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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 97,162square-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 contami-



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

Walker fills vacancy on W-W board

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER ŠTAFF WRITER**

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.



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,"

Walker

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, shé added.

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.

nated Cooper School site, a former landfill that ing 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

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

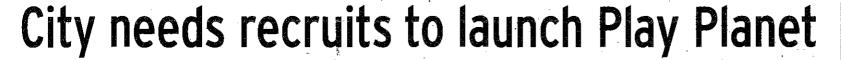
A former Ford Motor Co. employee, Walker is employed as an optical technician and is a student at Henry Ford Community College. She and her husband, Dwayne, have four children. She has helped her children's school. She also volunteers with Looking for My Sister, a domestic violence program, and is active 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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BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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-squarefoot 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.

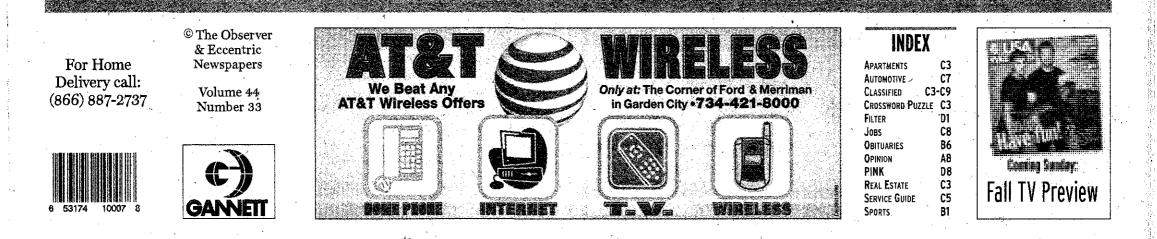
Play Planet will be nearly twice the size of the old Imagination Play Station that volunteers built 11 years ago in nearby Central City Park, now fenced off after it was learned the park was contaminated with lead.

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 threeday supply of food, a batterypowered 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, daycare 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.





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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.

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, wellorganized 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.

Not too late to join

If you would like to learn how to cheer, chant, stunt 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 multipurpose 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.

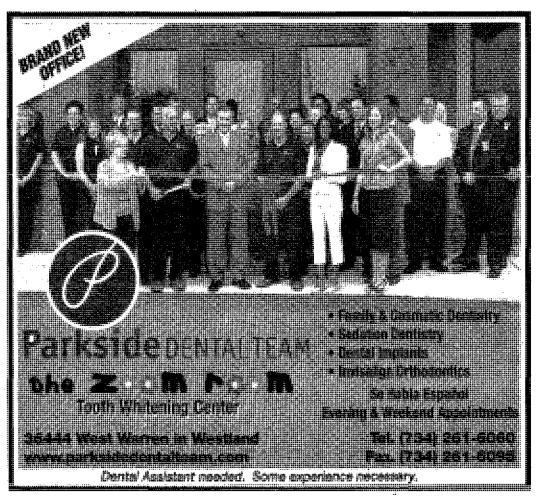
Author visits

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. 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



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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 Marguette.

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 12step 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 Marguette 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, 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

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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. 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-yearold 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.

For more information, or to enroll a child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

Pickering praises Dodson for her work as building director

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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 Borisch

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 handing 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.

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Karrick has said that most of the money was retrieved.

Polgar had just been paroled on Aug. 26 after serving part of a one-tofive-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

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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

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 by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

In addition to lunch, the



Kyra, Spike and Moio.

winner will be treated to a limo ride courtesv 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

Southfield and dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills. To top it off, Buddy's will donate \$500 to Covenant House, one of Mojo's favorite charities.

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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 sight 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 sight, 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."

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The Michigan QA test also can be taken at Madonna University, where Delores Gariepy, 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) 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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Wednesday, October 1 **College Night**

Representatives from more than 80 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

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The tredition of free lunchtime recitals at Schoolcraft continues.

Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center

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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.

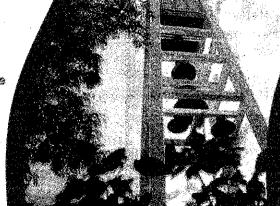
Admission: \$3 donation to Friends of the Ponn Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth Information: 734-462-4403

Friday, October 24 **WRC Luncheon Series** "Hiking Michigan"

From Steeping Beer 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 penínsulas.

11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Diponio Room inside VisTaTech Center Admission: \$16 (prepaid, includes lunch) IIIUIIIBUUII. 734-402-4443



Fridays and Saturdays October 24/25 and November 7/8, 14/15 **Nell 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: 734-462-4596

Sunday, October 26 Halloween Concert

Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble

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

Admission: Free; donations accepted at the door

Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcreft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City

information: 734-462-4403

Save the date

November 6 (9:30 e.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, Legan Skelton, plane and Jennifer Goltz, soprano (734-462-4403)

November 14 at 8:00 p.m., James Tocco, plano (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 st 7 p.m., Bach Piano Honors Recital (734-482-4403)

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)

LOCAL NEWS

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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 an master of business administrations 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.

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For more information about the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Program, visit the Web site at 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.

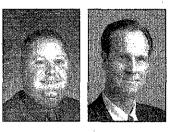
Greenlee also will provide support for strategic planning and business development.

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 Greenlee

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

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.

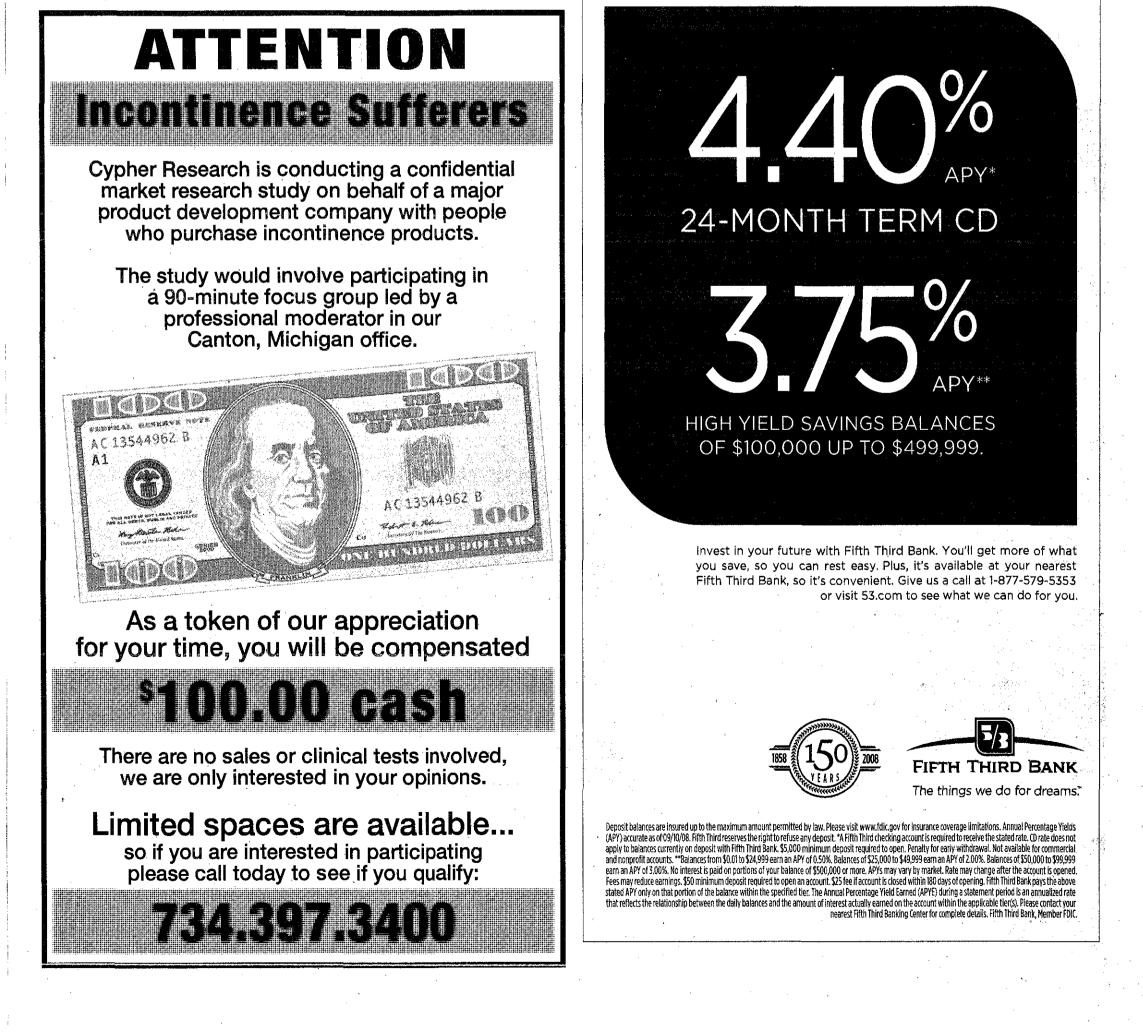
The filing deadline is in October, and during the next month Anderson will host two events in his district to assist those who have not yet filed for the payment they are due. "There are still thousands of Michigan citizens who have not received their check in the mail because they haven't filed a 2007 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 lease

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.

Call Anderson's office at (517) 373-1707 for details.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife. com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

UPCOMING EVENTS Halloween haunting

Come, if you dare, to "A Victorian Haunting Experience" at Wyandotte's Ford MacNichol Home/Wyandotte Museum at 2610 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 25-26. Experience a Halloween Party with a Victorian feel at, hear local ghost stories and learn ghost hunting how to's. There also will be a paranormal Investigation and a séance at the event 6-10 p.m. Oct. 25, and 4-8 p.m. Oct. 26. Afterwards, Psychic Medium Kristy Robinett and Paranormal Investigator Amy Williamson, the hosts, will take quest to a local cemetery for "Tombstone Tales." "A Victorian Haunting Experience" will be held Tickets are \$40 per person through Oct. 1 and \$50 per person thereafter. Tickets for "Tombstone Tales" are \$10 extra and donations will be given to the Cemetery Association. Seating is limited. Tickets must purchased in advance and are available online at www.kristvrobinett.com.

Enrollment

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

Amateur radio training

Interested in amateur radio? The Garden City Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring an 11-week beginner's class for the technician license. Classes will meet 7-9 p.m. Oct. 6 through Dec. 8 at the Cambridge Center, on Cambridge east of Middlebelt in Garden City. The final week of class will be the FCC license exam. No prior knowledge or experience is required, but a personal computer with Windows 98 or Windows XP is strongly recommended. Morse code is no longer required for any amateur license, but an optional code class also will be offered and will run concurrently with the technician class. For further information contact Fred Comps, K8KUZ, at (734) 261-6441 or k8kuz@aol.com.

Charity casino opens

If you are looking for a place to show your skills at Texas Hold 'Em, the hottest game in town, the Canton Charity Casino, Western Wayne County's only charity poker room is coming to the Shark Club on Ford in Canton every Thursday through Sunday. The Canton Charity Casino offers nightly tournaments as well as continuous cash games and a venue for players of all skill levels. Custom tables and equipment, trained dealers, and a professional staff all lend itself to the gaming experience. Non-profit, charitable organizations are licensed by the State of Michigan to sponsor each weekend, allowing them to raise funds for their special

causes. The hours are 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday (tournament at 8 p.m.) and 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday (tournament at 5 p.m.) The Shark Club is at 42070 Ford, just west of Haggerty in Canton. Nonprofit groups interested in sponsoring a fund-raising weekend can call (734) 502-7033 or send an e-mail to scpokertb@gmail.com.

YMCA Mom to Mom

The Livonia YMCA will host a Mom to Mom sale from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28 at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, between Schoolcraft and Lyndon. Proceeds to benefit the YMCA's Strong Kids program. Admission is \$1: strollers allowed after 4 p.m. Bake sale, hot dogs and nachos for purchase.

Free seminars

Dr. William H. Karl, a certified 8rimhall wellness doctor and a nutritional expert, will talk about "Harvest Time In Michigan: Time For You To Go Organic?" 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 25000 Civic Center Dr., east of Farmington. Karl will explain why it is important to your health to begin switching to organic foods. Find out which foods are the most important to buy organic, what the experts are saying about the differences between organic and non-organic, among other things. The workshop is co-sponsored by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a non-profit organization serving the community since 1985 promoting natural and preventative health care. Call (734) 425-8588 for more information and to reserve a seat.

Class reunion

Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983 and 1984 will hold a reunion 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club on Merriman north of Warren Road, Westland. The cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner and open bar (çasual attire). Advanced tickets only must be purchased by Sept. 30. Contact one of the following committee members for additional information: '83'- Lori Westerholm at (734) 834-6796, '83'- Mary McCollough (Potvin) at (734) 658-1014, '83'- Mary Ann Brefka (Stempien) at (7.34) 729-6783, '83'- Mark Tyl at (313) 587-0092, '83'- Lori Hagedorn (Schuler) at (313) 730-1303 or '84'- Renee Liske (Scott) at (734) 425-7826.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message. Higher Rock Cafe The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at



Wish You Were Here

Mary and Debbie McFadden of Garden City used the Statue of Liberty as the backdrop to pose for their Wish You Were Here photograph. The McFaddens were in New York City to celebrate Mary McFadden's 82nd birthday. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on thé Web at www. tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

CRAFT SHOWS

Sts. Peter & Paul

Crafters are wanted for the 20th annual arts and crafts show Saturday, Nov. 22, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. 8eech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia (734) 522-9653. St. Theodore

The St. Theodore's CCW will hold its annual Fall Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, in the parish social hall at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Admission is free, and table rental is available for \$25. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voice mail #10) for rental information. St.Sebastian

Crafters are needed for St. Anne Altar Society's Fall Craft Fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, at St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 20710 Colgate Ave., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Charmaine at (313) 278-1266. St. Sebastian Catholic School needs vendor for its craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the school, 20700 Colgate Ave., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Michelle at (313) 586-1133 or (313) 563-6640.

EDUCATION

- St. Raphael
- St. Raphael Catholic School, located on Merriman just north of Ford in Garden City, is now accepting open enrollment for the 2008-200

religion class, weekly Mass and sacramental preparation including Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. Latchkey and bussing is available, and all faiths are welcome. For registration information or to learn more about St. Raphael Catholic School, contact the school office at (734) 425-9771 or visit the Web site at www.straphael-gc.org.

St. Damian St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers pre-

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

Academic Pathways

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia, is currently enrolling for 2008-2009 school year. Morning sessions for the 3- and 4-year-old programs are available. Potty training is not required. There is a certified teacher. The 4-year-old program runs 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The 3-year-old program runs 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings. For more information, call (734) 459-6689 or visit the Web site at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com. YWCA preschool

The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 24 to 5 years. old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home based programs are also available. For more information on these programs, or to enroll your child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

transport cancer patients to mammogram and doctor appointments in metropolitan Detroit. Drivers are needed for Macomb and Oakland counties, Dearborn and Detroit. Volunteers must be at least 18. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call (800) KARMANOS to volunteer.

First Step

First Step, which has been active In the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers

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

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

Seasons Hospice

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

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

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice is looking for

www.hometownlife.com

contact volunteer coordinator. Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information. call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918. Writing Group

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

Toastmasters

The Wayne-Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Rana' Restaurant, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

TOPS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) MI28 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

Democratic Club

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

Citizens for Peace

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

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

Case #1872G - Site Plan Approval for Proposed Commercial Building, 35700 Warren, Parcel #020-03-0006-000, Northwest Corner of Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard, Paul Fried

Case #2169 - Proposed Land Division, Parcel #017-99-0044-715, East Side of Gray Street, South of Joy Road, West of Wayne Road, West of Wayne Road, Bukurije Plloci

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 7, 2008.

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

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school year for preschool through eighth-grade. Programs include 3-4-year-old preschool, technology updates and a host of extracurricular activities. Computer labs, new classroom technology, Japanese class, and chess club are some of the school's newest additions. The school has a strong academic program and also offers

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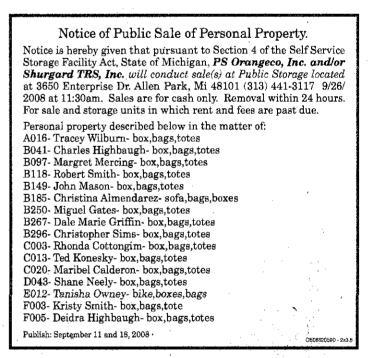
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caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information,

ADMS club

MOMS Club, a nonprofit support group, welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers, offering kids' activities, weekly age-appropriate play groups, and family get-togethers. MOMS Club also performs service projects that benefit needy children. For more, call Birthe, (734) 458-8143, or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.



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COUNTY NEWS

Be prepared with videos and insurance when disaster strikes

e 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.

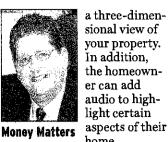
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It is important to do all we can to reduce the financial effects caused by natural disasters.

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



light certain aspects of their home.

Record cop-Rick Bloom ies 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 contests.

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-

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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. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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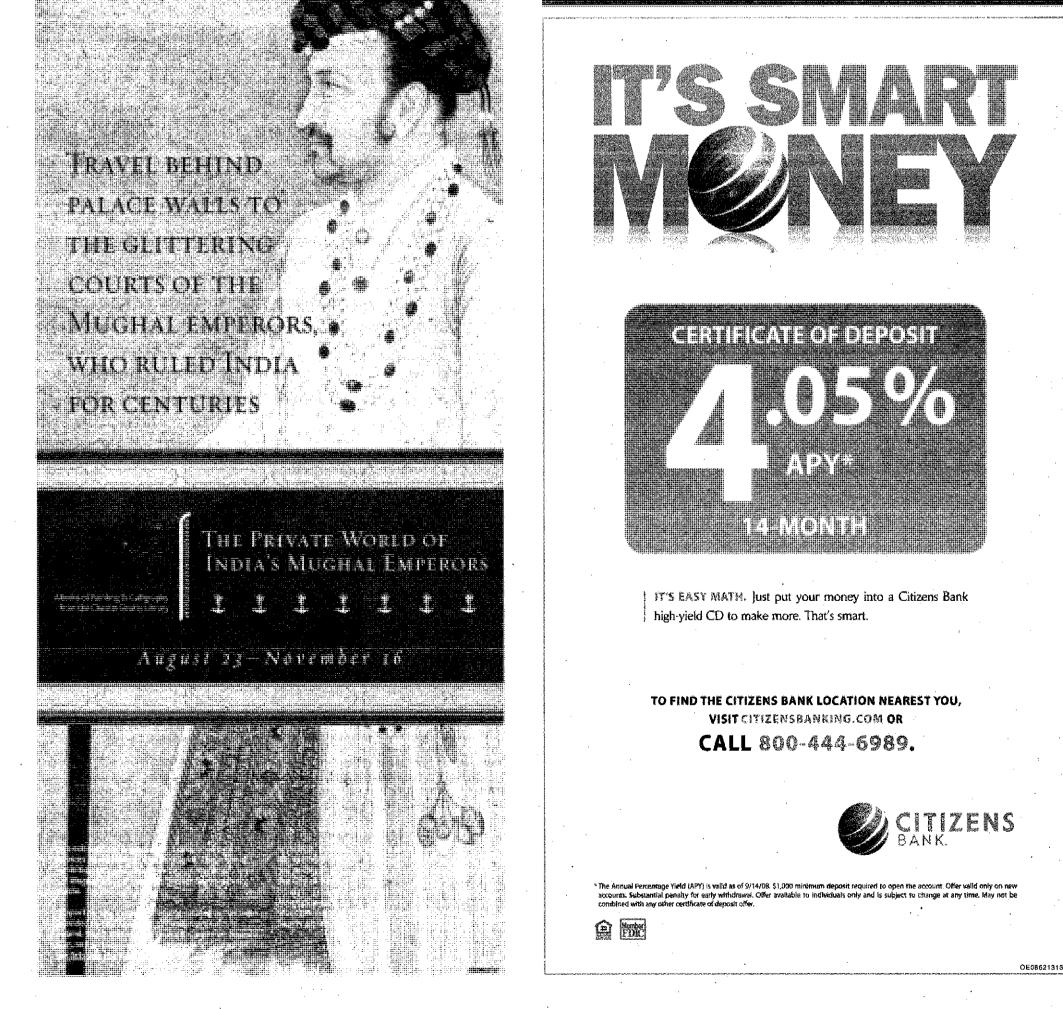
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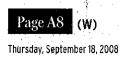
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OUR VIEWS

Library card is tool for school

So what do you have in your wallet? Bet you have a driver's license, insurance card, a few credit cards, some photographs and money, right? Well, do you have the smartest card around in there?

We're not talking about a debit card or even the latest and greatest gift card. No. We're talking about the card that can take you around the world and to the Moon and beyond. We're talking about a library card.

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 cosigned, 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 antiefless-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.



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. Beaner's Coffee, Bed Bath & Beyond, Bill Brown Ford, Brenda Van De Ven, Bright HouseNetwork, Buddy's Pizza, Buffalo Wild Wings, Busch's Foods, California Pizza Kitchen, Cardwell Florist, Chili's, Churchill PTSA, Livonia Parks and Recreation, Livonia Children and Youth, Cocoa Beach Tanning, Community Choice Credit Union, Costco Wholesale, Courtyard By Marriott, CVS, Daly's Drive-In.

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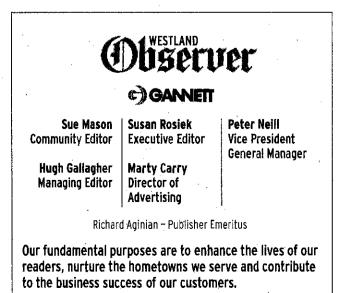
Golf outing was success

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 help 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

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.



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 Caldwel**

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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.

The graduates would like to thank the following: 7-Eleven, Absolute Tan & Spa, American Legion Post 32, Applebee's, Archie's Restaurant, Johnny Carino's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Kristal Greniuk-Wioncek DDS, Kroger, LaMoore Photography/Fantastic Sams, Larry's Foodland, Lawrence Technological University, Legacy Family Restaurant, Leo's Coney Island, L'Esprit Academy, Little Debbie Snacks, Livonia Anniversary Committee, Livonia Drugs, Livonia Goodfellows, Livonia Lock & Key, Livonia Moose Lodge #1317, Livonia Marathon, Livonia Paraprofessional Association, Livonia Post 3941 VFW.

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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.

We would like to extend their thanks to the following sponsors: SteelPro, Russo Family, Lincoln Financial Advisors/Fleming Financial Services, Denise Cobb, Ernst & Young, LLP, Family Heating, Ferk Family, Fukuda Family, Jack's Place, Larry Ott, MECU, Smitt Family, GM C-VSSM Northeast Region, Team LaNeve, Garden City Rotary, Livonia Career Technical Center, TDS MetroCom, William and Dorothy Hansen, Couzans, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roader & Lazar, PC, Edwards Glass, Garden City Kiwanis, Jerome Ferk, Capital 1, Commercial Group, GCEA, Jack Pelon, Jerry Rubin/Life Planning Services, Randy Matthews, Samaan Family, Trispec, Precision Products, Thomas Allen & Associates, Vietnam Veterans and Charisma Salon.

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FROM OUR WEB SITE

The following are comments from our reader forums on stories from the Westland Observer.

Regarding our story about Collision on Wheels: infulfx5 wrote:

"Would you want somebody painting a car in their driveway with your kids playing outside in your front yard spraying toxins chemicals right next door? Their overspray go right into the air. Body shops have to have

into the air. Body shops have to have high-tech spray booth to do business in this city. Why do city official let this kind of business work in the city? .It is not good for the envi-

ronment or your neighbors or kids. Their tent/inflatable garage is nothing but a blowup tent overspray and fumes go rite into the air. As somebody that been is the collision industry for 35 years, I know first hand the chemicals that are used in this field of work. As an owner of a body shop that spent thousand of dollars to comply with the city/state/federal and EPA rules and regulations to do business in this city. If you see this company in your neighborhood you might want to call city officials and complain unless you like toxic fumes and chemicals in your neighborhood."

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"I think it's beautiful. I wish the stations would do this more often. The last time I filled up, it cost me \$52."

 Postal clerk Sherri Neal, who stopped at the Mobil gas station at Ford and Wayne Road Thursday for the Co-op Services Credit Union-sponsored gas giveaway

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LOCAL NEWS

Bully Bonanza showcases bulldog breeds

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

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Responding to the need to improve the lives of pit bulltype 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, microchipping, 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.

atwaynecountyanimals@ gmail.com

The Michigan Humane Society is a nonprofit organization which cares for more than 100,000 animals each year, while working to end companion animal homelessness, provide quality service and compassion to the animals entrusted to our care, and to be a leader in promoting humane values. For information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit the Web site at www. michiganhumane.org.

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 community 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

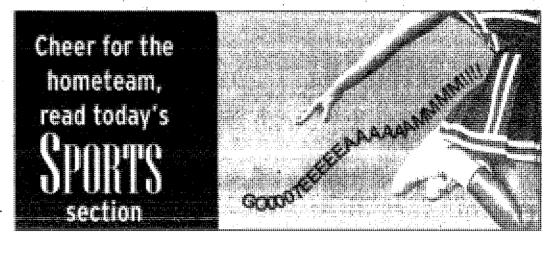
In 1983 five women health care professionals aspired to deliver quality home care services in their community and embrace people with care. The company they founded was United Home Health Services, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

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 home care.

United is a not-for-profit, Medicare-certified home care agency that provides skilled nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, home health aide, social work, and registered dietitian services. Specialty programs include heart failure program, telehealth, wound care, IV therapy, and psychiatric home care program.

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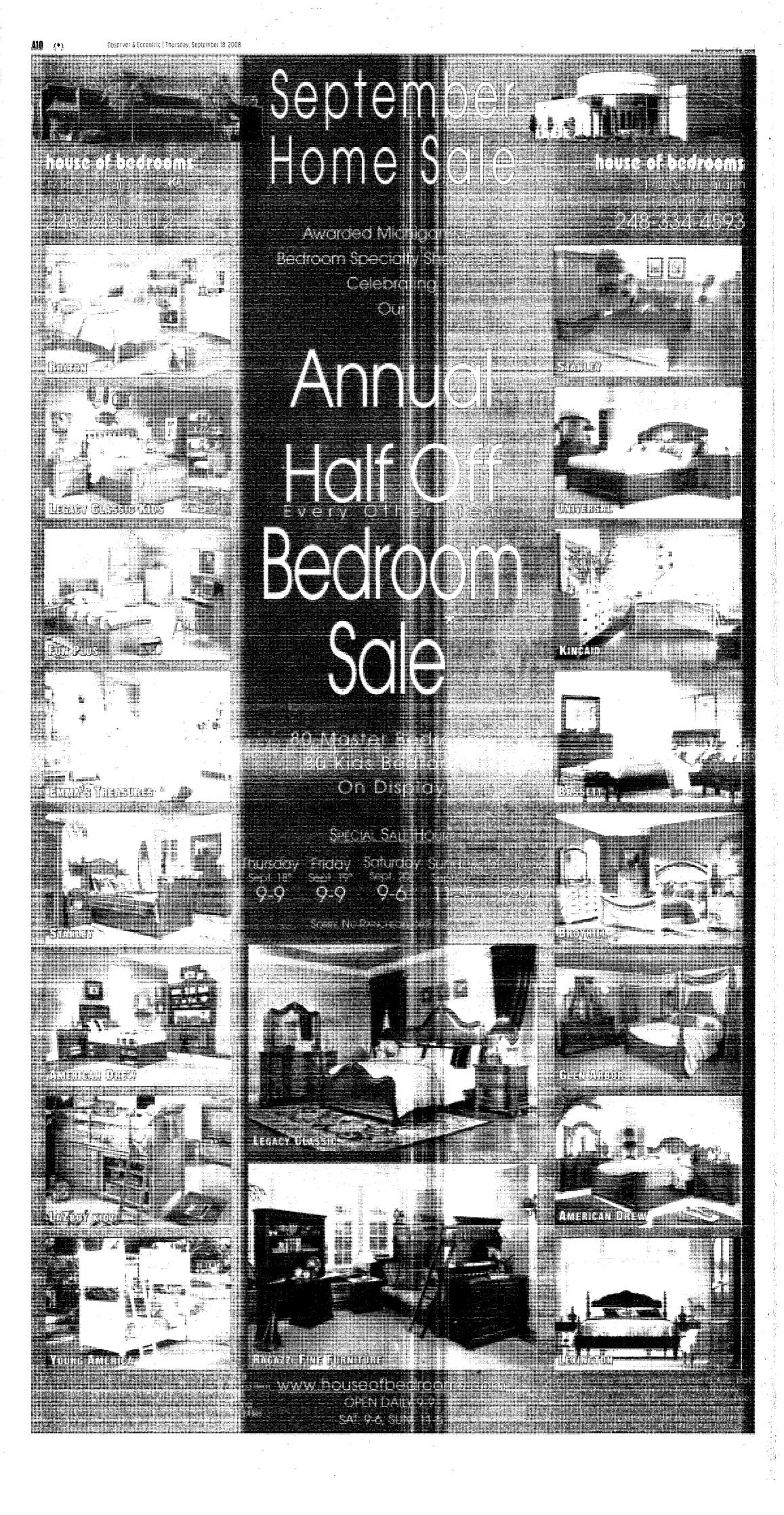


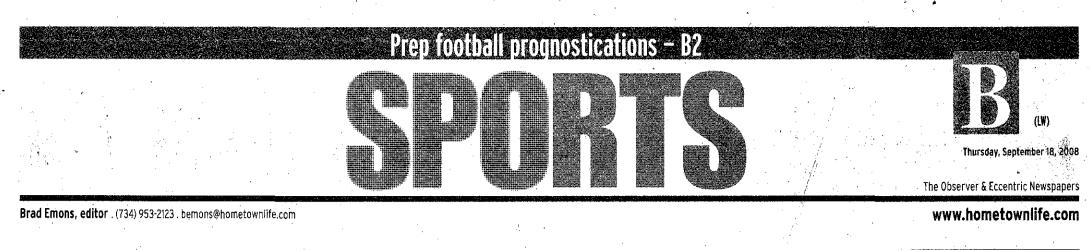
has delivered care to thousands of patients and employed hundreds of staff.

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, costeffectiveness of home care, and increased public awareness all are leading the trend toward program, which provides personal care, housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation, grocery shopping, errands, transportation, medication reminders and management, Alzheimer's/ dementia care, and geriatric care management on a private pay basis. A free, in-home assessment is performed by a nurse.

For more information, call (734) 981-8820 or visit United's Web site at www.uhhs.org.







MU's Abraham reaches another NAIA milestone

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The wins and accolades keep coming for Madonna volleyball coach Jerry Abraham, but he'd rather redirect them to his players.

On Tuesday, Abraham's Crusaders knocked off host Aquinas 3~0 in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference matchup. It was his 859th career triumph, tying him with Paul Swanson of Mt. Vernon Nazarene for No. 1 on the all-time victory list in National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics history

Madonna (15-1 overall, 2-0 in the WHAC) defeated the Saints (6-4, 0-1) by scores of

25-17, 25-21, 25-23. something I think about too much,"

said Abraham, asked about Abraham the record on

"It's not

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

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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 backrow 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 fourgame 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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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.

Churchill rules

Chargers block rivals Franklin, Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFE 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 Nalecz 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 Nalecz 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."



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.

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

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

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

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.

Richters

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 staved 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-

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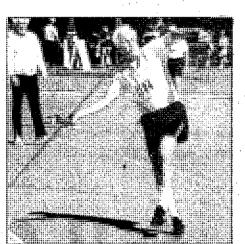
He has competed in Senior Olympics for 15 years and won't let his age slow him down.

"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, 160pound frame.

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

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Livonia senior Olympian Bill Rothley shows his form in the javelin throw. He captured seven gold medals last month in the Michigan Senior Olympics. Jacob VanDyke: 2. Patrick Folk; 3. Sean Reppenhagan; (ages 11-12) 1. Arthur Nemeth; 2. Ryan McGillivary; 3. Anselm Jia; (ages 9-10) 1. Kevin Taylor: 2. Matthew McGillivary; 3. Blake Beck; (ages 8-andunder) 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 sixthgrader 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 2,000meter course.



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Football influences league jockeying

🟁 ootball 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-

bers. With the brand-new school, Howell Parker, on the shelf indefinitely, the four-division KLAA is seek-**Grid Picks** ing a new part-

ner to even out Brad Emons 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 previons week. PICKS: Emons (Clarenceville); Smith (L. N'west); Wright (Clarenceville).

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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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THE WEEK AHEAD

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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 participants 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 -- fastpitch - 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.

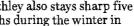
Rothley also stays sharp five months during the winter in Punta Gorda, Fla., where he competes in Senior Olympic events and helps coach high school athletes in the field events. Rothley also works with Special Olympians and recently trained a young competitor who reached the nationals.

"Working with the special needs kids is more fun that you "That, in my mind, is the most

Rothley has a full head of hair, although he admits: "Back then it was gray, now it's all white."

Senior Olympics.

more," Rothley said. "It's something I think would be rewarding and worth their while.",



can even imagine," Rothley said. rewarding thing you can do."

He wishes more athletes over 50 would get involved in

"They need to get the word out



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

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 19 Luth N'west at Clarenceville 7 nm 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 Washt. Christian, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m. Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 5 p.m. Stevenson at South Lvon. 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Farmington at Churchill, 5:30 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 lie Inv. at West Shore C.C., 1:30 p.m. GIRLS FIELD HÓCKEY 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. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Sept. 20 Madonna at Davenport, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at Parkland (III.), 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 Schoolcraft at Heartland (III.), noon. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Friday, Sept. 19

Oakton CC (III.) at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 Madonna at Davenport, n**oo**n Sunday, Sept. 21 Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 1 p.m.



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roll past Lutheran North

Lutheran High Westland cruised to an easier-thanexpected 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 10for-10 serving. PREP VOLLEYBALL

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 shuggish 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-tokills.

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 aces serves and 21 digs, while setter Liz Hollaway 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 Zurenko 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.

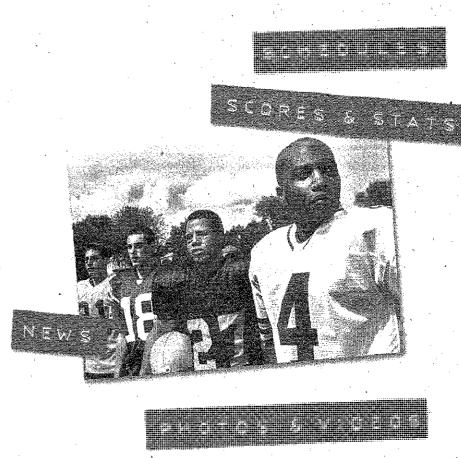
In the elimination bracket, the Blazers avenged a loss to Milford, 25-18, 25-21.

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 aces 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.

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The Hawks' Aaron Howell scored the game-winning 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, HAMTRAMCK 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



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

Laith Francis initiated the gamewinning 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 Krzyske 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 Garet 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."

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 KLAA-South 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**

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

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coach Ed McCarthy said. Stevenson's goal, meanwhile, was initiated by the 6foot-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 roundrobin 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 O&E 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 certainly we're not."

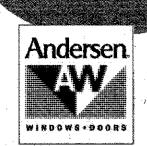
goalkeeper Andre Bezzera turned all others aside. He finished with 10 saves, including four highlight-reel stops.

"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

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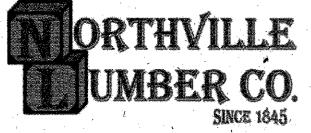
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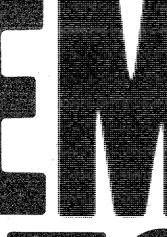


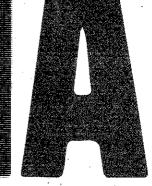
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BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS CANTON 20, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 35 Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Kyle Clinton (Canton), 17. minutes, 12 seconds (5,000 meters). Other Canton finishers: 2. Zach Spreitzer, 17:27; 4. Greg Reed, 17:42; 6. Paul Rakovitis, 17:44; 7. Mitch Clinton, 17:48; 12. Steve Watts, 18:20: 14. Miles Felton, 18:43, 18:20; 14. Miles Felton, 18:43.
Churchill finishers: 3. Nathan Wise, 17:34; 5.
Mark Waterbury, 17:44; 8. Matt Szado, 17:58; 9.
Tom Windle, 18:09; 10. Steve Zoski, 18:10; 11. Mark
Freybereg, 18;14; 13. Quinn Osgood, 18:33.
Dual meet records: Canton, 2-0 KLAA-South
Division; Churchill, 1-1 KLAA-South Division.
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WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 15, WAYNE 44 Sept. 16 at Wavne Individual winner: Tim Boes (John Glenn),

18:37 (5.000 meters). Other Glenn finishers: 2. Eric Mlynar, 19:44; 3. Jeff Adkins, 19:51; 4. Ruben Maya, 21:38; 5. Jeff Medel, 21:32; 6. Ryan Vichinsky, 21:52. Wayne finishers: 7. Darryl Ison, 22:00; 8. Tyler Gendron, 22:25; 9. Brandon Tykoski, 24;40; 10. Ryan Stamper, 24:48; 11. Jacob McClester, 27:51; 12. Steve Shak, 27:54; 13. Darnell Givhan, 30:21. Dual meet records: John Glenn, 1-1 KLAA-South Division; Wayne, 0-2 KLAA-South Division, SALEM 22, LIVONIA STEVENSON 35

Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner: Matt Devey (Salem), 17:19 000 meters).

Obter Sales, finishers: 2. Alex Lang, 17:48; 3. Mike Charara, 17:53; 4. Jason Smith, 17:53; 12. Neal Gerlach, 18:50; 14. Joe Mohan, 18:53; 16. Joey Rudellic, 19:14

Stevenson finishers: 5, Joe Urso, 17:58; 6. Matt Williams, 18:19; 7. Travis Gosselin, 18:19; 8. John Lynch, 18:23; 9. Jordan Burger, 18:32; 10. Andrew Longhi, 18:34; 11. Matt Kaman, 18:44. Dual meet records: Salem, 2-0 KLAA-Central

Division: Stevenson, 0-2 KLAA-Central Division. PLYMOUTH 19, FRANKLIN 36

Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Individual winner: Derek Lax (Plymouth);

17:18 (5,000 meters). Other Plymouth finishers: 2. Elmar Engholm, 17:20; 3. Warren Buzzard, 17:35; 4. Matt Neumann, 17:39; 9. Joe Porcari, 18:13; 11. Jimmy Eiben, 18:35; 12. Derek Gielarowski, 18:45. Franklin: 5. Paul Hanni, 17:50; 6. Austin Jones, 17:52; 7. Nick Gherardini, 17:59; 8. Dylan Taylor, 18:13; 10. Bobby Wilson, 18:33. Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-0 KLAA-South Division; Franklin, 0-2 KLAA-South Division. **GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS**

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 21, CANTON 38 Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 19:15

(5.000 meters). Other Churchill finishers: 2. Amanda Southwell, 20:20; 3. Emily Clairmont, 20:36; 7. Bethany Pilat, 21:15; 8. Lindsay McMullen, 21:28. Canton finishers: 4. Bianca Kubicki, 20:38: 5 Rachel Rohrbach, 20:48; 6. Sarah Thomas, 20:59; 11.

Emily Southern, 21:55; 12. Abigail Gorzalski, 21:58. Dual meet records: Churchill, 2-0 KLAA-South Division: Canton, 1-1 KLAA-South Division. SALEM 24, LIVONIA STEVENSON 33

Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner: Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 19:53 (5,000 meters). Salem finishers: 2. Jordyn Moore, 20:51; 3. Victoria Tripp, 20:55; 4. Kelley Determan, 20:58; 7. Shannon Griffiths, 21:10; 8. Kelly Kewin, 21:14; 9 Phoebe VanHoof, 21:24: 12, Linda Ling, 21:32, Other Stevenson finishers: 5. Karli Kuchka, 21:03; 6. Katle Vidler, 21:07; 10. Julia Capeneka, 21:24; 13. Michelle Krawczyk, 22:20; 11. Victoria Saferian, 21:30: 14, Rebecca Gidley, 22:54, Dual meet records: Salem, 2-0 KLAA-South Division; Stevenson, 2-0 KLAA-South Division



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. She was also the dual-meet winner Tuesday in a 21-38 KLAA-South Division win at Cass 8enton Park against Canton.

Sept. 16 at Wayne Individual winner: Ashley Bailey (John Glenn) 23:57 (5,000 meters). 23:57 (5,000 meters). Other Glenn finishers: 2. Evi Cenoili, 25:02; 3. Megan Nikula, 25:05; 4. Jaimie Medel, 25:28; 5. Michelle Levy, 25:37; 11. Ranequa Kelley-Boyd, 36:38; 12. Elizabeth-Burns, 37:31. Wayne finishers: 6. Jennifer McCaffrey, 26:04; 7 Holland Boertje, 26:15; 8. Chelsea Gilbert, 29:15; 9. Audra Flores, 31:21; 10. Taylor Sproles, 35:10. Dual meet records: John Glenn, 1-1 KLAA-South Division: Wayne, 0-2 KLAA-South Divisior

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; 6, Lutheran Westland, 160. Individual winner: Nick Smith (Ida), 16 minutes, 45.2 seconds (5,000 meters). 43.2 sectors (300 meters): Lutheran Westland finishers: 2. Spencer Lyle, 16:54.4; 31. Alex Kemp, 19:51.7; 41. Theodis Washington, 20:55.6; 44. Zechariah Robinson, 21:09.7; 51. Jeremy Kohtz, 21:44.3; 57. Joshua Kirk 22:14 2:61 Bob Schwartz 22:37.8 GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (9 schools): 1. Monroe St. Mary CC, 49; 2. Ida, 73; 3. Vandercook Lake, 111; 5. Lutheran Westland, 137. Individual winner: Sharon Morgan (Vandercook Lake), 20:10.9. Lutheran Westland finishers: 11. Sarah Maynard, 22:15.3; 24. Mirlam Pranschke, 23:46.2; 28. Ashley Pnjewski, 24:29.7; 34. Brittany

 Waynard, 24:58.7; 46. Amber Philewski, 25:55.3;
 50. Danielle Voetberg, 26:14.3.
 WALLED LAKE WESTERN INVITATIONAL Sept. 13 at Willis Park GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 11-12): 1. Livonia

Franklin, 47 ponts; 2. Walled Lake Northern, not available; 3. Walled Lake Central, NA; 4. Garden City, NA; Stalled Lake Western and Novi (B), noteen scores. Swalled Lake Western and Novi (B), noteem scores. Franklin finishers: 2. Brittany Dilley, no time available; 8. Brittany Rouse, NTA; 11. Tiffany VanOrden, NTA; 12. Victoria Church, NTA; 17. Evanade Ministik, WTM 20. Score Under NTA Shannon Niznik, NTA: 23, Sara Heiden, NTA Livonia Franklin boys finishers (grades

schools): 1. Sturgis, 66 points; 2. Dexter, 68; 3. Gull Lake, 106; 4. Dearborn Divine Child, 119; 5. Marshall, 144; 12. Livonia Ladywood, 269. Individual winner: Annemarie Arseneau Aldridge, 25:34; 88. Shannon Scarlett, 25:41; 105. Kelsev Saranen, 26:23.

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.

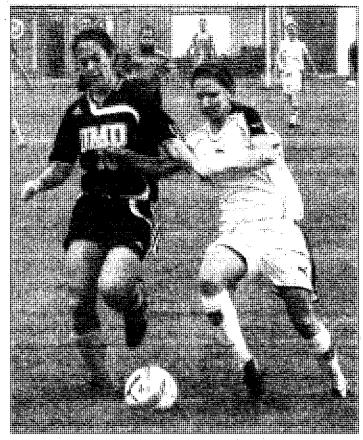
The non-conference match was played in driving rain and slippery field conditions, but the Lady Ocelots prevailed.

"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. "(The Wolves) came with a tougher stance in the second half and we responded well by creating good opportunities.'

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-



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.

Crusaders deck Cards

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

COLLEGE SOCCER

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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 mark-. ers 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 '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.

man Kristin DeClercq "stepped up in the stopper

Wolves' offense.

position and plugged up" the

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.



To submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

SEPTEMBER

Special needs class

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia is looking for special needs teens and young adults (up to age 25) interested in participating in a course designed to help them learn about the basics of the Christian faith. The day and time of the course will depend on those interested. To get the most out of the course, students should possess basic communications skills (listening and speaking): If interested contact Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail at elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz. Emmanuel Lutheran Church is at 34567 Seven Mile.

Bible study

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads. continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month beginning Thursday, Sept. 18, in the rectory, The informal classes are open to all interested persons regard-

less of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200. **Evenings of Evangelization** Resume with Rev. Alex Kratz 7 p.m.

Friday Sept. 19, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The evening begins with a Holy Hour followed by small-group discussions, teaching and fellowship. The series continues Oct. 17, Nov. 21, and Dec. 12. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200. 8ring or buy study text "Go and Make Disciples" (U.S. 8ishops) af September meeting. **Crafters** wanted

Sept. 19 is deadline to apply for first annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church, Northville. The event takes place 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at corner of 8 Mile and Taft. For details, call Karen at 248-349-1144, Ext. 18. Earth friendly craft fair

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, featuring hand made art and crafts from local Michigan artists, at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, south of 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, For information, contact Barbara Danielsen at (248) 318-8044 or bdanielsen@comcast.net. Forms and info available for download at www.uufarmington.org. Call for artists and crafters: Spaces

RELIGION CALENDAR

inside and outside still available. Co-creating with God conference

Sacred Heart Major Seminary will sponsor a conference to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae, and explore its important themes Saturday, Sept. 20, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd, Detroit. Cost \$75 with lunch and dinner, or \$50 without meals. Prices discounted for half-day attendance. Walk-in registration at a higher cost. Call (313) 883-8792, e-mail HumanaeVitae@shms.edu, or visit www.shms.edu for registration packet.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, Garden City: All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peerto-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

New worship schedule Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six

Mile, Livonia, Visitors welcome, For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Anniversary celebration

On Sunday, Sept. 21, members of Salem National Evangelist Lutheran Church honor Rev. Carl DeMeritt, Jr. and his wife Beth in a 10 a.m. worship service of gratitude and praise, at the church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland: A reception follows the worship service honoring DeMeritt's 25 years in the ministry.

Parish picnic

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia holds its Annual Parish Picnic noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Rotary Park in Livonia. Day includes food being served from noon to 5 p.m., moonwalks, face painting, games, DJ, and more at super-affordable family pricing. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext 200, for advance tickets as there will be no ticket sales at the door, All food, beverages, and paper goods are once again being provided courtesy of Larry Lokuta of Larry's Foodland on Plymouth Rd.

Piano rededication concert

With guest planists Gary and Jennifer Rownd 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, in the Sanctuary at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Call (248) 374-7400 for information. **Celebration of Israel**

This year, Israel marks a significant milestone that provides a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements and history of the Jewish State. In honor of the occasion. The Russian Chapter of American Friends of Magen David Adom (Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross) will host a celebration 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Adat Shalom, Farmington Hills. The evening includes Russian-Jewish delicacies, entertainment by Ben Opengeim, door prizes and auction. Tickets, \$90, benefit ARMDI. Friends and families of all faiths and backgrounds welcome, Space is limited.

For details, visit www.lifetosave.org. ENDOW St. Michael the Archangel Parish is hosting two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study. group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul il's "Letter to Women", the Course I groups meet 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays, and 7-B:30 p.m. Thursdays, Course V, called "Aquinas for Beginners", is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available locally only at St. Michael's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, All meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome, \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www.

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Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Safety/health fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, physical fitness competitions for kids, bicycle safety, health screenings for adults, parent information on child safety and health, free car seat inspections by Canton police officers, child safety identification, at All Saints Catholic School parking lot and gym, 48735 Warren, between Beck and Ridge, Canton. Call (734) 459-2490.

Revival services

Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday services 7 p.m. each evening, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, B828 Wormer, Redford, Revival preacher is from Alabama. Everyone welcome. Call (313) 537-7480.

Marian raily

Join the Felician Sisters of Livonia on Sunday, Sept. 28, as they honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally beginning at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), in the Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia, followed by praying of the rosary alternating decades in English and Spanish at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima Shrine and Crowning of Our Lady, by students from St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, Ind. Refreshments available after the liturgy. Wheelchair participants welcome. Parking available at Montessori Center of Our Lady at Newburgh entrance, Call (734) 591-1730.

Bethany hay ride

Bethany Suburban West and Bethany South in South Rockwood will host a hay ride that includes hot dogs with all the fixings, beverages and a DJ Saturday, Sept. 27. Indoor facility for dining and dancing. Tickets, \$20. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 389-4730.

Spirit of Manresa Dinner and auction begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. Cost \$150-\$250, includes dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing, Call (248) 644-4933, Ext. 34, or visit www.manresa-si.org. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is a place of quiet, peace and prayer that seeks to help people grow in their spiritual life. Parenting class

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Sunday, Oct. 12, registration at 1:30 p.m. with walk beginning at 2.p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For information, contact Bill Brave at (734) 414-9B67 or wbrave@yahoo.com.

Mom-to-mom sale

8:30 a.m. to 1.p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile. Tables available, 6 ft. long \$18 each, 5 ft. round \$15 each, standard racks \$3 each. Admission \$1. Strollers welcome. Contact ncamom2momsale@gmail.com.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3- and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

Crafters wanted

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmi~ chael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must he submitted

Fall craft show

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

Music at St. John's

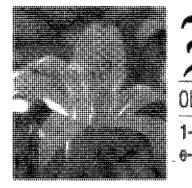
Continues with Halloween Pipes Spooktacular with performance by Scott Elsholz, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 (dinner at 5:30 p.m.); A Festival of Lessons and Carols 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, with the parish's music groups; Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, and The Saline Fiddlers 6 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheidon, Plymouth. All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

Grief workshop

Presented by Karen Jinnett from New Hope Center for Grief Support beginning 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, for eight consecutive weeks at Our Ladyof Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. No charge. To register, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

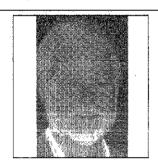
Global gifts

Opens daily beginning Nov. 1, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham. The Fair Trade resource offers foods such as rice, chocolates, coffee, and soup mixes that promote economic justice around the globe. Also offer ing textiles, jewelry and handmade artisan crafts from around the world. For an appointment before Nov. 1. call (248) 644-0550 or visit the shop after worship on Sundays. The church is at 300 Willits and Bates, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward Avenue.



FLOYD C. HOWARTH

Age 83, died on Sept. 14, 2008. Services held at PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME. Memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church or American Heart.



JEFFREY PAUL BEITZEL September 13, 2008. Age 54. He was a resident of Northville, Michigan and Newport Coast, California. Loving Iennifer, Jill, Elizah

JUNE D. MURPHY

Age 87, Farmington, MI, passed away Sept. 12, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

Age 89, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away Sept. 12, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

MAXINE ENGLISH Age 92, of Spring Lake (formerly of Birmingham, MI). Died Saturday, September 13, 2008 at a local care facility. She was born in Alma, MI on December 4, 1915 to Raymond J. and Anna (McIntosh) McLaughlin and lived in the Troy and Birmingham, MI area until eight years ago when she moved to Spring Lake. Maxine mar-ried Herdis G. "Doc" English who preceded her in death in 1958. Maxine was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Birmingham, MI as well as a member of the Republican Women's Club. She enjoyed playing bridge and traveling. The surviving family members include her daughter, la English of Beverly H a son Dan (Ann) English of Grand Haven and two grandchildren, Katie and J.D. English. Maxine was preceded in death by her sister, Virginia Swift. A graveside service will be held at the White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery in Troy, MI on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. A memorial service honoring Maxine's life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in Maxine's name may be made to the First Church of Christ Scientist of Birmingham, MI. Share memories with the family at their online website at: www.vbkfuneralhome.com.



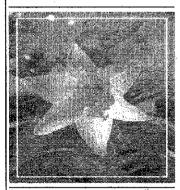
RITA JEAN McCLUMPHA Age 75, of Canton, and retired elementary school teacher in the Plymouth-Canton Schools. Passed

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Jake, Mr. Beitzel was preceded in death by his father, Paul, and is survived by his mother Eileen Beitzel, sisters Judy Fike (Bobby) and Janice Grigg (John), nephews John and Kodi, nieces Lanette and Kali. He is fondly remembered by his companion Ms. Gretchen Rossi, close friends and extended family who brought him so much joy and happiness. A graduate of Leigh University, Mr. Beitzel began his career at Ford Motor Company and went on to establish a number of successful automotive enterprises. He was Chief Operating Officer of Quantum Fuel Systems Technologies Inc. of Irvine California at the time of his passing. In lieu of flowers, you may make donations to City of Hope Hospital, Duarte, California. A viewing will be held on Friday, September 19, 2008 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan between the hours of 4pm-9pm. A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, September 20, 2008 at Emmanual Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, in state 10am until time of Service at 11am. Interment will be held at a later date.



PATRICIA ANN NEWTON

Age 68, of St. Petersburg, died August 28, 2008. She was born in Wayne, Michigan and was of the Lutheran faith. She is survived by husband Donald R. Newton, daughters Linda Douglas, Vicky Payne and Cheri Touchet (Charles), eight grand-children and three great-grandchildren. Donations to Hospice. Services Saturday, September 20 from 12 until 4 at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178.

WILLIAM JOSEPH SEOG

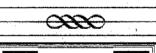
Passed away on September 11, 2008 at the age of 28. He was born in Livonia, Michigan on March 29, 1980 to Bill and Wanda Seog of Ann Arbor. He is survived by his parents, his son Theodore Hoadley Seog, his sister Wendy (Todd) Carbary of Whitmore Lake, and his grandparent Dorothy Seog of Livonia. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles and very spe-cial friends. Visitation will be held on Friday, September 19, 2008 from 3-9p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (10 Mile), South Lyon. Funeral Service will be on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at noon at the funeral home with a final visitation starting at 11:00 a.m.



PAUL DONALD MORA

September 15, 1958. Died September 11, 2008. Of Kalkaska MI, since 2006. Previous residences: Detroit, MI; Harlan, IN; Big Rapids, MI; Minneapolis, MN. Son of Donald Nora and deceased mother, Germaine Nora. Brother of Barbara Sorenson of East Jordan, MI, Donna Elmore (Michael) of Panama City, FL, Patricia Abbasabadi (Alireza) of Big Rapids, MI. Uncle of Rebecca Jorgensen (Lorin) of Panama City, FL, Karen Elmore of Pensacola, FL. Great-uncle of Alexis Jorgensen. Also many friends that Paul considered to be family. Memberships: Lifetime member of NRA and NAHC. President of the CLBC. Dr. Paul Nora died on September 11, 2008 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City after a 2 1/2 yr battle fighting Multiple Myeloma and its resulting complications. Paul was born and raised in the Detroit area. He graduated from Redford Union High School in 1976, Hope College with his undergraduate degrees in Biology and Chemistry in 1980, and Wayne State University with his MD in 1984. He was a kind and caring Family Practitioner in Harlan, IN and Big Rapids, MI. He later returned to Detroit and completed his Forensic Pathology Residency and Fellowship in 2003. Paul worked in Minneapolis and the Detroit area as a Forensic Pathologist until his illness in 2006. Paul was an avid Detroit sports fan and enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, including hunting, hiking, golfing and fishing. He also enjoyed high performance Mustangs, reading, playing pool and cards, and being with family and friends. Donations may be made in Paul's memory to the American Cancer Society or the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. He will be missed by all who knew him. "All in, in Kalkaska."

away September 15, 2008. Beloved wife for over 54 years of the late Clifford McClumpha. Devoted mother of C. Hurd McClumpha, Dynese McClumpha, Amy L. (Michael) Glenn and Natalie (Craig) Finley. Proud grandmother of Clifford, Emily and Jenny McClumpha, Abigail, Gabriel and Elizabeth Glenn, Emilia, Julia, Andrew, Alec, Sarah, Isaac and Erinn Finley, Dear daughter of Rhue Datcher and the late Homer Datcher. Sister of late Merlin Datcher. Mrs. McClumpha graduated from Plymouth High School in 1950, where she and Clifford were sweethearts She received her B.A. from Western Michigan University, and went on to teach elementary school until her retirement in 1995. She taught at Geer School for many years. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. She was an avid gardener who also enjoyed golf and bridge. She will be deeply missed by all. Friends may visit at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Thursday 4-8pm. A memorial service will be held Friday 11am at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 5401, Plymouth, MI 48170, or St. John's Episcopal Church. Leave condolences at: www.schrader-howell.com



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endowonline.com. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Explore the rosary Explore the history and continued relevance of the venerable devotion to Mary 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, with presenter David Conrad, in the Activity Center Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Free. Call (734) 425-5950.

Organ recital

Robert Bates, associate professor of organ at University of Houston, performs 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, north of Grand Blvd., Detroit. \$10 per person at the door or call (313) 875-7407. Reception follows. Free supervised parking adjacent to church.

Choral rehearsals

Oakland Choral Society has begun Tuesday evening rehearsals for its Christmas concerts with professional soloists and orchestra. On Dec. 6 the group performs Benjamin Britten's "St. Nicolas," and J.S. Bach's "Cantata Wachet auf," and on Dec. 14 Handel's "Messiah." Registration begins at 7:00 p.m., with rehearsal 7:30-9 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. All singers who can read music are welcome. Membership dues \$55 for fall season (\$30 for students age 30 and under). Music cost additional. For information, call (248) 391-D184.

Interfaith courage

Three-day lecture series by Daniel Buttry, a global consultant for peace and justice, 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 25-26, and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits and Bates. For information, call (248) 644-0550. Topics include Freedom of Religion: Religious Hate vs. Religious Respect; Interfaith Community Building: Heating Our Communities Together, and Interfaith Courage: It's Our Time Now. No charge. Open to the public. Sacred music concert

"Let the Heavens Rejoice: Sacred Hymns of the Carpathian Mountains." The seminary choir of the Blessed Theofdore Romzha Theological Academy of Uzhorod, Ukraine sing selections from liturgical services and religious hymns in Church Slavonic 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge, but free will offering

life, 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29 to Nov. 3, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830, or register at www.christoursavior.org under Adult Fail Classes.

UPCOMING

Mass confusion

Series on the celebration of the Mass 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road., north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter David Conrad. No charge, Please RSVP by calling (734) 425-5950. Rummage sale fund-raiser

Pre-sale 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2 (admission \$2 per adult); Big Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 4, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads., Livonia. Admission free. Saturday everything half price. CROP walk

Sunday, Oct. 5, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia, For information, call John Hirtzel at (248) 477-5181.

A night of wine & roses

Wine tasting event Friday, Oct. 10, with tasting from 7-9 p.m. with dessert and afterglow until 10:30 p.m., in the lower level of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School and adjacent grounds of the church in Plymouth. Tickets \$50, ticket holders must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets must be purchase in advance. To order, visit www.olgcwineevent.org or call (734) 737-0755.

Fall craft show

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, with over 70 crafters, at St. Theodore of Canterbury, B200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. No charge. Also bake sale, big raffle and food and beverages. Call (734) 425-4421. CEA conference For Sunday School and Church Ministries, held by International Christian Education Association 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Speakers Dr. Bruce Fong, Rev. Billy Walker, 30 workshops on timely topics. Second time around Christian books, Registration required only for workshops. Nondenominational. Call (248) 557-5536 or visit www.iceaonline.org. Plymouth/Canton CROP walk

ONGOING

Time change

Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia, returns to fall, winter and spring schedule beginning Sunday, Sept. 14. Services will be at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

Wednesday activities

Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www. gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church will be open for prayer

and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

Worship schedule

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free. Will 8aptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www. hischurch.us.

BELIEFS & VALUES

Youth appointed to represent peers on church council

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

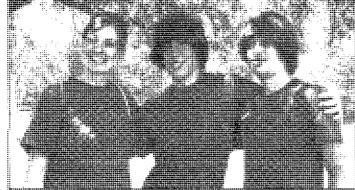
Ryan Hall talks about his appointment to the council at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia like it's no big deal. His dad sees it differently.

John Hall believes the 15year-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 parttime 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

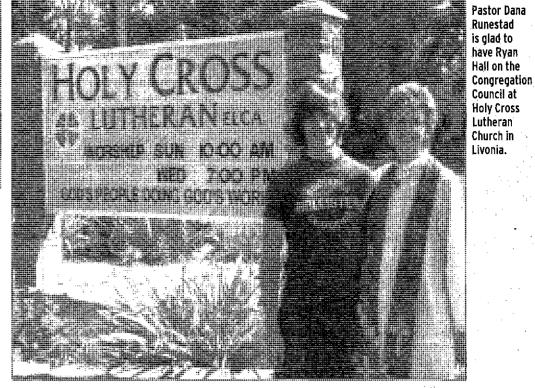
their faith during the weeklong program but train in Peer Ministry. Hall says young people are exposed to many bad influences today including drugs. He tries to look out for his sister McKenna, 13, but would like to be there for other youth as well.

"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



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.

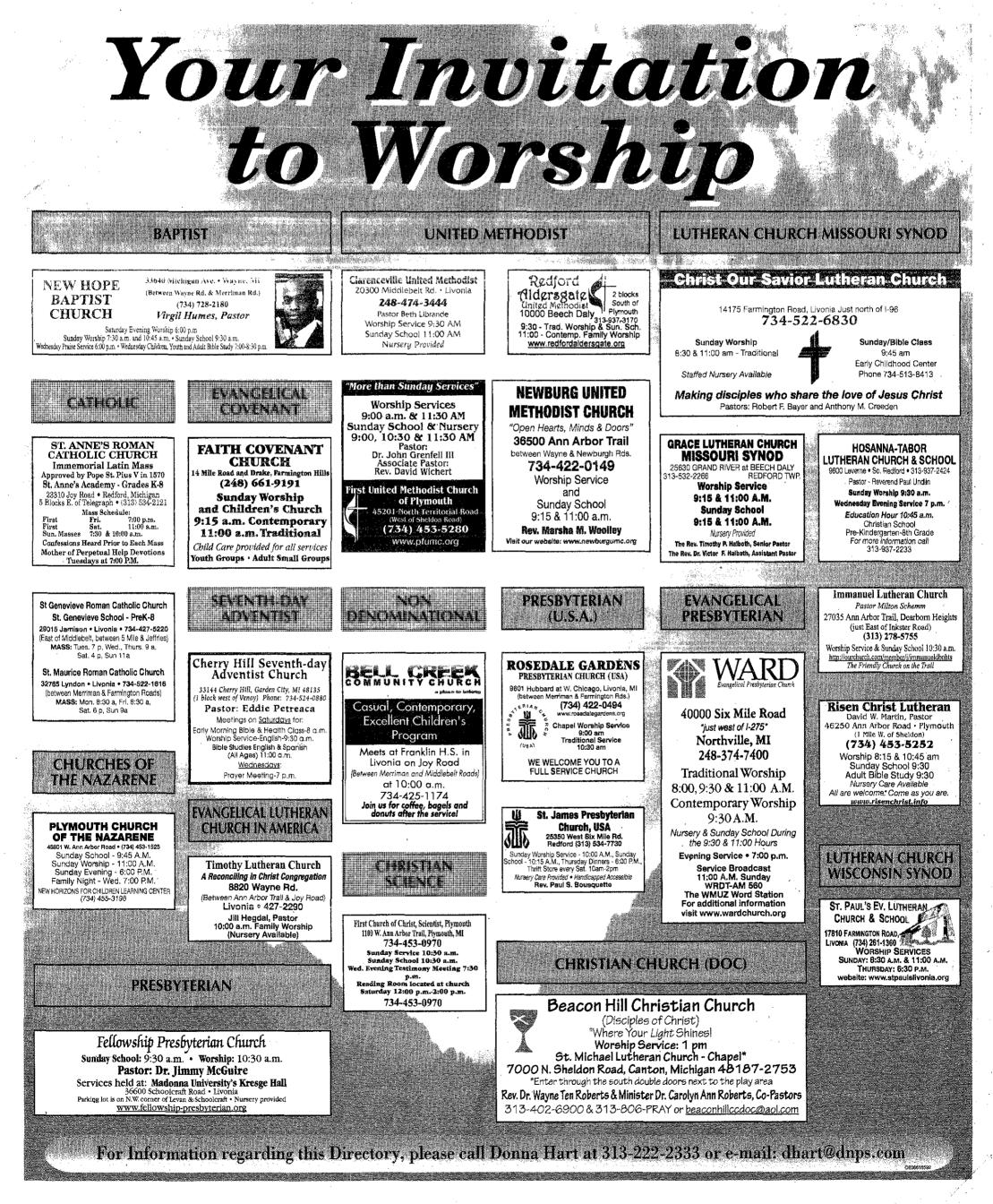
"He is so endearing and friendly. He does a lot of oneon-one work with young people and adults, but he's also not afraid to speak up in large public meetings of say 150 people and he's very articulate," said Runestad of Plymouth. "He's given us hope, helped give us confidence that we're doing something 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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PLYMOUTH 7 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2 Sept. 15 at Plymouth

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The Spartans, coming

off a 2-3 weekend at the

X-Elite Center in Warren

Invitational, got a strong

Iafrate, who had 16 total

and five ace serves.

showing Tuesday from Meg

along with nine solo blocks

from Brooke Knochel (19

kills, seven solo blocks),

Christine Armstrong (15

digs, six aces), Shelbie

Wilson (14 digs), Claire

Vellucci (25 assists) and

LeBlanc (35 assists), Katie

kills in the two matches to go

Other contributions came

kills), Kaylee McGrath (nine

No. 1 singles: Akshay Moorthey (LC) defeated Pat Onoro, 6:2, 6:2; No. 2: Aaron Zhang (P) 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 Korpalski-Pat Bailey (P) def Dan Landstrom-Wile Apnel 4:1, 6:2; No. 2: 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 Cezat, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2); No. 5: Pat Moroney-Jared Leeds (LC) def. Don Henry-Grant Senkbiel, 6-1, 6-3. Churchill's dual match record: 3-3 overall, 1-2 KLAA-South Division

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 9 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN O 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 Ruffino, 6-1, 6-1. Dual match records: Franklin, 2-4 overali, 2-2 KLAA-South Division; John Glenn, 0-6 overall. 0-4 KLAA-South Division.

Alisha Linstrom (eight solo blocks). Franklin's Emma Green had five kills in the loss to the Spartans, while team-

mates Chelsea Williams and Amanda Borieo 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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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.

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATIONAL GIRLS DOUBLE-DUAL SWIM MEET Sept. 11 at Churchili

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 Su 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).

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

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),

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Gordon,

Reed, Ashlee Montini, Holtz), 3:56.38; 2. Franklin (Douglas, Cote`, Kozyn, Anthony)

58.33; 3. Natalie Cote` (F), 59.83.

(Livonia Stevenson) was fourth with an 84, while sophomore Sara Simnitch 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 Quitiquit was fourth with a round of 75 while fellow junior Kyle Lawrey was ninth with a 77.

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GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 190 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 214 Sept. 15 at St. John's of Plymouth

Wrocklage, 51. Ladywood scorers: Val DiMilia, 48; Marissa

Catholic League.

Mercy scorers: Miranda Eliason, 45; Maggie Lentz, 46; Maura Malone, 48; Alegra

Ley, 54; Katelyn Papler, 55; Taylor Romero, 57; Erin Reece, 57; Marissa Briden, 58.

Dual match records: Mercy, 2-1 overall, 2-1 Catholic League; Ladywood, 0-1 overall, 0-1

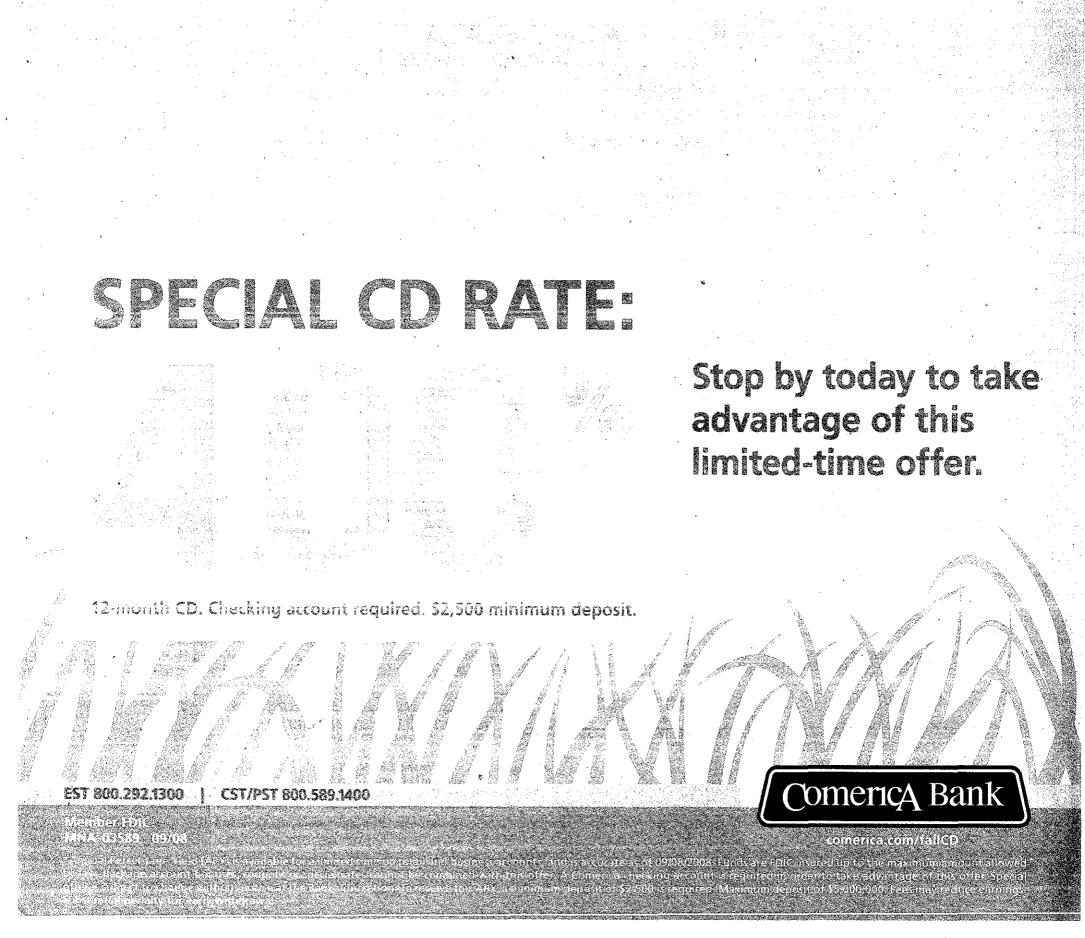
PLYMOUTH 254 Sept. 12 at The Woodlands (Van Buren) Glenn scorers: Courtney McKinney, 45 (medalist): Heidi Irvine, 48; Justine Woodard, 51; Michelle Bishop, 52; Samantha Baker, 60; Daniell Sulewski, 63.

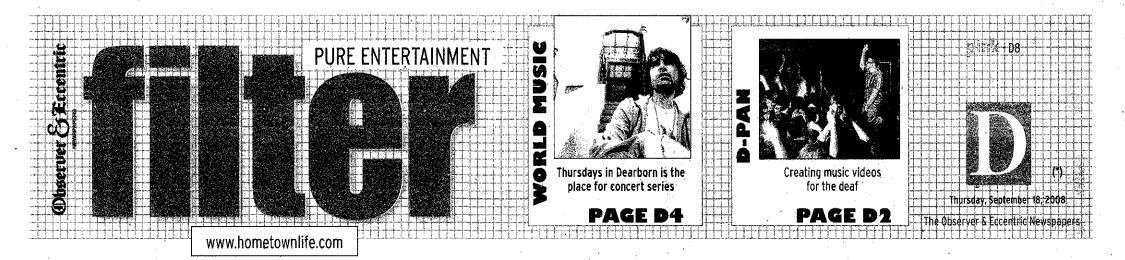
Plymouth scorers: Christin Pattison, 60; Maggie Furlong, 61; Lindsay Dean, 63; Liz Cizek, 70; Choe Marentic, 73; Megan Haggerty, 77, Glenn's dual match record: 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA-South Division





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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

next week the museum plays

host to something different,

For the fifth year, the

Birmingham Bloomfield

something stylish for a cause.

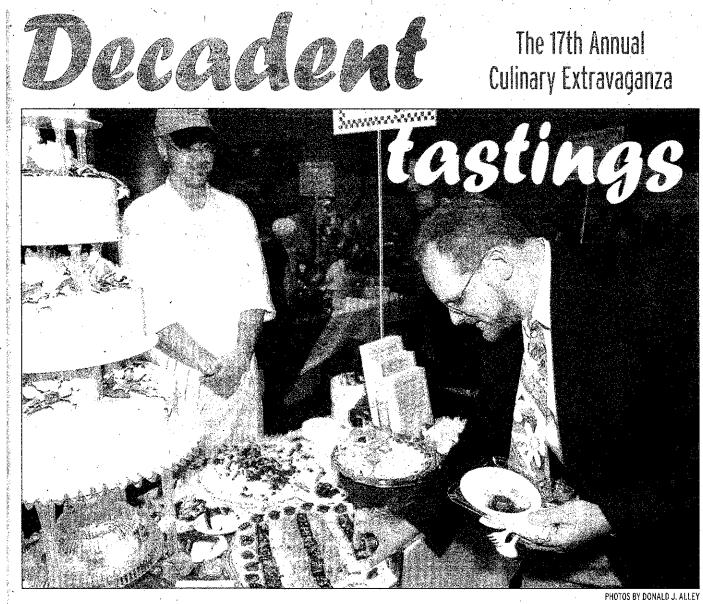
Chamber will present Vine &

Dine, a fund-raising spectacu-

lar that features a posh stroll-

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show, and of course, a wide



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

Toast to community at 5th annual Vine & Dine

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

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.

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 visitwww.



MCCARTHY'S 'SALVATION' FERNDALE - It's homegrown 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 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.

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 includ ing The Bass Master — The Bryan Kerchal Story, which will be filmed in Michigan next vear. Tickets are \$25 before Sept. 22 or \$30 at the door. Visit www.thedealgateway.com or call (248) 335-5000. By S. Casola

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

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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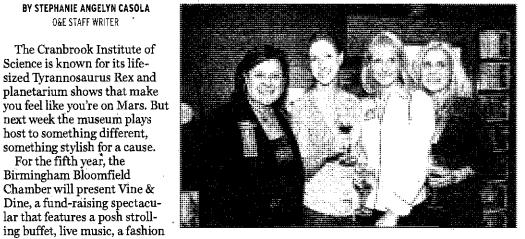
PLYMOUTH PUB CRAWL

PLYMOUTH -- The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, along with Friends of the Penn, will host the 3rd Annual PENN-taste-tic, A Downtown Plumouth 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



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



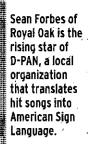
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Sign of the times D-PAN creates music videos for the deaf

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 oncamera 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.

Rob and Bob Allison

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D-PAH 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. Proceeds benefit D-PAN and its mission to make music broadly accessible for the deaf. For more information: Visit 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/hardof-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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 ${\rm LIVONIA}$ — 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 for more.

By S. Casola

Chorale Auditions & Scholarships

PLYMOUTH -- The BeckRidge Chorale will hold auditions for its upcoming 35th Anniversary Season, as well as for student scholarships, by appointment only. All voice parts are sought for the adult ensemble. BeckRidge Chorale will once again offer scholarships to college and high school students, age 16 and over, to honor its commitment to vocal music and education. Scholarship winners must agree to participate as a member in good standing of the BeckRidge Chorale for Fall and/or Winter 2008-09 Seasons.

Call (734) 416-9885 or visit www.beckridgechorale.com.

Music Halls hosts Zucchero

DETROIT -- Music Hall will present Italian rock/ blues/soul superstar vocalist Zucchero for one night only, 7:30 p.m. 'Riesday, Sept. 30.

Zucchero has established his international reputation by selling millions of albums worldwide and also by performing with some of the greatest names in all styles of music from John Lee Hooker to Miles Davis and Eric Clapton to Andrea Bocelli. Tickets, \$27-\$47, are available at Music Hall Box Office, 350 Madison, Detroit, and through all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (313) 887-8500 or visit www.musichall.org. By W. Von Buskirk

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, comingright-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 downright 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 or call (248)

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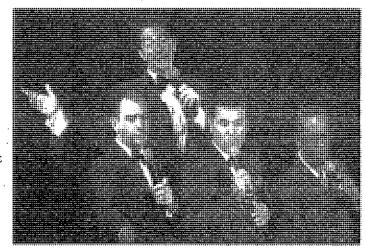
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Irving Berlin's White Christmas: Considered a Christmas card come to life, fans of the film will adore this musical romance on stage. The show runs Nov. 19 to Dec. 28 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$20-\$100, call (248) 433-1515.

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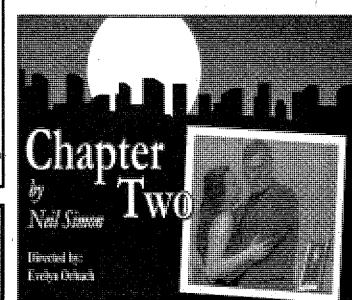
up a holiday jubilee from Nov. 21-23 in the traveling show's first arena tour. You've seen it at the Fox, now experience the live nativity at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr. Detroit, Tickets \$25-\$75, at www.olympiaentertainment.com.

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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.broadwayindetroit.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 or call (248) 645-6666.



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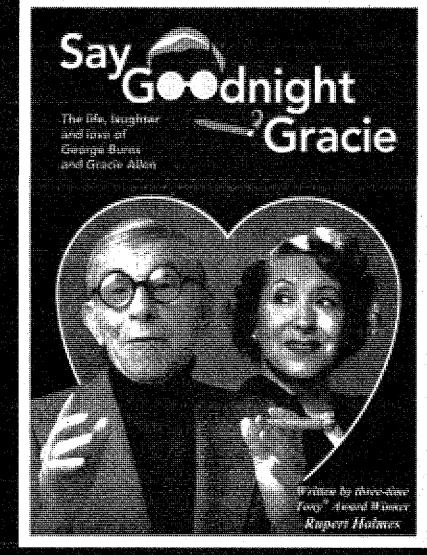


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Thursdays in Dearborn is the place for world music fans

FORD COMERICA GLOBAL THURSDAYS CONCERT SERIES

Where: Arab American National Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. When: Begins Sept. 25. All shows at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays Tickets: \$8-\$12 Details: (313) 582-2266 or www. arabamericanmuseum.org Dining suggestions: Visiting a Middle Eastern restaurant in Dearborn before the show? Try Adonis Restaurant with frequent live music, 4853 Schaefer Road, (313) 584-9300; Amani's Lebanese Restaurant for wellpriced meals, 13823 Michigan Ave., (313) 584-1890; New Yasmeen Bakery with seating and a huge deli, 13900 W. Warren, (734) 582-6035.

by lana mini Staff writer

Palestinian rap, Arabic hip-hop, post-Afro beats, Flamenco and Indian guitar, Hungarian rock.

If you're looking to expand your musical tastes beyond the basic four-piece Western rock band, then Thursdays at the Arab American National Museum are for you. The 2008 Fall Season of Ford Comerica Global Thursdays starts next week, where musicians from across the planet, and from metro Detroit, will perform world sounds. Tickets are \$8, \$10 and \$12 and parking is free. The museum is located near some of Dearborn's best inexpensive Middle Eastern restaurants.

Opening on Sept. 25 is MC Rai — a popular Arabic/rock/ hip hop fusion artist.



Black Bottom Collective – a Detroit-based world fusion band – performs at the Global series.

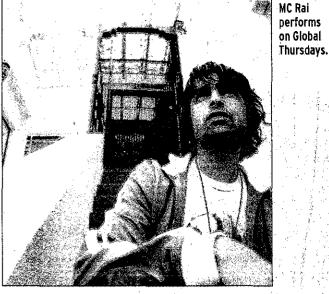
Born in the southernAlgeTunisian city of Gabés, he'swithpart of a new generation of Raiandsingers, fusing the genre withmeaelements of Tunisian musicMand Western influences.Rai

Rai is a modern form of

Algerian folk music mixed with Spanish, French, African and Arabic sounds. The word means "opinion."

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.





THE SCHEDULE

Oct. 2: Little Cow – Hungarian/ Gypsy/ska/funk/rock that is very dance-able. myspace.com/littlecowband

Oct. 9: Dya Singh – Indian Sikh spiritual and global mixing Punjabi classical, spiritual/blues/jazz/and other global indigenous forms. www. dyasinghworldmusicgroup.com Oct. 16: Kal – Romani (Gypsy) rock with sounds from Bosnia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Macedonia and their home base of Serbia. Rock/dance/Balkan blues. www.myspace.com/romakal Oct. 23: DAM – Palestinian Rap.

The first Palestinian rap group includes East-West fusion of Arab rhythms, Middle Eastern melodies and urban hip hop. http://www.dampalestine.com/

oct. 30: Trio Tarana – World jazz improv blended with Tarana, a style of North Indian classical music where. "syllables or mnemonic drum sounds are used to spontaneously create a fluid chant or composition." www. myspace.com/triotarana

Nov. 6: Goran Ivanovic & Fareed Haque – World fusion guitar duo influenced by the rhythms and melodies of flamenco, jazz, classical, rock and the Balkan region. www.goranivanovic.net

Nov. 13: Prasanna – East Indian electric guitar with jazz/blues/rock and classical sounds. www.guitarprasanna.com

Nov. 20: NOMO – Post-Afro-Beat with a Fela Kuti-inspired fusion. The octet is based in Ann Arbor. www. nomomusic.com

Dec. 4: Gaida – Arab vocalist who integrates classical Arabic music, Syrian folk music and improvisations on traditional Arabic magams. www. myspace.com/gaidamusic

Dec. 11: Black Bottom Collective – Detroit hip hop and soul led by Detroit writer Khary Kimani Turner. www.blackbottomcollective.com

Dec. 18: Malika Zarra – Moroccan vocalist known for mezzo-soprano and multilingual presentation blending traditional Middle Eastern music with jazz. www.malikazarra.com

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BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA **D&E STAFF WRITER**

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



deMaine

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., for this JPMorganChase Select Classical Series event. Visit the newly-revamped site at www. detroitsymphony.org or call the



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.

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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 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.

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

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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."

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 choosey about which charity events they participate in because their help is constantly requested.



PHOTO BY DONALD J. ALLE

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Sodexho 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 prior-

ity. "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

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Lewton's menu will include samplings of organic white





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BEAUTIFUL SBF... 37. seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more, 2221653

MATURE MAN WANTED SBF, 33, 5'4", 115ibs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tail, muscular SBM, 25'40, who enjoys book-stores, movies, dining, water. **37287855**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes rollerskat-ing, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentiema, 45-70, who is heelity, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent, **1287305**

WARM SMILE SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! \$\prox 287187

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, seerious SBM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, will-ing, and able to commit. **5273603** COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-69, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **17230694**

EARTH BABY DWF, 52, 5'10', 300+ibs, N/S, N/Drugs, many interests, family-oriented, honest, loyal, easygo-ing, optimistic, seeks friendship first, possible LTR with S/DWM, 46-60. 22285168

SEEK SPECIAL PERSON

Romantic, fun-loving, open-minded woman, 61 years young, 5'3', seeks a man, 50-68, with the same qualities, who enjoys dancing, concerts, din-ing out, travef, long drives and more. **1289125**

NURSE Attractive SWF, 64, 57, 155lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, locking for N/S, honest gentieman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including his-tory, traveling, and home life. **12409879**

GET TO KNOW ME Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO hon-est, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. 22953760

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR? WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. 2280581

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME SBF, 44, 52", 165lbs, black hait, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoye movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51, **7224366**

VERY ATTRACTIVE I7, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, -complected, employed, intelligent BM, or friendship possibly leading to LTR. SBPE 37, mothe 22282115

DOWN-TO-EARTH Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, in-dependent, ioving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiat times at home. Seeking very handsome W/AM, 47-56, N/S, clean-shaven, H/W proportionate, for friendship first. **3281229**

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP SWF, 55 SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoye the out-doors, good political discussions, dancing, more.

LADY IN THE WOODS SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", av-erage build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy' and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **22210247**

CHOCOLATE TREAT

CHOCOLATE TREAT Refined, romantic, creative divorces, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthtui and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentieman, 50+. **27281197**

IN SEARCH OF a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 597, HWP, and i enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snow-shoeing, and more. **3288866** ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS BF, 5'5', 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. 36-60. 5284318

SINCERE AND HONEST

Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SW/BM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. 12284932 FORMER RUNWAY MODEL

Attractive SSF, 51'07, 140bs, N/S, one kid, likes cluba, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking single male, 25-38, 6'1'+, N/S, slim to medium build for friendship first, dating and more, 7285613

STILL SEEKING Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3', 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, N/S, Intelli-gent, sincer, down-to-earth, who wants to com-mit to someone special. 2113198

I NEED A LOVE ...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no.kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. 2568059 BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124/bs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated; loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentieman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/1.TB, 57245846

gentleman, 42-53, with the friendship/LTR. 2245846 CLASSY LADY SBF, middle-aged, attractive; enjoys dining, mov-ies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals.

good sense 2207254

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS? SBPF, 55, 5'4', interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, waiking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **17282618**

KEEP COOL SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attrac-tive SB/HM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **37287598**

ARE YOU SEEKING? DWF, 63, 52°, Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimisto, likes, theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good mor-als, loves family, for dating. **27630808**

READY FOR A FRESH START? DWF, 47, 55°, 120lbs, long blonde/blue, weil-pro-portioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1°+, 225lbs+, good sense yood sense rsman, adof humor, energetic, traveler, outdoors venturer, manly gentleman. 2692549

HELLO THERE

HELLO THERE Asian woman, 5'2", 180bs, sim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-out, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. 2113901 A WOMAN OF CLASS SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? 7271085

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. 1279171 GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, waiking, na-ture, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. **1282578**

ų, LET'S GET TOGETHER SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, erjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SB/WM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. 3282444

LOADS OF FUN Active WF, young 50s, good sense of humor, enjoys different music, travel, dining out, dano-ing, more. Seeking decent, kind, honest man for indoor end outdoor activities. **22833**42

FUN & OUTGOING FUN & OUTGOING SBF, 16, 190ibs. brown eyas, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. **257908**

WHY NOT CALL? SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friend-ship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **12217234**

COUNTRY GIRL Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blue, 5'5", H/W-proportion attractive. fun-loving BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE SWM, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, neo unimportant, for friend-ship leading to possible LTR, **2**205048

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READY FOR RELATIONSHIP SM, 29, 5'6", light smoker, hazel eyes, looking for SF, 21-40, for friendship or more. **17279902**

ARE YOU THE ONE? SWM, 52, seeks siender female, 40-50, who likes fishing, the outdoors, hunting, gardening, cook-ing. 279947

LET'S TALK LET'S TALK SM, 28, 5'11", 200lbs, very fit, loves working out, sports, movies, dining, Looking for SB/HF, 18-50, for possible relationship. **12282306**

JUST CHILLIN'

SM, 31, looking for fun, sexy, spontaneous, down-to-earth, cool SF, 24-40, with a good attitude.

SEEKS BBW

SBM, 27, occasional smoker, seeks a BBW fe-male, who knows what she wants out of life, for possible LTR. 22295678

LOOKING FOR THE "ONE"

SWM, 61, 5'9", 170ibs, blond/blue, degreed, vet-eran, N/S, N/D, Catholic, humorous, spontane-

ous, like music, outdoors, sports, seeks attractive, easy going SWF 45-65. 127278705

GET TO KNOW ME SBM, 32, 5'8", in the Navy, seeks SW/BF, 21-40, for friendship or whatever it may lead to. 17283786

RETIRED GENTLEMAN

Fun-loving DWM, 5'9", 1601bs, goatee, light smoker, retired, enjoya camping, movies, travel, more. Seeking W/HF, 55-63, slim to medium bulid, hopefully LTR. Dark hair e plus. 7928421

LIFE AND FUN SWM, 61, looking for fun, casual relationship with a woman who is looking to begin e new path in life. Race and age open. 27286691

SEEKS SOULMATE

SWM seeks brunette, 23-55, who is a little on the shy side, knows how to have fun. 2286860

AM I YOUR MISTER RIGHT? SM, 28, 59; 165/bs, two tattoos, muscular build, goatee, nice smile, seeks SF, 19-47, for friendship or more. \$287140

DON'T HESITATE ...

call for e datel SWM, 55, happy, healthy, N/S, en-joys reading, cooking, home life, road trips, seeks SWF, 40-59, for companionship, maybe more.

HANDSOME MALE

SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confident, likes concerts, travel, din-ing. Seeking WF, 30-56, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. **2984957**

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 1800bs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. 37672855

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

Tai, athletic SWM, 48, 672, 2001bs, brown/blue, no dependents, college-educated, clean-out, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. **17587540**

SHY

SM, 26, 5'5", light complexion, red hair, in search of fun and friendship with a single female. Let'a talk and see if we click! **37281335**

HIT ME UPI

SBM, 19, 5'9", athietic build, smoker, no children, looking for a woman, 19-30, race open, for fitend-ship or more. 22267807

RESPECTABLE GUY SBM, 33, 5'5", N/S, no kids, goatee, looking for that one special woman, 27-43, to settle down,

LEAVE ME A MESSAGE Spontaneous BM likes working out, riding motor-cycles, being outdoors and more. Would like to meet a woman with a similar personality. 35-50. **17287900**

SEEKING SOULMATE SM, 33, 5'9', loves going out and having fun. The one love I'm seeking must be down-to-earth, honest, beautiful woman, 21-30, who is classy. Friendship first. **37287948**

LONELY, GENUINE HEART SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. **12287987**

RETIRED SWM, 65, smoker, wants to meet a SWF, 48-67, prefer heavyset, for friendship first. I love cooking, devoting time to a loving companion. \$284754

Single DAD Single DAD WM, 5'7", 150lbs, brown/brown, medium build, two children, likes the outdoors, working on cars, having fun. Looking for a good, down-to-earth, honest, attractive WF, 23-33, for dating. 72/264933

WELL-ROUNDED DWM, retired gentleman of independent means, emotionally/financially secure, honest, ecledic, N/S, seeks siender, physically fit woman who loves the outdoors. **m**284895

READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP

Male, 60, tail, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad habits, would like to meat a nice, sweet, kind

female, 40-70. 12287161

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WORTH A CALL Attractive SBM, 35, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! \$283615

WORTH THE CALL SBM, 41, N/S, seeks open-minded, fun, nice young lady, 21-50, to spend some time together and get to know. \$2253851

LET'S CONNECT SBM, 33, looking for love and poseibly marriage with SA/HF, 18-25. Let's talk and see what devel-ops. \$2288526

A GREAT GUY Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, fisa markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for con-versation and connection. **17176478**

LET'S MEET UP SWM, 53, brown/blue, 115lbs, smoker, looking for a nice, young lady, 18-25, to light up my life. 22290675

ARE YOU OUT THERE? SWM, 32, N/S, interested in meeting a lady, 35-42, for friendship first, maybe mora. 7290956

LOOK NO FURTHER SBM, 22, 6', 175lbs, light smoker, no children, looking for SF, 18-30, for friendship first, possibly more, 2291487

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short intps, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. \$176497

CALL ME! SBM, 50, 195lbs, 61", physically fit, likes working out, plays, movies, concerts, bowling, Looking for SF, 45-52, for possible relationship. **1**289335

LONELY AND READY SWM, 65, average build, Italian, Virgo, N/S, look-ing for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if inter-ested. Reaford. **37860305**

A WALK AND A TALK A WALK AND A LALK Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listen-er, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. 12200890

HANDSOME WM DWM would like to meet SBF, 22-46, N/S, who likes to experience new things in life, has veried interests. 12287230

INTELLIGENT & MATURE Down-to-earth, fun-loving, positive, youthful, up-beat, energetic, exciting SWPM, 51, 5'9", 185lbs, enjoys dining, movies. Seaking similar SF, 39-55. #2927745 2287745

OUTGOING GUY SWM, 26, 6'5", 180ibs, black/brown, with sense of humor, ilkes movies, beach walks, bowling. Seeking SW/AF, 20-28. **17288652** LOOKING FOR ME?

SM, 53, outgoing, cool, fun, honest and easygo-ing loves Italian/Mexican food, racquetball, camp-ing, travel, and much more>looking for fit, fun and active lady to share talks, good times, friendship/ fun @267719 fun. 2250719

LET'S HANG OUT SBM, 29, 6'6', sim build, smoker, seeks nice woman, 25-28, to chill with and get to know. 7277937

ARE YOU THE ONE? Handsome BM, 39, eesygoing, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, having fun, quiet times. Looking for compatible SBF, 27-37, who enjoye life. 22290798

OUALITY TIME TOGETHER SBM, 42, 6'3", 200lbs+, no children, light smoker, looking for SBF, 35-45, who enjoys bowling, mov-ies, shooting pool. 52291168

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SEMI 06 working for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, culdiling at home. Please be shapely inde-pendent and know what you want in life. **25692418**

GIVE ME A CALL! SWM, 48, handsome, weil-built, educated, owns two homes, lives on the river. Looking for exoting, caring woman, 18-60, with great sense of humor. **17268548**

HOW ABOUT A DATE?

HOW ABOUT A DATE? WM, 6'6", 285ibs, looking for a secure, female who likes to hang out, have fun, dining out, relax-ing at home, movies and more. 30-60. **32289482** HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING

Sincere, fun-ioving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. 2968147

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be indepen-dent and shapely. Serious replies only. 27684501 GOOD MAN FOUND

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ARE YOU THE ONE? SWF, 42, 5'1", loves italian food, music. Looking for SWM, 32-59, who is successful, financially se-cure, has a good head on his shoulders but also has a wild side. **17254915**

GIRL NEXT DOOR Sugar and spice and ... attractive blonde en-chantress, 5'5", 50s, enjoys cocking, travel, drives, more ... seeks soul-mate, cali me; seri-ous replies answered. 2233677

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 577 +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. 22147056 SEARCHING FOR A MAN ...

40-60, who'a looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. 27962317

ARE YOU THE ONE? SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hal, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **326994**7

TRADITIONAL VALUES Well-educated DWF, 5/8", dark blonde/green, full-figured, interested in finding friendship lead-ing to more with a WM, 30-50, to share life with. \$283327

SPONTANEOUS WOMAN Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, goal-oriented SBF, 39, plus-sized, with herpes, would like to meet an understanding male, 28-49, for possible relation-ship. **Tr288800**

A POLISHED DIAMOND Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! 2287057

A NEW BEGINNING SBF, 47, 54", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBM, 45-55, for friendship or more. 22289151

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL

SWF, retired, taleted, fun-loving, attractive, 132bs, 55", blonde, seaks well-groomed gentle-man, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. **25991247**

ate, enjoys travel, horseback, riding, exercise, dancing, Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. 2759845

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT WIWM, 45, 5'11", 220 bs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Look-ing for LTR, with the right person. 22265340

KIND AND COMPASSIONATE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE Attractive SWPM, 48, 510°, 190bs, NS, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, travel-ing, family time, candle light dinners, movies, seeking kind and caring hard-working lady, 30-60, for possible LTR, **37231990**

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, ant fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the com-pany of a lady with similar interests \$200459 YOU NEED ME

SBM, 43, slim, well-groomed, attractive, seek at-tractive, slim lady to get to know, for dating, maybe more. You won't be disappointed! 27291112

CALL THIS MAN! Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nica looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic eva-nings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF, 27112268

LET'S MEET FOR COFFE SWM, 70s, 5'4", N/S, would like to meet a lady, 65-72. I enjoy taking walks, riding bikes, taking trips. Seeking SWF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe more. **7275970**

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/senee of humor, who enjoya travel, candielight dinners, plays, dancing, con-certs, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. \$289846

LET'S ENJOY LIFE SWM, 5'10', 190lbs, active ratiree looking for Black or Asian female, 50+ for long-term relationship and possibly more. I enjoy travel, sports, casinos, heatih dubs and I'm social-drinker. **13**287100

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Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. 2267088

WARM AND FRIENDLY Sincere BM would like to meet a warm, friendly, sin-cere female, 21-55, H/W proportionate, who seeks friendship, possibly leading to more. 13:279036

ENJOY THE VIEW Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, at-tractive SWF, age and area open. 1113835

WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL SHF, 46, 5'10", average build, likes going out and having fun, movies, parties, just chilling and relaxing. Seeking SH/AF, late 30s, for possible relationship, **17289039**

FIT & FUN-LOVING Easygoing DWPM, 48, 6', 186lba, romantic, look-ing for a woman, 25-50, who can find humor in what life gives us. Open to anything as long as we're laughing. **12288335**

EASYGOING Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fish-ing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 12187614

LETS GET GOING! LETS GET GOING! SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great lietener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontane-ous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **C128302**

COUGAR LOVER Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc.

JUST ME AND MY DOG WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likee roller-blading, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool per-sonality and can appreciate an awesome guy. T272374

GIVE ME A CALL. BM, 35, 5'5", 150ibs, secure, family-oriented, icooking for a SWF, N/3, who shares the same interests and passions. I enjoy life, going places and trying new things. \$2771820

KEEP IT REAL SWM, 55, 5'10", 150lbs, father of two, homeown er, wants to meet slender, average female, 25-45 who likes music, art, just hanging out. **17287896** TALL, ATHLETIC SWM, 49, 6'2", 200ibs, part-time personal trainar, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new adtivities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. **2531308**

GOOD BETTER BESTI SWM, 49, 5'9', 195lbs, is nuts about natura, en-joya the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 17992943

LOCKING FOR ROMANCE SM, 70, 6', 194lbs, ratired salesmen, enjoys cy-cling, dining out, movies travel and life in general. ISO SF, 57-75, who appreciates the same, for sharing happiness and LTR. **27253204**

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE Attractive SWM, 6'3", 165lbs, N/S, N/D, shy, fit, enjoys capentry, riding my bicycle, gardening and more. Seeking a SWF, 50-60, with similar interests, for possible LTR. **27248074**

PLAY YOUR SONG? DWM, 52, D/D-free, east area, great SOH, In-terested in music, outdoore, pets, gardening, ro-mantic evenings by my lireplace. ISO WF, 35-55 with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. T202143

OPEN-MINDED SF WANTED SM, 6', 185los, short brownish-blond/blue, mue-cular build, no tattoos, N/S, social dinker, loves art museums, craft shows, music, concerts, quiet times, movies, dining, Seeking siender woman, similar interests. \$277964

HONEST AND SINCERE HONEST AND SINCERE DWM, 52, 51°0, 1500s, likes roller skating, computers, biking, boating and some old moves. Seeking SW/HF, slim to medium build, for dating and LTR. **17255288**

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE Sociable SM, 57, 577, graying brown/blue, mus-tache, loves music, cooking, Italian food, reading, writing action and romance films, quality conver-sation nd romance. ISO good-hearted, creative, WF to chare these. **@223744**

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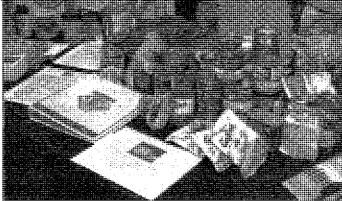
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Vine & Dine, a major annual charity event of the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, supports the mission of Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan.

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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 Ferndalecentric 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 artwork 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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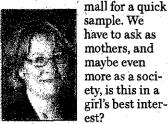
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Moms Gone Wild? awe HAVEN CEO warns against 'The Lolita Effect'

elieve it or not it is back to school shopping 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



more as a society, is this in a girl's best interest? **Beth Morrison** I just fin-

ished 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

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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?

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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

'empowerment' around, but 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.

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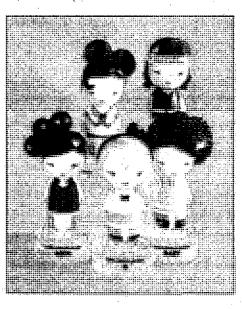
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department stores and guess what - they all sell padded bras and pushup bras for very young girls. These are not basic white "training bras" but tiny replicas of women's lingerie - with matching lace thongs and camisoles. I asked a clerk if the bras are popular and she replied, "Mom's go wild for these things!"

A 5-year-old clearly does not

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 seuse 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-

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

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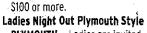
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