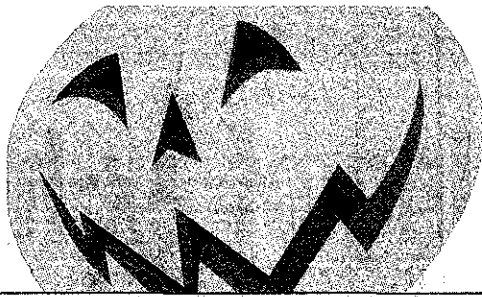


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## All smiles



Lincoln Elementary fourth-grade teacher Laura Gutt holds up a couple of items received by from Office Max as part of its "A Day Made Better" program. Presenting her with the items for her classroom are Kris Roe (from left), manager Ken Schaal and assistant manager Travis Myer of the Canton Office Max store.

## Lincoln Elementary teacher wins supplies from OfficeMax

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was truly "A Day Made Better" for Laura Gutt, a teacher at Lincoln Elementary School.

"I'm shocked, I'm so excited, I truly am," said Gutt, who was among 1,300 teachers across the country selected by OfficeMax to receive \$1,000 worth of classroom supplies. "I never thought this would happen, I had no clue."

"Our slogan is to try and erase teacher-funded classrooms," said Travis Myer, assistant manager of the Canton OfficeMax store. "We want teachers to come to school and learn with students and not spend money

out of their pocket."

Gutt, who has been a fourth-grade teacher at Lincoln for 11 years, received a new desk chair and a box filled with school supplies during a surprise assembly earlier this month. She was nominated for the honor by Principal Jennifer Munson.

"Laura is one of the most solid, conscientious teachers I know, not to mention that she doesn't like to get much credit for everything she does," Munson said.

According to the 2005 National Education Association survey, teachers on average spend \$1,200 out of their pockets for necessary classroom supplies. The survey prompted OfficeMax to mobilize its employees

to conduct "A Day Made Better" to support teachers and generate public awareness to end teacher-funded classrooms.

"Our 'A Day Made Better' campaign has one message: it's time to act together so that our teachers can focus on educating our children without worrying about where their classroom supplies will come from," said Bob Thacker, OfficeMax senior vice president for marketing.

OfficeMax stages "A Day Made Better" in partnership with the nonprofit Adopt-A-Classroom organization. Each year, on Oct. 1, OfficeMax employees surprise and

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## Redford teen faces felony charges in fatal car crash

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 15-year-old Redford boy is facing multiple felony charges following allegations he drove illegally and caused a three-vehicle accident early Tuesday in Westland that left a Walled Lake man dead.

The boy is in custody of juvenile authorities as he awaits a court hearing Tuesday that could determine whether he should be charged as an adult, Westland Police Officer Tom Lessnau said Friday.

The accident happened about 12:49 a.m. Tuesday at Merriman and Warren roads, on Westland's northeast side. One victim, 35-year-old Ndalima Yussuf Nzaro of Walled Lake, suffered severe head injuries and died Thursday evening at the University of Michigan Hospital, where he had been airlifted from Garden City Hospital.

The three-vehicle crash happened when the Redford teen, with police in pursuit, lost control of a silver Mercedes while driving at a high rate of speed on eastbound Warren, police Sgt. Ron Kroll said. The teen lost control of the car and slammed into a Honda Accord and a Ford Van that had stopped at a red light on southbound Merriman, Kroll said.

Nzaro, a custodian on his way to work at an unknown location, was in the Honda when it was struck by the Mercedes, which police had pursued from the Wayne-Warren area, Kroll said.

The teen had no license and was accompanied by three other teens,

Kroll said. It wasn't known Friday whether the others might face charges, Kroll said.

The Mercedes belonged to an Ann Arbor resident, but it wasn't clear whether the teen had ties to the owner.

"The vehicle had been taken without the owner's permission," Lessnau said.

The teen has been turned over to Wayne County juvenile authorities.

Charges are expected to pile up following Nzaro's death. Kroll already had indicated that the teen driver could potentially face charges such as fleeing and eluding second offense; operating under the influence of a controlled substance; failing to stop following the accident; receiving and concealing stolen property; unlawful driving away of the vehicle; and having no operator's license.

However, police said the exact charges may not be known until early in the week.

Nzaro was initially taken to Garden City Hospital and then airlifted to U-M Hospital, where he had been placed on life support until Thursday evening. The 15-year-old Redford driver was captured at the scene following a brief foot chase, police have said.

Kroll has said that police don't believe alcohol was a factor in the crash, although he said the teen could be facing charges of operating under the influence of a controlled substance. No other details were immediately available.

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## Man gets almost 20 years in prison for child pornography

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A Westland convicted sex offender will spend nearly 20 years in prison for using a computer to distribute pornographic images of children ages 4 to 9 being sexually assaulted by adults, federal authorities announced.

Sean Dennis Bendele, 45, was sentenced earlier this month in U.S. District Court in Detroit after he pleaded guilty to child pornography distribution and being a prior convicted felon in possession of a handgun, said Terrence Berg, acting U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Allegations against Bendele surfaced in September 2007, when a suspect arrested in an undercover operation in

Sydney, Australia, began cooperating with Australian federal authorities. The investigation led to accusations that Bendele used a computer file-sharing program to distribute child pornographic images and discuss sexual assault of children with others online, Berg announced.

Detroit-based FBI agents in December 2007 secured a search warrant for Bendele's home and seized a laptop computer and CDs containing what authorities described as hundreds of child pornographic movies and images. Police also found three rifles and a pistol.

Authorities determined that Bendele also had been convicted of a sexual assault in 1992, long before the latest allegations surfaced.

"This (latest) crime involves the trading or distribution of images depicting the sexual assault, molestation and violent physical abuse of children," Berg said in a prepared statement. "The distribution of such images fuels, motivates and rewards those who engage in the sexual exploitation of children in order to produce such images."

Berg also said his office will continue to pursue suspects who try to expand the market for online child pornography, adding that Bendele's sentence by federal Judge Robert Cleland "sends a message to those who are convicted of exploiting children that they will receive significant punishment."

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## City will hold 2nd Norwayne cleanup

A year after Westland city officials and residents led a sweeping change in the Norwayne area by rounding up more than 99 tons of debris, Mayor William Wild has announced a second annual community cleanup effort in the same neighborhood.

The effort, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, is intended to rid neighborhood yards, particularly those of foreclosed and vacant properties, of unwanted and discarded items both large and small. Wild has asked for volunteers to help.

"The Norwayne area is Westland's hardest hit area in terms of foreclosed and vacant properties," he said in a prepared statement. "We are again calling on volunteers to collectively help make a difference and ultimately revitalize Norwayne."

On the cleanup day, residents may dispose of trash and debris, furniture, and appliances. Workers from the Westland Department of Public Service will be on hand with pickup trucks, and the city's trash hauler, Midwest Sanitation, will provide about 30 Dumpsters that will be placed throughout the Norwayne area to collect refuse.

The neighborhood is situated in an area bounded by Merriman, Palmer, Wildwood and Glenwood. Volunteers may dispose of rubbish at locations including Jefferson-Barns Elementary School, 32150 Dorsey, for residents who live east of Venoy, and Lincoln Elementary School, 33800 Grand Traverse, for residents who live west of Venoy. The Dorsey Center, on

Dorsey east of Venoy, will serve as the main staging area. Residents may go there if they have items that are too heavy to lift. The city's towing company, Westland Car Care, will be on hand to haul away junk or unwanted vehicles, but people seeking help must have vehicle titles.

Norwayne, built during the World War II period, includes low- to moderate-income households, and city officials say signs of a rebirth are evident due to outside housing investors who have begun renovating some of the older duplexes. In some cases, they are being replaced by new single-family homes.

Volunteers need only to arrive on site by 8:30 a.m. at any of the staging areas. For more information, call the city's public service department at (734) 728-1770.

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### Coming Thursday in filter



The Detroit Institute of Arts celebrates the modern masters with its latest exhibit, Monet to Dalí.



# Woman will stand trial in shooting of ex-husband

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 65-year-old Westland woman was ordered Thursday to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges she tried to kill her estranged husband by shooting him in the face during a domestic dispute at Parkcrest Apartments, on Warren east of Newburgh.

Mary Alice Teague is facing trial after 64-year-old L.C. Teague testified in Westland 18th District Court that she shot him with a weapon that police described as a .22-caliber revolver. One bullet pierced the left side of his face and lodged in his neck. Although the victim has been released from a hospital, he will face further medical procedures, police Sgt. Jeff

Trzybinski said. "The bullet is still in him," the detective said. Testimony in front of visiting Judge Bryan Levy also indicated that Mary Alice Teague had gone to Firearm Exchange, a gun shop on Wayne Road north of Palmer, to buy ammunition prior to the shooting that occurred around 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7.

The wounded victim managed to wrestle the gun from the defendant, and he fled the apartment, Trzybinski said. However, Mary Alice Teague is accused of following him and assaulting him with a metal chair, Trzybinski said. The incident ended when a Westland police officer driving by on Warren Road noticed the dispute was hap-

pening, Trzybinski said. Teague could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if she's convicted of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felony firearm, and two counts of felonious assault. A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for her, and she remains jailed in lieu of a \$50,000 cash bond. According to police Sgt.

Thad Nelson, the couple had separated and L.C. Teague had gone to the apartment to see Mary Alice Teague when he was shot. "He claimed he was sitting on the couch when she pulled the gun out and shot him," Nelson said. The defendant has no criminal history, Nelson said.

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## Schools, teachers union agree to refrain from comments on negotiations

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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After weeks of public bickering over contract talks, Wayne-Westland school officials and teacher union leaders have agreed to hushed negotiations as the two sides continue to try to reach a settlement. The latest development follows a four-day work stoppage earlier this month by teachers upset over issues such as class sizes and health insurance. It also comes after the two sides appeared in recent days before administrative law Judge Doyle O'Connor of the Michigan Employee Relations Commission. Charlotte Sherman, the district's deputy superintendent for educational services, issued

a statement Friday indicating that school officials and Wayne-Westland Education Association leaders will tone down what has been said publicly. "With the assistance of administrative law Judge Doyle O'Connor, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the Wayne-Westland Education Association have mutually agreed it would be in the best interest of district students if they refrained from any further comment on collective bargaining until the fact-finder issues his report, currently scheduled for sometime in early January 2009." However, the agreement apparently will not restrict comments from Wayne-Westland school board President Martha Pitsenbarger,

Vice President Skip Monit, Treasurer Steve Becher and Trustee Ed Turner — all of whom are targeted by a recall campaign. "This restriction will not apply to any board members against whom a recall petition has been filed," Sherman said. "The district and the association will continue to bargain in good faith toward a successor agreement." WWEA officials couldn't be reached Friday afternoon, although Sherman said the statement she issued had been cleared with union leaders before it was released. The two sides have negotiated since the last contract expired in late August.

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Garden City Hospital Dr. Dominic Gargiulo purchases the ribs that were served as part of the MASH fund-raiser theme, dietary assistant Janice Maier is wearing one the T-shirts that can be purchased.

### AROUND WESTLAND

#### Play Planet

Volunteers still are needed to help build Play Planet, a sprawling play structure planned for Tattan Park southwest of Ford and Carlson, near Westland City Hall. The build dates are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, through Friday, Oct. 24, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. To help, call (734) 722-7620.

#### Antique appraisal

DuMouchelle's Galleries and the Westland Historic Village Park will host an antique appraisal clinic 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at senior citizen Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford. Verbal appraisals will be given for \$10 an item, with a maximum limit of three items for each person. Items must be brought to the Friendship Center, and appraisals will be by appointment by calling (734) 522-3918. Walk-ins will be accepted at the end of the scheduled appraisals.

#### VFW contest

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7575 and its Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring the

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annual Voice of Democracy audio script writing contest and the Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest.

The Voice of Democracy audio/essay contest is open to all students in grades nine through 12. The Patriot's Pen essay contest is open to all students in grades 6-8.

Students are encouraged to express their patriotism while competing for awards. Prizes are awarded for winners at the post, district, state and national levels. For more details, call Helen Versele at (734) 522-4774 or send an e-mail to helen-versele@sbcglobal.net.

#### They're back!

Circle Oct. 22 on your calendar. That's when the Wednesday themed dinner buffets return to Cafe Marquette at the William D. Ford Career Technical

Center on Marquette, west of Wayne Road in Westland.

Culinary students will be serving up a Harvest Celebration/pig roast on Oct. 22, followed by an Autumn Fest on Oct. 29. In November, there will be a Thanksgiving buffet on Nov. 12 and a wild game buffet on Nov. 19, followed by Caribbean Nights on Dec. 3, Christmas Wassail on Dec. 10 and Chef's Table on Jan. 7.

Seating is limited for the buffet which is open 4:45-6:15 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call (734) 419-2100.

#### College Night

The Wayne County Community College District is hosting a Plan Your Future @ College Night, 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at its Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty, Belleville.

College Night provides an opportunity for students, their parents, family and friends to explore the educational opportunities that are available at more than 30 colleges and universities.

This event is open to the public at no cost. For more information, call (734) 697-5181.

#### 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, Oct. 24. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020. The center also has bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays.

# MASH inspires theme for hospital fund-raiser

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Boots, Army drab or other military uniforms will be the dress of the day as Garden City Hospital's annual fall fund-raiser takes on a MASH theme Friday.

The event is taking its inspiration from the television show and also as a salute to the U.S. military, said Joyce Pappas, a hospital board member who chairs the Garden City Hospital Foundation board.

More than 600 people are expected to attend the \$75-per-ticket fund-raiser which begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Laurel Manor in Livonia. There will be food stations, a silent auction and music by Sunset Boulevard.

"I don't know a lot of specifics. We have a committee that does the event and they like to keep a lot of surprises," Pappas said.

MASH-themed meals and T-shirts promoting the event were sold in the hospital cafeteria last week to support the upcoming event.

This is the 17th annual fall fund-raiser for the hospital — events which have had a variety of themes over the years.



Garden City Hospital staff were treated to a MASH cafeteria theme to promote their fund-raiser, above under the tent to get their condiments for their lunch.

"We're at 600 people and the mail is still coming in. We are very fortunate and appreciate the loyalty to the hospital, especially in this economy," Pappas said. "We get tremendous support from the medical staff, the employees and the community. It's very gratifying."

Money raised at the event will be used for clinical equipment purchases. Pappas noted the hospital's new surgical

suites were opened in August. "It's a great facility and we have very dedicated people who work there," she said. "You don't realize that until you need care. It truly is a family there and they make you feel that way if you use the facility."

Tickets for the fall fund-raiser are available by calling (734) 458-4331.

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Fourth-grader Phynikuar Holland (center) tells the Office Max employees that her teacher Laura Gutt is "very caring."

**SURPRISE**  
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honor teachers with a classroom gift — a leather desk chair and a surprise package of classroom supplies. Joining Myer at Lincoln Elementary for the surprise presentation at Lincoln were Canton store manager Ken Schaal and employee Kris Roe.

"This is the second year we've done this Adopt-A-Classroom," said Schaal. "Jennifer Munson took the initiative to turn in Laura Gutt for the recognition."

As the star of the assembly, Gutt was all smiles as her students described her, saying that "she's nice," "she keeps you busy," "she's caring," and "she's funny."

"I love you, Miss Gutt," one youngster said.

Gutt was invited to sit in her new chair and immediately gave it a double thumbs up, a gesture that prompted students to cheer. She also pulled out many of the school supplies, hidden in a box, to show the students.

According to Gutt, the Fourth of July marks the



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Fourth-grade teacher Laura Gutt gives a thumbs up for her new chair.

beginning of her quest for inexpensive school supplies. She uses the summer holiday to start her search for sales.

"There's so many needs here," she said. "A lot of the kids in the area don't have the folders and pencils they need, so I provide them. I spend at least \$200 to start the year."

While there was a suggestion to roll her to her classroom in her new chair, Gutt opted to walk with her students.

"It's a wonderful conference chair," she said. "Oh, my God, I may not be able to get out of it."

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**Man airlifted to U-M Hospital after collision**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A 41-year-old diabetic man apparently was having a medical problem when his vehicle veered into oncoming traffic and caused a four-vehicle accident Tuesday afternoon at Wayne and Avondale roads, police Sgt. Ron Kroll said.

One man in a vehicle he hit was airlifted to the University of Michigan Hospital following the pile-up that snarled traffic about 4:20 p.m., Kroll said.

The accident apparently happened when the diabetic man had a medical problem, veered off southbound Wayne, hit a mailbox, then

crossed the road and drove into the direction of oncoming traffic, Kroll said.

The man, driving a GMC Sierra pickup truck, hit a Chrysler 300 car, which in turn hit a Ford Escape SUV, Kroll said. The man in the Sierra then hit an oncoming Chevy Venture minivan, Kroll said, and a 20-year-old man in that vehicle was airlifted to U-M Hospital, where he was being treated.

Police hadn't released names of the people involved in the accident.

Speed didn't appear to be a factor in the accident, Kroll said. He said the driver in the GMC Sierra apparently had "a diabetic issue" and lost control of the vehicle.

Officers apparently didn't issue any tickets to the driver, Kroll said.

The accident was the second Tuesday involving a driver being airlifted to U-M Hospital.

During a three-vehicle accident around 12:49 a.m. Tuesday, a 35-year-old man in a Honda Accord was flown to U-M Hospital after his car and another vehicle were struck at Merriman and Warren by a silver Mercedes Benz being driven illegally at a high rate of speed by a 15-year-old Redford youth who was turned over to juvenile authorities, Kroll said.

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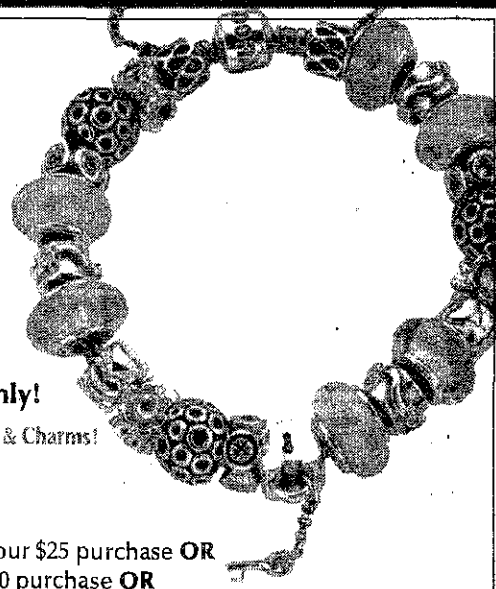
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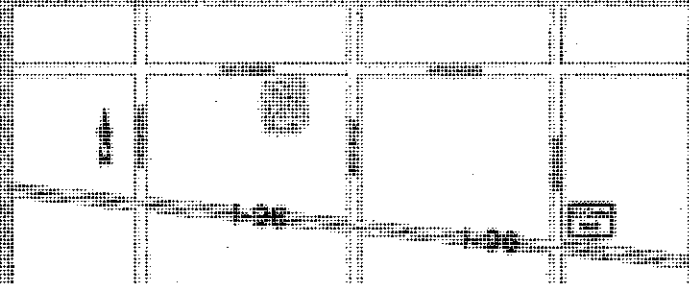
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# Observer columnist Gagnon will write for encyclopedia

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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If you want to know something about a washing machine, a dryer or dishwasher, ask an expert. That's how the Appliance Doctor Joe Gagnon, an *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers columnist and radio host, ended up writ-



Joe Gagnon

who currently has a radio show

ing three articles for *The World Book Encyclopedia*. "They got a hold of me through the radio station — I thought they were kidding," said Gagnon,

on 1600 WAAM in Ann Arbor. "They said they had been following my newspaper articles for a year." The three articles written by Gagnon — on washing machines, clothes dryers and dishwashers — are included in the online version of *The World Book Encyclopedia* currently and will also appear in the printed edition later this

month. "At one time, I couldn't speak English and now I'm in *The World Book Encyclopedia*," said Gagnon, who grew up speaking French in his native Canada. "This is quite a privilege and an honor. I'm very excited at being included." The owner of Carmack Appliance in Garden City from 1979-97, Gagnon said he first

learned about appliance repair through a correspondence course in 1958. At the time he was in Nova Scotia playing senior hockey for the Toronto Maple Leafs which he said didn't pay well. "I fixed appliances for the opposing teams," said Gagnon, a Northville resident. A former president of the Garden City Chamber of

Commerce, Gagnon began talking about appliances on the radio 25 years ago with programs on WCAR in Garden City and WAAM. In the intervening years, Gagnon has spent time on radio stations WJR, WXYT/WWJ and next month will begin a show on WDTK Salem Broadcasting.

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## Livonia woman goes to the air to support Prop 2

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

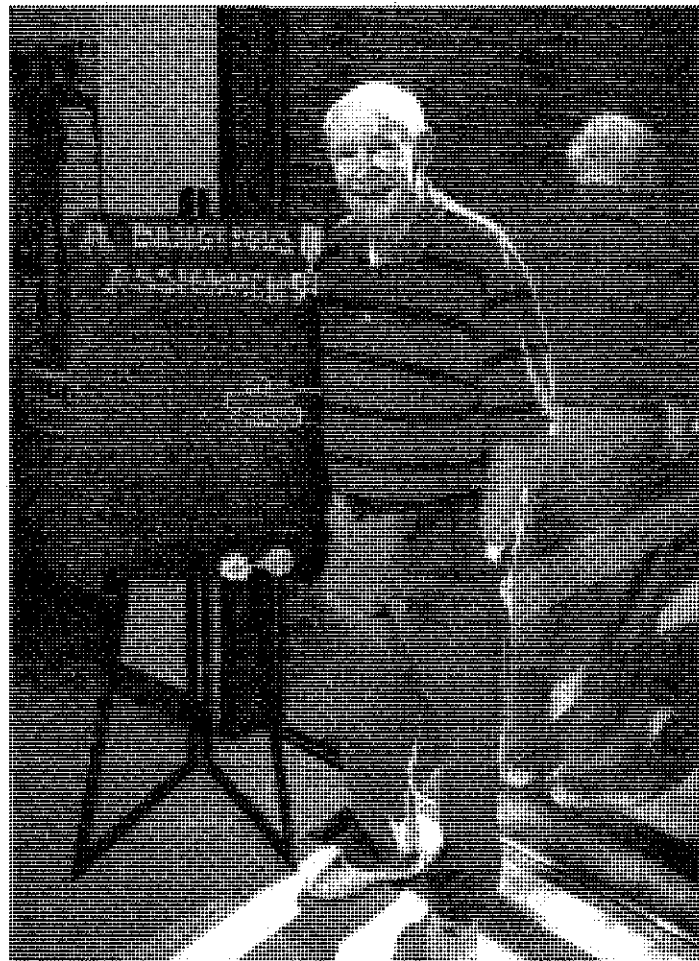
A 19-year-old Livonia woman paralyzed in a high school sports accident is the centerpiece of a new ad urging the passage of Proposal 2 which would expand the availability of embryonic stem cells for use in experiments. Laura Jackson is taking her plea to the citizens of Michigan directly by starring in a political advertisement, paid for by pro-Prop 2 advocacy group Cure Michigan, that went into rotation Friday night. "Proposal 2 is important to Michigan and to people with illnesses and disabilities," she said in her parents' Livonia home. "Our first priority is to help the sick and this will give them a chance to have a normal life." She said she had 14 years of a normal life before breaking her neck and becoming paralyzed in a cheerleading accident. Many children born with congenital defects and genetic diseases don't get a window of normalcy. Allowing the research, pursuing the cures, she said, gives a chance at a normal life to people who currently have no hope for that. What the proposal does, she said, is open the door to research. Chemotherapy and transplant technique were results of the research process and embryonic stem cells could provide the key to helping to

combat "hundreds or thousands of diseases." Without the research, she said, no one is being saved or helped. "Currently, those embryos are being thrown away," Jackson said. "This is a pro-life stance. Proposal 2 gives hope to ill people." Dave Doyle is the spokesman for MICAUSE, the organization that is opposing Prop 2. He said the slogan, "Prop 2 goes too far" is apt because it will tie the legislature's hands forever. "Whether people vote yes or no, embryonic stem cell research will continue to be legal in Michigan," he said. "But if you vote yes, it will take off all regulations and have the state constitution say the practice will never be regulated or discouraged. It goes too far." He uses a line of thinking first espoused by Kalamazoo State Sen. Tom George, an anesthesiologist, who said enough isn't known about anything when it's first debuted. More than 50 years ago the first kidney transplants were performed and everyone was happy about that. Now there are laws that prevent sales of organs, a law that calls for HIV tests on donated organs and even laws pertaining to situations where children may donate — all issues that weren't considered when the research first took place. "If Prop 2 passes, we'll never be able to say anything about any stem cell research," he said.

## Former art teacher to present book on WWII experiences

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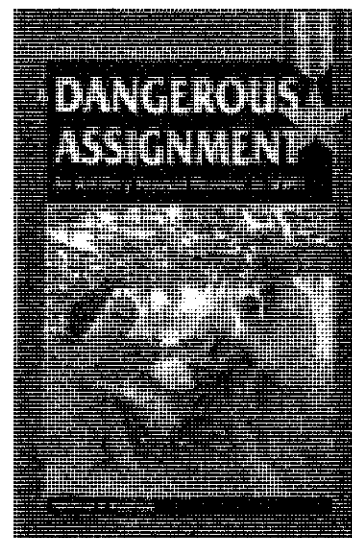
A former soldier who directed the big guns during WWII will visit Livonia next month to tell his story and promote the book he wrote about his experiences. William Hanford, 87 of Howell, will appear at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library for a book signing and discussion of his newly-published work, "Dangerous Assignment: An Artillery Forward Observer in WWII." Hanford decided to write a book about his experiences in WWII more than 20 years ago and eventually penned a novel based on his time as an artillery forward observer. The former Livonia Public Schools art teacher tried shopping the book out to agents for a while (and getting nowhere) and then started thinking about whether it was a good idea or not. Not about whether to write a book or not, the decision was about what kind of book to write. "I kept getting turned down and in the mid-90s, I discovered memoirs were selling well," Hanford said. "So I went through the book, knocked all of the fiction out of the book, and found a publisher, Stackpole Books." The book follows Hanford and his unit from their landing in the south of France in 1944 to their incursions into Nazi Germany in support of an infantry battalion. Their job was to spot enemy hideouts and call to the artillery gunners in the back of the line to call down a strike so that enemy artillery couldn't



William Hanford, a former art teacher in the Livonia Public Schools, will promote his first book, "A Dangerous Assignment," at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library as part of the "History Lives at the Library" informational program.

hit the back of their lines. During this time, his unit and the battalion he was accompanying was subject to small arms fire from the very enemies they were trying to eradicate with artillery. Stories like Hanford's are of special interest to Livonia Civic Center Library Head of Adult Services Carl Katafiasz. Presentations

like his fit nicely with the library's programs. "We started a new series, History Lives at the Library, where we find people with a personal interest in history," he said. That's an interest in history, not necessarily a degree. The library has played host to people who are enthusiasts about historical periods.



Recently, a man came and gave a presentation on the newly-uncovered Confederate submarine, the CSS Hunley and Katafiasz himself has held court on a maritime disaster. It was the drive to bring these people to the library that connected them with Hanford. "We were supposed to have a WWII re-enactor come in, someone who would depict a bomber pilot, but he had a scheduling conflict," Katafiasz said. "Hanford had called a few days earlier wanting to speak in Livonia, so we got him in. It was like kismet." Hanford lived in Westland for nine years before moving to Livonia where he lived for 11. He taught in several of the Livonia Public Schools over 16 years. While he taught private oil painting classes, he also ended up teaching a student who would grow up to be Howell Public Schools' Supt. Ted Gardella.

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#502 CATHY O ELZEIN  
#753 JUSTIN A JOHNSON  
#1310 GARY BELL  
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To all residents and interested parties, the Council minutes will be available for review on the internet at:  
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### City of Westland

#### Invitation to Bid

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2298, on or before **Thursday, October 30, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions) for the following:

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

Jade M. Smith, Controller

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 1006 Kathleen Rodrigues - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 1102 Wael Mokhles - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 1134 Patricia Benjamin - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 1138 Yancy Davis - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 1354 Glen Smith - Tools, Washer, Bags
- 1374 Travis Johnson - Mattress, Boxes, Bags
- 1388 Michelca Scroggs - Washer, Totes, Bags
- 1410 Spakalen Keith - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 1432 Bruce Eubanks - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 1508 Nick Spare - Table, Mattresses, Bed
- 1552 Marion Sinclair - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 2188 Shatunna Priester - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 2384 Latanya Evans - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 2388 Jerry Taylor - Tv, Boxes, Bags
- 2482 William Vannetta - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 5006-Todd Harbin - Box, Bags, Totes

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- 1004 Downriver Installation Services - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 2051 Talis Dugas - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 3013 Jennifer Stoneberg - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 3031 Antione Turner - TV, Bags, Totes
- 3034 Clifton Johnson - Air Conditioner, Boxes, Totes
- 3037 Ebony Moore - Boxes, Bags, Totes
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- 4051 Antoine Murry - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 4071 Walter Kraft - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 4083 Claude Ross - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 6042 Ashley Morey - Gallagher - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 6085 Ron Bemby - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 6091 Donald Faulknor - Boxes, Bags, Tote
- 7017 Vikki Hood - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 7082 Krystal Pinson - Table, Boxes, Totes
- 9039 Nichelle Dempster - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 9054 Dave Watt - Boxes, Bags, Totes
- 9074 Troy Jackson - Boxes, Bags, Totes
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- B150 - George Chene- box,bag,tote
- B226- Adt security Services- Curity Services- box,bag,tote
- B230- Victoria Skrant- box,bag,tote
- B257- Petrice Johnson- box,bag,tote
- B261- Rodney Ursey- box,bag,tote
- B391- Jesus Gonzalez- box,bag,tote
- C025- Lola Yonko- box,bag,tote
- C043- Tonia Johnson- box,bag,tote
- E002- Latoya Marzette- Mills- box,bag,tote
- E008- Jason Hall- box,bag,tote
- E046- Sunil Chundur- box,bag,tote
- F049- Joanie Jackson- box,bag,tote

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- 1001- Crystal Langley- box,bag,tote
- 105 DALE TRIMBLE Box,bag,tote
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- 214 JASON WOZNAK BOAT box,bag,tote
- 312 JANEL BLEVINS box,bag,tote
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- 527 CHAQITA MCCROY box,bag,tote
- 608 BOB SAYED box,bag,tote
- 639 ANNIE BRAND DRESSER,BAGS,TABLE
- 652 Mark Deason- box,bag,tote
- 668 DAVID ZIMMERMAN COUCH TABLE BOXS
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- 923 Tina Keller box,bag,tote
- 947 SUSAN DALMONTE box,bag,tote
- 955 Patrick Kirchner- box,bag,tote
- 1113 JENNIFER RAGER box,bag,tote

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# Times may be too risky for aggressive money market investment

Dear Rick: I am an hourly worker at General Motors. I have a portion of my check put into an account called a demand note which is a money market account at Mellon Financial. The money is not insured. Should I withdraw the money and deposit it into an account which is insured? The note is paying a little over 5 percent.

A money market paying 5 percent in today's environment, is an aggressive investment. Unless you are an aggressive investor, I would move the money out of the money market into something more secure.

It is not just the situation at General Motors that I am concerned about, but rather the entire domestic auto industry. The credit crunch we are currently experiencing, along with increased foreign competition, means volatile times ahead for the U.S. auto industry. Taking this into



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The first is to consider a CD or a money market account at a bank or credit union. CDs through banks are now insured up to \$250,000 and it is easy to shop rates around the country. There are many Web sites. One I like is www.bankrate.com. It shows you the highest rates

consideration and the fact that GM debt is considered non-investment grade, I would make a change. If you're

looking for something that is insured there are a couple of ways to proceed. The first is to consider a CD or a money market account at a bank or credit union. CDs through banks are now insured up to \$250,000 and it is easy to shop rates around the country. There are many Web sites. One I like is www.bankrate.com. It shows you the highest rates

for federally insured CDs in the country.

Another option is a fixed annuity which also is insured up to \$100,000, has no principle fluctuation and offers fixed rates of returns. One of the benefits of the annuity is it grows tax-deferred.

Dear Rick: I heard you discuss the deal that Countrywide and Bank of America was doing for those whose homes were foreclosed. You said those people would be offered an opportunity to get back their homes or to have their debt reduced. Is that correct? My husband and I have struggled very hard to continue to pay our mortgage these past few months even though neither

of us had a job. Needless to say, other bills did not get paid on a timely basis. So when I heard that those who defaulted will, in essence, be rewarded, it was upsetting. What about those of us who only have one home, did get a funky mortgage, didn't buy homes to flip. Shouldn't we get some sort of adjustment on what we owe on our mortgage. To whom do I write about this?

The deal that Countrywide entered into with regards to some of their mortgages was based upon a settlement of massive fraud allegations against the company. It was alleged that Countrywide's loan officers deceived individuals about the terms of their mortgage. The settlement was meant to settle

those claims. Therefore, it is a little different than your situation.

I understand where you are coming from. You made the necessary adjustments within your lifestyle and paid your mortgage. It is not fair that some people who may not have been as responsible as you will be getting some sort of mortgage relief. I do not disagree with you and it does seem that people who play by the rules sometimes get taken advantage of. Unfortunately, that is the way our system works. I certainly think there is a difference between people who were defrauded vs. people who just made bad financial decisions. I do believe people should be responsible for their own actions.

However, in our society too many people are not fiscally responsible and they do end up getting bailed out.

If you wish to express your disappointment you should contact your U.S. congressman and the two senators from Michigan, Sen. Carl Levin, (202) 224-6221, or www.levin.senate.gov, and Sen. Deborah Stabenow, (202) 224-4882, or www.stabenow.senate.gov.

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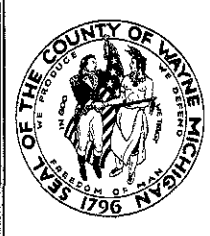
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## Hospital offers health and fitness programs

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

### Monday, Oct. 20

**Exercise Express** 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

### Tuesday, Oct. 21

**Get Up and Move** at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

**Diabetes Self-Management Education** (first of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

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

**Yoga** (third of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the

body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden **Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club** at 7:30 p.m. Support is offered to those who have had an aneurysm or stroke as well as to their family and friends. The club meets every third Tuesday of the month to listen to various presentations and to promote interaction between people who have something in common. This free group is held in Garden City Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit dining room. For more information, please call (734) 458-4392.

### Wednesday, Oct. 22

**Exercise Express** 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

**CPAP and BiPAP Mask Fitting Clinic** at 5 p.m. Attention CPAP and BiPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

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

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### DAILY PROGRAMS

Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.

## Reading groups help you share ideas about books

Who hasn't had the desire to share their thoughts and ideas about a book they read with friends, families, or even the person in line at the grocery store? Though reading is often thought of as a solitary activity, the discussions that follow an especially captivating read certainly aren't.

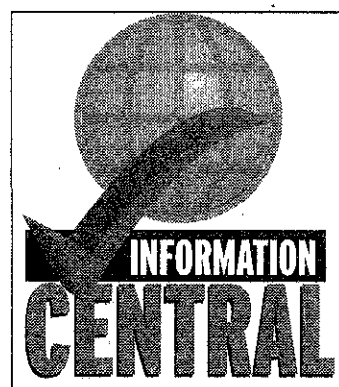
Thanks to the Women's National Book Association, October has been designated National Reading Group Month — celebrating the joy of shared reading.

According to WNBA national president Joan Gelfand, "Reading groups are to the literary world what slow food is to our fast food nation. They encourage people to slow down and think deeply about themes, characters, plot. They encourage discourse in a culture where most communication is by text message."

In addition to nurturing a love of reading, book groups can provide an environment which allows people to share ideas and increase their understanding of the world around them.

Book groups come in all sizes and styles. Whether you're a child, teen or adult, there is a book group available for you. Whether you can commit to a monthly meeting or prefer to drop in at your convenience, you can always find a spot. Whether you prefer to delve into a specific genre or want a varied experience that is available, too.

Several sources are offered



online for the new or seasoned book group participant. Try Book Clubs Resources, www.book-clubs-resource.com, a comprehensive Web site for anyone interested in learning all about book groups — from organizing a group, book lists, discussion questions, and much more. Another great resource is Book Browse: your guide to exceptional books www.readinggroup-choices.com. In addition to book guides and discussion questions, you can find interviews with authors and possibly even win a chance to have an author speak to your next meeting.

Activities are planned around the county throughout the month to promote the value and importance of reading groups and the Westland Public Library is right on board. All past and present members of any book groups are invited to stop by the library from 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, to meet others who enjoy the shared

experience of reading. No matter the size of your book group or where you meet, whether you meet regularly or when schedules permit, is made up of family members, coworkers or a church or social group, stop by the library and come together with others of similar interests.

Book group members of all ages are encouraged to share how their group was started, some popular — and not so popular — selections, how titles are selected and anything else you would like to share. And as every book group participant can expect, light refreshments will be served.

Never been a part of a reading group? This is the perfect time to stop by the library and find out what they are all about. We would love to have you, because when all is said and done, it really is the discussion that it's all about. By the way, what did you think of the *The White Tiger*?

For more information about books, book groups or reading just stop by the library Monday-Wednesday, 10 am – 9 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 am – 5 p.m. or westlandlib.mi.

— Marilyn Kwik

### HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Save Money by Saving Energy, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the library, every Wednesday evening beginning at 7 p.m.

Plastic Model Building for Children, 1 p.m. Nov. 8.

## Veterans invited to see free movie

Those who have served in the military can relax and enjoy a free movie on Veterans Day Tuesday, Nov. 11.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) and AMC Theaters of Livonia are hosting a free screening of *Flags of Our Fathers*, a film directed by Clint Eastwood.

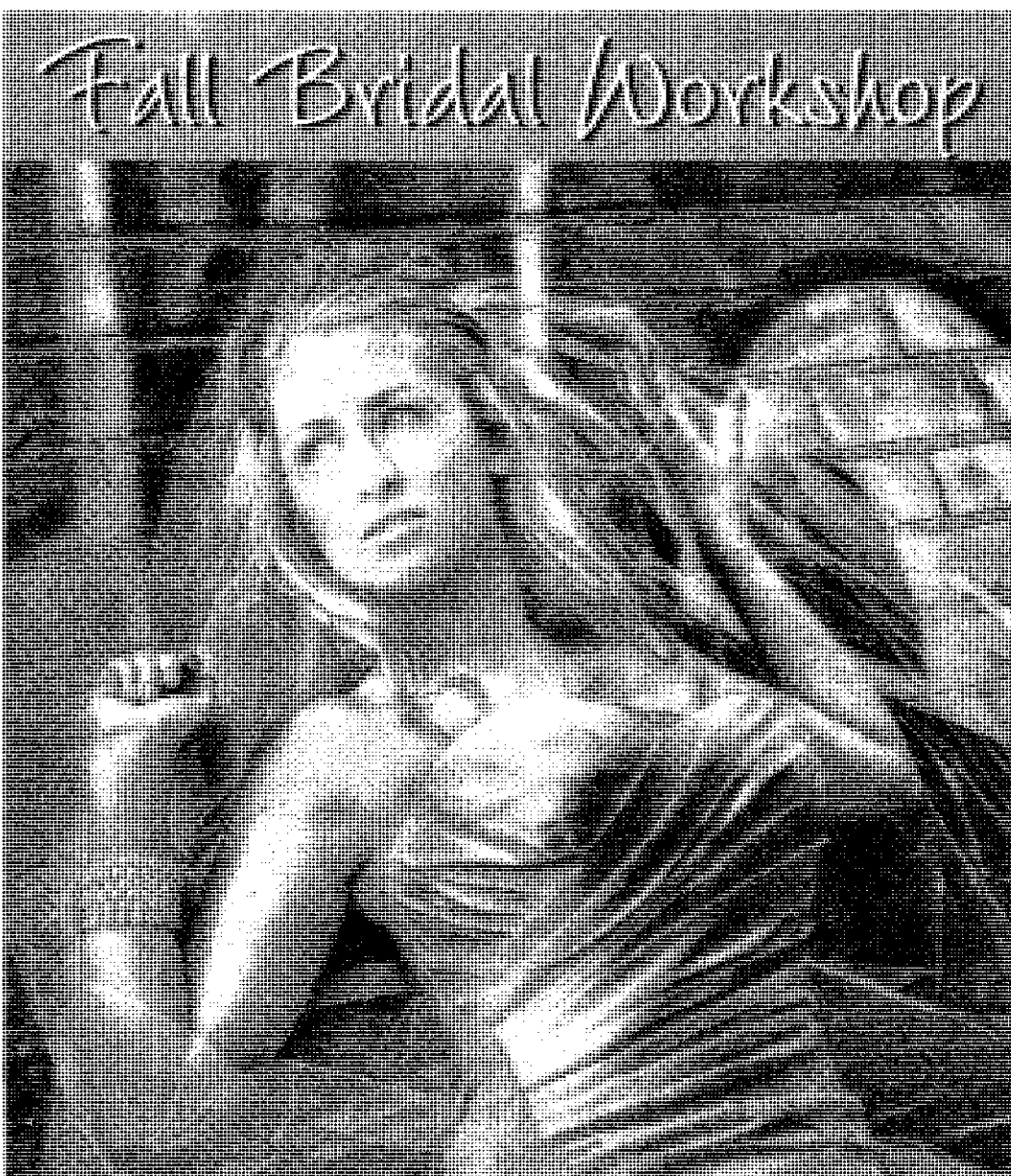
"On this day we celebrate the tremendous efforts made by American soldiers to secure a more peaceful future for our nation and the human race,"

Anderson said. "It is terrific that the community can come together to offer a small token of appreciation to those men and women whom have sacrificed so very much. I hope this can be the beginning of a new tradition to honor our area veterans."

The movie will be shown at 3 p.m. on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11. The Livonia AMC 20, located on Haggerty north of Seven Mile, will be hosting the celebration.

In addition to the free screening, concessions will be provided free of charge courtesy of AMC Theaters of Livonia. Tickets are limited and will be required for admission. Veterans may request their free tickets by contacting Anderson's office by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov or toll free by phone at (866) 262-7306.

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# Commissioners to hold hearing on parks millage

BY KURT KUBAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing Tuesday in Canton to discuss its proposal to return a portion of the county's parks millage back to the local communities. The Commission's Ways and Means Committee will conduct the meeting at 1 p.m., Oct. 21, at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Commissioners Kevin McNamara of Canton, Laura Cox of Livonia and Bernard Parker of Detroit have proposed an ordinance to return 25 percent of the annual millage back to cities, townships and villages

to use on local parks projects. The 0.25-mill tax, which voters first authorized in 1996 and have renewed twice since, generated more than \$13 million for the county parks system in 2007.

According to McNamara, a Canton Democrat, the county no longer needs the entire millage to maintain the parks system.

"We don't need to increase infrastructure to the county parks. We only need 75 percent of the millage to maintain what we have," he said.

If the ordinance is approved, McNamara said the communities eligible to receive the money would be able to spend it on capital improvements of their own parks systems, though the

projects would have to be approved by the county. They wouldn't be able to use it for maintenance, however.

"The municipalities know best what their needs are, and they can figure that out," McNamara said. "This ordinance will remove politics from the process and provide for a fairer and more equitable distribution of parks millage funds."

Each community would receive 25 percent of what they contribute to the fund, with the exception of the Grosse Pointe communities, which do not allow non residents to use their parks. In 2007, Westland contributed \$567,896 and Garden City contributed \$176,216.

For years, local officials have

been critical of the way the millage funds have been spent. For example, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack has said many communities like Canton have been donor communities, which don't see a return on their investment. McNamara said the new ordinance would address those criticisms.

However, Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano has said the proposed ordinance is illegal, because it is at odds with the language that voters approved.

"We have a fiduciary responsibility to spend the money the way it was voted on by the voters of Wayne County. You can't go back and change it," said Ficano spokesperson Vanessa Denhagarmo.

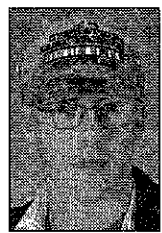
# Iraq vet trying to create new support group

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An Iraq war veteran living in Livonia is trying to put together a new support group in the city. He's hoping to give newly returned vets a resource to help them transition to life outside combat.

"I want to help vets by giving them a local setting to talk to people in their community," said Don Copperstone, who has been living in Livonia since returning from Iraq eight months ago. "The Detroit and Ann Arbor Veterans Administrations have people from all over the region."

The 22-year-old graduated from Au Sable High School in Mio and joined the Army to break out of the small town mold. Trained as a combat engineer, it was his job to build bridges over rivers, sweep for mines and deal with improvised explosive devices. He was stationed in Baquba,



Copperstone

Diyala Province, as part of Task Force Trailblazer.

It was a rough place.

"I was blown up by IEDs eight times," he said. "The combined

shock waves caused me significant brain damage and I was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder."

Copperstone said the last blast knocked him unconscious and he's had headaches ever since as well as shaking, memory loss and difficulty concentrating. He was taken to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany and later to the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. He's been temporarily medically retired, a condition that gives him full retirement benefits as long as the condition persists, but he's unable to work.

Copperstone planned to be a police officer or corrections officer but believes his condition precludes him ever handling a gun again. He knows he isn't the only person in this situation.

"I want to start a support group here in Livonia," he said. "I want to help vets dealing with the same issues I am. I want to help vets stay away from some of the mishaps they can encounter on the road back."

He also wants to get into the high schools to talk about veterans' issues as well as employers about how to best deal with returning veterans.

Copperstone attends counseling sessions at the Veterans Administration hospital in Ann Arbor. SeRV (Serving Returning Veterans) Mental Health Coordinator Anne Duroe said

the VA has a lot of programs for vets of the Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom campaigns.

There are programs dealing with PTSD, substance abuse as well as general mental health programs targeted toward helping veterans make the shift from life in a combat theater to life stateside. The programs are within the psychiatric care system but are open to all vets regardless of their individual diagnoses.

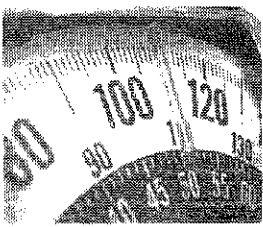
"We have an outreach program, veteran's centers that are part of the VA but outside of the medical centers," Duroe said. "They're community-based, casual programs in storefront settings."

Copperstone is looking for veterans like himself and can be reached at (785) 226-0157.

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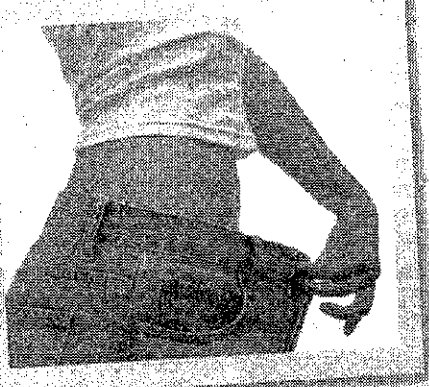
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# Halloween Petwalk will benefit Detroit Zoo

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

If Precious is pretty in pink and Fido looks fantastic in his firefighter frock, then Garden City Parks and Recreation with VCA Animal Hospital of Garden City have just the right event for you.

Grab your pet, dress him in his cutest, scariest or most

adorable outfit and head out to City Park between 2 and 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26, for the Halloween Costume Walk for Pets and their owners.

This is a chance to put on the dog and strut the 2.8 of mile walk as vendors stationed around a path in the park hand out treats and toys to the animals. There is a \$10 entry fee for each pet in the walk and if

you don't register ahead of time the cost is \$12. Pre-registration is at Maplewood Community Center.

Gift certificates to area pet stores will go to the animal with the best costume, funniest, most creative getup and the best pet and owner combination costume.

Vendors will pay between \$20 and \$35 for treat passing rights

and a chance to show off what their business does. Costume judges include Mark Pasman, from WCSX classic rock radio station and Jamie Flannigan from WDVD, pop music station.

All proceeds from this first time event will be donated to the Detroit Zoo. An Oktoberfest band will perform under the pavilion, free face painting will be available and apple cider, doughnuts and other human edibles will be on sale.

"This is the first year we've done it and I'm hoping to have around 100 people," said Cheryl Stepanian, Maplewood Community Center director, who brain stormed the idea with Dr. Brad Davis, a veterinarian at VCA Animal Hospital. VCA Animal Hospital of Garden City has agreed to sponsor the Halloween Costume Walk for Pets and their owners with Garden City Parks and

## HALLOWEEN PET WALK RULES

- Keep pets on a leash less than 6 feet.
- No retractable leashes.
- Pets must be kept under control.
- No animals in heat.
- Owners must clean-up after their pets.
- No roller-blades, bicycles or skate boards.

- Animals or owners whose health, or behavior pose a danger will be barred.
- No obscene costumes or costumes that are dangerous to pets.
- Only one pet per person.
- No vulgar language.

For more information about the Halloween Pet Walk call (734) 793-1850.

Recreation as a family event.

"This is all about getting critters out there for trick or treating," explains Davis. "We want a lot of people to come out, it's a family event and it should be a fun afternoon."

It's not only about dogs, if you're favorite pet is a cat, lizard, parrot or ferret, hamster or a boa constrictor dress it up and bring it to the park. All pets are welcome as long as it isn't aggressive and a threat to other animals or their humans. Organizers also recommend that extremely shy animals might be too stressed out to attend.

"As long as you can keep control of the animal they are welcome," Stepanian said. "Hopefully this is a success and we can do it for a long time."

If you don't have a pet, Stepanian says, you're welcome to visit the park and watch the parade of people and their pets.

Community groups, including Girl Scout troops, have promised to help in various capacities the day of the event.

"They'll probably be cleaning poop," Davis adds.

Stepanian says the idea for the Halloween costume walk kept growing after she attended

a conference where community leaders from other states talked about events that included pets.

"We took it one step further," Stepanian said. "We went to Brad Davis and he used to run in the park and thought it would be a great idea if we set up vendors. Pets become part of a family and people enjoy their pets. It's a fun way to get out and do something with your family or with you and your pet. It's novel, fun and a great way to get outdoors."

Some of the vendors that will be passing out treats include: PetSmart, in Livonia; Cody's Cozy Corner Pet Grooming, in Westland; Dunkin' Dogs, in Garden City; Country Cat and a City Kitty, a rescue group in Livonia; Help Me Find My Pet, a pet registry company in Wixom; Petland, in Westland, TK's Pet Grooming Spa, in Livonia; You Dirty Dog Pet Grooming, in Dearborn Heights and Doggy Delicious in Plymouth. Other vendors are also expected to participate.

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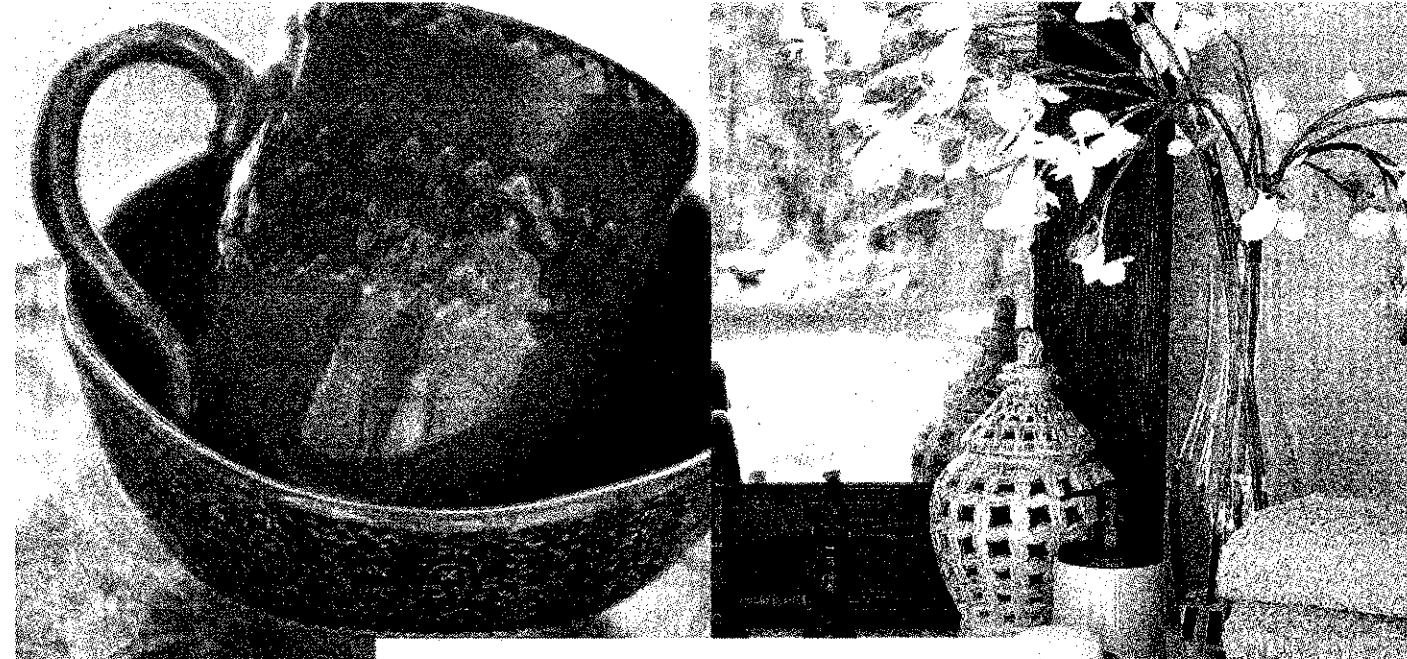
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Farmington Elementary School first-grader Allison Bee, complete with headband, stretches before the start of the school's annual Japanese Sports Day.

## Students show their good sports

The Olympic spirit is alive and well at Farmington Elementary School.

Just ask the students who put their best foot forward in relay races, threw as far as they could in the bean bag toss and made their way through an obstacle course as part of the school's annual Japanese Sports Day.

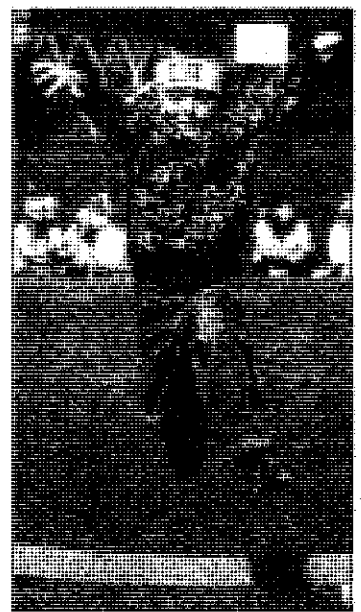
This is the sixth year the school has hosted a Japanese Sports Day, according to Japanese language teacher Lisa Carpenter, who had youngsters wear red, white or blue T-shirts to represent Team China (red), Team Japan (white) and Team USA (blue).

"The Japanese language is taught at Farmington Elementary from kindergarten through sixth-grade," said Carpenter. "We have a wonderful program."

Carpenter patterns the fitness day after the Japanese Sports Day she participated in during her five years as a teacher in Japan. Called Undokai, the event can be held in the fall or spring.

In Japanese style, the students warmed up with exercises before doing the events. Youngsters also are encouraged to use their language skills in encouraging on their fellow athletes and keeping score.

For this year's Sports Day, students tried their hand at Tamaré, a game in which teams



Farmington Elementary School first-grader Michael Hauxwell clears a jump as he runs the obstacle course for "Team USA."

compete against each other to see who can throw the most balls into baskets. Carpenter used bean bags instead of balls. There also was a three-legged race to challenge them.

The event spans the school day with youngsters heading outside to compete during their specials classes. There was also a ribbon ceremony.

According to Carpenter, the school's Sports Day is more about the event than the language.

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**Garage sale**  
The St. Dunstan Rosary Altar Sodality will have a fall garage sale 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, followed by a \$2 bag sale 4-5 p.m. At 1526 Belton in Garden City, two blocks south of Ford Road and two blocks west of Inkerster Road.

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**Travel show**  
Party Animal Travel is holding a free travel show for residents in Wayne and Oakland counties 5-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, in Garden City. Discount travel deals, free travel coupons and some of the area's top travel suppliers will be present. Coupons and raffles will be available for all attendees. To reserve a spot, call (734) 525-9777. Space is limited to the first 300 callers.

**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 guest to a local cemetery for "Tombstone Tales." "A Victorian Haunting Experience" tickets are \$50 per person. Tickets for "Tombstone Tales" are \$10 extra and donations will be given to the Cemetery Association. Seating is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available online at [www.kristyrobinett.com](http://www.kristyrobinett.com).

**Free workshops**

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, is presenting "Find Your Path to Health and Wellness" 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Start your journey to health and wellness, as this class guides you through the holistic wellness choices available. Say goodbye to headaches, back pain, stomach problems even hormones and weight issues. There are alternatives to medications; this workshop will teach about natural means of improving health naturally. There is no charge for the workshop, however, seating is limited to the first 15 guests. Reservations are required. Call (734) 756-6904 or go online to [www.TLCHolisticWellness.com](http://www.TLCHolisticWellness.com).

Dr. William H. Karl, a certified Brimhall wellness doctor and a nutritional expert, will talk about lifestyle choices that will help you lose toxic fat and your excess weight 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 25000 Civic Center Dr., east of Farmington. Karl will explain why it is important to have fats in your diet, how hormones and stress influence your weight, and why. The workshop is co-sponsored by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a non-profit organization serving the community since 1985 promoting natural and preventative healthcare. Seating is limited. Call (734) 425-8588 for more information and to reserve a seat or register online at [www.KarlWellnessCenter.com](http://www.KarlWellnessCenter.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. Non-profit groups interested in sponsoring a fund-raising weekend can call (734) 502-7033 or send an e-mail to [spokertb@gmail.com](mailto:spokertb@gmail.com).

**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 (casual 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 (734) 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.

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

**CRAFT SHOWS**

**Garden City Knights of Columbus**  
Crafters are needed for the Garden City Knights of Columbus second annual craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Nov. 22, at the hall, 30759 Ford, Garden City. For more information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373 or Vicki at (313) 538-0204.

**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.

**FOR YOUR HEALTH**

**Advocacy group**  
The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

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

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

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

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

**EDUCATION**

**St. Raphael**  
St. Raphael Catholic School, located on Merriman just north of Ford in Garden City, is now accepting open enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year for preschool through eighth-grade. Programs include 3-4-year-old preschool, technology updates and a host of extra-curricular 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 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](http://www.straphael-gc.org).

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

**YWCA preschool**  
The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2+ 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.

**VOLUNTEERS**

**Karmanos Institute**  
The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteers to 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 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

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

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

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

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

**Heartland Hospice**  
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving termi-

nally 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, 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](http://www.storycircle.org) or send an e-mail to [shepry@yahoo.com](mailto: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's Restaurant, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

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

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

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# Larkin calls financial crisis legislation 'a rescue bill'

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**Education:** bachelor's degree in political science, University of Michigan; law degree, University of Michigan.  
**Profession:** attorney, 19 years, Larkin Legal Services, Livonia  
**Website:** larkinleadership.com

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joseph Larkin, Democratic candidate for the 11th Congressional District, doesn't like the media referring to the recent legislation on the financial crisis as a "bailout."

"I don't like when people refer to it as a bailout bill, this is a rescue bill," Larkin said in an interview with Observer



Larkin

and Hometown editors. "A bailout means you give something for free and nothing comes back. This is effectively a loan to our economy to keep credit flowing, to keep people's investments from tanking."

Larkin, a Livonia attorney making his first run at public office, is critical of incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter for voting "no" on both the initial House legislation and the Senate legislation that was eventually signed into law by President George Bush. He said the first "no" vote in the House set off panic selling on the New York Stock Exchange that resulted in a

\$1.2 trillion loss.

Larkin faces McCotter, Libertarian John Tatar and Green Party candidate Erik Shelly in Nov. 4 general election.

"The United States government and taxpayers can actually make a profit," he said. "This was proven to be true when we did this under Franklin D. Roosevelt. In Roosevelt's time not did it help the economy but

taxpayers made a profit."

He also cited the federal loan to Chrysler and the buying of assets in the Savings and Loan scandal of the early '90s.

He added that the final bill was still a "bad bill" with a lot of added expense but still better than not doing anything in the crisis.

"I would like to see stronger protection for homeowners to protect against foreclosures," he said.

Larkin said he wants to "get back into common sense regulation" and was critical of the 1999 banking legislation that allowed investment banks to handle mortgages and other commercial bank activities.

"We need to change bankruptcy laws and allow someone who has filed bankruptcy to renegotiate their interest rates and payments to keep people in their homes," he said.

Larkin said that a top priority should be the redeployment of troops from Iraq.

"That should save us \$100 billion a year," he said. "I've highlighted how we can redeploy from Iraq. Politicians should not influence the decisions, they should be military decisions."

Larkin opposed the invasion of Iraq and has criticized the war effort and McCotter's support for the war.

"Mr. McCotter has been adamant about staying in Iraq until whatever vague goal he has in mind has been reached. I think that goal has already been achieved. It's time to let the Iraqi people do what they want for themselves."

He said he opposes subsidies for oil companies and prefers shifting investment to alternative energy.

"One of the greatest things that I am looking forward to in the (GM) Volt car," he said.

He said the car would be assembled in Hamtramck.

"The most important thing we have to focus on is to make sure jobs are created and maintained in the United States," he said.

Larkin said his opponents approach is vote negative on progressive legislation.

"He's a spoiler, a grandstander who voted with George Bush and is now trying to distance himself from George Bush," he said.

Larkin said he has been unable to set up a forum with McCotter's office.

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The 13 Metroparks, Delhi, Dexter-Huron, Hudson Mills, Huron Meadows, Indian Springs, Kensington, Lake Erie, Lower Huron, Metro Beach, Oakwoods, Stony Creek, Willow and Wolcott Mill, are located within the five-county Southeast Michigan region. Other "Appreciation Days" to be celebrated this year are Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28; and Christmas, Thursday, Dec. 25. For more information, call the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority at (800) 477-2787 or visit www.metroparks.com.

The Metroparks will waive vehicle entry fees and boat launch fees on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27, and on Friday, Nov. 28, for "Thanksgiving Holiday Appreciation Days."

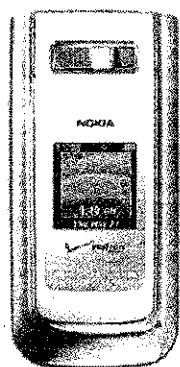
All parks will be open, including use of all trails and paths. All interpretive centers, including the two farm centers, will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. All facilities will be open on Friday, Nov. 28. Sledding hills and cross-country ski trails will be open if there is snow.

The Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton offers a free "Walk It Off Walk!" at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, during which visitors can join an interpreter for a long walk on the nature trails. Pre-registration is required. For additional information or to register, call the nature center at (800) 477-3178 or (248) 685-0603.



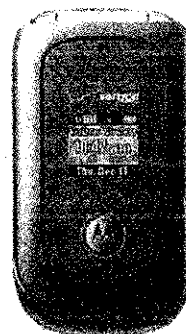
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OUR VIEWS

## 9th District: Webb is our pick for county commissioner

Voters will decide on Nov. 4 between Democrat Diane Webb and Republican Mark Slater to serve as the next Wayne County commissioner representing the 9th District which includes Redford Township, Garden City and Dearborn Heights.

Webb, a telecommunications consultant, formerly with Michigan Bell, has experience in working with governments at various levels in her work as director of external affairs with SBC (formerly Ameritech). Webb was a corporate liaison to federal, state, county and local elected officials and responsible



Webb

for company-related constituent complaints. She is a former member of the City Council in Garden City. We've spoken to Webb on several occasions this election season, but numerous attempts to reach Slater have been unsuccessful.

Webb believes the county can help control costs through oversight of internal operations and government spending, and forging partnerships with the coun-

ty and federal and/or state agencies. She wants to make sure the communities in her district receive county resources, including road money and parks millage money. She also understands the importance of a commissioner's work and research on committees, as she wants to be assigned to Ways and Means, Government Operations, Economic Development and Public Services if she wins the election.

This ambition tells us that Webb, a onetime technical apprentice with the Communications Workers of America Local

4017, wants to roll up her sleeves and get to work. With her experience dealing with everyone from state lawmakers and business owners to local elected officials and business organizations. She understands her role as a county commissioner and knows what responsibilities she has to her constituents. She was a solid, knowledgeable member of the Garden City Council.

We think Webb is the best choice to serve on the Wayne County Commission to represent the 9th District. We encourage voters to support Diane Webb on Nov. 4.

LETTERS

A lot of possibilities

Mortgage deregulation is the real reason that I have my beautiful home today. Some of my friends and relatives may think that I'm crazy, but I took a "no-principal" mortgage out a little more than four years ago. I'm a postal worker, making \$60,000 annually, and my new construction home in Westland was \$325,000. I was able to put down \$75,000 and emptied my life savings. My wife is a full-time mom with no additional income. My wife and I twisted our mortgage agent's arm to get us this loan. The adjustable ARM interest rate was 4.5 percent which would increase to 7 percent in three years. Our monthly payment was \$1,500 interest and taxes only, no principal.

Life went on without distress. Three years later, our mortgage agent began to e-mail me quite often asking us to refinance the loan before it goes up. She did a lot to get my attention that my house monthly payment would increase to \$3,000. I'm not the smartest guy in the world, but I had no reason not to believe my mortgage agent.

My wife began to save all of the mail from new mortgage companies that began to send us too-good-to-be-true offers of "great deals" with low rates. We were tempted but eventually visited our original mortgage agent (after her begging us to refinance before we get into trouble) and we refinanced at a slightly higher rate with a 30-year conventional mortgage with a locked-in rate of 5.75 percent.

Our house payment went up to \$1,950 which is difficult, and we sacrifice a lot by not having cable television, a slow computer connection, no cell phones (I don't have one, but we share a cell phone with my kids for safety). We don't spend a lot of money on clothes, we don't support restaurants or movie theaters, and I cook dinners with the foresight of Sunday's meal is also Monday's

and Tuesday's meal. We rarely get a pizza or fast food. I make my children take a lunch to school each day. And we don't really travel unless my daughter has a dance competition in another city. A new car purchase is impossible.

I love this home. I love my backyard because it backs into a protected forest. I love sitting under the stars on a crisp night with my family, enjoying a campfire, talking about the day's events. I love the deer, fox and assorted critters that watch me in each morning as I wake up with the sun and coffee. I can't afford this house, I probably shouldn't have gotten this mortgage, but I discovered that I can do more things with my time to make more money.

My bathroom caught fire in 2006 and instead of falling into grief, I used the boxes and scrap flooring to create an invention that people all over the world are now purchasing from me via eBay and trade shows. I'm still not making pocket money with my invention, but it pays for itself to exist and eventually, I will have a second paycheck.

As for now, I struggle with having to watch my wife and children struggle with not having everything they want. We talk a lot and I feel as if they all support my risky decisions. I've risked taking on a job at my present employment that union members won't do because its pseudo-management, but it puts a few more dollars into my never ending stream of bills.

It's all good. It isn't easy, but it's all good. I would do it again if I had to. I would twist the mortgage company's arm to give me a loan that I can't afford on paper to live in the home that I love. I've never missed a house payment and I never will. My invention is a cardboard box upright bass (musical instrument) "Bogdon Box Bass" that I named after my Detroit firefighter father. Anything and everything is possible.

Chris Badynee  
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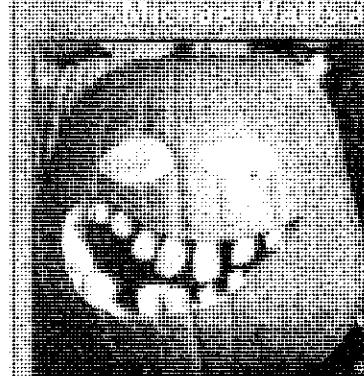
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# McCotter led fight against Bush financial plan

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter was a leader in a revolt by House Republicans against the sitting Republican president George W. Bush and his Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and their plan to help financially distressed Wall Street investment banks.

"The premise of the Paulson plan was that responsible working people would have to bail out irresponsible powerful people or responsible people will be hurt. That did not have to happen," McCotter said in an interview with *Observer* and *Hometown* editors last week.

McCotter is running for a fourth term as a representative of Michigan's 11th Congressional District. He faces Democrat Joseph Larkin, Libertarian John Tatar and Green Party candidate Erik Shelley.

McCotter said Republican and Democrat legislators were "jammed" by the administration to approve the \$700 billion bailout proposal. He voted against the original bill that failed in the House and the Senate bill that finally won approval in the House and Senate, with an additional \$100 billion in tax cuts, credits and emergency aid.

### DRAWING INVESTORS

McCotter favored a plan that would have used government insurance and tax incentives to draw private investors to acquire the "toxic" mortgages that have put a strain on the worldwide financial system. He said the Senate and House leadership in both parties wouldn't allow alternatives to the \$700 billion plan. (The interview with McCotter was before a shift by the Treasury from buying assets to direct investment in bank shares.)

He said the program has already been judged a failure and that actions by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben

### ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Age: 43  
Residence: Livonia



McCotter

**Marital status:** Married, three children.  
**Education:** bachelor's degree in political science, University of Detroit; law degree, University of Detroit

**Profession:** Three-term U.S. representative; chair Republican House Policy Committee; member House Financial Committee; served as state senator, Wayne County commissioner, Schoolcraft College Board trustee.

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Bernanke to pump money into the credit market have had a more positive effect.

"Not only was the Paulson plan unfair, but we were voting on a plan that failed, because it could not address the problem of community banks, it was aimed at investment banks," he said.

He said the House Republican plan would have gotten investors off the sidelines and working on cleaning up their own mess.

"We tried the best we could. Democrats, in fairness to them, were jammed, too. We tried to work with Blue Dogs (fiscally conservative Democrats) but they didn't want to go along," he said.

He said the \$700 billion figure was pulled out of the air by the administration to impress Wall Street. He said even the graduated plan finally approved gives too much discretion to the Treasury Secretary.

McCotter had expected support from Republican presidential candidate John McCain.

"McCain put himself in an interesting position. At the White House meeting, he said he liked what House Republican were doing. Then the next day, he decided it was his job to get House Republicans to support the bailout," McCotter said.

He said it is a lot harder for McCain to complain about \$70 billion in earmarks when he pushes for a \$700 billion bailout.

He said one of the things that "grates" on conservatives is that President Bush has governed as a "centrist neo-conservative" rather than a true conservative.

### TIES TO EUROPE

Going forward, he said the U.S. has to work with Europeans on monetary reform.

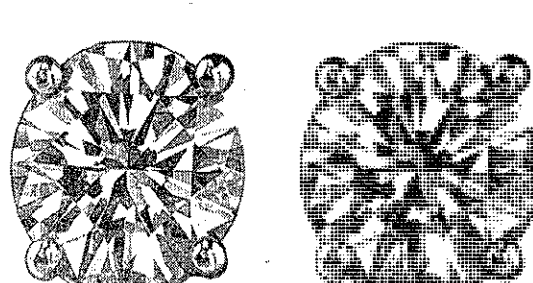
"You have to have some standard, whether the gold standard or a bimetallic standard, there has to be a standard undergirding the monetary system. Fiat policy and fiat money has not worked very well and it has put us in a position where you have people making up values on paper, values that turn out to be false," he said.

He argued that more attention needs to be paid to restoring balance to the economy by recognizing the value of manufacturing and agriculture.

He said it was important to look hard at trade policies that have made labor a commodity. He said efforts have to be made to keep jobs here in the United States. He said on issues like trade and Corporate Average Fuel Economy, the Michigan delegation often works across party lines.

On foreign issues, McCotter said he isn't bothered by Iraq setting a time line on U.S. withdrawal as they are a sovereign government. He said things seem to be turning in the right direction.

He said more will have to be done in Afghanistan. He said Barack Obama needs to say that if \$10 billion is pulled from Iraq, most of that money will have to be redirected to Afghanistan.



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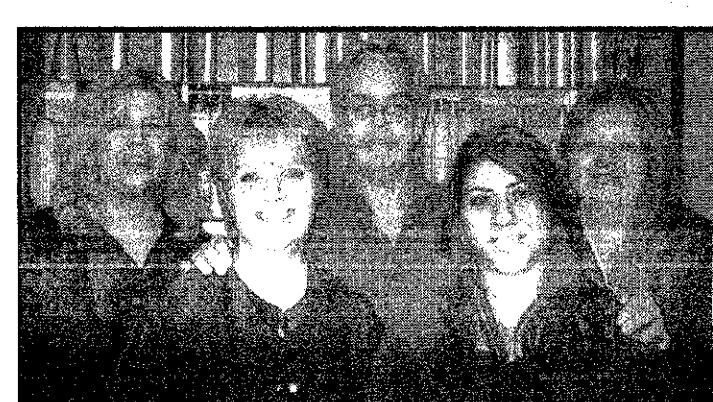
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Stevenson's Austin White, who rushed for a school-record 271 yards, scores one of his four touchdowns in a 46-18 triumph Friday night over visiting Plymouth.

## Spartans playoff-bound

White dazzles in Stevenson's 46-18 victory vs. Plymouth

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's Austin White ran the football like Superman — the only thing missing was a cape.

The 6-foot, 180-pound junior put together a human highlight reel worthy of a spot on YouTube, breaking his own school rushing mark with 271 yards on just 17 carries and four touchdowns, while passing for another, as the host Spartans earned their eighth state playoff berth in 10 years with 46-18 win over playoff-bound Plymouth.

Stevenson, 6-2 overall, racked up 532 yards, includ-

ing 349 on the ground and a perfect 9-of-9 passing for 183 yards in the air to riddle a Plymouth defense that given up only 71 points all season.

After Wade Stahl returned the opening kickoff 40 yards, Stevenson's senior quarterback Jacob Gudeman, who was 8-of-8 for 139 yards, connected with Stahl with an 18-yard TD toss just 1:35 into the game and the Spartans were off to races.

"Jacob has been pretty consistent all year and what he does is make good decisions," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "He made good reads early-on. He throws an accurate, tight spiral. We've thrown

effectively all year."

After Plymouth answered on Terrance Guthridge's 1-yard TD run on the ensuing drive, White went to work with TD runs of 5, 83, 7 and 5 yards.

Stahl, a 6-foot, 180-pound senior, also caught two other TD passes including a 34-yard pass from Gudeman with 14 seconds left in the first quarter to make it 20-7.

But the back-breaker occurred when White disguised himself as Clark Kent, selling a fake with the run and throwing a perfect spiral strike to a wide open Stahl with 1:55 left in the half to make it 32-10.

The TD pass came after Kyle

Brindza booted a 41-yard field goal.

"We practiced it, but we didn't complete any this week in practice, although we completed some earlier in the year," White said of the half-back option throw. "I looked downfield and saw the safety screaming up. Wade was all alone and let I let it go. I didn't see him catch it — I got hit a little bit."

Plymouth stayed alive, cutting the deficit to 32-18 just before halftime on a 5-yard TD run by Guthridge, who also converted the two-pointer.

Please see SPARTANS, B3

## Postseason hopes alive for Patriots

Livonia Franklin needed a 95-yard kickoff return from junior Mike Baumgardner with four minutes remaining Friday night to keep its postseason football hopes alive.

His touchdown broke a 10-all tie and enabled the Patriots to beat host Northville, 17-10, in a KLAAs-Kensington Conference crossover.

Fourth-quarter interceptions by Mark McRobb and David Fortin helped seal the victory as Franklin will take a 5-3 record into its season final against 6-2 Hartland next Friday.

(Game time is 7 p.m. at Franklin.)

### PREP FOOTBALL

"We'll have to take the same mentality we took this week — if we lose we're done, if we win we keep moving on," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We're in the same position we were last year. Those guys turned it around and played well. We have to do the same."

Northville led 3-0 after one quarter on Jake Robideau's 20-yard field, but Franklin answered in the second period on quarterback Mark McRobb's 1-yard run set up by his own 43-yard burst.

Jordan Williamson's 35-yard third-quarter field goal pushed the Patriots' lead to 10-3, but Northville's Jacob Weddle answered with a 2-yard TD run with less than five minutes to play to even the game at 10-10.

Northville had 228 total yards to Franklin's 220.

"Offensively again they dominated, especially time of possession the first half," Kelbert said of the 4-4 Mustangs.

Northville quarterback Matt Kreager was 11-of-30 for 173 yards, while McRobb was 4-of-8 for 62 yards and one interception.

Chris VanTuyll was Franklin's leading rusher with 61 yards on 11 carries.

## Singles

### Beaver cards 95

Wayne Memorial senior Berlynn Beaver, an individual qualifier at the Division 1 state girls golf finals, carded a 95 Friday at Michigan State University's East Course and did not qualify for Saturday's second round.

Rochester, led by Amy Meier's 69, led Grosse Pointe South by 34 strokes, 296-330, in the team standings entering the final day of action.

### Maceratini saluted

Grand Valley State University sophomore Megan Maceratini (Livonia Churchill) was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference women's Runner of the Week after winning the Michigan Intercollegiate championship with a 5-kilometer time of 18:33 last Saturday at Kensington Metropark.

Maceratini also helped the Lakers, who took seven of the first 10 places, to the team title.

### Sherwood lifts MU

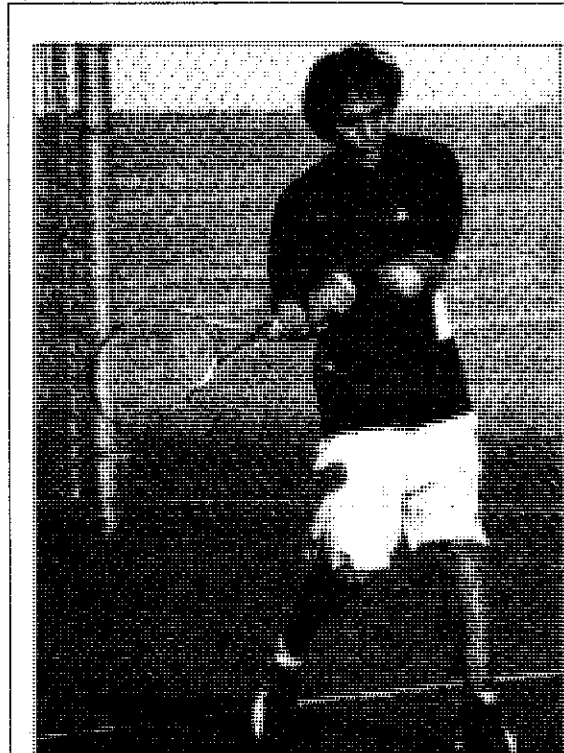
On Oct. 11, Sarah Sherwood (Salem) set a Madonna University women's cross country record turning in a time of 19:11 in the 5-kilometer Lucian Rosa Invitational hosted by University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Sherwood was 25th overall, while as team the Crusaders finished 24th on the course that will host to the 2008 NAIA Cross Country National Championships.

Other MU finishers included Kari Saarela (Livonia Franklin), 135th (21:24); Cassie Yarnell, 139th (21:28); Emily Bambach (Livonia ladywood), 162nd (22:04); Emma Czapllicki (Plymouth/Farmington High), 176th (22:39); Devan Walley (Franklin), 196th (23:23); and Lauren Putnam, 204th (25:25).

On the men's side, MU finished 22nd in the team standings led by seniors Joe Horka (Livonia Churchill) and Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson), who placed 44th and 80th, respectively, with 8K times of 27:18 and 28:10.

Other MU men's finishers included Max Guy (Stevenson), 147th (30:12); Bryant George, 168th (32:25); and Mitch Cieslak, 178th (30:12).



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### Net finalist

Franklin's Walter Woods, a regional runner-up at No. 1 singles, lost his first-round match to Andrew Jary of Grandville, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1 tiebreaker) in Friday's Division 1 state boys tennis finals held at the Midland Community Center. See story on page B2.

## Haley's Comet: Wayne wins 1st

### PREP FOOTBALL

The numbers were astronomical and it took Wayne's Richard Haley to provide the show.

The 5-foot-10, 190-pound senior rushed for 206 yards on 18 carries and two touchdowns as the Zebras earned their first victory of the season for rookie coach Kevin Weber in a 41-20 KLAAs-Kensington Conference football crossover Friday at South Lyon East.

Wayne (1-7) racked up 593 yards total offense to overcome winless East, which ran 87 plays and had 488 total yards.

Quarterback Collin Hochberg completed 30-of-54 passes for 368 yards and one touchdown. Ten different receivers caught passes, but the junior was intercepted four times, twice by Dan Ross and one each by Zakkary Hardyniec and Nick Mills.

Wayne led 14-0 after one quarter on Haley's 93-yard TD run followed by Renaldo Powell's 15-yard TD dash. (Josh Mills converted both extra points.)

In the second quarter, Hochberg scored on a 3-yard run and Haley

responded with a 19-yard scoring run with 1:51 left in the half.

In the third period, Wayne quarterback Nick Kostora, who was 5-of-10 for 118 yards, scored on a 13-yard run on Powell added the two-pointer for a 28-7 advantage.

Jamal Boyles contributed a 28-yard TD run for Wayne with 4:41 left in the third and Hochberg hit Pat Powers with a 2-yard scoring pass with 0:02 to go in the same period.

Powell, who finished with 135 yards on just three carries, added a 91-yard TD run with 8:26 to go and the game ended when East's Tyler Jedinak scooped up a fumble and raced 59 yards for a score.

East had the edge in first downs, 19-15, and fumbled once.

Wayne had three fumbles, but blocked a punt (by Chris Bowie).

Defensively, Alex Bledsoe led the Wayne attack with 10 solo tackles and three assists. Hardyniec added eight solos and six assists.

### Lions stop John Glenn

Wayne transfer Anthony Baskin tallied three touchdowns Friday to lead host South Lyon (4-4) to a 22-7 KLAAs-Kensington Conference crossover win over Westland John Glenn (3-5).

After a scoreless first quarter, Baskin rushed for a pair of 4-yarders and added a two-point conversion run. (K.C. Chamberlain's PAT made it 15-0 at intermission.)

Glenn best scoring chance came in the first half when Jerome Scales intercepted a pass and returned 59 yards, but the Rockets couldn't capitalize on their field position.

In the fourth quarter, Jeremy Langford's TD run and Cody Merritt's extra point capped a 12-play, 70-yard drive to cut the deficit to 8:31 remaining. But Baskin, who rushed for 110 yards on 14 carries, put the game away with a 15-yard scoring run with 7:16 left following a 41-yard kick return.

South Lyon had the edge in total offense (236-169), rushing (153-72) and first downs (12-9).

Scales was 8-for-15 for 91 yards and one interception.



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# Net wins hard to come by for Churchill team

Alex Clos was Livonia Churchill's lone opening-round singles winner, while the doubles team of Mike Houghan and Rushi Patel also earned a point in Friday's Division 1 state boys tennis finals held at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

Clos, who plays No. 2, ousted Jordan Keller of Rochester in straight sets, 6-1, 6-4, before losing to top seed Jack Snyder of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 6-1, 6-0.

At No. 1 singles, Livonia Franklin individual qualifier Walter Woods, the Woodhaven regional runner-up, fell to Andrew Jary of Grandville in straight sets, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1 tiebreaker). The sophomore suffered only his third loss of the season.

Churchill's No. 1 singles player, Akshay Moorthey, received a first-round bye and fell to Mount Pleasant's Christian Roehmer, 6-1, 6-0.

CC's Joe Dube, a sophomore from Livonia and top seed at No. 1 singles, defeated Roehmer and Alec Attala of Clinton Township Chippewa Valley by identical 7-5, 6-3 scores to reach the semifinals.

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100 backstroke: 1. Gordon (LS), 1:01.93; 2. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 1:04.4; 3. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 1:04.5.  
200 individual medley: 1. Peterson (WJG), 2:20.6; 2. Catherine Irwin (C), 2:21.4; 3. Sara Krebs (C), 2:26.0.  
50 freestyle: 1. Kari Schmitt (C), 26.55; 2. Burgess (WJG), 26.56; 3. Jessica Fielhauer (WJG), 27.52.  
1-meter diving: 1. Desirée Clenney (WJG), 196.85 points; 2. Mallory Hudak (C), 193.05; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 174.35.  
100 butterfly: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:02.5 (state cut); 2. Britney Sheeler (C), 1:12.1; 3. Kall Aliosi (WJG), 1:12.5.  
100 freestyle: 1. Carlson (C), 56.36 (state cut); 2. Burgess (WJG), 56.86 (state cut); 3. K. Schmitt (C), 57.5.  
500 freestyle: 1. Sparks (WJG), 5:36.1; 2. Irwin (C), 5:40.8; 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 5:45.3.  
200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Sells, Sparks, Peterson, Burgess), 1:47.1; 2. Canton, 1:47.3; 3. Canton, 1:49.1.  
100 backstroke: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:06.4; 2. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 1:11.9; 3. Laura Krushner (C), 1:14.0.  
100 freestyle: 1. Peterson (WJG), 1:14.3; 2. Krebs (C), 1:15.3; 3. Kelly Pedro (C), 1:15.5.  
400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (O'Keefe, Eyster, K. Schmitt, Carlson), 3:56.6; 2. John Glenn, 4:04.8; 3. Canton, 4:05.7.  
Dual meet records: Canton, 8-0 overall, 5-0 KLAA-South Division (clinched title); John Glenn, 5-1 overall, 4-1 KLAA-South Division.

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Oct. 16 at Canton  
200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Casey Peterson, Ashley Sells, Jennie Humbach), 2:02.1; 2. Canton, 2:05.8; 3. Canton, 2:09.0.  
200 freestyle: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:00.9 (state cut); 2. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 2:04.4; 3. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 2:04.5.  
200 individual medley: 1. Peterson (WJG), 2:20.6; 2. Catherine Irwin (C), 2:21.4; 3. Sara Krebs (C), 2:26.0.  
50 freestyle: 1. Kari Schmitt (C), 26.55; 2. Burgess (WJG), 26.56; 3. Jessica Fielhauer (WJG), 27.52.  
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100 butterfly: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:02.5 (state cut); 2. Britney Sheeler (C), 1:12.1; 3. Kall Aliosi (WJG), 1:12.5.  
100 freestyle: 1. Carlson (C), 56.36 (state cut); 2. Burgess (WJG), 56.86 (state cut); 3. K. Schmitt (C), 57.5.  
500 freestyle: 1. Sparks (WJG), 5:36.1; 2. Irwin (C), 5:40.8; 3. Christine O'Keefe (C), 5:45.3.  
200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Sells, Sparks, Peterson, Burgess), 1:47.1; 2. Canton, 1:47.3; 3. Canton, 1:49.1.  
100 backstroke: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:06.4; 2. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 1:11.9; 3. Laura Krushner (C), 1:14.0.  
100 freestyle: 1. Peterson (WJG), 1:14.3; 2. Krebs (C), 1:15.3; 3. Kelly Pedro (C), 1:15.5.  
400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (O'Keefe, Eyster, K. Schmitt, Carlson), 3:56.6; 2. John Glenn, 4:04.8; 3. Canton, 4:05.7.  
Dual meet records: Canton, 8-0 overall, 5-0 KLAA-South Division (clinched title); John Glenn, 5-1 overall, 4-1 KLAA-South Division.

**LIVONIA LAOYWOOD 106 ROYAL OAK SHRINE 73**  
Oct. 16 at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center  
200-yard medley relay: 1. LaoYwood (Brianna Wilson, Mollie Pelon, Maddy Pelon, Shannon Kelly), 2:01.55; 2. LaoYwood, 2:10.75.  
200 freestyle: 1. Heather Pijor (LL), 2:13.56.  
200 individual medley: 1. Wilson (LL), 2:31.59; 2. 2:31.59; 3. Maddy Pelon (LL), 2:33.9; 3. Annemarie Brinkman (LL), 2:34.75.  
50 freestyle: 1. Kelly (LL), 26.15; 2. Caleigh Griffin (LL), 29.27; 3. Hannah Weaver (LL), 29.3.  
1-meter diving: 1. Allison Spitzley (LL), 233.05 points.  
100 butterfly: 1. Katie Obudzinski (ROS), 1:05.58; 2. Maddy Pelon (LL), 1:07.69; 3. Brinkman (LL), 1:11.35.  
100 freestyle: 1. Maddie Stinebaugh (ROS), 1:04.49; 2. Jessica Arabi (LL), 1:05.81.  
500 freestyle: 1. Mollie Pelon (LL), 6:08.11.  
200 freestyle relay: 1. LaoYwood (Weaver, Brinkman, Mollie Pelon, Pijor), 1:56.36; 2. LaoYwood, 2:06.42.  
100 backstroke: 1. Arabi (LL), 1:12.37; 3. Nicole Munson (LL), 1:22.95.  
100 freestyle relay: 1. Mollie Pelon (LL), 1:19.69.  
400 freestyle relay: 1. Shrine (Obudzinski, Courtney Dixon, Stinebaugh, Courtney Handren), 4:37.42.  
LaoYwood's dual meet record:

# Lutheran Westland clinches Metro regular season crown

Another year, another conference regular season championship for Lutheran Westland's varsity volleyball team, thanks to Thursday's 3-0 win at home over Metro rival Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

But Warriors' coach Kevin Wade plans on serving up a friendly reminder about what happened last season.

"We did the same thing last year and we stumbled in the (conference) tournament," Wade said. "Hopefully, we all remember that and learn from it this year and not make the same mistake in the tournament."

The Warriors (30-5-4 overall, 6-0 in the Metro) started off strong with a 25-10 victory in Game 1, but had to ward off the pesky Cranes after that - 25-22, 25-21.

Once again Lutheran Westland had several top contributors, starting with Becca Refenes (17 kills, seven

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solo blocks, eight digs), Katey Ramthun (12 digs, seven kills, 16 service points) and Lauren Gieschen (19 assists).

Helping the cause were Abi Gieschen (nine digs), Nicole Zehel (six digs), Cathy Haller (9 assists), Rachel Storck (four kills, two blocks), Allyson Yankee (13 service points) and Emilie Freeman (four blocks).

Cranbrook-Kingswood's record dipped to 14-8-4 overall and 5-1 in the Metro.

## Warriors bump off N'west

On Tuesday, Lutheran Westland scored a 25-13, 25-17, 25-7 Metro Conference triumph at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Kills leaders for the Warriors included Refenes (12), Ramthun (eight), Stork (seven) and Yankee (seven).

Lauren Gieschen also chipped in with 20 assists

and five ace serves, while Abi Gieschen and Ramthun sparked the defense with six digs apiece.

Northwest fell to 7-13-1 overall and 1-3 in the Metro.

## Clarenceville rebounds

Improved defense, serving and communication helped Livonia Clarenceville earn a 25-15, 25-11, 25-15 Metro Conference win Thursday over host Hamtramck.

"After last week's struggle, we're starting to play like a team again," said Trojans' coach Wendy Merschman.

Leading the way for Clarenceville (8-14-2, 3-3) were Marlene Azar (12 kills, 13 digs), Kat Hall (eight kills, 10 digs), Lisa Wilson (six aces, 18-for-18 serving), Katie Blacker (18 assists) and Teresa Parent (10 digs).

Chipping in with three aces was Sam Giordano, while Laisha Patterson registered three solo blocks.

# Chargers secure division title

Livonia Churchill wrapped up first-place and top seed in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association with a 25-17, 25-15, 25-15 girls volleyball victory Thursday at Westland John Glenn.

The state-ranked Chargers, now 32-3 overall, improved their KLAA-South record to 8-0 and will travel Tuesday, Oct. 28 to face the KLAA-Central Division champion for the Kensington Conference championship.

Senior outside hitter Kristen Nalez paced the Churchill hitting attack with 15 kills, while Sarah Suppelsa and Jessica Stroud added seven and four, respectively.

Senior libero Lindsey Graciak turned in an outstanding passing effort, according to Churchill coach Mark Grenier, and finished with 12 digs.

Katie Matz chipped in with six digs, five assists, two aces and two kills, while Kat Krupsky had three kills and two blocks.

John Glenn (15-10-5, 4-4)

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was led by Brittany Holbrook's 28 digs, nine kills and two blocks. Halie Baker added 10 kills and two blocks, while Stacey Truskowski finished with 22 digs and three aces.

"Churchill showed why it's the fourth-ranked team in the state," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "Their strong outside attacking and consistent serving kept us on our heels tonight. The Chargers dug everything that we hit at them from the outside, which kept the pressure on our middle blockers."

## Franklin defeats Zebras

Sophomore Amanda Borio led the way with six kills, six digs and nine ace serves as Livonia Franklin downed host Wayne Memorial in three straight, 25-11, 25-9, 25-19, in a KLAA-South Division matchup.

Senior Ashly Butkowski chipped in with 10 kills, while sophomore Chelsea Williams finished with eight kills and

five aces for the Patriots, who stand 8-16 overall and 2-6 in the division.

Wayne falls to 6-24-2 overall and 0-8 in the KLAA-South.

## Stevenson bests Cougars

Shelbie Wilson served five aces and setter Katie Vellucci finished with nine assist-to-kills as Livonia Stevenson rolled to a 25-11, 25-14, 25-14 KLAA-Central Division triumph Thursday at South Lyon East.

Kills leaders for the Spartans (13-18, 3-5) included Brooke Knochel (five), Meg Iafraite (four) and Reina Tyl (three). Christine Armstrong added seven digs.

In a KLAA-Central Division match Tuesday, Salem downed host Livonia Stevenson in three games, 25-20, 25-17, 25-23.

Knochel had 14 kills for the Spartans, while Iafraite added six.

Vellucci and Claire LeBlanc chipped in with 17 and 14 assist-to-kills, respectively. Armstrong paced the defense with 22 digs.

# Lindenwood ends MU win streak

The seventh-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team suffered just its second loss of the season Friday, falling in straight sets, 25-18, 25-21, 25-19, to No. 8 Lindenwood (Mo.) on the Lions' home court.

MU, now 22-2 on the season, got 18 kills from Mary McGinnis in the loss. It ended the Crusaders' 14-match win streak.

In addition to McGinnis' effort, MU got 12 digs from Brynn Kerr (Livonia Churchill/Schoolcraft College) and 32 assists from Inta Grinvalds.

Ellen Fandry had 14 kills for Lindenwood (27-4), while Krista Yoder and Jamie Meurer added 11 each.

Earlier in the day at the Lindenwood Classic, MU routed Illinois-Springfield, 25-17, 25-13, 25-14, as McGinnis had 19 kills, while Lubovj Tihomirova and Whitney Fuelling added 12 and 10, respectively. Grinvalds had 40 assists and Kerr finished with 12 digs.

Illinois-Springfield (10-17) got 14 digs from Ali Janezic and 19 assists from Tori McColez.

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The Crusaders' road does not get any easier as they faced off Saturday with sixth-ranked Columbia (Mo.) on Saturday morning before closing out the Classic with McKendree (Ill.).

## MU upholsters Davenport

MU remained unbeaten in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 25-16, 25-14, 25-16 victory Tuesday at home over Davenport University.

Tihomirova led a balanced hitting attack with nine kills as the Crusaders improved to 21-1 overall and 8-0 in the WHAC.

Fuelling and McGinnis added eight and seven kills, respectively, while finished with 27 assist-to-kills and nine digs.

Megan Vanderhyde led Davenport (11-18, 2-5) with a game-high 12 kills, while Kayla Vandermolen added 21 assists.

## Lady Ocelots go 3-1

The Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team had a productive weekend (Oct. 10-11), winning three of four

matches at Harper College in Palantine, Ill.

The Ocelots defeated Elgin (Ill.) CC, 25-10, 25-11 and 25-17, in the opener before falling to Highland (Ill.) CC, 25-23, 17-25 and 27-25. Schoolcraft then bounced back with a pair of wins in two sets over Carl Sandburg (Ill.) CC and in a tense three-setter over Black Hawk (Ill.) College-East, 22-25, 25-14 and 15-10.

The spring-loaded trio of Westland John Glenn's Virginia Butler (45 kills), Jen Brunink (22) and Kaitlyn Litteral (20) paced the Ocelots' offense, which was engineered by setters Brittany Denter (53 assists) and Katie Williams (39).

Marissa Damon and Butler both registered five aces while Jordan Kerr and Damon chalked up 60 and 42 digs, respectively.

Butler and Williams were both named to the All-Tournament team.

On Oct. 9, the Ocelots downed host Henry Ford CC, 25-22, 21-25, 25-16, 25-15, as Brunink and Litteral combined for 26 kills while Denter dished off 28 assists.

# Warriors boot Huron Valley, 7-0

Firepower from more than one source Thursday sparked Lutheran High Westland's varsity boys soccer team to a 7-0 drubbing of next-door neighbor Huron Valley Lutheran in a Division 4 district semifinal match at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Scoring three goals each were senior Josh Kruger and junior Gage Flanery (also registering two assists), while junior

Austin Baglow tallied one goal and set up two others for the Warriors (14-5-1).

"It was a good effort," said Lutheran Westland head coach Rich Block, whose 201st career victory advances the Warriors to Saturday's D-4 district final against Plymouth Christian Academy (the Eagles defeated Inter-City Baptist 3-1).

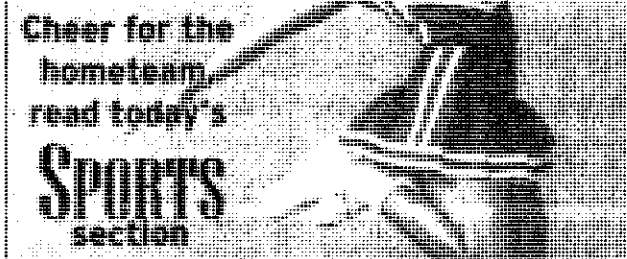
Tallying single assists were seniors Brad LaRose and Ben

Crandell.

Lutheran Westland got on the board just eight minutes into the contest, and scored four more times before the intermission.

Although senior goalkeeper Micah Hausch was credited with his ninth shutout, Block said he did not have to record any saves.

The loss ended the Hawks' season at 7-11-1 overall.



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# District final tickets punched by Stevenson, Churchill teams

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Both Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill took care of business during Wednesday's second round of the Division 1 district boys soccer tournament.

Stevenson, ranked No. 2 in latest state rankings, improved to 16-1-3 overall with a 6-0 win over Birmingham Groves in a match played at North Farmington.

Churchill, ranked No. 10, upped its overall mark to 15-3-1 with a 7-1 victory over Westland John Glenn in the Salem district tournament held at Canton.

Brian Klemczak's hat trick sparked Stevenson, which squared off Saturday with Birmingham Brother Rice (13-4-1).

Rice advanced Wednesday with a 2-1 win over the host Raiders.

Michael Nickerson, Adrian Fylonenko and Chris Sergison also tallied goals for the Spartans, who led 3-0 at halftime. Assists went to David Simor (two), Nick Anagnostou, Joey DiDomenico, Chris Long and recent JV call-up Camden Iwasko.

Conner Burton played the first 50 minutes in goal for Stevenson before giving way to Justin Collins.

Stevenson coach Lars Richters was pleased with the effort after a sluggish performance in Monday's 3-0 district-opening triumph over

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Berkley.

"As a team we got off to a slow start in the first playoff game," Richters said. "But the players - to a man - came out for this game with much more determination and it showed with a strong performance and a good effort."

"We have a difficult challenge ahead of us when we take on Rice."

On Saturday, Churchill faced host Salem (19-0-4), the state's top-ranked team in Division 1. The two teams played to a scoreless draw during the regular season.

Churchill jumped out to a 3-0 half-time advantage against John Glenn (9-10-1) as Etienne Lussiez scored a pair of goals, while Simon Bank had the other.

Jakub Herout had a goal and three assists, while Max Washko contributed two goals and two assists.

Tyler Varney also scored for the Chargers, while Chris DeNapoli and Andrew Sieber also contributed assists.

Glenn's lone goal came from William Jenkins.

Adrian Motta was in goal for Churchill, while Zach Redden played for the Rockets, who lost for the third time this season to the Chargers.

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But in the third quarter, Stevenson scored twice and sacked Plymouth quarterback Matt Skubik three times to put the game away.

"It felt like a playoff game," White said. "We came out fired up. Guys were motivated, ready to work and we want to see it through the rest of the season."

"The offensive line was amazing and the plays worked beautifully. I was not touched on a lot of plays. And I like running behind him (Duran Onwuemene), our fullback, a lot. He brings a lot of energy."

Although Plymouth (6-2) was down two starting two-way linemen and a free safety because of injuries, coach Mike Sawchuck refused to make excuses. The Wildcats rushed for only 61 total yards. Skubik was 16-of-30 for 197 yards, but was sacked four times and fumbled once. Plymouth also had a punt blocked, which led to a Stevenson first-quarter TD.

"Once we got down, we hung our heads," Sawchuck said. "That's a good football team (Stevenson). After that performance we got a lot of work to do, both character-wise and on the football field. We got a butt-kicking."

White's electrifying 83-yard TD run, however, may have been upstaged by his 19-yard double-spin move that led to Stevenson's second score.

"He's had several nagging injuries since we started the Saturday of two-a-days," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "The advantage we had last week (a 55-15 win over South Lyon East) is that we got some guys out of the game early and were able to get them healthy. In his defense, it's the healthiest he's been all year."

"And those kids (the offensive line) played really well. Our sophomore fullback blocked well (Onwuemene). He gives us options. We're still stinging from Novi (a 28-27 loss). It's been motivation and it's re-doubled our efforts."

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# MU men's soccer rolls

The Madonna University men's soccer team bounced back from their first Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference setback of the season with a workmanlike 3-0 win Wednesday over visiting Concordia at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

The Crusaders improved to 9-2 overall and 7-1 in WHAC play, while Concordia fell to 7-2 and 0-7-1.

MU led 2-0 at halftime on goals by Keith Sied (Livonia, Stevenson) and Mark Pikula. Daniel Amaya and Eric Kiebert drew assists.

Freshman Otieno Victor

completed the scoring in the second half off an assist from Kiebert.

MU outshot the Cardinals, 24-2, as goalkeeper Steve Best recorded his first shutout of the season.

"I think the outcome of the game before this one has a lot to do with how we are going to approach the games from now until the end of the season," said MU coach Tino Scicluna, whose team fell to Aquinas 1-0 (on Oct. 11). "We didn't show up today expecting a win. We showed up today and worked hard and played with a lot more pride."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### PREP FOOTBALL

**Friday, Oct. 24**  
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Hartland at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Notre Dame Prep at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 25**  
Det. Urban at Luth. Westland, 2 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 21**  
Luth. N West at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.  
Herper Woods at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 6:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Oct. 23**  
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Oct. 24**  
Macomb Christian at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 25**  
UM-Dearborn Tournament, 9 a.m.  
Metro Conf. Tourney at Luth. N West, 3 p.m.

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**REGIONAL DRAWS**  
**DIVISION 1**  
**at SALINE**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 21:** Salem-Livonia Churchill district winner vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford district champion, 5 p.m.; Northville district champion vs. Brownstown-Woodhaven district champion, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 25:** Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Novi, Holt or Jackson vs. East Kentwood regional champion.)  
**at BERKLEY**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 21:** Fraser district champion vs. East Lansing district champion, 5 p.m.; Birmingham Brother Rice-Livonia Stevenson district winner vs. Macomb L'Anse Creuse North district champion, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 25:** Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Rochester Hills Stony Creek or Saginaw Heritage vs. Saginaw Heritage regional champion.)  
**DIVISION 4**  
**at JACKSON CHRISTIAN**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 21:** Lutheran Westland-Plymouth Christian Academy district winner vs. Ann

Arbor Greenhills district champion, 3:30 p.m.; Southfield Christian district champion vs. Lansing Christian district champion, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 25:** Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals Wednesday, Oct. 29 vs. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian regional champion.)  
**BOYS & GIRLS**  
**CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS**  
**Saturday, Oct. 25**  
Division 1 at A.A. Huron, TBA.  
Division 1 at Brighton, TBA.  
Division 2-3 at Holly, TBA.  
Division 4 at Woodhaven, TBA.  
**GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Thursday, Oct. 23**  
John Glenn at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.  
Franklin at South Lyon, 6:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Salem, 6:30 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 21**  
UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Oct. 23**  
Siena Heights at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Oct. 24**  
MCCA Tourney at K'zoo Valley, TBA.  
(Madonna University Crusader Classic)

Madonna vs. Walsh College (Ohio), 3 p.m.  
Madonna vs. Berry (Fla.), 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 25**  
Madonna vs. Trinity (Ill.), 9:30 a.m.  
Madonna vs. Taylor (Ind.), 1:30 p.m.  
MCCA Tourney at K'zoo Valley, TBA.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Sunday, Oct. 19**  
Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 22**  
Kellogg CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.  
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 25**  
Madonna at Siena Heights, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Sunday, Oct. 19**  
(Polk, Fla. Invitational)  
Schoolcraft vs. Darton (Ga.), 11 a.m.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 21**  
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 25**  
Madonna at Siena Heights, 12:30 p.m.  
Rochester College at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
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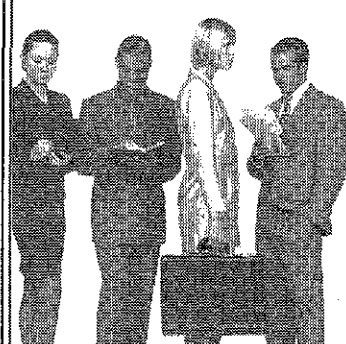
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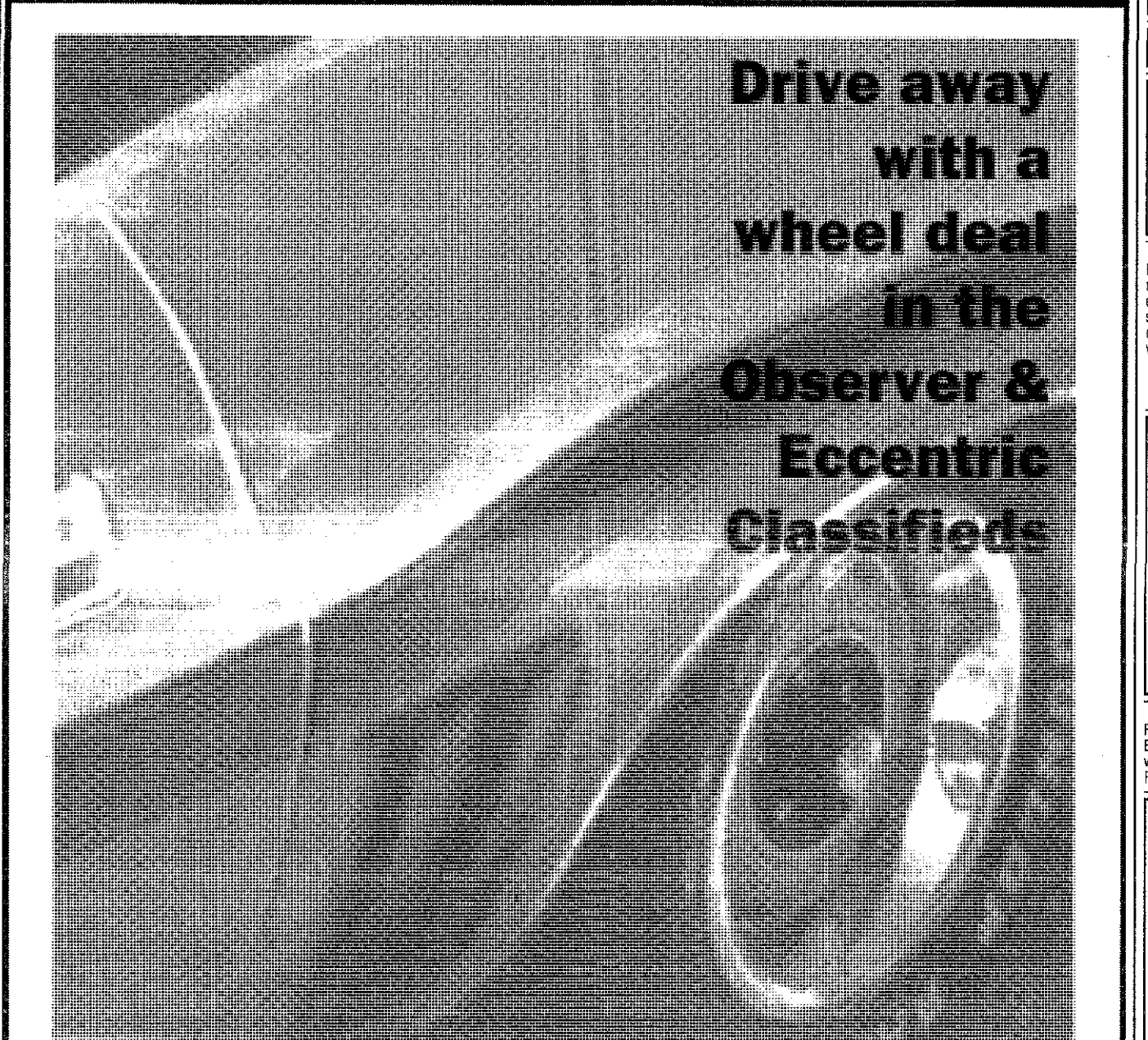
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# Taking stock

## Churchill QB Morgan stars in 35-21 win vs. Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

### PREP FOOTBALL

When it came to topsy-turvy momentum shifts, the final five minutes of Friday night's Salem-Livonia Churchill football game made the stock market look stable.

After the dust settled, it proved to be a bull market for the Chargers, who cashed in on an action-packed 35-21 victory to spoil the Rocks' homecoming.

Churchill improved to 3-5 while Salem slipped to 1-7.

Two of the most significant plays of the night unfolded consecutively with just over five minutes to play and Churchill securing a 27-21 lead.

Facing a third-and-12 from his own 12, Rock quarterback Heath Parling dumped a screen pass to Anthony Mullins, who did a nifty impersonation of Barry Sanders, eluding a host of Charger tacklers before cutting up the north sideline for an apparent 88-yard touchdown.

However, Salem was flagged for holding, which negated the score and brought the ball back to its 6. Parling's next pass was picked off by Churchill's Grant Morgan, who returned the ball to the Salem 24.

"That play was a huge momentum swing," said Morgan, referring to Salem's

called-back TD. "We were down when he scored, but when we saw the flag, everybody's spirits came up. When we got the pick on the next play, it pretty much ended the game for us."

Morgan was pivotal on both sides of the ball as he racked up 199 total yards (109 passing and 90 rushing) as the Chargers' quarterback.

The senior said he couldn't have been happier when the team switched to a spread offense prior to this season.

"It's a lot more fun to run than the Wing-T," he said, smiling. "There's a lot more quarterback involvement and it's just a higher-scoring offense."

The closer-than-the-score-would-indicate setback proved to be another tough pill to swallow for the Rocks, who have been competitive in all but one of their eight games this campaign.

"The way they played tonight - and the way they've played in a lot of our close losses - is a benchmark for our juniors to follow because that's how hard we need them to play next year," Salem coach Parker Salowich said.

Parling nearly matched Morgan in the heroics depart-

ment. The senior completed 8-of-19 passes for 116 yards, including a 48-yard TD strike to senior wide receiver Courtney Frazier, who ran for 51 yards on 11 carries, broke up several Churchill passes on defense and blocked a field goal in the game's waning moments.

The Chargers found paydirt on their opening possession when Morgan connected with Alexander Bay on a 14-yard slant to make it 7-0 following Matt Andrzejewski's extra point.

Churchill's Devin Moynihan-led defense didn't yield a first down until the 2:02 mark of the second quarter.

The Chargers eventually doubled their advantage to 14-0 with 3:43 left in the half when Morgan scored on a 10-yard keeper.

Salem gained some valuable momentum 19 seconds before halftime when Parling hit Justin Bashi with a 5-yard scoring strike. Ethan Walsh tacked on the point after to make it 14-7.

The most dazzling play of the night came 3:40 into the third quarter when Churchill's Jeff Ricketts hauled in a Salem punt at his own 7 and sprinted 93 yards to paydirt to up the Chargers' lead to 21-7.

"Jeff's our most explosive player," said Churchill coach John Filiatraut. "If we had a

little better record, I think he'd be up for our division's MVP award. He's a special player."

Salem knotted the game at 21-all by scoring on two of its next three drives. The first of two TD's came when Parling lofted a perfect spiral to Frazier, who hauled in a 48-yard TD pass with 5:47 left in the third quarter. The equalizer came with 11:44 left in the game when Parling scored on a fourth-and-1 quarterback sneak.

Churchill regained the lead just four minutes later when Morgan hit Moynihan on a 20-yard scoring pass to make it 27-21.

The Chargers capped the scoring on a Ricketts' 4-yard run with 1:02 to play and a Morgan-to-Ricketts two-point conversion pass.

Churchill won the total-yardage battle, 328-257, and picked up 17 first downs to Salem's eight.

Matt Kowalis churned out 80 yards rushing on nine attempts, while Ricketts picked up 52 yards on six carries along with catching four passes for 41 yards.

Jordan Grohoski picked off a pair of passes for the Chargers' defense.

Mullins rushed for 88 yards on 18 carries for Salem.

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# Grand Blanc HS voted into KLA

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The newly formed Kensington Lakes Activities Association has added its final link for the 2009-10 season.

Grand Blanc High School will be leaving the Big Nine Conference to join the KLA's Lakes Conference as a member of the West Division which also includes Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Milford and Pinckney.

The KLA, which merged last spring with members of the Western Lakes Activities Association and two schools from the Oakland Activities Association, currently consists of 23 schools divided into two conferences (12 schools each) and four divisions of six.

Grand Blanc fills the void left by newly constructed Howell Parker, which never opened its high school doors because of lower than projected enrollment figures and budget constraints.

Three schools - Dearborn and Belleville, both current members of the Michigan Mega Conference, made presentations along with Grand Blanc this week before a group of principals, athletic and activities directors from the KLA to become the league's 24th member.

"One of the stipulations was that they had to be ready to join by the fall of 2009," Livonia Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said.

"We're excited about having them because they offer not only a variety, but also numerous activities. It's a top-notch academic school and it's a good fit for us."

To gain inclusion into the Kensington Lakes, Grand Blanc needed 75 percent of the vote by the KLA's Board

of Directors, which included principals and A.D.'s.

Grand Blanc, nicknamed the Bobcats with an enrollment of 2,237 students (according to the MHSAA's 2007-08 School Directory), will be leaving the Big Nine, which will be narrowed down to five schools next fall - Flint Carman-Ainsworth, Davison, Flushing, Flint Kearsley and Flint Powers Catholic.

What may have tipped the scales in Grand Blanc's favor was its proximity to the other five schools in the West Division of the KLA.

By being slotted in for Howell Parker, the KLA will not have to reconfigure its divisional alignments because of geographic considerations.

The KLA's North Division, part of the Lakes Conference, will remain intact with White Lake Lakeland, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Northern, Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering.

The KLA's Kensington Conference will also stay the same with Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Canton, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn comprising the South Division, while the Central Division will continue to be Livonia Stevenson, Salem, Northville, Novi, South Lyon and South Lyon East.

Travel could be the only concern for Grand Blanc in the KLA's West Division. The distance one-way between Pinckney and Grand Blanc, for example, is 49 miles. Roundtrip between Milford and Grand Blanc is 44.

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# Trojans improve to 7-1 with homecoming win

Livonia Clarenceville did not suffer any playoff hang-over Friday, routing visiting Hamtramck 48-0 in a Metro Conference football matchup.

The Trojans (7-1, 5-1) rolled out to a 28-0 halftime lead and didn't let up against the Cosmos, who only had 15 plays available.

Leading the offense with

180 yards in five carries was Brad Pozniak, who scored one of Clarenceville's seven rushing touchdowns.

Moses Hobson added 84 yards in three carries.

Meanwhile, scoring on two runs for the Trojans was senior quarterback Darryl Whitaker, while Leonard Hogan tallied a 37-yard TD run.

Other Clarenceville touchdowns were registered by De'Ondre Hogan (who sparked defensively with 13 tackles), Cody Wolgast and Levante Brooks.

Joe Haapala chipped in with nine tackles for the Trojans, who easily polished off their homecoming game opponent.

"It was a tough week, it

was homecoming week,"

Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish said. "Now we have to look at the playoff component. We have Pontiac Notre Dame Prep next and if we continue to win, we can maybe host a (Division 5 state) playoff game."

Hamtramck dropped to 0-8 overall and 0-6 in the Metro.

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#### MATURE MAN WANTED

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#### OUTGOING

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Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome WM, 47-50, N/S, clean-shaven, HWF proportionate, for friendship first. **2281229**

#### SINCERE AND HONEST

Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SBF/WM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. **2284832**

#### PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD

SBF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lovely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **2292515**

#### A WOMAN OF CLASS

SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SBF, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271085**

#### 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. **2279171**

#### LET'S GET TOGETHER

SBF, 54, 5'7", N/S, enjoys life simple pleasures. Seeking SBF/WM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **2284444**

#### CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

WWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **2279614**

#### ARE YOU LOVELY?

Attractive female, 5'5", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 65-75. **2291247**

#### BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST

Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship. LTR. **2245846**

#### SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SBF, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and seeking conversations. Must have good SM and self-worth. **2282818**

#### FORMER RUNWAY MODEL

Attractive SBF, 5'10", 140lbs, N/S, one kid, like clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking single male, 25-38, 6'1", N/S, slim to medium build for friendship first, dating and more. **2285813**

#### STILL SEEKING

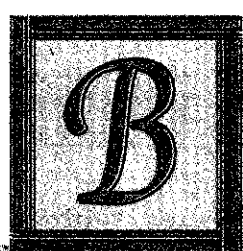
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'2", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 44-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2211398**

#### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

#### LOVELY GENUINE HEART

SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. **2287987**





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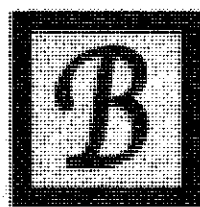
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## Holiday brings back childhood memories

I wonder if kids today have as much fun as we did at Halloween. My younger sister and brother and I stretched the holiday into two nights of running through the neighborhood screaming with delight that this time of year finally had arrived. We not only



Linda Chomin

dressed up as goblins and ghosts and went from house to house trying to see who could collect the most candy, but got a kick out of ringing doorbells and hiding in the bushes waiting for grumpy neighbors to come to the door the night before. My brother

was more mischievous and sometimes soaped car windows. As adults we realize someone has to clean up that mess, but as kids we were only concerned with having a good time. Today's kids seem better behaved on Devil's Night as well as Halloween. Every year my sister and I look forward to the little princesses and monsters that come to our home trick or treating. Sadly, many of them are wearing store-bought costumes and masks. I think they're missing out on using their creativity to come up with a disguise. We used our imagination. It was fun to put on my dad's old shirt and dress as a bum or incorporate our dance outfits into whatever we wanted to be.

It's not that I don't like store bought Superman costumes. One year a little boy, who was about 6 years old, came to our door dressed as the hero with the big S on his chest. He stood there with his mouth wide open when we opened the door and he came eye to eye with Shamrock, our Irish Wolfhound who was dressed in the very same costume.

The kids in our neighborhood enjoy seeing the Big Dog. In fact several of the kids, now in their mid-teens, come back every year just to see the Big Dog. Although Shamrock died three years ago, they haven't seemed to notice that Clancy isn't our silver-colored angel. The two look a lot alike because of the scruffy Irish Wolfhound coat, but Clancy has a bit of devil in him.

This year, we're hoping Clancy is starting to get the hang of these bees and Star Wars characters coming to the door and yelling trick or treat. Last year he was still uncertain at age 2 about what they were and more interested in the bowl of candy we left unattended on the stairs between visitors. Luckily we were quick and stopped him from eating any of the chocolate bars and getting sick. I wonder how many parents out there will give in to the pleas of their children for just one more piece of candy on Halloween night. Our parents usually did. After all, Halloween only comes once a year.

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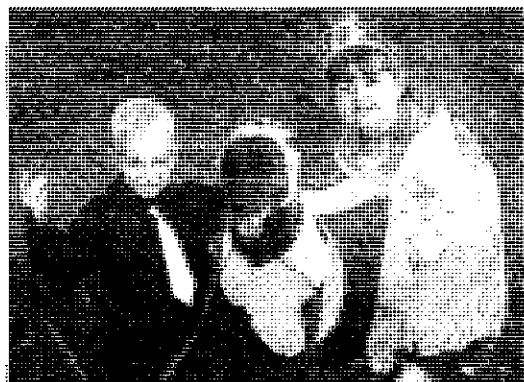
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A Halloween adventure comes alive as volunteers Christine Davis as the Panda bear, Linda Rosa of Garden City as the friendly troll and Brianna Duka as Little Bo Peep take part in the 2007 Halloween Walk at the Westland Bailey Recreation Center.

## Walks on the wild side

### Halloween events fun for the entire family

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER



Gavin Braunreuther, Reese and Ali Cripps dress up for Halloween.



Sherry Peters with Kasey, Cathy Duford and her dog Jax and niece Ali Cripps, and Michelle and Gavin Braunreuther with Reese are entering the Halloween Costume Walk for Pets and their Owners in Garden City.

Halloween is a time for families and more and more fun activities include pets. In upcoming weeks little boys and girls, as well as their dogs, cats and ferrets can dress up and go trick or treating at events all over town.

#### PET COSTUME WALK

Cheryl Stepanian isn't going to dress her cats, Silver and Billy Bird, but her husband probably will carry them around during the Halloween Costume Walk for Pets and their Owners 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, in the Big Pavilion at Garden City Park, corner of Cherry Hill and Merriman. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. for the walk sponsored by Garden City Parks and Recreation and the Maplewood Community Center. The cost per pet is \$10 in advance, \$12 the day of the event. All proceeds go to the Detroit Zoo. To register, call (734) 793-1850.

Stepanian came up with the idea after attending a conference last year.

"I saw Chicago and other cities were doing events for pets and their owners," said Stepanian, community center director. "People can take their pets trick or treating around different vendors' tables, get information on caring for pets. Owners can wear costumes as well as their pets. It's just a fun event that pets and families can do together. We're expecting mostly dogs, but people may show up with ferrets, cats and boa constrictors."

Prizes will be awarded for best costume, most creative, funniest, and owner and pet duo.

Please see **WALKS, C3**

### Spaghetti dinner, haunted house add fun to season

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Debi Joetz thinks Halloween is a perfect excuse to bring families together so this year the Westland Jaycees are doubling their efforts to raise money for charitable causes by starting a Spaghetti Dinner Dance. The event takes place 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, before, during and after the Halloween Walk for kids in Tattan Park next to the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 6 and up, \$2 for ages 3-5, free for under age 2, \$15 for family of four (\$2 for each additional child), and \$1 discount off each child admission for those participating in the Halloween Walk. For tickets, call (734) 722-7620.

"It's a great family night out. They can have dinner, go on the walk and come back and have more dinner and dance," said Joetz, community development vice president for Westland Jaycees. "We've paired up with the Bailey Center for the spaghetti dinner. We wanted to help raise money for the Bailey Center rec-

Please see **FUN, C3**

## Expo helps women make business connections

See related story, Page C4.

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Nicole Christ says her business reselling designer clothes is successful in part because of the connections she makes through a local women's group.

Many of her suppliers and shoppers come from her involvement with the Michigan Professional Women's Network, she said. The Southfield-based organization provides professional women of diverse backgrounds opportunities for professional growth and personal development.

"That's where I met my best connections," said Christ, owner of Nicole's Revival Designer Resale Clothier in Redford. "It's not about what you know but who you know."

Christ, a Farmington Hills resident, is looking forward to participating in the group's 16th Annual Get Your Body and Business In Shape Expo, co-hosted by MPWN.

"It's a first class event," she said. "It's not the biggest, but there are

#### PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S EXPO

**What:** 16th annual Get Your Body and Business in Shape Expo  
**When:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23  
**Where:** 2000 Town Center, Southfield, in the garden atrium  
**Presenters:** Michigan Professional Women's Network, National Association of Women Business Owners Greater Detroit  
**For more information:** [www.MPWN.org](http://www.MPWN.org); or call MPWN offices, (248) 559-3359

quality exhibitors and it's just well organized."

The showcase of area businesses is held in conjunction with the National Association of Women Business Owners Greater Detroit, also based in Southfield.

The expo will be held in the garden atrium of 2000 Town Center in Southfield from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23.

Last year, more than 100 business and professional organizations participated. More than 400 people



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Nicole's Revival in Redford resells designer clothes for sometimes as low as \$1. Pictured are models Sharon Craddock of Redford, Ann Bingamen of Southfield and owner Nicole Christ of Farmington Hills.

attended.

Admission is free and provides the opportunity for networking with exhibitors, developing business contacts, forming strategic alliances and learning new health and business solutions.

The venue includes music and food. "It's fun and exciting," said Diane Buffalin, Ph.D., MPWN executive

director and a Southfield psychologist. "Where else can you meet 300 to 400 business and professional people on a Thursday afternoon?"

She said with the current economy, "Networking is more important than ever to keep your business flourishing."

For more information, go to [www.MPWN.org](http://www.MPWN.org).

## We're marking Veterans Day with your stories, photos

The Observer & Eccentric is looking for photographs and stories from local veterans.

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**Brighton High School Class of 1989**  
Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989" for more information.

**Cass Technical High School Classes of 1964-67**  
Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008 at Knights of Columbus in Dearborn Heights. Call Beverly at (313) 567-8133.

**Class of 1959**  
50th reunion with a 3-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. For information, visit [www.casstech59.com](http://www.casstech59.com) or contact Marge Teramino Knable, [reunion@casstech59.com](mailto:reunion@casstech59.com); Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

**Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983-84**  
25th reunion, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. Cost, \$50 per person, includes dinner and open bar. Casual attire. Advanced tickets only by Sept. 30. Call Lori Westerholm, (734) 834-6796, Mary (Potvin) McCollough, (734) 658-1014 or Renee (Scott) Liske, (734) 425-7826.

**Clarkston High School Class of 1998**  
A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit <http://clarkston1998reunion.myspace.com>, e-mail [chs1998grads@hotmail.com](mailto:chs1998grads@hotmail.com), or call Samantha at (248) 884-8658.

**Clarenceville High School Class of 1988**  
20th high school reunion continues to Oct. 19. Contact Julie (Mansell) Pierce at (734) 996-2513 or [pierce.julie@gmail.com](mailto:pierce.julie@gmail.com) for more information.

**Class of 1978**  
A 30-year reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 28 at the O'Kelly K of C Hall in Dearborn. Contact Olane (Verastick) Kapelanski at (734) 981-0091 or

[dianekap@comcast.net](mailto:dianekap@comcast.net) for more information.

**Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969**  
Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: [Kaynini@aol.com](mailto:Kaynini@aol.com) or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

**Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959**  
Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Please contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

**Class of 1978**  
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail [western1978@att.net](mailto:western1978@att.net).

**Detroit Winship School Class of 1956**  
Members of the eighth grade graduating class of 1956 who are interested in planning a reunion, should call Beth Weingarden at (810) 695-7882.

**Farmington Harrison High School Class of 1998**  
A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites, 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at [HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com).

**Garden City High School Class of 1960**  
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).

**Class of 1989**  
20th reunion Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor (6 p.m. to midnight. Ticket \$65 before March 1, 2009, \$75 from March 2 to June 1, 2009. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, premium open bar, dj, door prizes, picture cd and other gifts, and available for purchase at [www.gardencity89.com](http://www.gardencity89.com) or contact Paula at [gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com).

**Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991**  
Call (800) 677-7800, visit [www.taylorreunions.com](http://www.taylorreunions.com) or e-mail: [info@taylorreunions.com](mailto:info@taylorreunions.com).

**Lincoln Park High School**  
Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or [nc6897@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nc6897@sbcglobal.net).

**Livonia Franklin Class of 1969**  
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: [Kaynini@aol.com](mailto:Kaynini@aol.com).

**Classes of 1964-2004**  
Reunion for graduates of Livonia Franklin High School between the years of 1964 to 2004 presented by Franklin All School committee 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at TC Gator's of Canton, 42775 Ford Road. Cost is \$10 and includes food and cash bar. Let's make this the biggest reunion that Franklin High School has ever seen. Please RSVP to Alicia O'Brien (Douglas) Class of 87 at (734) 261-4970 or e-mail: [aliciadou@aol.com](mailto:aliciadou@aol.com). We need your help finding old classmates to make this reunion a success so please spread the word.

**Milford High School Class of 1978**  
Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail [milford78@gmail.com](mailto:milford78@gmail.com).

**Redford Thurston Class of 1968**  
Pre-party get together 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 21, at Bar Louie, 37716 West Six, Livonia. 40th year reunion with strolling buffet 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 22, at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North. \$50 per person plus cash bar. Contact Tony D'Ascenzo at [tonydgardianplumbing.com](mailto:tonydgardianplumbing.com), Terry Tipton at [fetipto@netscape.net](mailto:fetipto@netscape.net), or visit [www.thurstonclassof1968.com](http://www.thurstonclassof1968.com) for details.

**Redford Union Class of 1978**  
30-year reunion Saturday, 6 p.m. till ? Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008, at Riverbank Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road, South Lyon. Cost \$20 per person if paid by Nov. 1. \$25 per person after Nov. 1. Contact Teresa (Linblad) McManamon at [teresamac7@yahoo.com](mailto:teresamac7@yahoo.com) or (517) 861-0010, or Linda (Pearce) Dugan at [ldugan@comcast.net](mailto:ldugan@comcast.net) or (734) 454-0745. Dress is casual. Hors d'oeuvres from 7-9 p.m. Cash bar.

**Class of 1998**  
10-year reunion 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern, Southfield. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and include food, drinks and door prizes. For information and directions on how to RSVP, contact Craig Horger at [ruh98reunion@gmail.com](mailto:ruh98reunion@gmail.com). Reunion updates, discussions and direction on how to RSVP are located on Facebook. Make an account at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for RE[redford]UNION profile.



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**FCB kicks off its season**

Farmington Community Band begins 43rd concert season with "Spooktacular XXIII."

Damien Crutcher returns to conduct the 80-piece FCB Concert band as it begins its 43rd season. On Oct. 26, the band will present "Spooktacular XXIII," a Halloween concert at the Harrison High School auditorium in Farmington Hills.

This year, the FCB will be assisted by the students at Power Middle School in a joint effort to enrich their instrumental music program. The dress is "spooky casual" for this annual FCB classic which is sponsored by the Target Store at 30020 Grand River in Farmington Hills.

All families are invited to the free concert to enjoy an afternoon of Halloween musical fun, get some treats, march in the costume parade and help the FCB encourage young musicians. Based at Harrison High

School in Farmington Hills, the FCB music organization is comprised of over 100 people participating in a variety of instrumental groups including an 80-piece concert band, a 20-piece Big Band, Dixieland Band, Flute and Brass Ensembles and a Clarinet Choir. Members come from all ages and backgrounds and simply enjoy performing music for the community.

In that spirit there is no admission fee for any concert. Variety and entertainment best describe the rest of the lineup for 2008-09.

The fall season provides a backdrop for fight songs and cider along with cool costumes and Disney tunes.

In December FCB plans to energize the spirit of the season with Beethoven's *Ode to Joy*.

In March, the FCB presents an eclectic birthday concert featuring the works of three great composers. In April, the FCB returns once again to perform at the Farmington-

Farmington Hills Festival of the Arts and the band will wrap up its regular season with a musical kick-off to summer at Heritage Park.

For the first time this year, a class in the music curriculum at Oakland Community College - Orchard Ridge campus, so members are going to try something new this spring by inviting the public to an interesting peek inside the band titled "Sitting in with The FCB," a combination open rehearsal and concert workshop with their new music students from OCC.

FCB Concert Band rehearsals are held Monday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Harrison High School band room. Membership is open to all adults and qualified high school students may audition.

Keep up with concert information and last minute additions through the FCB Web site at [fcbmusic.org](http://fcbmusic.org) or call (734) 261-2202.

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# WALKS

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"We encourage people even if they don't have animals to come and see the pets in costumes," said Stepanian. "We need people their to cheer for the pet in the best costume. Also we're going to have food and beverages for sale, free face painting and an Oktoberfest band so it's fun for the whole family."

Cathy Duford of Westland is going to dress her dog, Jax, as Piddler on the Roof. Duford helped plan the walk as a community center staff member.

"He's going to have a hat and jacket and fiddle. My mom is making the costume," said Duford, who rescued the poodle mix from an animal adoption group. "We're very excited because there will be groomers, free nail trimmings, microchipping at cost, a trainer, and a couple rescues for kittens and dogs."

## HALLOWEEN WALK

Leader Dogs and puppies greet the little princesses and monsters at the end of

the Halloween Walk sponsored by Westland Parks and Recreation, Westland Civitan Club, Dads' Athletic Club of Westland, and Westland Breakfast Lions Club which supports Leaders Dogs for the Blind in Rochester. The event is created especially for younger children, including toddlers, but all ages are welcome 6:30-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, in Tattan Park next to the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road. Tickets are \$3 per person. Call (734) 722-7620.

"It's kind of Halloween Central over here with one-stop shopping for little ones," said Margaret Martin, recreation program supervisor. "We have about 40 volunteers a night for it. The Lions sponsor cookies and children are able to pet Leader Dog puppies. We have Girl Scout Troop 1752 out of St. Matthew's participating as actresses in the story walk along the way. We have Humpty Dumpty, Little Bo Peep, Cinderella. It should be lots of fun."

In addition to the walk, Martin is excited about the

Get Spooky Magic Show put on by Mad Science of Oakland and Macomb counties 6:15-7:30 p.m. or 7:45-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at the Bailey Center. Tickets are \$5 per person. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

"Mad science has been pretty popular," said Martin. "It doesn't have any gore so it is small child friendly. Middle school kids think it's interesting because they learn about the science behind the magic."

## GREAT PUMPKIN CAPER

Wes Graff is excited about the Great Pumpkin Caper presented by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce because the event fills the streets with about 2,000 to 3,000 trick or treaters. The event takes place 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, with a costume contest at 6 p.m. For information, call (734) 453-1540.

"The more the merrier," said Graff, the chamber's executive director. "The businesses pass out candy. It's special because it's in Plymouth and one of those great Plymouth tradi-

tions. Everybody opens their hearts to you."

## PET HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

Chris Wisswell can't wait for the Michigan Animal Adoption Network's Pet Halloween Costume Contest 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Pet Supplies "Plus" on Seven Mile, west of Middlebelt in Livonia. There is a minimum \$5 donation to the adoption group to enter the contest. For information, call (248) 545-5055.

Joe Fucini, Pet Supplies "Plus" spokesperson, promises there will be treats for humans as well as dogs.

"The money goes to the Animal Care Network program because times are desperate and more and more people need help. One lady just had her house foreclosed and wanted to turn in her dog, because the rental doesn't allow dogs," said Wisswell. "We've probably adopted 40 animals since April."

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## Artistic Impressions

This charcoal drawing of At the Lake is by Barbara Eko Murphy, a Livonia elementary schools teacher for 34 years. It won an Honorable Mention in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's Fall Exhibition at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile. The Artistic Impressions show continues to Oct. 30, and includes 40 works submitted by VAAL members in media such as watercolor, pastel, oil, acrylic, mixed media, and sculpture. Kenneth Blevins of Westland won First Place; Geri Near, Second, and Regina Dunne, Third. Viewing hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. For information, call (734) 838-1204.

# FUN

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recreation programs to sponsor kids who can't participate for lack of money. Jaycees is all about community service."

Joetz thinks about 50 to 100 people will attend the dinner, but hopes many more will come to the Westland Jaycees'

Haunted House, which has moved to a new location behind the Wayne Ford Civic League at 1645 N. Wayne Road, south of Ford Road. Casa de Diablo is open 7 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, and 7-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 26-30. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for ages 13 and under. For

information, call (734) 226-0400 and leave a message.


"We had been at the Bailey Center parking lot and are now on a main road," said Joetz. "The money is earmarked for different community program-

ming. The Haunted House is one of our bigger fund-raisers and allows us to do Christmas with Santa and purchase gifts for underprivileged kids."

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#### SHIN SPLINTS

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Rubbing the painful area or applying heat gives a degree of relief, but often not enough to allow the person to dismiss the pain as a mere nuisance. Resolution of the discomfort can take hours but in most cases, the person can undertake the same exercise the next day. However, the pain returns again.

The cause of shin splints is not well worked out. The pain is skeletal pain, specifically coming from the tibia, the main bone of the lower leg. Whether the pain comes from injury to that bone or from the tibialis anterior muscle attached to that bone, is not known.

Treatment concentrates on lessening strain on both the bone and the muscle. An exercise regimen should receive a review and restructuring. If the person is a swimmer, then a change in swimming laps, or seeing a swimming coach to check kicking form is in order. If the activity involves walking, running or cycling, then the person needs to take a close inspection of the shoes used, with attention to room for the toes and support for the arch and heel.

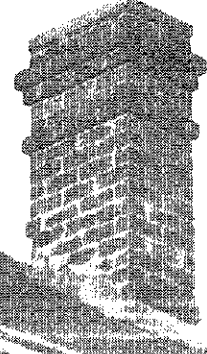
In most cases, shin splint pain resolves, but not without the individual, while keeping his activity, changing the way it is done.

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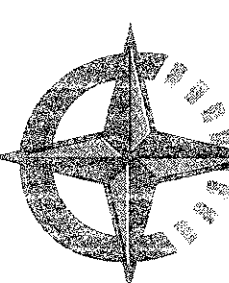
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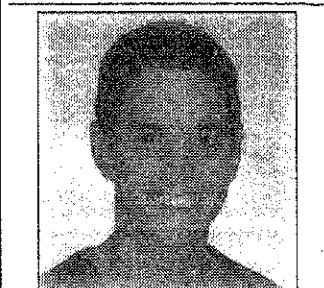
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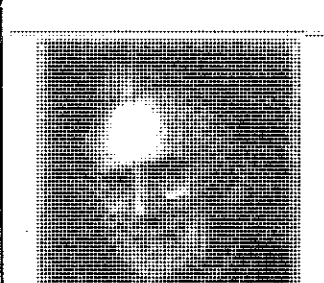
## ELLEN LOUISE ASHCRAFT

Age 91 of Farmington. Passed away October 12, 2008. Thayer-Rock.



## MITCHELL KENNETH BUTLER

Age 14, of Redford, Michigan. Died on Sunday, October 5, 2008, after being struck by a car when biking to officiate a youth soccer game. Mitchell was born in Royal Oak on May 4, 1994, and was the beloved son of Doug and Amy (Federspiel) Butler. Cherished brother of Andrew and Devin and loved grandson of Kenneth and Nancy Federspiel of Wheeler and Janet and the late Robert Butler of Kalamazoo. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Mitchell was an upbeat, caring young man who will be remembered as a bundle of energy who loved snowboarding, fishing, skateboarding, video games and animals (raising and hunting them). A talented and enthusiastic athlete, Mitchell enjoyed running and he especially excelled in soccer which he played for the Redford and Livonia City Soccer Clubs and Redford Union High School. In addition to athletics, Mitchell was also very involved at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church where he was recently confirmed and played drums in the Praise Band. His belief in God was an important part of who he was and he was not shy about letting people know it. Funeral arrangements were made through Neely-Turkowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road, Livonia ([www.neely-turkowski.com](http://www.neely-turkowski.com)). The funeral was held on Thursday, October 9, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Rd., Farmington Hills, with burial immediately following at the South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Mitchell Butler Memorial Fund at the Community Choice Credit Union, 25447 Five Mile Road, Redford, MI 48239.



## WILLIAM P. "BILL" CUNNINGHAM

Age 76, October 4, 2008. Beloved husband of Pamela for 46 years. Loving father of Carol Goldberg (Glen), Karen Cunningham (Terry Grant), and Julie Esker (Rich). Cherished grandfather of Billy, Kyle, Shane, Brayden, Devin, Allison, Emily, and Ryan. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 8th at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Hospice. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

## CARMEL RUTH DUNHAM

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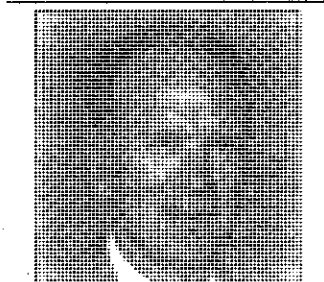
She earned her Bachelor & Master's from Eastern Michigan University and taught school in Troy & Farmington (for 21 years) at Gill, Eagle & Wm. Grace Elementaries, retiring in 1976. Carmel's husband of over 70 years, Monroe, and daughter, Roselyn Tait, preceded her in death in 2007. Surviving family, Carl Dunham, Joyce (Arthur) Browne, Marie Chmielewski, 12 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren & sister, Geraldine Whitman. The memorial service is 2pm on Nov. 2nd at the Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile Rd., Southfield, 48075. Donations will be given to her church or hospice.

## CHARLES J. ELMER

October 13, 2008 age 88 of Wayne. Beloved husband of the late Marie. Dear father of Joyce Wood and the late Thomas. Brother of Ralph (Mary Elen), Margaret (Vester) Oliver and Ruth Ann. Grandfather of seven, great grandfather of eleven. Services were held at the UHt Funeral Home, Westland, with Pastor Bob McDonald officiating. Burial at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Family requests memorials to the American Lung Association. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhth.com](http://www.uhth.com).

## JOE E. HALL III

Age 45 passed away October 14, 2008. Joe worked as a mechanic and handyman. His interests included fishing, car shows and restoration of classic cars. Preceded in death by his mother Barbara C. (Williams) Hall, survived by father Joe E. Hall Jr. of Manton, brother Tad Hall of Grass Lake, niece Jacquelyn, nephew Joshua, and many more caring family members and friends throughout the country. Many thanks to Dr. Englesbee and staff at the UoM. Memorial plans to be announced. In lieu of flowers, please donate to UoM Transplant Center S.P.C. 5391, 3868 Taubman Ctr., Box 0391, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0391 in Remembrance of Joe E. Hall III.

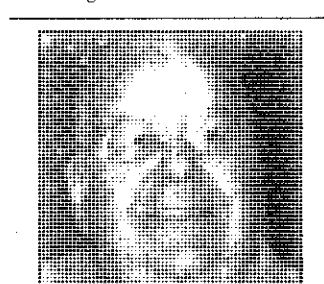


## LOREN EMERY HANSEN, SR.

Age 92, passed away October 14, 2008. He was born October 18, 1915 in SD, son of the late Lloyd & Mabel (Troyer) Hansen. Graduated from Lincoln High School in 1935 and married Mary E. Monks on April 17, 1937, who preceded him in death on September 17, 2008. They were members of First Baptist Church, Wayne. Loren was a member of the Ypsilanti Rotary Club and the Gideons International. Loren and Mary were the former owners of Standard Printing Co. in Ypsilanti. Loren is survived by his four children Mabel (Louis) Fischer of Canton, Loren (Carole) Hansen, Jr. of Ann Arbor, Kenneth (Phyllis) Hansen of FL and Ina (Michael) Cussen of Canton, 14 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren, also 6 siblings. Preceded in death by his parents, one sister and one brother. Cremation rites have been accorded. A Memorial Service will be 10:30 AM Thursday, October 23, 2008 at Fair Haven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. Memorials may be made to Gideon's International Wayne-Westland Camp, or Vitas Hospice Charitable Fund, 26677 Twelve Mile Road, Suite 108, Southfield, MI, and would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements by DAVID C. BROWN FUNERAL HOME, Belleville [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

## OLGA MARIE LARSON

October 12, 2008. Age 81. Dearly loved mother of Paula M. and Paul L. Merideth. Highly regarded painter and sculptor. Beloved teacher and friend of many in the Birmingham, Michigan and Albuquerque, New Mexico arts communities. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Contact the family for memorial arrangements.



## LAURENCE ERIC MASON

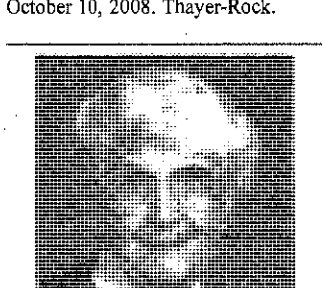
78, of Wausau, died Sunday, October 12, 2008 at Mount View Care Center, Wausau. He was born September 13, 1930 in Detroit, MI, at the Henry Ford Hospital to the late Robert W. and Hazel M. (Smith) Mason. He graduated from Plymouth High School, Plymouth Michigan in 1948. Laurence married Elizabeth Ann Stone October 7, 1950 in Plymouth Michigan. He worked as a sales executive at Hammerblow. Laurence was a member of the HI Y, Glee Club, Spanish Club, Boy Scouts reaching the star level and especially enjoyed family genealogy, golf, tennis, reading, and trout fishing. Survivors include his wife; Elizabeth 'Betty' Mason, Wausau, children; David (Barbara) Mason, Allegan, MI, Paul (Carla) Mason, Madison, WI, Robert Mason, Wausau, WI, Jeffery Mason, Milwaukee, WI, Linda Buettner, Yorba Linda, CA, Mark Mason, Eagle River, WI, grandchildren; Kathryn Thompson, Marilyn Mason, both of Milwaukee, WI, Kyle Buettner, Yorba Linda CA, Nicholaus Mason, Madison, WI, Jonathon Geier, Shawano, WI, great grandchild; Lilly Thompson, Milwaukee, WI, siblings; Patricia (Tony) Jablonski, & Warren (Margery) Mason. Besides his parents Laurence is also preceded in death by a sister; Shirley Thams. Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday October 23, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church, 406 Grant St. Wausau. Rev. Joy Nelson Jeffers will officiate. Visitation will be held from 12 noon until the time of service at the church on Thursday. The family would like to thank Mount View Care Center, Dr. Blick, Wausau Hospital Respite Care Staff for the care of Eric. A special thank you to Richard Nash M.D. for all the years of caring for Eric, and Bill Seidl P.A. at Mount View Care Center. Brainard Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences may be given at [www.brainardfuneral.com](http://www.brainardfuneral.com)

## MICHAEL J. NEVEU

October 14, 2008 age 59 of Westland. Beloved husband of Lynn. Dear father of Curt (Deborah) Wass and the late Nichole Neveu. Loving grandfather of Danielle and Samantha Wass. Brother of Thom, Dennis (Cindy), the late Phillip and Patricia Duby. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Service Sunday 2 pm at the UHt Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Please visit and post a note of condolence at [www.uhth.com](http://www.uhth.com)

## CONSTANTINE SOCRATES TRIKES

"Gus" Age 86 of Farmington. Passed October 10, 2008. Thayer-Rock.



## GRACE A. POWER

Age 96. Died peacefully at her home in Farmington Hills, Michigan, on October 4, 2008, with her family at her side. Grace was born the daughter of the late Paul and Anna Waide on October 12, 1911 in Detroit, Michigan. On June 22, 1935, she married Maxwell "Mickey" Power in Detroit, and together they raised two daughters, Carole and Jill. In 2004, they celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary, which preceded her husband's death that year, at the age of 93. Grace was a true lady, whose quiet dignity, style and dedication to her family was without equal. She is survived by her two daughters, Carole (Haroune) Alameddine and Jill (Richard) Bergstrom; seven grandchildren, Richard (Susan) Alameddine and their children Nicolas and Mitchell, Nina (Robert) Merget and their children Nicole and Max, Jacob (Seham) Alameddine and their children Armaan and Alaina, Michelle (Ronald) Rossio and their children Cooper and Cole, Andrew (Christina) Bergstrom and their son Jackson, James Bergstrom, and Matthew (Amber) Bergstrom. A private memorial service and burial will take place at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Redford, Michigan. Memorials may be directed to the Pediatric Research Fund (Ependymoma) at the University of Michigan, 301 East Liberty, Suite 400, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 or the Lupus Research Institute, 330 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1701, New York, NY 10001.

## NINA SCRIPPS SPITZLEY

Age 61, died unexpectedly, Friday, October 3rd, at her home in Crested Butte, Colorado. Nina was born October 18, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from Bloomfield Country Day School in 1965 and from the University of Denver in 1969 with a BA in Education and a Minor in Art. After graduating Nina made Colorado her home, living in Boulder, Aspen and Vail. She was an avid traveler, with an adventurous spirit, but ultimately made the picturesque, mountain town of Crested Butte her permanent home. Nina enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, including biking, skiing and river rafting. She enjoyed lending a hand whenever possible, on her brother's ranch near Hayden, whether she was making curtains for the bunk house or cutting and bailing hay. She had a flair for decorating and a love of knitting. Nina was a collector of vintage 356 Porsches, in which she would be frequently seen driving through town. Nina's love of nature made her a loyal contributor to the Crested Butte Land Trust. She is survived by her two children, daughter, Adeline Scripps Smith and son, Steve Armiger Smith. A celebration of life will be held for Nina at the Skyland country Club in Crested Butte on Sunday, October 19, from 1-4pm.

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# Professional group gives support and offers growth opportunities

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER  
O&E STAFF WRITER

At one meeting of the Michigan Professional Women's Network, a member announced she was getting married and selling her Troy house.

Another said she was looking for a house to buy and asked if she could see it, recalls Diane Buffalin, Ph.D., MPWN executive director. The result: "She bought it."

It's among the many "favorite stories" Buffalin has of the group, which has a wider focus than introducing women to potential clients.

"The basic backbone of our organization is that women network differently than men. Women are naturally supportive," said Buffalin, a Southfield psychologist.

"At our regional monthly meetings, everyone gets a chance to say who they are, what they do and what they need in three different areas: professionally, socially and on a personal level."

"Every need that you have, someone can meet it if they know about it."

### EVOLVING

The group has some 100 mem-

### AT A GLANCE

Michigan Professional Women's Network meetings are held the second Monday of every month at the Clawson Steak House, 56 Rochester Road at 14 Mile in Clawson. Registration and networking is at 6 p.m.; dinner and program begin at 6:30 p.m.

■ Cost: \$20, members; \$25, guests

■ Reservations are requested. E-mail to [mpwn44@aol.com](mailto:mpwn44@aol.com).

■ For more information, go to [MPWN.org](http://MPWN.org) or call (248) 559-3359.

bers from all over the metro area. They include accountants, bankers, financial planners, attorneys, business owners and educators.

Dinner meetings with a program are held the second Monday of every month, September through June, at the Clawson Steak House in Clawson.

MPWN was formed in 1981 by women executives.

Buffalin, a Lathrup Village resident, said when she joined in the '80s, "There was a glass ceiling for women and it was 'dress for success.' It was rare to meet a

woman physician or attorney."

Women's careers have evolved.

The group's mission remains the same, however, which is "to provide professional women of diverse backgrounds opportunities for professional growth and personal development."

### CREATIVE

Support is often creative.

Recently a member who is starting a restaurant was given an "idea shower." Members wrote down how they could help her business and presented their information in gift bags. The ideas ranged from chair massages for a happy hour to providing 401(k) plans for employees.

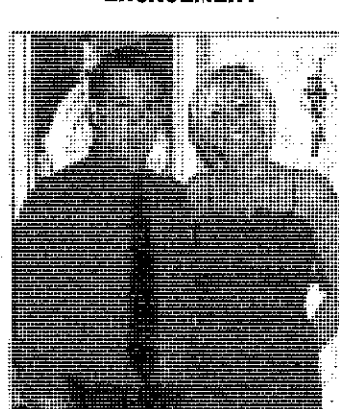
Denise Kelly, certified hair colorist at B.J.'s Salon in Troy, said she was welcomed by a diverse group when she first attended a few years ago and has been a member since.

Kelly said she likes the exchange of ideas and personal approach to attracting new business.

"They are not your average networking group," she said. "We partner to help other women be successful in their business."

"Our network meetings are always open to new visitors," she added.

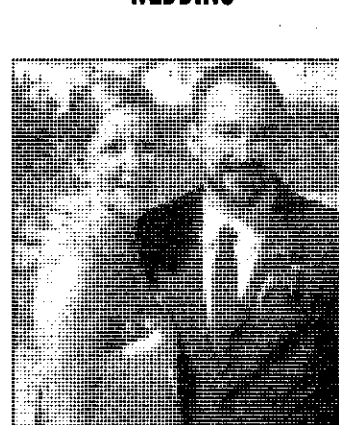
### ENGAGEMENT



## Carley-Geiser

Tracey Carley, daughter of Sherry Bateman of Chapel Hill, Tenn., and the late Robert Carley, recently became engaged to Josh Geiser, son of Gary Geiser of Canton and Dennis and Sandy Felt of Plymouth. A wedding date is yet to be set. The couple plans to make their home in Plymouth.

### WEDDING



## Pawhoski-Zurawski

Dana Pawhoski and Eric Zurawski were married in a private ceremony, April 29, 2008, in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

The bride is the daughter of Al and Sharon Pawhoski of Greenbush and the groom is the son of Don and Paula Zurawski of Livonia.

A reception was held Aug. 9 at the American Legion Hall in Oscoda. The newlyweds reside in Ferndale.

### ANNIVERSARY

## Barlow anniversary

Eli and Elma (Burkhardt) Mettetal recently celebrated their 65th anniversary at home with their family.

The 53-year Redford residents are the parents of Terry (Jim) Magraaw of Marlette, Ron (Karen) Mettetal of Canton, Vickie (Gary) Hulbert of Franklin, N.C., and the late Danny Mettetal. They also have five grand-daughters, two great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Eli Mettetal, 84, owned his own business, Mettetal Greenhouse, and retired just three years ago. Elma, 81, has been a homemaker.

They enjoy spending time with family in their yard, along with their cats.

### GARDEN CALENDAR

#### Michigan Orchid Society

Karen Muir, an accredited American Orchid Society judge from California, will show slides about the Japan Grand Prix at the Michigan chapter's next meeting, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, Birmingham. Muir is one of few women who are invited to judge at the show, which is the largest and most prestigious orchid shows in Japan. She also has judged shows in Canada, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil and South Africa. For more information, call Betty at (586) 416-1496.

#### African Violet Society

The Michigan State African Violet Society will host its annual Fall Display and Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The free event features African Violets, Gesneriads and supplies on sale. Call (248) 698-3628 or e-mail [ingridrowman07@comcast.net](mailto:ingridrowman07@comcast.net).

#### Lily bulb sale

Michigan Regional Lily Society will sell hundreds of colorful, high quality hybrid lily bulbs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 West Maple, between Southfield Road and Cranbrook, in Birmingham. Many kinds of bulbs - Orientals, Asiatics, Species, Oriempets - will be sold. Plant lilies now for blooms next year. No credit cards accepted. [www.mrls.org](http://www.mrls.org)

#### Plein air painting

Janet Almstadt-Davison, a member of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, the Great Lakes Pastel Society, and the Great Lakes Plein Air Painters Association, will talk about the art of plein air painting - painting in the out-of-doors - at a meeting of the Meadow Brook Garden Club, 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24, in the coach house at Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland

University campus. The discussion will include examples of plein air paintings by Almstadt-Davison and others who have painted at Meadow Brook Hall. Slides and stories of experiences while painting at summer garden walks will highlight the talk. Guests are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. \$5 for non-members. For more information, call (248) 608-0485 or (248) 310-8793, or visit [www.meadowbrookhall.org](http://www.meadowbrookhall.org).

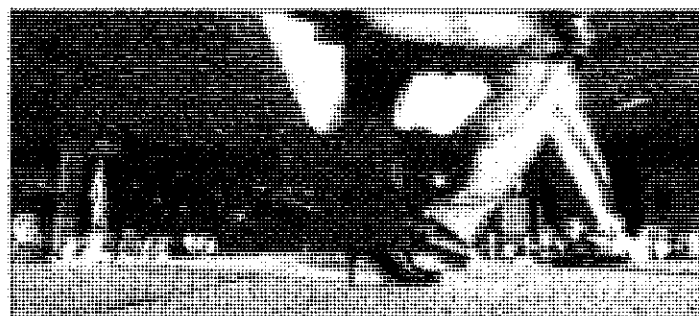
#### Holiday greens

Register by Nov. 1 for Livonia Garden Club's Annual Fresh Greens Workshop, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. Cost is \$24 to make a centerpiece using fresh pine, cedar and love apples. To register, send a check to Livonia Garden Club c/o Diane Bergendahl, 7841 Oak Knoll Drive, Northville MI 48168. No refunds will be given after Nov. 1. For more information, call (248) 486-9676 or (734) 261-5091.

#### 63rd Annual Greens Market

The Ann Arbor Branch of Woman's Farm & Garden Association plans its annual sale of fresh-cut Oregon greens, holiday wreaths, swags, forced bulbs and other arrangements from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The market also will include custom-made accessories, jewelry, clothing, toys and gifts; homemade baked goods; antiques and collectibles and decorative craft demonstrations at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. The market is open only to members of Woman's Farm & Garden Association and Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum from 10 a.m.-noon. Doors open to the public at noon. No admission fee. Free valet parking will be available. Lunches from Afternoon Delight will be available for purchase. (734) 647-7600 or [www.annarborfarmandgarden.org](http://www.annarborfarmandgarden.org).





Models cross the runway during the 35th Annual Redford Suburban League Celebrity Fashion Show held Wednesday at Burton Manor in Livonia.

# Celebrities fill runway for annual benefit

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Cynthia Jamieson seemed to have endless energy as she ran around backstage at the celebrity fashion show last Wednesday at Burton Manor in Livonia. Jamieson coordinates the models for the annual Fall Festival of Fashion put on by the Redford Suburban League to raise money for Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.

This year Rich Luterman, WJBK Fox 2 chief meteorologist, Tracy Gary and Jim Madaus of WWJ-TV CBS 62, and Audrey Sommers of the Catholic Television Network were chatting up a storm as they waited to take the stage in clothing provided by Lord & Taylor at Twelve Oaks and Men's Wearhouse in Novi. Stylists from Lasting Impressions in Garden City had done some of the models hair while Clinique artists from Lord & Taylor added color with makeup.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor and *Observer & Eccentric* newspapers columnist, admitted to being a little nervous as did Detroit Demolition football player Shannan Schluster, who grew up in Redford.

The presentation began just as lunch ended. A patriotic introduction had everyone on their feet for the Pledge



Jim Madaus of WWJTV and Jo-Jo Shuffy-MacGregor make their way down the runway during the 35th Annual Redford Suburban League Celebrity Fashion Show Wednesday at Burton Manor in Livonia.

of Alliance led by Burger students Nicholas Bair and Trinity Irby who also modeled fashions. Char Bialach, a Burger teacher, sang a beautiful rendition of *God Bless America*. Later, husband Stan's trumpet playing lit up the runway with jazz. Stan Bialach, who teaches at Burger, was also one of the models.

Commentators Doris Biscoe and Rich Fisher were welcomed back warmly for yet another year. Not long after the models started strutting their stuff. It looked like everyone was having a good time.



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U.S. Marine 1st Lt. Eric Duchene and Miss Wayne County 2008 Nicole Blaszczyk walk together down the runway during the 35th Annual Redford Suburban League Celebrity Fashion Show Wednesday at Burton Manor in Livonia.

Jamieson estimates 430 tickets were sold for the event plus \$7,000 in raffle tickets for dozens and dozens of designer baskets.

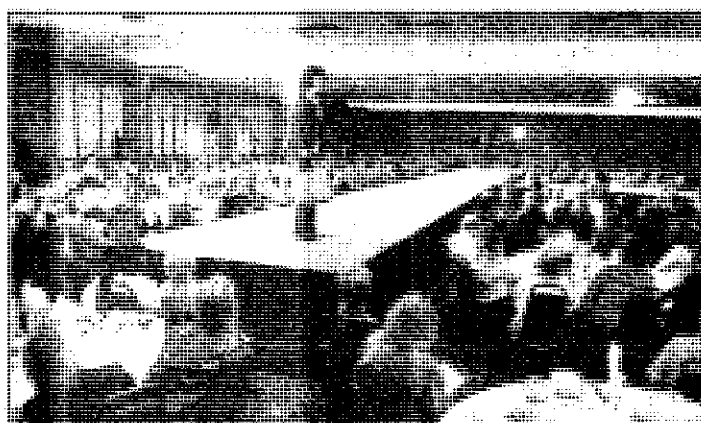
"It was very exciting," said Jamieson. "We had a lot of positive feedback on the show. People loved the patriotic opening and seeing the two students there. Backstage I was talking to Amanda Spence of Lord & Taylor and she said they would love to come back as would Men's Wearhouse and Lasting Impressions."

Next year's celebrity fashion show is scheduled for Oct. 21, 2009. For more information, call Mariam Skinner at (734) 981-6003.

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Longtime hosts Rich Fisher and Doris Biscoe step up to the podium once again for the 35th Annual Redford Suburban League Celebrity Fashion Show.



Robin Sullivan of WMUZ pauses at the end of the runway during the 35th Annual Redford Suburban League Celebrity Fashion Show Wednesday at Burton Manor in Livonia.

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# Vegetarian delights

## Holiday tasting event introduces plant-based diet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jeanie Weaver was a sickly child until she decided to quit eating meat at age 16. Her grandfather was a cattle rancher so she ate plenty of beef and fat-laden Southern dishes growing up. It wasn't until she went to a Seventh-day Adventist boarding school and worked in the kitchen that she returned home with the news she was switching to a plant-based diet.

On Sunday, Nov. 9, she celebrates the 21st year of introducing vegetarianism to anyone interested in learning to cook meals without meat at the Holiday Tasting Extravaganza in the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School Gym in Plymouth. Many Seventh-day Adventists opt not to eat meat.

Weaver went on to become a personal fitness trainer and donates her time teaching physical education at the Seventh-day Adventists' Metropolitan Junior Academy in Plymouth. She rode her bicycle 100 miles in a Century Ride at the end of July at age 55.

"There will be over 60 dishes to taste everything from main to side dishes and desserts, vegetarian and vegan dishes without dairy products," said Weaver, owner of Fitness Concepts Plus. "We sell out the tasting every year as more and more research comes out on the health benefits of vegetarianism. When you see research like this if you don't do it for the environment, do it for yourself whether or not you're a vegetarian."

### DO IT RIGHT

Switching to a plant-based diet is not as simple as not eating meat. A cookbook containing recipes from the first



Tammi Henderson (left) Julie Verhelle and Amber Bayer were among the nearly three dozen cooks at the 2007 Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza.

15 years of the event will be for sale as well as a CD with all 20 years of vegetarian and vegan dishes.

"People can get into trouble if they don't learn to cook properly," said Weaver, who earned a bachelor's degree in health and nutrition from Andrews University and a master's of special education from Madonna University in Livonia. "There are wonderful products now, meat analogues that contain TSP (textured soy protein) or some kind of grain. Try something different. Start thinking how many servings of beans have I had. You should have two to three cups of beans a day. You could have  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sprinkled on a salad or in a taco. Add vegetables. As a trainer if I have an athlete I say you're not serious about your sport if they refuse to eat six servings a day. It helps stabilize weight, keeps them from getting sick. Hard training will lower your immunity. You need six to nine servings of fruits and vegetables. Protein isn't a main consideration. You need a good complement of grains or legumes. Throw in egg, a

little cheese, yogurt for protein."

About 35 cooks will be standing by their dishes to answer questions including Weaver who's making sausage and polenta stuffing and a dessert from spaghetti squash instead of coconut to reduce cholesterol.

"They come in the door and have a tray and pick up samples. We'll have loaves, patties, meatballs made with nuts, grains to help people get ideas," said Weaver. "It's not as hard as people make it out to be. It's a step at a time once you decide to be healthier."

Dr. Arthur Weaver, a retired general surgeon and professor of surgery at Wayne State University, agrees with his daughter-in-law, Jeanie, that a vegetarian diet is good for health. He's never eaten meat in his 85 years.

"The heart attack and cancer rate is cut by about 50 percent," said Weaver. "It's easier to maintain your weight because it should be a low-fat diet. You reduce your risk of diabetes by about 50 percent. Alzheimer's is delayed and it's better for the environment."

Weaver and his wife, Natalie, are planning to hold cooking classes in spring. They regularly present their Better Living Seminars to quit smoking and live a healthy lifestyle. Natalie, 84, is making a holiday pecan loaf with barbecue sauce or brown gravy, and a banana cranberry bread with the option of making the dessert without eggs.

### 'MUCH HEALTHIER'

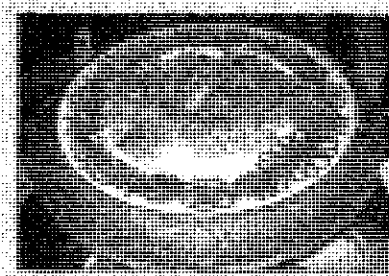
"I'm sure it's much healthier and there's nothing better than having good health as you're growing older," said Natalie Weaver, who still walks a couple miles every morning with her husband. "I'm an experimental cook and try not to use anything that isn't readily available in stores."

Dr. Cheryl Kovalski is an oncologist at Garden City Hospital so she sees firsthand the cancers directly related to patients' diets. She's bringing a vegan black bean soup and an olive and cheese appetizer. Kovalski is a lacto-ova vegetarian which means she eats dairy products. She warns vegans, who don't consume milk, eggs or cheese, to make sure they get their B-12 and other vitamins.

"There has been a link between colon cancer and meat and a high fat meat diet and breast cancer," said Kovalski. "Studies have shown the best diet is simple food, the less cooked the better and high in fiber. I believe in Creation. Our original diet was fruit, nuts and grains."

Ellen Higgins works at the University of Michigan hospital in Ann Arbor as a physician's assistant and was a registered dietitian for about 20 years. She has been cooking for the tasting event since it began. She's making a holiday lasagna with butternut squash, sweet potatoes and low-fat mozzarella cheese, and a Southwestern white bean dip. Higgins is a lifelong vegetarian but says, just because someone doesn't eat meat doesn't mean they make good choices.

"When you eat a high meat diet it becomes the focus of your meal and you tend to eliminate those other items that



The cook for this ethnic dish used tofu instead of meat.

### VEGETARIAN HOLIDAY TASTING EXTRAVAGANZA

**What:** Taste 60 different vegetarian and vegan dishes for the holidays

**When:** Sunday, Nov. 9, three sessions at 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School Gym, 15885 Haggerty, north of Five Mile.

**Tickets:** \$14 adults, \$6 children ages 6-12. For details, visit [www.vegieholiday.com](http://www.vegieholiday.com) or call (248) 446-9176.

reap benefits," said Higgins of South Lyon. "Look at Asia, India where starch like rice or vegetables is the focus and meat is a condiment. I believe people can have a healthy diet and still eat meat but the bulk needs to be legumes, grains, vegetables and fruits. What's neat about the extravaganza is you can taste it and we give you the recipes. If you come out with four that's a success and a good start to a good way to eat."

Higgins works 10 to 12 hours at the hospital so she doesn't have a lot of time to cook. She tries to make dishes simple but good.

"Someone gave me some zucchini and yellow squash and I sauteed it with onion and had cooked brown rice leftover," said Higgins. "I put it in a wrap. My husband poured it over rice," said Higgins. "People say tofu tastes nasty. They don't know how to season it. Come and taste it when it's seasoned right."

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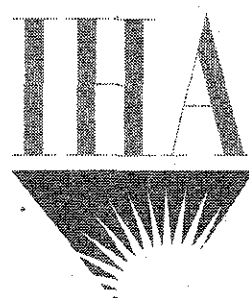


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# Equipment check

## Ski expert gets women ready for the slopes

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Forget the bronze and golden falling leaves. Veronica Jackson wants snow.

"If we had snow, I'd go out today," said the Lansing woman who teaches skiing at Mt. Brighton Ski Resort.

She'd be on the slopes, wearing the new boots and skis she ordered after attending a clinic on properly-equipping female skiers Tuesday at Don Thomas Sporthaus in Birmingham.

"Because I'm an older skier, I need equipment that works with me instead of against me. The equipment was holding me back," said Jackson, who returned to the store Wednesday for a personal boot fitting.

"I'm sorry that not more of my female ski buddies are here, because we all struggle with the same things — getting the weight forward on the skis — and it's frustrating."

Jeannie Thoren understands Jackson's frustration all too well.

The Marquette native, who now lives in Duluth, Minn., experienced the same difficulty for years. It compelled her to look at the biomechanical differences between men and women and use the knowledge she gained to solve a variety of performance problems — from crossed skis to wobbly knees — which she talks about in the clinics and fittings she presents across the country. Her two-day stop in Birmingham last week was part of more than a month-long tour.

"The guys were telling me to do something I couldn't do, no matter how hard I tried, no matter how good a shape I was in, no matter how much I spent on my equipment," Thoren said. "I still couldn't do the things they were telling me to do. So, I played around with

the mechanics.

If someone tells you to do something 100 times and you can't do it, can't you just maybe make a change somewhere? So, that's what I started doing."

Her Web site (www.jeanniethoren.com), points out that a woman's center of gravity is about an inch lower and further back than a man's making it difficult for her to keep her weight forward and keep ski tips from crossing or wandering. Because her pelvis is wider, a woman's femur bone connects to the knee at a wider angle, sometimes causing a knock-kneed stance on skis. Women also may have insufficient power to turn on skis, which can result in over-rotation as she swings her hips to bring the ski around. The rotation forces her skis to slide out from under her and skid. Women also flex their knees and ankles with more difficulty than men and may compensate by bending at the waist to bring her weight forward. But the problem worsens on steeper slopes.

### SOLUTIONS

Through trial and error Thoren discovered that by altering their equipment fit, women can improve their skills on the slopes.

Moving bindings forward, for example, can alleviate over-rotation and compensate for the lower center of gravity, helping female skiers keep their weight forward. Foot beds, lifts and other orthotics align the foot properly in the boot and can solve knock-kneed and flex problems.

"My tips crossed and my left leg is wobbly. So she added some lifts and the quality of the boot will make a difference as well," said Gloria Harden of Detroit. A member of the Jim Dandy Ski Club, Harden



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Ski expert Jeannie Thoren has a laugh with Gloria Harden, (left) Detroit and Dynastar Lange representative Eric Smith. Thoren showed women how to properly fit equipment — and become better skiers in the process — while visiting Don Thomas Sporthaus in Birmingham Wednesday.

checked out Thoren's Web site, attended the clinic and then got expert advice at a personal fitting. "My knees would go in like a knock-knee effect, but with her fixes, that all goes away."

"I'm excited because I'm going to Winter Park (in Colorado) in seven weeks and I can't wait."

Thoren asked Harden and other women she fitted for equipment to feel different styles of boots and lifts.

"Women are feelers, so I don't talk a lot about features. I just say, 'Here, try this. Walk around in it.' I've been working with women for 30

years. It's a different way of going about things. Men are more interested in technical features and women are more feelers. It's a different, more feminine way of reaching women. If the woman wants to get into the technical, of course I know all that too," Thoren said.

She suggests that women check out her Web site before heading to a ski shop for new equipment.

"Typically, walking into a ski shop, they don't have her kind of knowledge that she shared with us, and that the guys here (at Don Thomas) have as well," Harden added.

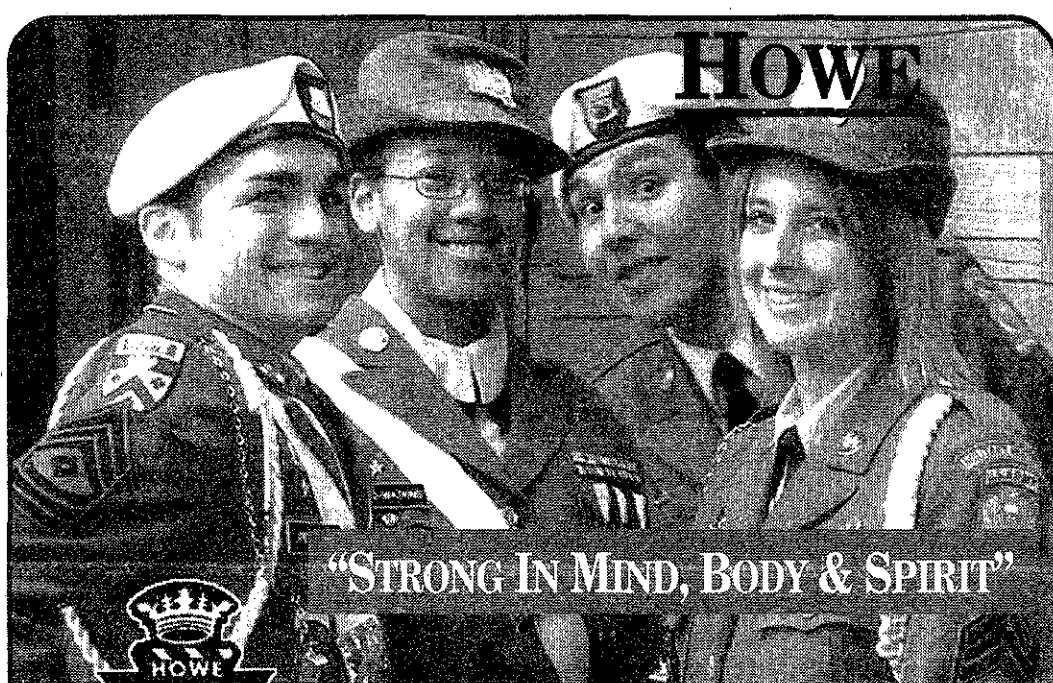


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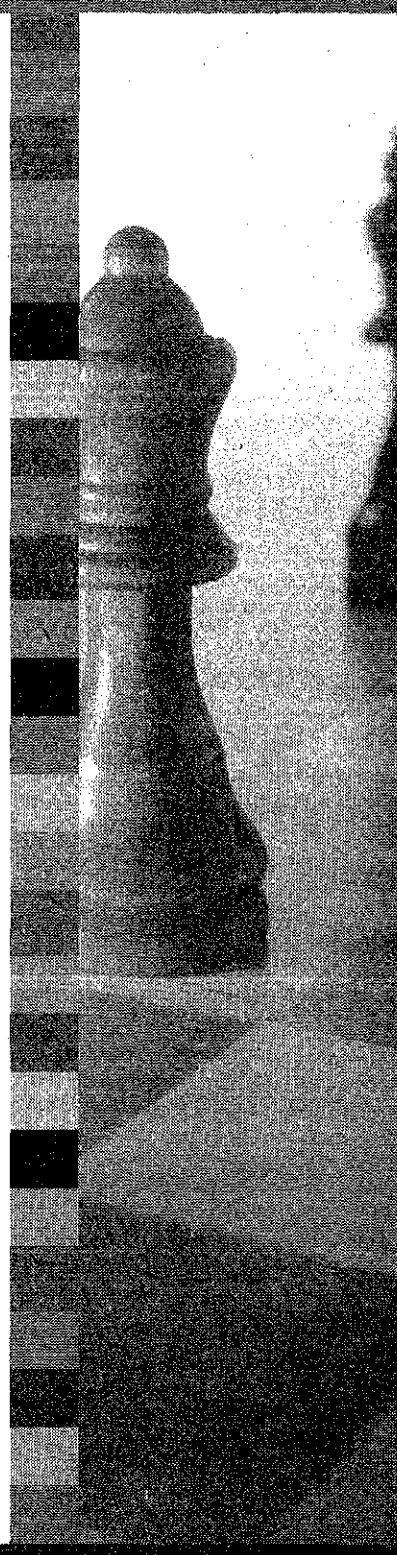
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Just N. of Lone Pine  
\$5 Admission. 248-988-0924

**Arts & Crafts** 7040

**LIVONIA** Oct. 24, 12-6pm & Oct. 25, 10-4. Riverside Park Church - 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth. Fall craft show!

**Rummage Sale/ Flea Market** 7080

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym at 201 Elm Street, downtown Northville, behind Hiller's. Thurs. Oct. 23, 9am-4pm, Oct. 24, 9am-1pm.

**Rummage Sale/ Flea Market** 7080

**WEST BLOOMFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**  
Wed., Oct. 22, 8-12pm admission this night only. 6pm-8pm; Thurs., Oct. 23, 9am-4pm; Fri., Oct. 24, 9am-2pm. 4100 Walnut Lake Rd., just west of Orchard Lake Rd.  
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**Garage Sales** 7110

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Challenging fun for ALL ages

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lock opposite
  - 4 Break in
  - 7 Gush forth
  - 11 Quite similar
  - 13 A Miss America
  - 14 Meadow rodent
  - 15 Southwest
  - 16 Dark brew
  - 17 Buffalo's lake
  - 18 Pistil top
  - 20 Desolate
  - 21 Brown of renown
  - 22 Trim
  - 23 Kind
  - 24 of pollution
  - 26 Shaped clay
  - 30 It gives a hoot
  - 31 Charged particle
  - 32 Khan of note
  - 33 Setback
  - 36 Phony duck
  - 38 Teacup part
  - 39 Whammy

- 40 Not suitable
- 43 Japanese theater
- 46 Superman's girl
- 47 Pen part
- 48 Skillful
- 50 Birthday suit wearer
- 51 MacGraw of films
- 52 Otherwise
- 53 Presently
- 54 Saucepan
- 55 Husk

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 12 Toe covers
- 19 Thousand, to a yegg
- 20 Leaf out
- 22 Debate side
- 23 Neither's mate
- 24 Have bills to pay
- 25 Feverish
- 26 "Simpsons" bartender
- 27 Insect resin
- 28 Vanity
- 29 Popular shift
- 31 Belief
- 34 Up and about
- 35 Peach-center
- 36 Chaperoned girl
- 37 Display, as charm
- 39 Monk's garb
- 40 Wrist bone
- 41 Verb precursor
- 42 Rover's pal
- 43 Metric pound
- 44 Iodine source
- 45 In that case (2 wds.)
- 47 Snooze
- 49 Mr. Danson

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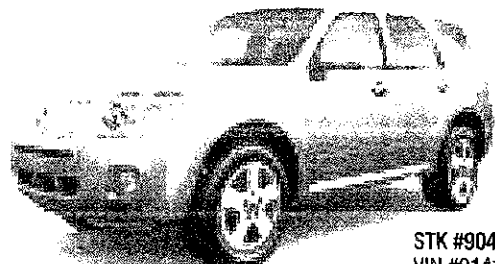


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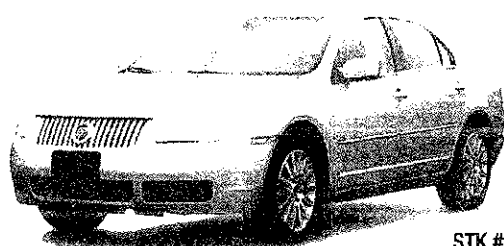


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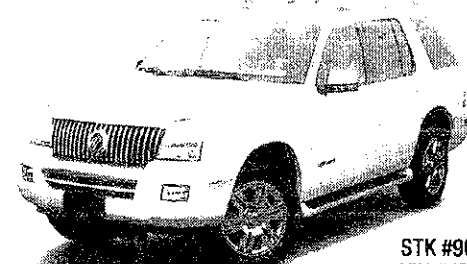


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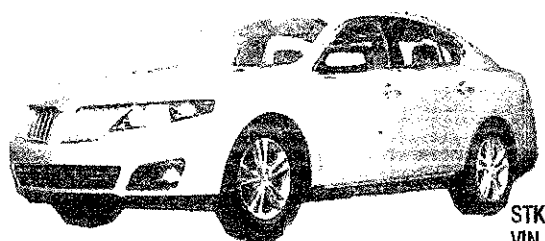
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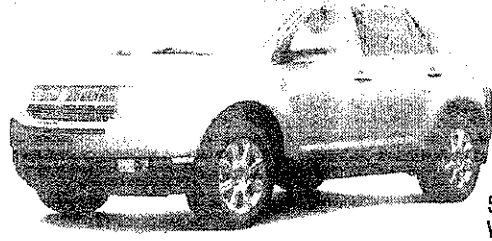


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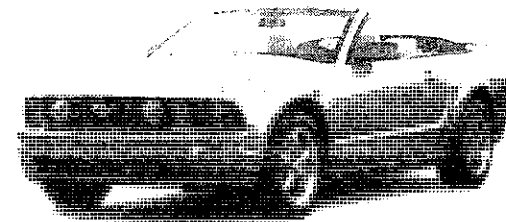
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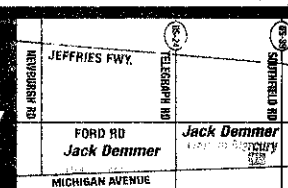
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Ford Factory Rebates\*

# October is Truck Month

at **JACK DEMMER FORD**

## New 2008 Ford F150 XLT Supercrew 4x4

**Keyless entry,  
limited slip axle,  
5.4 FFV V-8**

STK#82972

**A-Plan**  
**\$31,198\***

MSRP \$35,470 After Tow & Go Discount

You pay as little as  
**\$20,698\***



### New 2008 Ford F150 XLT Supercab 4x4

**Limited slip axle,  
shift on the fly,  
keyless entry**



STK#82759

**A-Plan**  
**\$29,038\***

MSRP \$32,955 After Tow & Go Discount

You pay as little as  
**\$19,538\***

### New 2009 Ford Flex SE FWD

**Just Announced  
\$750.00 Ford  
Bonus Cash!\***



STK#90014

**A-Plan**  
**\$27,138\***

MSRP \$29,480 After Tow & Go Discount

You pay as little as  
**\$22,638\***

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### New 2009 Ford Fusion SE Fwd

**Sun & Sync  
Value Pkg.**



STK#90264

**A-Plan**  
**\$14,362\***

MSRP \$22,700

Lease for only **\$214.64** 36 mo.  
\$1,000 down \$1420 due @ signing

### New 2009 Ford Escape XLT Fwd

**Sun & Sync  
Value Pkg.**



STK#90618

**A-Plan**  
**\$18,816\***

MSRP \$25,030

Lease for only **\$264.93** 36 mo.  
\$1,000 down \$1473 due @ signing

### New 2008 Ford Edge SE Fwd

**Sirius Satellite Radio  
Convenience group,  
18" painted  
alum. wheels**



STK#83417

**A-Plan**  
**\$20,123\***

MSRP \$27,335

Lease for only **\$329.25** 36 mo.  
\$1,000 down \$1616 due @ signing

### New 2009 Ford Focus SE

**Pwr windows/locks,  
cruise control/CD**



STK#90242

**A-Plan**  
**\$12,224\***

MSRP \$17,905

Lease for only **\$279.94** 36 mo.  
\$1,000 down \$1489 due @ signing

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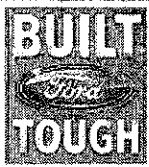


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**NEW 2008 FORD F-150 4x4 XLT SUPER CREW**

Remote start, power windows, locks, speed control, tilt wheel

5 AT THIS PRICE 41 AVAILABLE

Less \$1,000 tow & go discount



**\$36,295**

A-PLAN

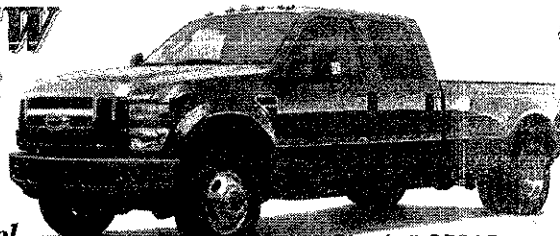
**\$31,042<sup>+</sup>**

PLUS SUBTRACT

Up to \$10,500 Ford Factory Rebates  
\$7000 Retail Customer Cash, Plus \$500 Ford Credit Retail Bonus Customer Cash plus \$1000 A/Z/7/D-Plan Retail Customer Cash plus \$1,000 applicable to 2008 Ford Super Duty, or

**NEW 2008 FORD F-350 4x4 LARIAT DRW CREW CAB**

6.4L Diesel, moon roof, chrome pkg, camper pkg, tow command, rear video camera, heated seats



Stock # 85315

**\$53,580**

A-PLAN

**\$46,958<sup>+</sup>**

PLUS SUBTRACT

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**NEW 2009 FORD FUSION SE!**  
Featuring...SYNC, Moonroof, remote start, SIRIUS radio, power windows, locks, speed control.  
35 AT THIS PRICE - 349 AVAILABLE  
BUY FOR **\$13,637<sup>+</sup>** \$1,000 DOWN SIGN & DRIVE **\$218<sup>36</sup> MO** **\$255<sup>36</sup> MO**  
\$1,322 DUE AT DELIVERY\* ALL FEES INCLUDED\*

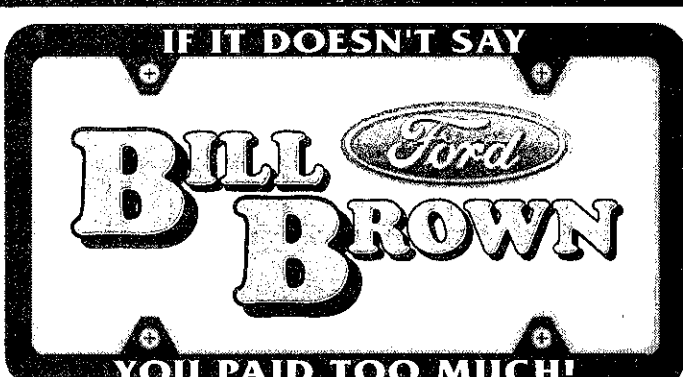
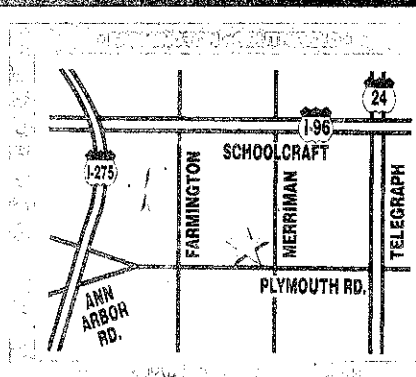
**NEW 2009 FORD ESCAPE XLT!**  
Featuring...remote start, moon roof, SYNC, power windows, locks, power, speed control and tilt wheel  
5 AT THIS PRICE - 178 AVAILABLE  
BUY FOR **\$18,091<sup>+</sup>** \$1,000 DOWN SIGN & DRIVE **\$269<sup>36</sup> MO** **\$307<sup>36</sup> MO**  
\$1,375 DUE AT DELIVERY\* ALL FEES INCLUDED\*

**NEW 2009 FORD FLEX SE!**  
Featuring...SYNC, remote start, power windows, seats, locks, speed control, tilt wheel, reverse sensing system.  
3 AT THIS PRICE - 144 AVAILABLE  
BUY FOR **\$20,660<sup>+</sup>** \$1,000 DOWN SIGN & DRIVE **\$305<sup>36</sup> MO** **\$346<sup>36</sup> MO**  
\$1,488 DUE AT DELIVERY\* ALL FEES INCLUDED\*

**NEW 2009 FORD FOCUS SE!**  
Featuring...automatic, speed control, power windows & locks.  
20 AT THIS PRICE - 133 AVAILABLE  
BUY FOR **\$11,530<sup>+</sup>** \$1,000 DOWN SIGN & DRIVE **\$154<sup>36</sup> MO** **\$201<sup>36</sup> MO**  
\$1,576 DUE AT DELIVERY\* ALL FEES INCLUDED\*

**NEW 2008 FORD TAURUS LIMITED!**  
SYNC, leather, tilt, power windows & locks, heated power seat, AM/FM/CDX6/MP3, audiophile with subwoofer, remote start.  
5 AT THIS PRICE - 67 AVAILABLE  
BUY FOR **\$19,948<sup>+</sup>**

**NEW 2008 FORD TAURUS X LIMITED!**  
Featuring...remote start, leather, int. com. pkg., SYNC, power windows, locks, seat, speed control and tilt wheel.  
3 AT THIS PRICE - 25 AVAILABLE  
BUY FOR **\$22,579<sup>+</sup>**



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