play challenging for both sides.

Mattias Marks opened the scoring seven minutes into the second half for the Hawks after Mike Lipowicz's shot bounced off Glenn goalkeeper Zach Redden to Mark's waiting foot.

David Morris added an insurance goal beating the Rocket goalie to ball with Mike Minkus assisting. Harrison keeper Ryan Roberts made seven saves to notch his first shutout of the year.

Redden made 11 saves for the Rockets.

# Battle of state soccer powers, KLAA-Central rivals ends at 1-1

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## BOYS SOCCER

It was a game of chess Monday night between two of the state's Division 1 boys soccer powers and the result was a 1-1 stalemate between No. 1-ranked Salem and No. 3 Livonia Stevenson.

The visiting Spartans nearly had checkmate after Brian Klemczak headed home Kendal Snow's pinpoint throw-in with 32:32 left in the match before the Rocks earned the draw as Matt Woster scored off a header from teammate Josh Pascarella with less than six minutes to play.

With the tie, Salem is 11-0-2 overall, while Stevenson is at 6-1-2.

The game-tying goal by Woster came with only 5:54 remaining following a corner kick by senior defender Matt Calupina, who served a ball into the top of the Stevenson goal area and into a maze of players.

"It was great header that J.P. (Pascarella) was able to put into the far side of the box and it was a big a finish goal as you can have," Salem

coach Ed McCarthy said.

Stevenson's goal, meanwhile, was initiated by the 6-foot-4 Snow, a senior defender, who placed his throw-in perfectly to Klemczak, a senior forward.

"It's a situation where he (Snow) see where he wants to go and he happened to see me between a couple of their defenders," said Klemczak, who has committed to play at the University of Michigan. "It was a very, very good throw-in. Kendal has long arms and he can throw it a long way. I was fortunate to win it and get the goal."

The set-piece Stevenson score was not a surprise from McCarthy's standpoint.

"It was a rocket," he said. "That's how they scored against Novi. We knew it was coming and we prepared for it, and still couldn't stop it. We have to be more effective against throw-ins and corners."

Salem got a boost late in the game from senior Jace Beardon, who is returning from an injury.

"He got in about 15 minutes Saturday (in a 2-1 win over Canton) and he'll continue to get more and more minutes as we go along," McCarthy said. "He's been hurt, but we know he's a big key when he comes back."

Stevenson, coming off its first loss of the season, slipped from No. 2 slot in the Division 1 state rankings to No. 3 position after losing 2-1 Saturday to Troy Athens. The Spartans are in the midst of a difficult stretch with four matches in six days including another battle Tuesday night with KLAA-Central foe and No. 2-ranked Northville (8-1, 3-1).

"I thought we responded quite well and delivered pretty well," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "We're halfway through and it's certainly been hard, and given the experience, we were put to the test. I was happy how we played today. We just gave up one too many corner kicks."

After the tie, Stevenson's record was 3-0-1 in the tough KLAA-Central, while Salem stood at 2-0-2. Northville was also lurking at 3-1 going

into Tuesday's showdown at Stevenson. (See related story.)

"We were solid and it was a fair result," McCarthy said. "Today's match was big enough, but wait until Tuesday (Sept. 23) when we play them again (at Stevenson). There will be even a lot more at stake."

Playing through the gauntlet of state-ranked powers can only help in the long run, according to Klemczak.

"Salem is number one, a good team and give them credit," the Stevenson senior said. "I'm very, very happy. It was good play and our guys fought hard. I'm proud of them. Maybe we'll get the result we need the next time."

Just playing the likes of Salem, Northville, Novi and even South Lyon has made things that more interesting since Stevenson moved into the KLAA-Central, which features a double round-robin of matches.

"I love it, it's great competition and it prepares you for the playoffs," Klemczak said. "Instead of the 8-0 mercies, it's a top-notch conference. You see what you're made of."

## Troy Athens keeper stops Spartans, 2-1

BY DAN STICKRADT  
OGE STAFF WRITER

Troy Athens has been searching for a marquee win to put its young boys soccer team over the hump. That win definitely came Saturday afternoon at home.

The Red Hawks, with just five returning players and with the youngest and least experienced team in veteran's Tim Storch's 28-season coaching tenure, posted an upset by taking down previously-unbeaten and Division 1 No. 2-ranked

Livonia Stevenson, 2-1.

"We've actually started to turn the corner here the past couple of weeks," Storch said. "The past six games we're 2-2-2 and playing a lot better. The previous Saturday, we beat (New Baltimore) Anchor Bay and they're one of the top teams in the MAC Red (Division.) We've tied Troy and (Rochester) Adams the past couple of weeks. The guys are playing better soccer than our first couple of games."

Athens (2-5-2) never trailed against Stevenson (6-1-1).

After a scoreless first half, the Red Hawks got on the board first in the 55th-minute when Nick Donato hammered home a cornerkick from Tyler Channell.

Nearly 10 minutes later, freshman Alex Serwatka scored the eventual game-winner off a cross from Danny Jackson.

Stevenson cut the deficit to one goal late in the second half when Chris Long scored off a pass from Brian Klemczak.

The Spartans had several late chances, but Athens senior

goalkeeper Andre Bezzera turned all others aside. He finished with 10 saves, including four highlight-reel stops.

"We played pretty well, it was not your typical trap game," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "We played against a good goalkeeper who stood on his head and they rallied around him. We just gave up a couple of unfortunate goals. We learned some tough lessons on how this game works and it's good to know that we're not invincible, and certainly we're not."

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CANTON 20, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 35
Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park
Individual winner: Kyle Clinton (Canton), 17 minutes, 12 seconds (5,000 meters).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill junior Sara Kroll is off to an impressive start to the 2008 girls cross country season after going 18 minutes, 16 seconds to finish third in Friday's prestigious Michigan State University Invitational in East Lansing.

Sept. 16 at Wayne
Individual winner: Ashley Bailey (John Glenn), 23:57 (5,000 meters).

NEW BOSTON HURON INVITATIONAL
Sept. 13 at Willow Metropark
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (10 schools): 1. Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, 35 points; 2. Erie-Mason, 47; 3. Ida, 61; 4. Lutheran Westland, 160.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN INVITATIONAL
Sept. 13 at Willis Park
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (9 schools): 1. Monroe St. Mary CC, 49; 2. Ida, 73; 3. Vandercook Lake, 117; 4. Lutheran Westland, 137.

NIKE HOLLY INVITATIONAL
Sept. 13 at Springfield Oaks
GIRLS DIVISION 2 TEAM STANDINGS (18 schools): 1. Sturgis, 66 points; 2. Dexter, 68; 3. Gull Lake, 106; 4. Dearborn Divine Child, 119; 5. Marshall, 144; 12. Livonia Ladywood, 269.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 15, WAYNE 44
Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park
Individual winner: Tim Boes (John Glenn), 18:37 (5,000 meters).

SALEM 22, LIVONIA STEVENSON 35
Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park
Individual winner: Matt Devey (Salem), 17:19 (5,000 meters).

PLYMOUTH 19, FRANKLIN 36
Sept. 16 at Cass Benton
Individual winner: Derek Lax (Plymouth), 17:18 (5,000 meters).

SALEM 24, LIVONIA STEVENSON 33
Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park
Individual winner: Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 19:53 (5,000 meters).

PLYMOUTH 22, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 37
Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park
Individual winner: Megan McPherson, 19:29 (5,000 meters, sets own school course record).

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 15, WAYNE MEMORIAL 44
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Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 19:15 (5,000 meters).

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Baptist leads Schoolcraft to soggy 2-1 win

Plymouth alum Clare Baptist scored a goal and assisted on the other Saturday as host Schoolcraft earned a 2-0 women's soccer victory over University of Michigan-Dearborn club team.



Schoolcraft freshman midfielder and Plymouth Salem alum Katie Shull (right) battles over a 50-50 ball with a University of Michigan-Dearborn player during Saturday's match.

The non-conference match was played in driving rain and slippery field conditions, but the Lady Ocelots prevailed.

"The first goal was beautiful with five players getting involved all the way from the back," noted Schoolcraft head coach Deepak Shivraman, whose team improved to 4-0 overall.

Baptist's goal was set up by freshman midfielder Nicole Trivax (Walled Lake Western) and the sophomore forward, in turn, assisted on Schoolcraft's second tally - by freshman midfielder Andrea Polite.

Shivraman credited the strong play of sophomore Samantha Harrington, usually a midfielder-forward who moved back to defense for sophomore Sally L'Esperance, who was out of town to attend a family function.

The coach also said fresh-

COLLEGE SOCCER

University soccer team to a 4-1 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer win over host Concordia.

After sophomore forward Diana Brda (Westland/Livonia Franklin) opened the scoring about 15 minutes into the contest, the Cardinals evened things up when Abby Lorion put a rebound past MU starting goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Canton).

But just 47 seconds later, the Crusaders (4-2, 2-0) led 3-1 thanks to back-to-back markers by junior forward Jessica Austin (Franklin/Schoolcraft) and senior forward Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson).

Brda drew the assist on Austin's goal, which came at the 18:55 mark. Allie's unassisted tally came at 19:14.

Before halftime, the Crusaders padded their lead to 4-1 when Austin scored again, this time from junior midfielder Rachel Thompson (Stevenson).

Warner (3 saves) played the first 60 minutes in goal and was relieved by freshman Macie Carevic (1 save) for the final 30 minutes of action.

Taking the loss for Concordia (2-1, 0-1) in goal was Kelly Wurzell (9 saves).

Crusaders deck Cards

Two goals in 19 seconds midway through the first half Tuesday lifted Madonna

Crusaders 'slosh' their way to 2-1 victory

The Madonna University men's soccer team opened Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action on Saturday with a 2-1 win over Aquinas College on the rain soaked turf in Grand Rapids.

MU improved to 3-1 overall and 1-0 in loop action while

the Saints fell to 2-3 and 0-1.

The Crusaders, who are receiving votes in the NAIA Coaches' national poll, got on the board early as Keith Sied (Livonia Stevenson) took a pass from Doron Drai and found the back of the net behind Ben Richardson at the

six minute mark for a 1-0 lead.

The Saints squared the match at 1-1 a little over two minutes later when Jeff Larson beat MU's Steve Besk for the equalizer.

Sied gave MU the lead in the 32nd minute, doing the work himself to beat Richardson

again for a 2-1 lead that the Crusaders would not relinquish.

Besk made three saves in the second half to preserve the win for the Crusaders. The match was a physical one with 21 fouls being whistled and six cautions being issued.

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# Youth appointed to represent peers on church council

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

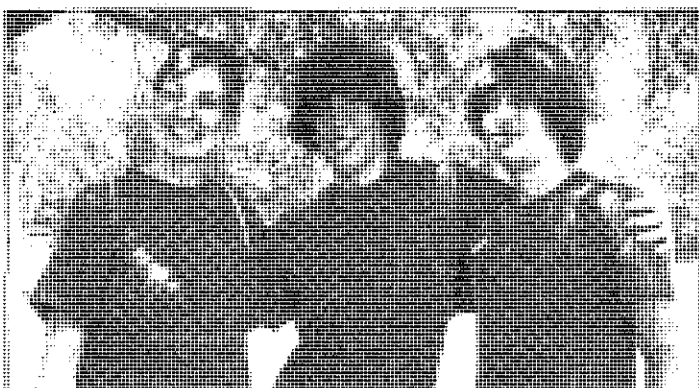
Ryan Hall talks about his appointment to the council at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia like it's no big deal. His dad sees it differently.

John Hall believes the 15-year-old Churchill High School sophomore is leading the charge to attract youth to the aging congregation.

Ryan is too busy trying to balance his duties at church with junior varsity football practice, classes, and a part-time job at a Coney Island to think about the contribution he is making. As the youngest member of the council by about 30 years, he just wants to include his peers in the operations of the church.

"I wanted to give a voice for the youth and make sure they have a say in everything," said Hall, who belongs to the UPLIFT LYTE Ministry, a joint Lutheran youth group for Holy Cross, Emmanuel, and Holy Trinity churches in Livonia.

Hall recently attended a summer leadership program for high school students presented by Living Waters Ministries at Camp Michi-Lu-Ca to learn how to reach out to other youth. The Lower Michigan Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church



Ryan Hall (center) attended a leadership training camp this summer with Holy Cross and Emmanuel Lutheran Youth Director Rebecca Couser and church member Matt Erickson.

in America provide a variety of camps, retreats and conferences at the site near Fairview.

Students not only grow in their faith during the week-long program but train in Peer Ministry. Hall says young people are exposed to many bad influences today including drugs. He tries to look out for his sister McKenna, 13, but would like to be there for other youth as well.

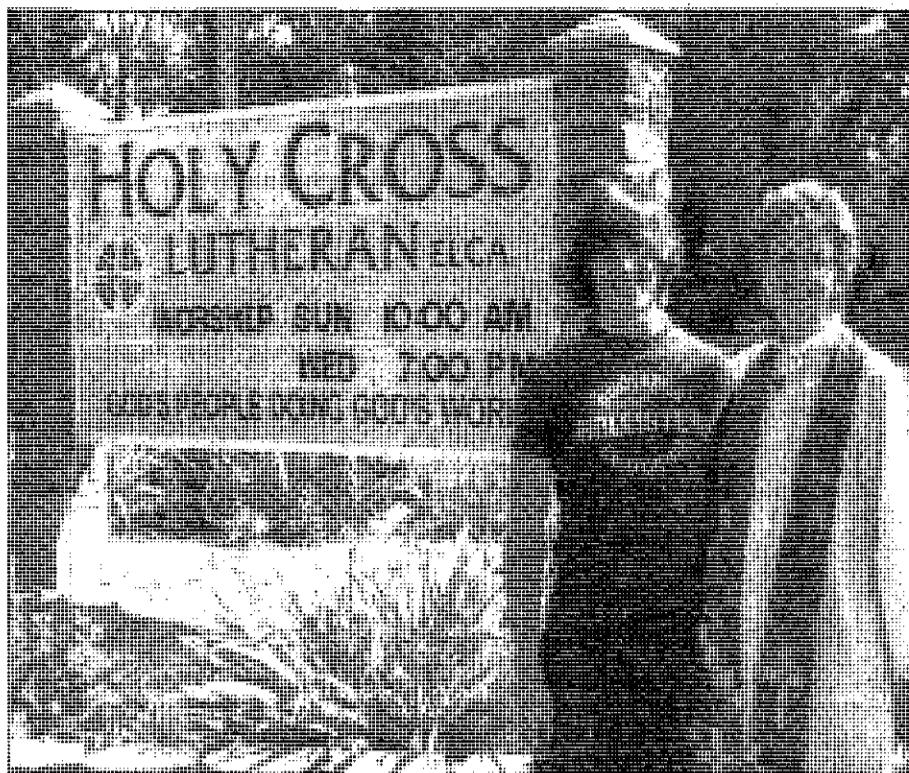
"It can kind of suck you in if you let it," said Hall. "I encourage other kids not to be pulled into that lifestyle."

Hall is too busy with school and church to have time to get into trouble. When he's not in class or at football practice he's participating in church activities. In 2007 he attended a Confirmation Camp where

students explore faith issues in a Christian community. Faith probably plays the biggest role in his life, he said.

"We were learning about why we get confirmed. I have a strong belief in God every time I come back from there. I'm a better person," said Hall. "Last time I learned to pick out the good in people. I try not to judge people now and accept them for who they are and try not to be mean because if I don't know them I shouldn't be mean to them."

John and Janet Hall raised Ryan to live by Christian values. John's parents were founding members of Holy Cross back in the 1960s. John is especially proud of Ryan being elected to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Pastor Dana Runestad is glad to have Ryan Hall on the Congregation Council at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Lutheran Youth Organization, which is organizing events including a 30-hour famine.

"He's a very special person. We're very proud of what he's accomplished at his young age," said John Hall. "Religion's always been important. It kind of centers you. It makes you understand what's important in life. Having faith in God is like having a lighthouse when you need strength. As a society we've gotten way too far away

from religion."

Pastor Dana Runestad is glad Ryan chooses to be involved with the church. She appreciates his spirit and positive attitude.

"He is so endearing and friendly. He does a lot of one-on-one work with young people and adults, but he's also not afraid to speak up in large public meetings of say 150 people and he's very articulate," said Runestad of Plymouth. "He's

given us hope, helped give us confidence that we're doing something right if we can make a difference in his life, if God can become real to him. Young people are not the future of the church, they are the church. They are as much a part of the church as any other member. It's important to have youth participate in leadership."

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**BOYS TENNIS RESULTS**

**PLYMOUTH 7 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2**  
Sept. 15 at Plymouth  
No. 1 singles: Akshay Moorthy (LC) defeated Pat Onoro, 6-2; 6-2; No. 2: Aaron Zhang (F) def. Alex Clos, 6-2; 6-1; No. 3: Matt Dwan (P) def. Ziwin Deng, 7-5; 6-2; No. 4: Andy Mitchell (P) def. Vishal Joshi, 6-0; 6-3.  
No. 1 doubles: Max Korpatski-Pat Bailey (P) def. Dan Landstrom-Mike Appel, 6-1; 6-3; No. 2: Wen Ning-Alex Berk (P) def. Eric Slusarski-Erik Newman, 6-3; 3-6; 7-5; No. 3: Tom Eggleston-John Lopus (P) def. Mike Houghan-Rushi Patel, 6-3; 6-2; No. 4: Drew Leist-Hank Eckardt (P) def. Cam Norscia Matt Cezaat, 6-4; 7-6 (7-2); No. 5: Pat Moroney-Jared Leeds (LC) def. Don Henry-Grant Samkibel, 6-1; 6-3.  
Churchill's dual match record: 3-3 overall, 1-2 KLAAs-South Division.

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 9 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0**  
Sept. 15 at John Glenn  
No. 1 singles: Walter Woods (LF) def. Zach Ernat, 6-0; 6-0; No. 2: Stephen Payne (LF) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-1; 6-0; No. 3: Steve Trapp (LF) def. Khari Stargell, 6-0; 6-0; No. 4: Chad Dorton (LF) def. Tommy Ruark, 6-0; 6-1.  
No. 1 doubles: Mike Geraci-Peter Lee (LF) def. Zach Edwards-Mitchell Dean, 6-3; 6-3; No. 2: Nate Warrick-Walt Afonso (LF) def. Jacob Toarmina-Shane Weichert, 6-1; 6-0; No. 3: Mike Kaplan-Bill Shafer (LF) def. David Wilton-Wayne Woodard, 6-0; 6-0; No. 4: Joe Trudell-Aaron York (LF) def. Carlo Tajeda-Cameron Hanson, 6-4; 6-0; No. 5: Joe Kosinski-Alex Wood (LF) def. Maurice Lorguski-Chris Rulfino, 6-1; 6-1.  
Dual match records: Franklin, 2-4 overall, 2-2 KLAAs-South Division; John Glenn, 0-6 overall, 0-4 KLAAs-South Division.

**Steele lifts Madonna women to crown**

Sophomore Caitlin "Goose" Steele took home her second career medalist honor as the Madonna University women's golf team captured the first tournament title in program history with a five-stroke victory Tuesday over Indiana Tech at the second Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree.  
MU shot 344 to Tech's 349 at the Golf Club at Thornapple Pointe in Grand Rapids.

**COLLEGE GOLF**  
"Goose had a great round for us today," said head coach Scott Marzolino following the round. "The future is very bright for MU golf and today was just a slight preview into that."  
"If we can continue to play like we did today and get solid play in our line up we will be tough to contend with."  
Freshman Chelsea Bathurst

(Livonia Stevenson) was fourth with an 84, while sophomore Sara Simmitch carded an 88, good for eighth. Rounding out the top-10 finishes for MU was freshman Jacqueline McCormick's 90, good for 10th place.  
**MU men runner-up**  
Steve South (Westland/Livonia Franklin) carded a one-over par 72 to tie for medalist honors at the second

WHAC Jamboree of the season on Tuesday at Thornapple Pointe.  
As a team, MU placed second behind Davenport as the Panthers turned in a round of 298 to the Crusaders' 306.  
The win marks the second straight for South, an All-WHAC pick in 2007.  
Fellow junior Brett Quitquit was fourth with a round of 75 while fellow junior Kyle Lawrey was ninth with a 77.

**CHURCHILL**

FROM PAGE B1  
The Spartans, coming off a 2-3 weekend at the X-Elite Center in Warren Invitational, got a strong showing Tuesday from Meg Iafate, who had 16 total kills in the two matches to go along with nine solo blocks and five ace serves.  
Other contributions came from Brooke Knochel (19 kills), Kaylee McGrath (nine kills, seven solo blocks), Christine Armstrong (15 digs, six aces), Shelbie Wilson (14 digs), Claire LeBlanc (35 assists), Katie Veilucci (25 assists) and

Alisha Linstrom (eight solo blocks).  
Franklin's Emma Green had five kills in the loss to the Spartans, while teammates Chelsea Williams and Amanda Borioe added four each.  
Defensively, Nicole Williamson finished with eight digs, while Liz Hollaway and Ashly Butkowski added seven apiece for the Patriots, who fell to 5-8 overall.  
"Franklin and Stevenson played a competitive city match and it was good to bring the community together," Grenier said. "It was good for everyone involved."

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**GIRLS SWIM RESULTS**

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATIONAL GIRLS DOUBLE-DUAL SWIM MEET**  
Sept. 11 at Churchill  
TEAM RESULTS: Stevenson defeated Franklin, Churchill; Franklin def. Churchill (no point totals provided).  
FINAL RESULTS  
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon), Allison Kellehan, Kaylee Dolinski, Kayla Perchall, 2:00.65; 2. Stevenson (Sara Healy, Kathleen Salata, Ashley Reed, Claire Massman), 2:08.91; 3. Franklin (Jordan Haymour, Catherine Studzinski, Dominique Jordan, Jessica Gilbert), 2:15.56.  
200 freestyle: 1. Savannah Hatt (S), 2:00.18; 2. Kaitlyn Kozyn (F), 2:05.2; 3. Samantha Reid (C), 2:07.5.  
200 individual medley: 1. Dolinski (S), 2:23.11; 2. Perchall (S), 2:29.97; 3. Laura Holtz, 2:30.38.  
50 freestyle: 1. Gordon (S), 26.18; 2. Colleen Anthony (F), 28.01; 3. Kristin Turbiak (S), 28.74.  
1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (S), 241.45 points; 2. Katina St. Pierre (C), 186.75; 3. Kailea Stancer (C), 182.10.  
100 butterfly: 1. Kayla Douglas (F), 1:02.59; 2. Hatt (S), 1:03.77; 3. Sarah Opdyke (S), 1:08.96.  
100 freestyle: 1. Reid (C), 57.9; 2. Kozyn (F),

58.33; 3. Natalie Cote (F), 59.83.  
500 freestyle: 1. Gordon (S), 5:27.59; 2. Sarah Scott (S), 6:07.57; 3. Catherine Moeller (S), 6:10.38.  
200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Kozyn, Douglas, Cote, Anthony), 1:48.15; 2. Stevenson (Dolinski, Hatt, McNamara, Massman), 1:50.57; 3. Stevenson (Opdyke, Perchall, Turbiak, Holtz), 1:53.42.  
100 backstroke: 1. Douglas (F), 1:03.61; 2. Haymour (F), 1:07.99; 3. Reed (S), 1:08.07.  
100 breaststroke: 1. Kellehan (S), 1:18.05; 2. Anthony (F), 1:23.68; 3. Mariah Morgan (S), 1:24.65.  
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Gordon, Reed, Ashlee Montini, Holtz), 3:56.38; 2. Franklin (Douglas, Cote, Kozyn, Anthony), 4:01.17; 3. Stevenson (Hatt, Dolinski, Turbiak, Kellehan), 4:01.85.

**FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 190 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 214**  
Sept. 15 at St. John's of Plymouth  
Mercy scorers: Miranda Eliason, 45; Maggie Lentz, 46; Maura Malone, 48; Alegra Wrocklage, 51.  
Ladywood scorers: Val DiMilia, 48; Marissa Ley, 54; Katelyn Pagler, 55; Taylor Romero, 57; Erin Reese, 57; Marissa Briden, 58.  
Dual match records: Mercy, 2-1 overall, 2-1 Catholic League; Ladywood, 0-1 overall, 0-1 Catholic League.

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 196 PLYMOUTH 254**  
Sept. 12 at The Woodlands (Van Buren)  
Glenn scorers: Courtney McKinney, 45 (medalist); Heidi Irvine, 48; Justine Woodard, 51; Michelle Bishop, 52; Samantha Baker, 60; Danielle Sulewski, 63.  
Plymouth scorers: Christin Pattison, 60; Maggie Furlong, 61; Lindsay Dean, 63; Liz Cizek, 70; Choe Marentic, 73; Megan Haggerty, 77.  
Glenn's dual match record: 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs-South Division.

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# Decadent

The 17th Annual Culinary Extravaganza



PHOTOS BY DONALD J. ALLEY

John Santieu of Garden City tries one of the many dessert vendors' samples last year. Ian Tamm, of Elite Sweets in Livonia, enjoys Santieu's reaction to their excellent creations.

## Sample fine fare at popular Schoolcraft fund-raiser

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Some of Michigan's best known chefs are graduates of Schoolcraft College and will serve their cuisine at the popular Culinary Extravaganza in Livonia on Sunday, Sept. 28.

Brian Polcyn, owner of Milford's Five Lakes Grill, author of *Charcuterie* and a Schoolcraft instructor, is one of them.

Tracey Pawlowski, co-proprietor and pastry artist of Back Home Bakery in Canton, is another.

Guests at the extravaganza are treated to dozens of food stations offering decadent desserts, organic appetizers, Italian entree samplings, American bistro fare and much more. There are also wine

seminars, a silent auction and raffle.

This year, officials aim to raise \$20,000 from the event that will benefit more than 350 Schoolcraft College culinary arts students, said Extravaganza coordinator Marjorie Lynch.

"Many of our graduates participate in the event to give back to the (culinary arts) program," Lynch said.

International award-winning chef Randy Emert, of Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester, is an example.

Businesses new to the event this year include Bacco of Southfield, MGM Grand Detroit, The Cupcake Station in Birmingham and Antonio's Cucina of Canton.

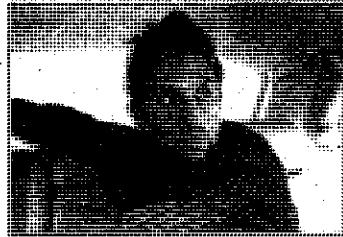
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### 17TH ANNUAL SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA

**When:** 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28  
**Where:** Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia  
**What is it:** Samplings from fine restaurants, pastry shops, beverage vendors, etc. plus a wine tasting seminar and silent auction  
**Why:** To provide scholarship support to Schoolcraft students  
**Tickets:** \$50 each, or packages from \$300-\$5,000. Call (734) 462-4518 or visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation)



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**FERNDALE** — It's home-grown music at its finest when The Verve Pipe's Brian Vander Ark takes the stage at The Magic Bag. Come early to catch Birmingham native Jamie McCarthy (pictured) as he opens the show, along with Crashing Cairo. A songwriter who earns comparisons to Jack Johnson, McCarthy will be celebrating the release of his latest CD, *Salvation*. Learn more at [www.jamiemccarthymusic.com](http://www.jamiemccarthymusic.com) or head out to the show, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 at 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$12. Call (248) 544-3030 or visit [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com).

By S. Casola

**CALLING ALL FILMMAKERS**

**BIRMINGHAM** — Aspiring filmmakers interested in learning more about the new Michigan Film Tax Incentives might want to secure a seat at The Deal Gateway event, featuring Bob Brown of Purple Rose Films. The networking event and program is set for 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 at The Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham.

Brown, a Farmington Hills resident, is managing partner of Purple Rose Films and served as executive producer on Jeff Daniels' *Escanaba in Da Moonlight* as well as *A Picture From Home — The Making of Escanaba in da Moonlight*. In 2004, he started Charity Island Pictures, which has completed a horror movie called *Silent Scream* and acquired the SenArt feature *Bonneville*, starring Jessica Lange and Joan Allen. He currently has several projects in development including *The Bass Master — The Bryan Kerchal Story*, which will be filmed in Michigan next year. Tickets are \$25 before Sept. 22 or \$30 at the door. Visit [www.thedealgateway.com](http://www.thedealgateway.com) or call (248) 335-5000.

By S. Casola

**PLYMOUTH PUB CRAWL**

**PLYMOUTH** — The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, along with Friends of the Penn, will host the 3rd Annual *PENN-taste-tic, A Downtown Plymouth Restaurant Crawl* 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Tickets, \$25/adults, \$15/children 10 and under, must be purchased in advance at the chamber, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth.

Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Penn and the PCCC. This year's participants include 1999 Tavern, 336 Main, Boule Artisan Bakery, Box Bar, Cold Stone Creamery, E.G. Nick's, Fiamma Grille, Grape Expectations Wine Bar, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, Little Bangkok Cuisine, Mariachi Dos, Nico & Vali, Panera Bread, Zapata's and more. Attendees can vote for their favorite restaurant. Call (734) 453-1540.

By L. Mini

## Toast to community at 5th annual Vine & Dine

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Cranbrook Institute of Science is known for its life-sized Tyrannosaurus Rex and planetarium shows that make you feel like you're on Mars. But next week the museum plays host to something different, something stylish for a cause.

For the fifth year, the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber will present Vine & Dine, a fund-raising spectacular that features a posh rolling buffet, live music, a fashion show, and of course, a wide



Patrons Romy Gingras, Kimberly Leclercq, Alicia Green and Tabitha See attended the 2007 Vine & Dine fund-raiser, which celebrates its fifth year this month.

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**VINE & DINE**

**What:** An annual fund raising event to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan  
**When:** 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24  
**Where:** Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills  
**Tickets:** \$65 per person, VIP and corporate packages available, call (248) 644-1700.  
**Participants:** 220 & Edison's; Amaryllis Catering; Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go; Beverly Hills Grill; BIGGBY Coffee; Bucca di Beppo; Coffee Beanery Cafe-Berkley; Cupcake

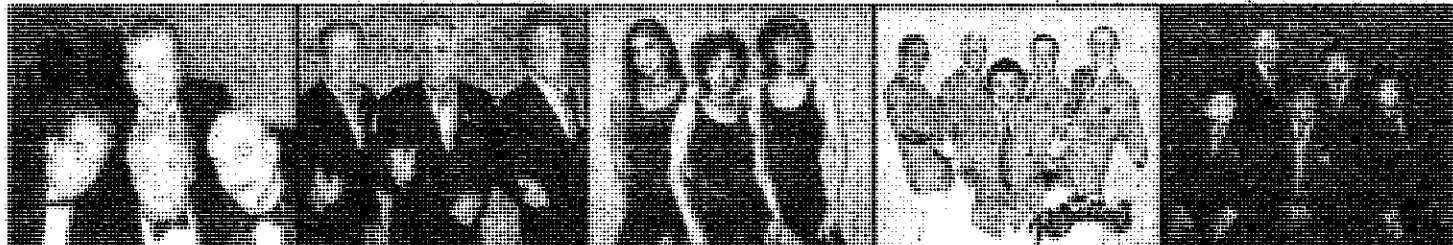
Station; Dale & Thomas Popcorn; Fieldstone Winery; Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar; Inn Season Cafe; Kuhnhen Brewery; La Marsa Mediterranean Cuisine; La Peretto Cappuccino; Mitchell's Fish Market; Musashi Japanese Cuisine & Sushi Bar; Panera Bread; Peabody's; Salvatore Scallopin; Schokolad Chocolate Factory; Streetside Seafood; The Rugby Grille and Vine 2 Wine of Northville.  
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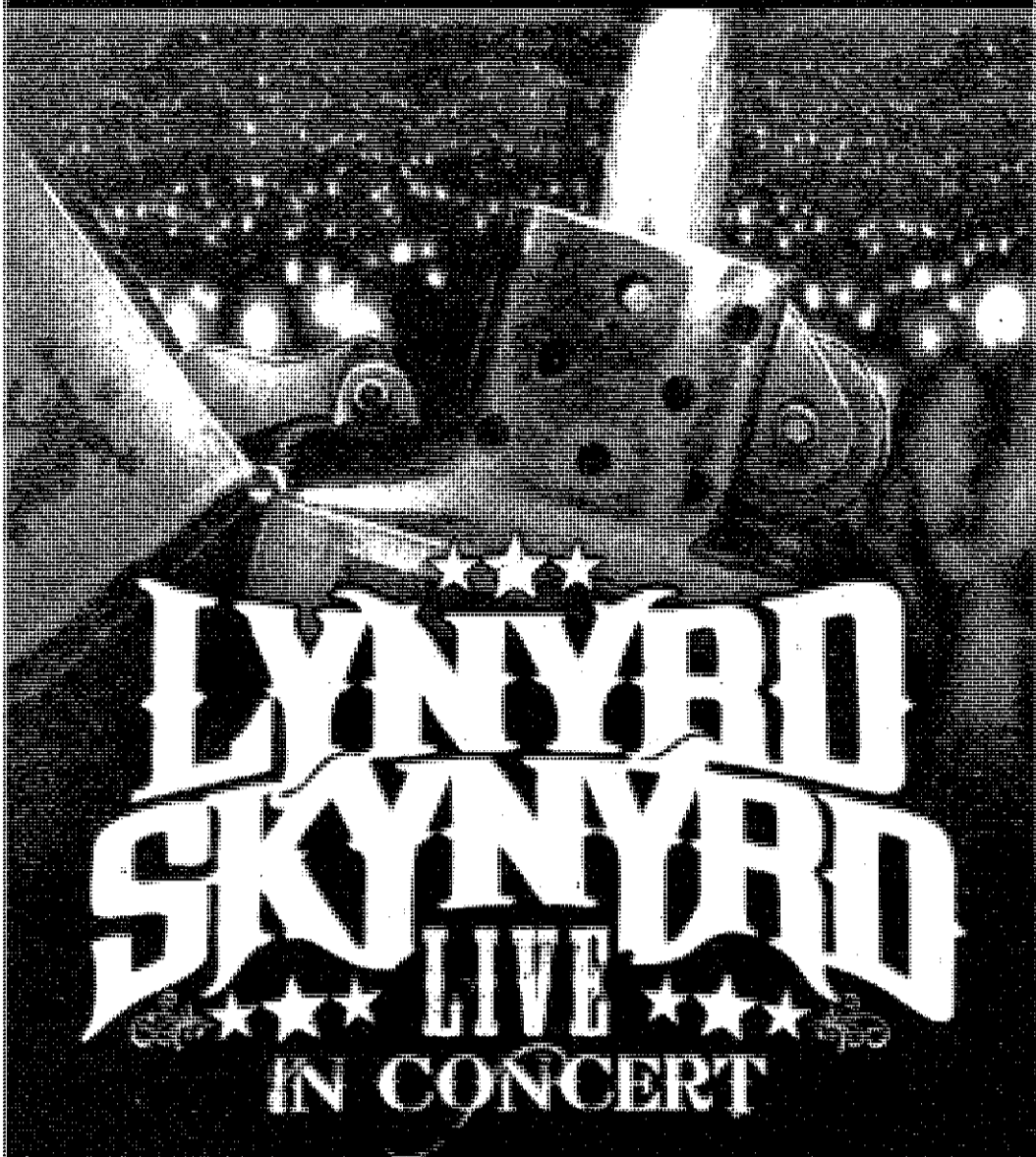
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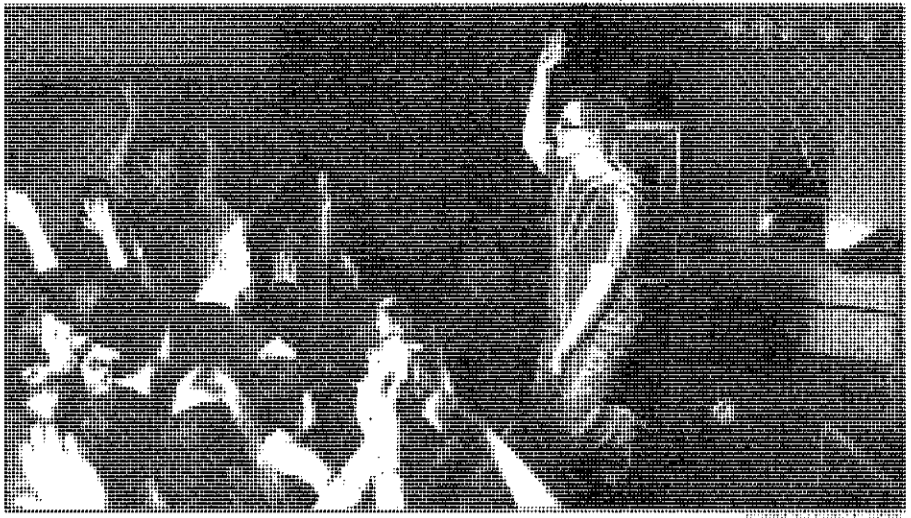
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Sean Forbes of Royal Oak is the rising star of D-PAN, a local organization that translates hit songs into American Sign Language.

# Sign of the times

D-PAN creates music videos for the deaf

BY JUDY DAVIDS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With tattooed arms, hip attire and a half million YouTube hits, Sean Forbes of Royal Oak is a rising video star. He delivers the goods with his rock star good looks and on-camera bravado. The only thing that might surprise you about this up and coming rocker is that the 26-year-old is deaf.

Forbes lost most of his hearing as an infant. Nonetheless, his father and uncle, Scott and Dennis Forbes of the blue-eyed soul band The Forbes Brothers, turned young Sean into a music fanatic.

With the help of a hearing aid he can perceive the sound of some instruments like drums and bass, and it's in his genes to be a performer.

In college, Forbes created a rough video to Eminem's hit "Lose Yourself." With the help of dad, he managed to get it into the hands of Joel Martin, whose many accomplishments include signing Eminem to his first production/publishing deal.

Martin, 51, who's also worked George Clinton and the Romantics, was blown away by what he saw and the rest is history.

### D-PAN DVD RELEASE PARTY

**What:** D-PAN will premiere the release of its new DVD "D-PAN: It's Everybody's Music Volume 1" at a fund-raiser featuring live performances with American Sign Language interpretations by Luis Resto, Sponge and other special guests.

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19

**Where:** Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale

**Tickets:** \$20 donation, e-mail [sguy@d-pan.com](mailto:sguy@d-pan.com).

Proceeds benefit D-PAN and its mission to make music broadly accessible for the deaf.

**For more information:**

Visit [www.d-pan.org](http://www.d-pan.org).

Together Forbes and Martin pioneered a nonprofit organization called D-PAN or the Deaf Performing Artists Network. They acquired a studio in Ferndale where they produce high quality media content aimed at crossing the barrier between the deaf/hard-of-hearing community and the entertainment industry.

D-PAN's mission is to create revolutionary videos using American Sign Language to reach out to millions of

Americans who are deaf, but nonetheless embrace music culture — from lyrics to clothing to attitude.

The reactions to the ASL translations of D-PAN videos, including John Mayer's "Waiting for the World to Change" and Christina Aguilera's "Beautiful," have been overwhelming.

"I cannot keep up with the e-mails and comments I get," says an enthusiastic Forbes. "People really love what we are doing and they want to see more. More artists. More songs. It's amazing."

Determined to bring the deaf and hard-of-hearing community into the music world, D-PAN has further partnered with the University of Michigan's College of Engineering. The university is championing ways to apply new wireless technology that will aid the deaf and hard-of-hearing community in a live concert setting, and augment their capacity to "feel" the music.

Forbes has his eyes on the hearing-centric music festivals. "I would love to see myself and other deaf artists going out performing on stage. Like at Lollapalooza. I think people would think it's cool to see deaf artists signing."

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LIVONIA — The Detroit Story League, in existence since 1912, will host its 26th annual Storytelling Festival Sept. 19-20, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

"Every year we try to get someone new," said Louise Lieberman, a story league member and Farmington Hills resident. This year's event features storytellers Antonio Sacre, known for his bilingual performances, and Lynette Ford, a fourth-generation storyteller whose Home-Fried Tales have become a local favorite.

Adult Story Night begins at 7 p.m. with a silent auction, Friday, Sept. 19, at the library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Tickets are \$12-\$15. On Saturday, teller workshops run 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for \$35 and Family Story Hour is 4-5 p.m. for \$2. Purchase a festival pass for \$50, visit [www.detroitstorytelling.com](http://www.detroitstorytelling.com) for more.

By S. Casola

Broadway favorites are Detroit-bound

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Some of the hottest live performances will head from Broadway straight to Detroit over the next few months. FILTER has compiled some can't-miss, coming-right-up productions, so you can get your tickets now.

**Say Goodnight Gracie:** Rupert Holmes brings the romance and comedy of George Burns and Gracie Allen to life again in this stage production. Running now through Nov. 16, this show is presented at the historic Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$39.50, call (313) 963-9800.

**Avenue Q:** This Tony Award winner might be performed by people and puppets but its down-right adult theme made it a hilarious hit. The show runs Nov. 5-23 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Tickets \$32-\$77 and onsale Sept. 12 at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or call (248) 645-6666.



"The Rat Pack" returns to the Gem for the holiday season.

up a holiday jubilee from Nov. 21-23 in the traveling show's first arena tour. You've seen it at the Fox, now experience the live nativity at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets \$25-\$75, at [www.olympiaentertainment.com](http://www.olympiaentertainment.com).

**A Bronx Tale:** Don't miss Chazz Palminteri in this dramatic coming of age story based on the legendary film by the same name. The show runs Nov. 25 to Dec. 14, at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Tickets on sale Sept. 12, visit [www.broadway-indetroit.com](http://www.broadway-indetroit.com) for details.

**Wicked:** Check in with Glinda the Good Witch and the Wicked Witch of the West — way before they run into Dorothy in this blockbuster musical. The show runs Dec. 10 to Jan. 4 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets \$30-\$140, at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or call (248) 645-6666.

**The Rat Pack is Back:** If you can't start the holidays until you hear the velvety sounds of Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean, well the Gem has you covered. Running Nov. 19 to Jan. 4, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$39.50, call (313) 963-9800.

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By W. Von Buskirk

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BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

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MC Rai has performed with Rai master Khaled and DJ Cheb I Sabbah, Bonnie Raitt, Joan Baez and Michael Franti. Musicians like NOMO from Ann Arbor, and Black Bottom Collective of Detroit, will also perform.



MC Rai performs on Global Thursdays.

### THE SCHEDULE

**Oct. 2:** Little Cow — Hungarian/Gypsy/ska/funk/rock that is very dance-able. [myspace.com/littlecowband](http://myspace.com/littlecowband)  
**Oct. 9:** Dya Singh — Indian Sikh spiritual and global mixing Punjabi classical, spiritual/blues/jazz/and other global indigenous forms. [www.dyasingshworldmusicgroup.com](http://www.dyasingshworldmusicgroup.com)  
**Oct. 16:** Kal — Romani (Gypsy) rock with sounds from Bosnia, Croatia,

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**Nov. 13:** Prasanna — East Indian electric guitar with jazz/blues/rock and classical sounds. [www.guitar-prasanna.com](http://www.guitar-prasanna.com)

**Nov. 20:** NOMO — Post-Afro-Beat with a Fela Kuti-inspired fusion. The octet is based in Ann Arbor. [www.nomomusic.com](http://www.nomomusic.com)

**Dec. 4:** Gaida — Arab vocalist who integrates classical Arabic music, Syrian folk music and improvisations on traditional Arabic maqams. [www.myspace.com/gaidamusical](http://www.myspace.com/gaidamusical)

**Dec. 11:** Black Bottom Collective — Detroit hip hop and soul led by Detroit writer Khary Kimani Turner. [www.blackbottomcollective.com](http://www.blackbottomcollective.com)

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# Pure Picks

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Filtering your entertainment best bets for the weekend of Sept. 19-22:



George Lopez

**20** Long before **George Lopez** became a household name thanks to his self-titled TV show, he earned his stripes as a stand up comedian. See what makes the funnyman tick when he performs at 8 p.m. tonight at Detroit's Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave. Tickets are \$49.50 and \$59.50. Call (313) 471-6611 or visit [www.olympiaentertainment.com](http://www.olympiaentertainment.com).

deMaine

**19** Find out why the New York Times considers Detroit Symphony Orchestra Cellist **Robert deMaine** (pictured) "an artist who makes one hang on every note" as the DSO continues its new season. Don't miss *deMaine Plays Schumann*, 10:45 a.m. today, with shows through the weekend, featuring conductor Arild Remmereit and music by Groven, Shumann and Franck. The Max M. Fisher Music Center is at 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets cost \$19-\$48 for this JPMorganChase Select Classical Series event. Visit the newly-revamped site at [www.detroitssymphony.org](http://www.detroitssymphony.org) or call the box office at (313) 576-5111.

**21** Director **Kent Mackenzie** delves into the real-life experiences of young native American men and women living in Los Angeles in his film, *The Exiles*, showing 4 p.m. today at the Detroit Institute of Arts' Detroit Film Theatre, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$6.50-\$7.50, visit [www.dia.org/dft](http://www.dia.org/dft) or call (313) 833-7530.



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**Eddie Sunshine** singing on Hill X in **Kent Mackenzie's "The Exiles" (1961)**. **Charles Burnett** and **Sherman Alexie** present a Milestone Films release.



Ricky Gervais stars in "Ghost Town."

**22** **Bertram Pincus** died for seven minutes and survived — only to be followed by ghosts in *Ghost Town*. Don't miss this Dreamworks comedy starring **Ricky Gervais** and **Tea Leoni**. It's rated PG-13 and in area theaters now.

# CULINARY

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Mary Ellen King, chairwoman for the event and Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governor's member, said the reputation of the culinary program and the annual extravaganza is high — and that's why the event attracts so many Michiganders beyond students. "It's a community event," King said. "Dress business casual, come hungry and leave full."



PHOTO BY DONALD J. ALLEY

## TASTY DELIGHTS

Certified Master Chef **Jeff Gabriel**, one of just a small handful of masters in the nation, will offer tastings on behalf of his restaurant, *The Farm*, in Port Austin. Gabriel is also a Schoolcraft instructor.

**Back Home Bakery** owners will serve miniature lemon drop cookies and ABC cake — which is a "bumpy" style chocolate cake where each bump contains real Amaretto, Bailey's and Chambord.

"It's been an incredibly popular cake for the last four years at the event," Pawlowski said. "People just absolutely love it."

Pawlowski said restaurateurs are choosy about which charity events they participate in because their help is constantly requested.

**Sodexo Corporate Services Executive Chef Justin Gregg** serves **Michelle Annarino** of Farmington Hills and **Debbie Hiltz** of Livonia red, white, and blue dyed rice and meatballs during the Schoolcraft College Foundation's Culinary Extravaganza last year.

The extravaganza is a priority.

"This is an important event and it's fun for the chefs because we get a chance to mingle with each other," Pawlowski said.

Schoolcraft Instructor and graduate **Chef Kelli Lewton**, owner of *Pure Food 2 U*, an organic catering company, will prepare more than 15 dishes, tapas style.

She also teaches parents how to prepare gluten-free meals to benefit kids with Autism with a goal of feeding family's healthy food.

"We as a nation have to take food back, so to speak," Lewton said. "Bring it back

## HIGH-END AUCTION & RAFFLE

First-place raffle prize is four nights in New York with theater tickets. Silent auction prize items include a home in Las Vegas, Southwest airline tickets, two nights at the Townsend Hotel and tickets to Red Wings, Pistons, Lions games. Other auction items include tickets to events at the Gem Theatre, DSO and more. **Back Home Bakery** will offer an "dessert of the month" auction item.

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Lewton's menu will include samplings of organic white

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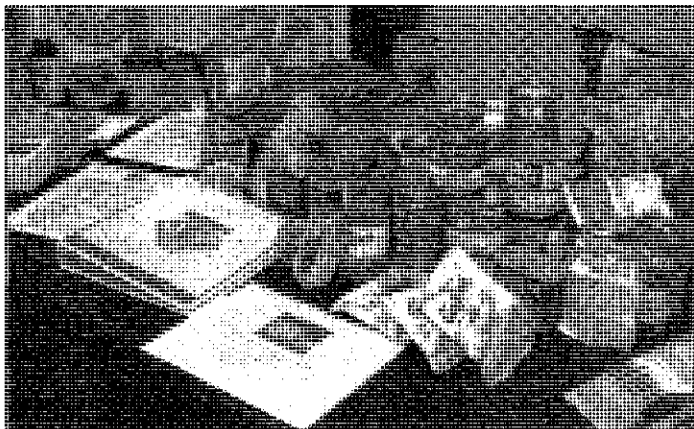
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Vine & Dine, a major annual charity event of the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, supports the mission of Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan.

VINE

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selection of wine.

The event supports Gleaners Community Food Bank, a Detroit-based non-profit that provides surplus, donated and low-cost food and care products to those in need around southeast Michigan.

"It's so important for us, particularly because we've seen an increase in need," said Anne Weekley, director of communications for Gleaners. She said the largest increase happens to be impacting suburban communities, so it means a lot to have suburban businesses willing to "pitch in and help."

And help it does. Last year the event raised enough money to provide more than 100,000 meals to Oakland County residents. This year, the goal is to provide 200,000 meals. "We hope people will come out and enjoy great food and wine," said Weekley. "We appreciate the support of the chamber and business in Oakland County."

Andrea Foglietta, marketing and event director for the chamber, said: "This is our fifth annual fund-raiser. It's one of the biggest fund raisers we do."

Vine & Dine has grown over its five years, developing with the help of the chamber and area merchants and restaurateurs who had previously organized Birmingham's massive charity event, the Fall Festival. When that event was cancelled due to the 9/11 tragedy, this new concept eventually forged ahead.

And its organizers, including Judi Roberts, proprietor of 220

and Edisons in Birmingham, considered Gleaners to be "a wonderful fit." By scaling down the festivities and choosing an indoor location — The Cranbrook Institute of Science rather than setting up tents in Shain Park — Vine & Dine has flourished.

"It was just a hit with the guests," she said. "We made it as fool-proof as we could." Foglietta said the event typically draws 300 to 500 people. This year 600 are expected to stroll into the science center for Vine & Dine.

Food stations by the area's best restaurants — including the Beverly Hills Grill and Streetside Seafood — and caterers will highlight signature dishes, while drink stations pair wine to complement the food. Wine is provided by Simply Wine in Birmingham and area distributors. Desserts and coffee are all part of the plan for this strolling supper. The restaurants "go all-out," said Roberts. "They really come in with something spectacular. You can't get all the way through and not be stuffed."

And patrons will be treated to live music and a fashion show hosted by Fox 2's Deena Centofanti. Fashions by 110 Couture, the Claymore Shop, Roma Sposa and Tender will be featured. "It's a walking event, very stylish," said Roberts. Foglietta called it a great way to "support local businesses and give back to the community at the same time."

Some patrons come dressed in work attire, while others opt for cocktail attire. Either way, Roberts said, "it's a beautiful kick off to Fall."

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Funky Ferndale Art Fair organizers say it's twice as funky as other shows

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

If you ever attend fine art festivals, you know what to expect.

Lovely things. If you attend the Funky Ferndale Art Fair expect ... funk.

That's how Mark Loeb, event coordinator of the Ferndale fair, described the event that's scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21 in the downtown area of Nine Mile Road just west of Woodward.

"We want to create a fair that appeals to the kind of people that come to Ferndale," Loeb said. "Younger, edgier, funky and fashionable. It's a Ferndale-centric kind of show."

The show is juried, with more than 100 artists from 22 states presenting their work for sale and display.

"Ferndale has its own eclectic vibe and the art work reflects this. We are using a new slogan this year — 'twice as funky as the average fine art show.'"

What is Funky Art? "Art that doesn't just sit

there and look pretty," Loeb said. "Sure we have traditional paintings but the focus of this show is on work you may not see at other events."

The entertainment is different too.

This year, members of the internationally acclaimed Mosaic Youth Theatre will perform.

Instead of having loud music compete with the artwork, local and national acoustic musicians were selected to accompany the work and experience. Restaurants in the area will be open to offer their cuisine and eateries out of the fair's reach — such as Como's and The Blue Nile — will have vending booths.

This year, the show will ask guests to help make the world's largest comic strip — a 1,200-foot mural of *The Wizard of Oz*.

"The current record is about 160 feet. We are aiming to crash that record by doing an 1,100-foot strip, the full length of the festival site," said artist Daniel Cascardo, who is leading the art project.

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Movie advertisement for 'The Women' featuring Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Eva Mendes, Debra Messing, and Jada Pinkett Smith. Text: 'WHAT A PLEASURE THIS MOVIE IS! THE ACTRESSES ARE ALL AT THE TOP OF THEIR FORM.' 'It's all about THE women. THE NEW COMEDY ABOUT FINDING OUT WHAT YOU REALLY WANT.'

2008 FUNKY FERDALE ART FAIR

When: Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 from noon-5 p.m. Where: Downtown Ferndale on Nine Mile Road, west of Woodward

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A chunky knit sweater

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Running shoes with jeans

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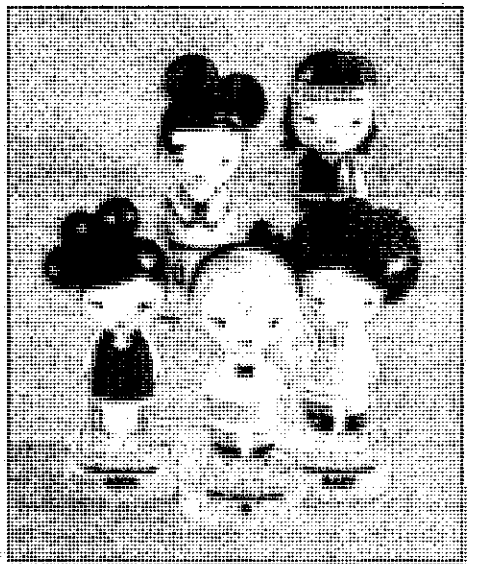
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## Have Moms Gone Wild?

### HAVEN CEO warns against 'The Lolita Effect'

Believe it or not it is back to school shopping season once again. So I ask moms — what are your daughters going to be buying this fall? If it were up to the fashion marketers they would be dressed to impress — their sexuality that is.

Just check out your Sunday morning newspaper advertisements or walk through a local mall for a quick sample. We have to ask as mothers, and maybe even more as a society, is this in a girl's best interest?

I just finished reading *The Lolita Effect* by Gigi Durham.

The Lolita Effect is defined as "the distorted and delusional set of myths about girls' sexuality that circulates widely in our culture and throughout the world, that works to limit, undermine, and restrict girls' sexual progress."

Among examples in the book is a padded bra for girls as young as age 5. Age 5? Never having a girl, I doubted that this could be correct. So, I visited several mainstream department stores and guess what — they all sell padded bras and pushup bras for very young girls. These are not basic white "training bras" but tiny replicas of women's lingerie — with matching lace thongs and camisoles. I asked a clerk if the bras are popular and she replied, "Mom's go wild for these things!"

A 5-year-old clearly does not

### HAVEN SHOPPING BENEFITS

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#### MACY'S SOMERSET

**Where:** Macy's Somerset Collection, 2750 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy  
**When:** 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20  
**What:** Purchase a \$5 HAVEN shopping pass and receive up to 20 percent off most items at

Macy's. The day also will feature special events, entertainment and a chance to win a \$500 Macy's shopping spree.

#### LOLLY ELLA

**Where:** 6706 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield  
**When:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18  
**What:** Shop the adorable accessories and gifts at this unique boutique and a percentage of sales will benefit HAVEN. Spend \$50 or more and get a free gift while supplies last.

For more information, call HAVEN at (248) 334-1284 or visit www.haven-oakland.org.

need to wear a bra, let alone a padded one. So why are we marketing to them and why are moms "going wild" for them?

We've long heard the saying "sex sells," but when did we start selling the innocence of young children?

The trend of selling sexually provocative clothing is a 'hot' one for preteens and teens as well.

Recently, a major chain sold T-shirts for girls with the message "Who needs brains when you have a pair of these?" Before the chain had the good sense to pull the shirts (only after a national "girlcott"), they had sold hundreds.

What are we teaching our daughters? Are we really saying that our brains don't mat-

ter? And what are we saying to our sons? Are we saying it's OK to objectify girls and look at them as sex objects?

The women's movement started with a small group of women who were outraged at the inequities in our society between men and women. Today, it would appear as if we fully support the sexualization of our young girls.

In fact, mothers "go wild" for the opportunity to teach their daughters that they should promote themselves as sexual objects. What has gone wrong with us?

Gigi Durham writes, "The goal for girls is to see sex as a responsibility and an area of real empowerment. The Lolita Effect bandies the word

'empowerment' around, but empowerment can't be realized in a commerce-bound context. Real power ... has to be defined in real-world terms of girls having the freedom and knowledge to make clear decisions that are good for them in the long run, to understand biological realities, to understand consequences, and to understand how to analyze the media in relation to these things."

So where do we go and what do we do?

Moms, while out shopping during this back to school shopping season, talk with your daughters and sons, regardless of their age. Talk about how the media and retailers make big profits off of their sexuality and how they objectify women and girls. Talk about stereotypes, healthy relationships and gender discrimination.

*Beth Morrison is President and CEO of HAVEN, an organization dedicated towards the elimination of violence and sexual assault.*

## Nails & Manicures

**SHE Celebrates Grand Opening**  
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** — SHE celebrated its grand opening with a party Friday, Sept. 12 to benefit Henry Ford Health System. Created by local fashion expert Sharon Eisenshtadt, SHE is located at 4076 W. Maple Road. The upscale shop carries lines like Catherine Malandrino, Ella Moss and Velvet for women; and Ike Behar, Splendid Mills and Vilebrequin for men. Call (248) 594-8181 or visit www.shebloomfield.com.

**Fashionista Shopping Party**  
**TROY** — Grab the girls and head to the Impulse department at Macy's Somerset 6-9 p.m. tonight, Sept. 18, for music, appetizers and a trend show featuring Kensie, French Connection, BCBG Max Azria and more. Get 20 percent off regular price Impulse purchases and an exclusive Impulse bag with the purchase of \$100 or more.

**Ladies Night Out Plymouth Style**  
**PLYMOUTH** — Ladies are invited to the 5th Annual Ladies Night Out ... Plymouth Style 6-9 p.m. tonight, Sept. 18. Visit participating stores for refreshments, prize drawings, giveaways, pampering services and sales. Back by popular demand, Mr. 48170 will hand out roses from Ribar Floral while supplies last.

**Formal Dress Exchange**  
**LIVONIA** — Just in time for Homecoming, the Carl Sandburg Branch of the Livonia Public Library is accepting donations of gently used formal dresses for a clothing exchange, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Clean your closets and donate used dresses, shoes and accessories to trade. Call (248) 893-4010.



Fashionista Sharon Eisenshtadt announces the opening of her new men's and women's shop SHE, at 4076 W. Maple Road in Bloomfield Hills.

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