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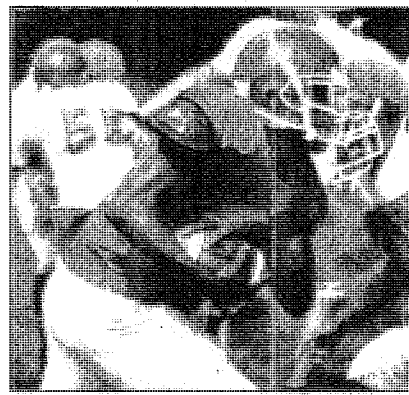
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## AROUND TOWN

### New appointee

The Westland City Council Monday evening confirmed the appointment of Jeremy Williams to the city's Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term that expires on May 6, 2012.

Williams, a 12-year resident of the city, is married, has two children and is expecting a third child. He had served on the Westland Civil Service Commission since 2006. In his spare time, he helps promote and volunteer at annual events for the Wounded American Foundation.

### Lucky number

Project 100, a nonprofit group whose purpose is to help others and ignite change by giving back, hit the halfway point in its mission to give out \$100 bills to people throughout Wayne and Oakland counties.

The lucky recipient of the \$100 was George Pawa of Westland, who also received an extra \$50 and balloons. Sponsored by the Livonia-based Co-op Credit Union, Project 100 randomly gives out the \$100 bills to recipients who can spend the money however they want, and the nonprofit requests only one thing, that the recipients think about how they can give back to their local communities.

Project 100 will continue to give the money to people who sign up on its Web site at [www.whatisproject100.com](http://www.whatisproject100.com) through a lottery process.

### Investigation

The Michigan State Police are handling an investigation of a Westland police chase that ended in the death of a motorcyclist late Saturday night.

According to a statement released by Westland Police Sgt. Ronald Kroll, Westland officers attempted to stop the motorcyclist in the area of Wayne and Warren roads for a traffic violation. The motorcyclist, however, fled at a high rate of speed and was involved in a crash in the area of Merriman and Windsor, south of Warren Road in Garden City.

The incident happened around 11:55 p.m. The motorcyclist died of injuries sustained in the crash.

Kroll declined to release further details of the incident. He did say that he is handling the internal investigation.

While the crash happened in Garden City, the accident investigation is being handled by the State Police. Garden City police officers did secure the accident scene and provide traffic control, according to Garden City Deputy Police Chief Robert Muery.

## 'Phenomenal': Recycling a big hit with residents

Westland seniors get to see how recycling is done with tour of Great Lakes Recycling. See story and photos on Page A2.

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How well has Westland done with its curbside recycling program? Ask Atul Nanda of RecycleBank and he'll tell you phenomenal. Ditto for Mayor William Wild.

Numbers for the first full month of the program shows that 99 percent of households in the community participated in the recycling program, while

60 percent signed up to get earn RecycleBank reward points.

"I can't ever remember seeing these kinds of metrics," said Nanda, vice president of the Midwest region for RecycleBank. "These are incredible results for us. We're really, really pleased."

"The amount is amazing for July," said Wild. "Ninety-nine percent was what we strived for and to hit it the first month is phenomenal. The 1 percent could be vacant homes or where the property owner wasn't home. It's still a phenomenal number."

Initial estimates were that Westland residents would on aver-

age recycle 15 pounds a week and 500-600 pounds a year. By the end of July, the average, determined by dividing the total weight of recyclables collected during a given week by the total number of households with containers, was at 23.26 pounds and 700-800 pounds annually.

According to Nanda, Westland has gone from collecting 90 tons of recyclables a month at its drop-off depot to 550 tons in the curbside program. "Again, it's phenomenal," he said. "When we looked at the initial start-up, we thought it would be 15 pounds a week per resident. It's an incredible start."

Westland is one of two cities in Michigan offering curbside recycling that lets residents earn points that can be redeemed for gift certificates from area businesses. Nanda said both communities are doing well with the program, but based on first month metrics, Westland is probably doing better.

"It bodes well for Westland," Nanda said. "People are looking at their container and asking what is recyclable and what isn't. It's a question that's being repeated 25,000 times."

It will be another month before the

Please see **RECYCLING, A2**



Members of the Carleton High School girls volleyball team clap boom whackers to cheer on 3-Day walkers.

## Crowds send up a cheer for their walkers

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The heat and humidity weren't enough to keep 88-year-old Anna Louise Ventura from completing her mission of cheering for Christa Slane.

Holding an umbrella for shade, she sat in a lawn chair along Merriman Road late Friday morning waiting for a glimpse of her granddaughter.

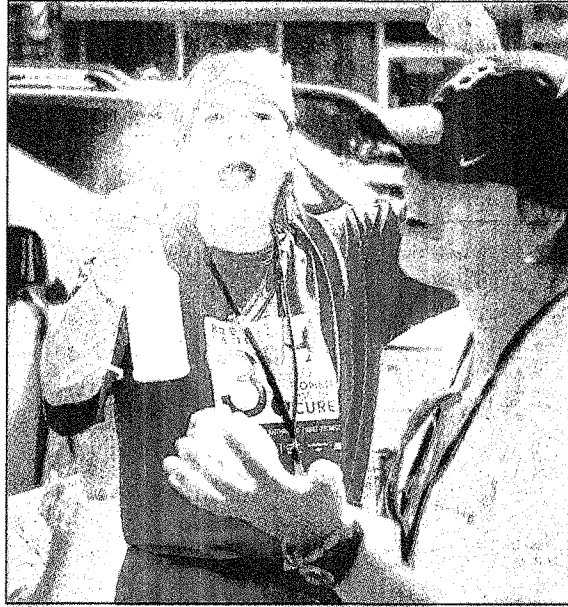
"We want to surprise her, she doesn't know we're here," said Ventura, just one of several hundred of people who showed up at the first cheer station for last weekend's Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day walk from Dearborn through western Wayne County to Ann Arbor.

Armed with posters, boom

whackers, stickers and anything and everything pink, the crowd cheered as walkers passed at the 9.9-mile point of the 60-mile walk. They came from throughout the tri-county area as well as Ontario, Illinois and beyond. They sprayed walkers with water, provided cups filled with chilled melon, freezer pops and suckers and round after round of applause.

A group of women from Rochester used water guns to spray walkers, while Michele Shubitowski of Chicago, Ill., placed stickers on the walkers' tags.

"I walked the 3-Day in Chicago last weekend, I've walked five times and I know how important encouragement



Volunteer Sandy Rathnaw of Farmington Hills helps the walkers stay cool with a spray of water.

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## Westland teen arrested in attempted carjacking

A 17-year-old Westland youth is being held in the Wayne County Youth Home after being arrested late Monday evening in connection with a carjacking on Central City Parkway south of Warren Road.

The teen is accused of trying to take a Westland woman's Mercury Sable after she had stopped to clear five shopping carts that blocked the southbound lanes of Central City Parkway.

The woman told police she had gotten out of her car to move the carts when she saw the suspect run from the rear of the vehicle and hop in it. She began fighting and screaming at the suspect while he sat in the driver's seat. He, in turn, pushed and punched her. The suspect got out of the car and pushed the woman to the ground before fleeing east toward the Landings Apartment complex.

Westland Police officers who were on northbound Central City Parkway and saw the suspect approach the car and struggle with the woman, lost sight of the teen. However, he was located a short time later in the convalescent parking lot.

According to the police report, the suspect was taken into custody but not before being Tasered.

The youth told police that he and three friends had planned to take the car, but the other three got away.

The woman suffered scrapes to her foot, hip and buttocks as a result of the struggle.

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## LPS trustees OK soccer complex

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The city of Westland will no longer be involved in the redevelopment of the Cooper school property on the city's north end, following a vote Monday by the Livonia school board to approve a cooperative agreement with a private company to lease the site for a soccer complex.

"We're no longer involved at this point," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "I believe this is the same project that was proposed before. If they get approval of the financials, I believe they will be doing something similar to what we're do for Central City Park."

The Livonia Public Schools will use \$1 million from the district's sinking fund to improve the property, a former landfill,

and \$800,000 from a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality grant.

The board approved it, 5-2, with Trustees Steve King and Patrice Mang opposing it.

The school district would grade the property, cap the landfill, erect a soccer dome provided by the company, plant grass, build a retention pond, install an irrigation system and add a parking lot and lights.

Breeze Sports Management of West Bloomfield would lease about half of the 40-acre site for 35 years, paying the school district about \$2 million over that time period. Breeze would pay \$55,000 for each of the first three lease years, then increase that total \$5,000 periodically to \$75,000 annually in lease years 26 through 35.

The company would man-

age the complex, which would include four outdoor soccer fields, a couple of training fields and a dome for indoor soccer. If the company defaults, the school district gets to keep the dome.

Construction may begin in December or January, Livonia School Superintendent Randy Liepa said.

Cooper school, built in the 1960s, was closed in 1991 because of contamination. The district has since torn it down. A fence surrounds the site, located across from the new Cooper Upper Elementary School on Ann Arbor Trail. Residents appeared both for and against the proposal.

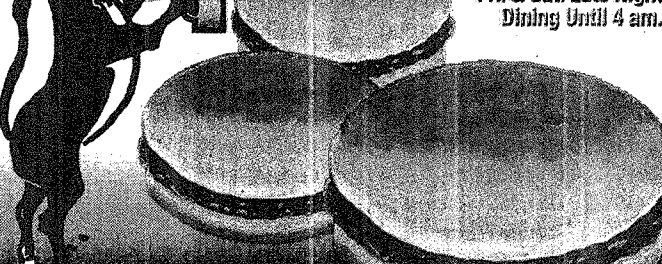
"Why are you spending \$1 million on a soccer complex for

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# WALKERS

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is when you're hot and tired," said Shubitowski who wore a bright pink wig and matching hula skirt. "When people come out here like this, it can make all the difference in the world. Tomorrow I'll do coffee and doughnuts."

Coach Patrick Rice had his varsity volleyball team from Carleton High School line the path and bang pink boom whackers as the walkers pass by. The effort tied in with a volleyball game, Volley for a Cure, the girls will play on Sept. 16 with Allen Park High School.

"I get them out here so they can understand what they're playing for," said Rice.

In one of the few large patches of shade in front of Premiere Insurance, Barbara Petriches of Redford and Sandy Sutton of Westland were there to show support for sister-in-law, Keli Ingersoll, a breast cancer survivor who came from North Carolina to be in the 3-Day.

"This is a family affair, anyone who's not working came out," Petriches said. "I plan to be at all of the stops."

Sutton, who brought along granddaughters Addison Shakes and Alexa Sutton, had no idea what to expect at the cheer station, but had already planned to be at Kellogg Park in Plymouth on Saturday.

"This the first year she's done it," said Sutton of Ingersoll.

Mark Beauchamp of Clarkston planned on being at every cheer station to greet wife Andrea, but looking at his daughters Addison, 3 months, and Avery, 3, he figured he might miss the afternoon stop.

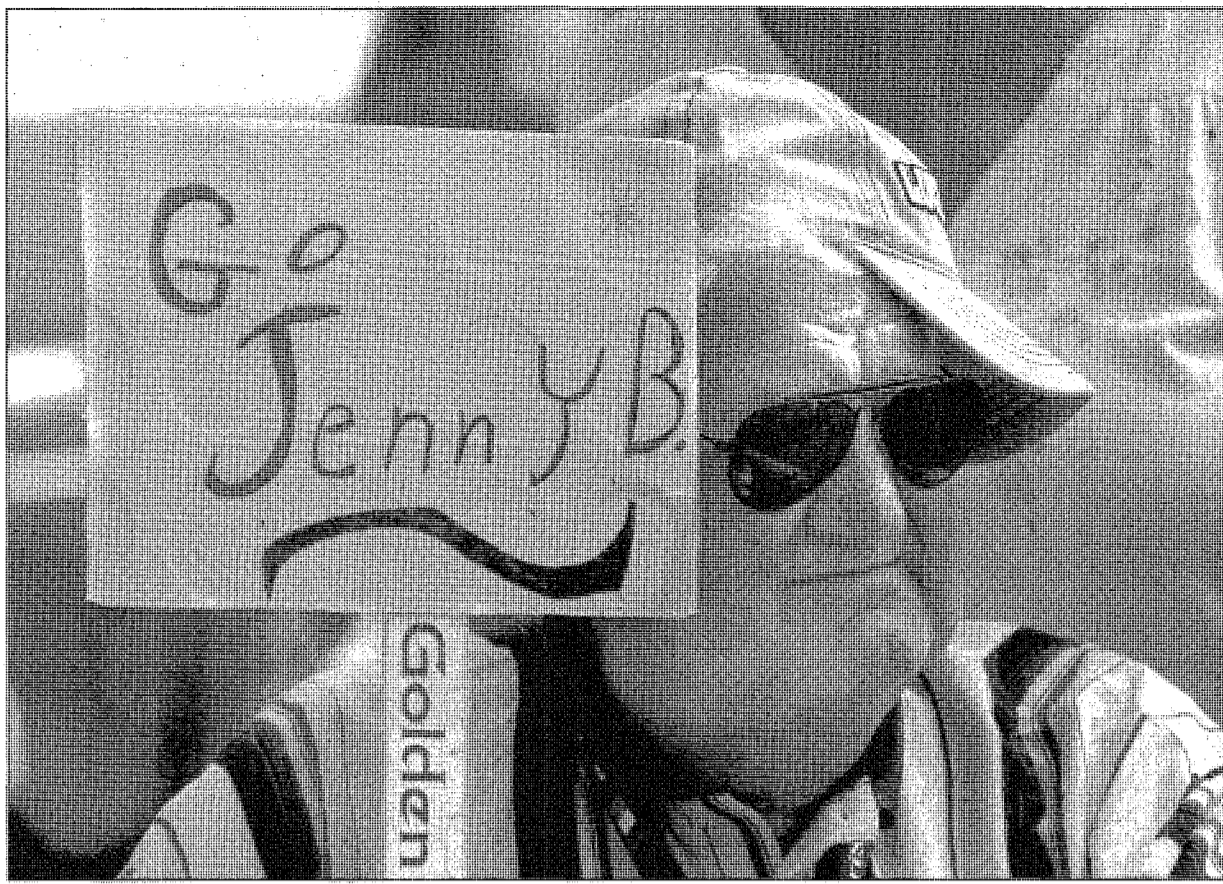
"There was the huge opening ceremony and then we went to breakfast," he said. "It looks like they're ready for naps, so we may not make it to the next station."

Cancer has touched several members of their family, including Beauchamp's mother, Andrea who was walking in her first time as walking in her memory.

"It's an honor to have her walk in my mother's memory," he said.

Ron Kuczera of Macomb Township decided his gift to the walkers would be to make them laugh by spinning pink beads around his neck like a Hula Hoop.

"Hey, you missed the entertain-



Westland resident Edgar Decess watches the 3-Day walkers pass by the Westland cheer station Friday morning, looking for his daughter, Jennifer Brojenski.



Walker Carol Grafton is cheered on by members of the Carleton High School girls' volleyball team at the cheer station on Merriman during the first day of the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day.

ment here," he yelled, giving the beads a spin around his neck. "It's a neck-a-hoop, I perfected in Chicago when my niece and sister walked the 3-Day. It's very good workout for

my abs." Ten-year-old Kaitlyn Balko of Westland and her mother, Toshya, were waiting for Angelle Allen to come into view. Kaitlyn's soccer



Walkers Rachel Wagner and Courtney Salter, both residents of Livonia, cool off with a water spray provided by Mary Hein of Romeo, and Sandy Rathnaw of Farmington Hills.

coach Allen was walking in her third 3-Day.

"It's really important for the survivors, the walkers and the parents and their children," Kaitlyn said. "I hope they find a cure."

Christina Wood of Wyandotte wasn't able to raise enough money to participate in this year's walk, so she sat along the road cheering on those who did.

"Day two is the hardest day, day three is the easiest because you have your eye on the closing ceremony," she said. "Day two drags on, one mile seems like 10 miles."

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# Getting rid of household waste has rewards

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Getting rid of your unwanted household items could put \$250 in your pocket. That's one of several prizes that will be given out during a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day being held Saturday in the parking lot of Westland Shopping Center at Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard.

Sponsored by the Wayne County Department of Environment, the collection will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lot behind the J.C. Penney store.

"We estimate that 2,000 to 4,000 cars will be at this one," said Kevin Bufford, director of the Westland Department of Public Service. "We got 1,200 cars when we operated a county one at our small DPS yard."

Only household-generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted. Examples of items that will be accepted at the collection site include household paints, stains and dyes, floor wax, floor care products and carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers and solvents, pharmaceutical waste (noncontrolled substances only), nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals and pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, all types of fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, mercury thermometers, thermostats and elemental mercury.

Residents also can turn in such electronics as computers, CPUs, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions.

People dropping off waste will receive a ticket to take to the customer service desk in the mall where they'll receive a green shopping bag filled with goodies. One bag will contain a gift certificate for \$260. Two \$50 gift certificates also will be given out.

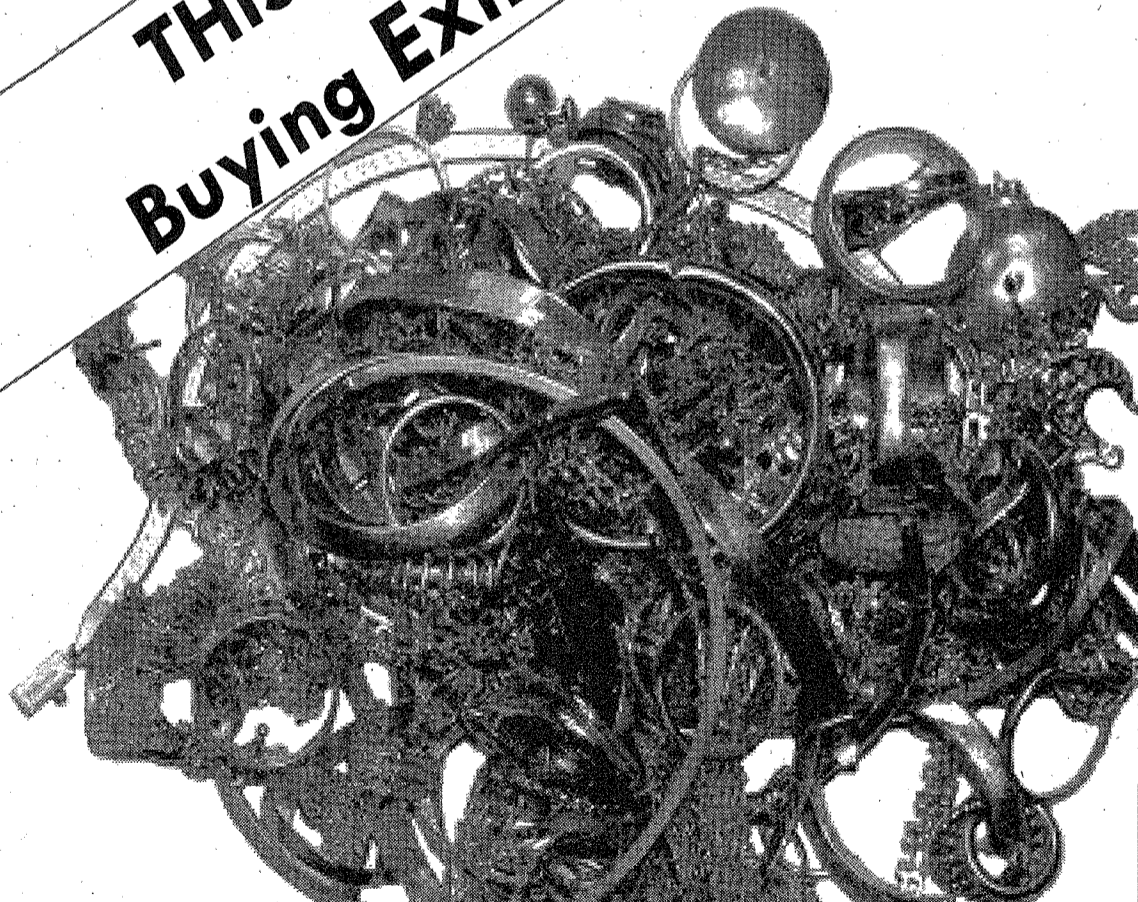
Westland normally participates in a waste collection day through the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority. That event has been held at Garden City Park and on average attracts 1,200 to 1,500 residents of the five CWCSA communities.

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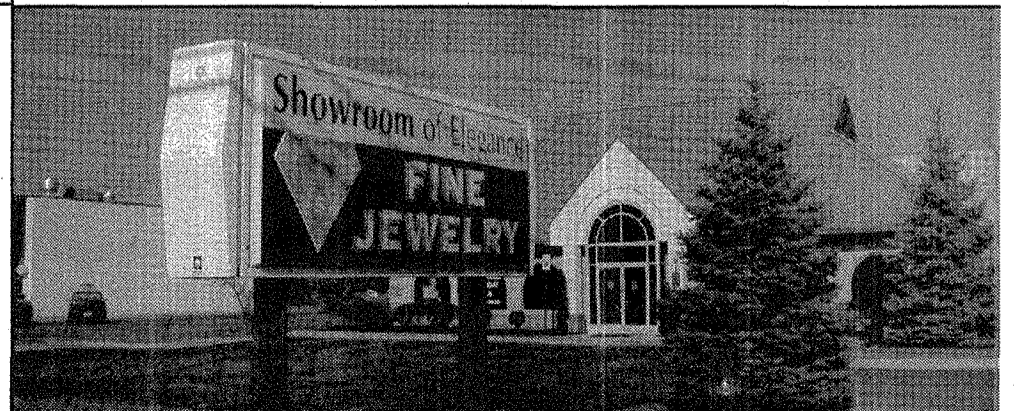
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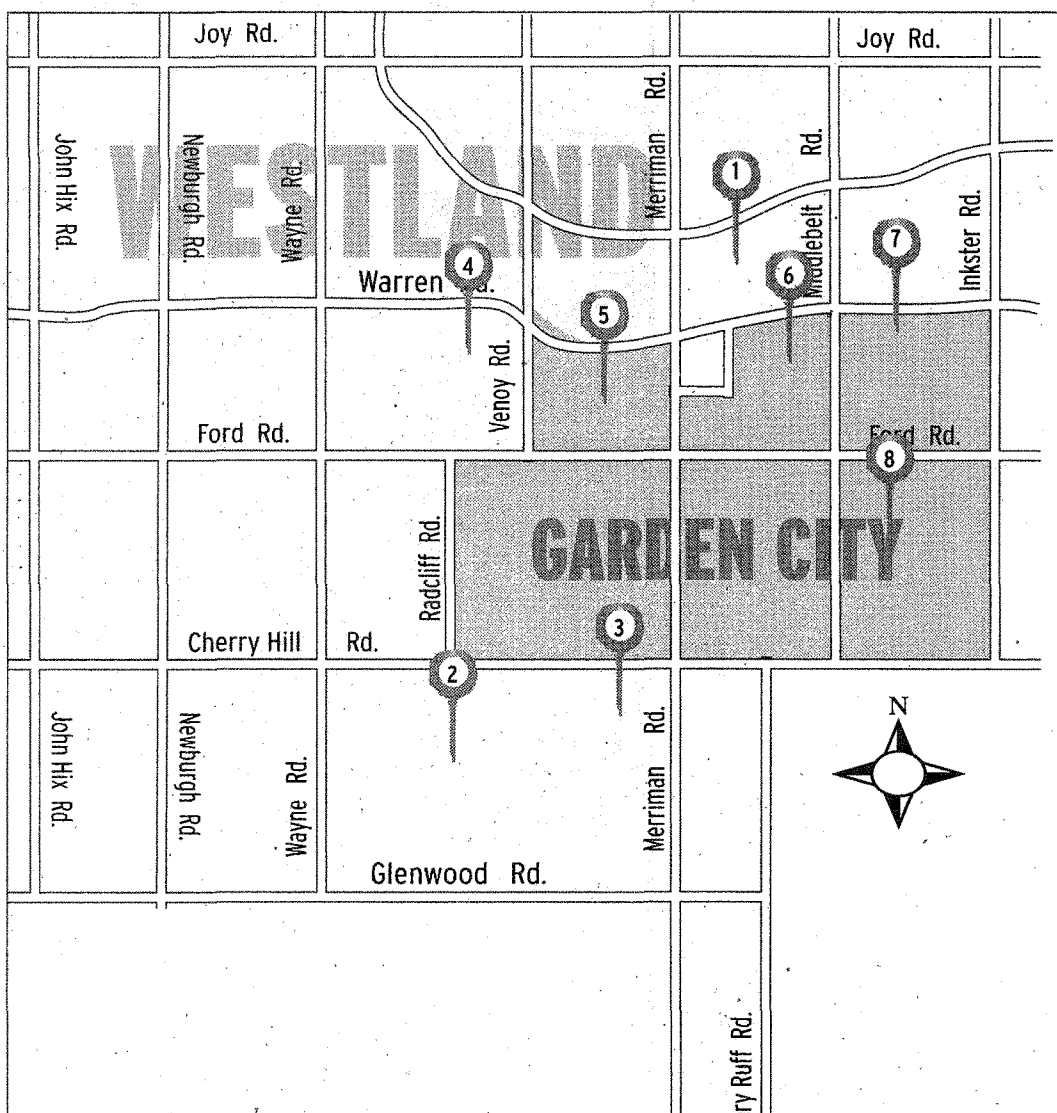
## 5 teens caught drinking on school roof

**Underaged drinking**  
 Five teens were ticketed for alcohol consumption after they were found sitting on the roof of Hayes Elementary School, 30600 Louise, Aug. 17. Westland police officers used a ladder provided by the fire department to get on the roof, locating the teens sitting on a dome structure with a case of beer.

The teens, who admitted they had been drinking, were cited for being minors in possession of alcohol, they also were ticketed for trespassing on school grounds. Officers were unable to retrieve the beer which was on a raised portion of the school roof. According to police, the beer is in such a high place on the roof, it will not be able to be retrieved without the use of construction equipment.

**Vandalism**  
 Two kitchen windows were broken by a landscaping brick and a rock at home in the 33000 block of Calumet Court early Aug. 17. The resident told police officers the windows were both broken at the same time. She added that she had no idea who did it. Damaged was estimated at \$300.

**Shoplifting**  
 The manager of Kroger at 200 S. Merriman has told police he would prosecute the



young man who took a hand basket filled with baby formula from the store without paying Aug. 17.

An employee saw the man walked toward the exit with the basket containing an estimated \$25 in formula. The employee yelled for the suspect to stop, but he fled from the store and into the parking lot where he got into the passenger seat of a dark blue vehicle that was waiting for him. The employee was unable to get a good look at the man and told police that a piece of paper covered the vehicle's licence plate.

**Larceny from a vehicle**  
 A woman had her purse taken from her car while she return to her apartment at the Venoy Pines Apartments on

East Bonnie Drive Aug. 16. The woman told police she had started to pull out her parking space when she realized she had forgotten something. She pulled back into the space and ran into her apartment, leaving the car unlocked. When she returned, she found her purse missing. The woman reported her bank card missing only to discover that the culprit had used the pin number she had left in the purse to withdraw \$700 from her account.

**Vandalism**  
 A Canton Township man told police that someone keyed the driver side of his Chrysler Sebring while it was parked in the street in the 2400 block of Steiber Aug. 16.

**Larceny**  
 A resident of the Safe Step halfway house on Kalamazoo Court told police that someone stole prescription drugs from his room. The man said that while he was in jail Aug. 11-12, the home had let another client stay in his room. When he returned to the house on Aug. 13 the medication was gone.

**Break-in**  
 A woman who went to check on her child observed a man attempting to pry open the bedroom window of their apartment in the 37000 block of Lakewood Drive Aug. 14. When the suspect saw the woman, he fled east around the building. Police officers found the window loose from the frame, but no sign of the suspect.

## Four men arrested in attempted aluminum theft

**GARDEN CITY COP CALLS**  
 Garden City Police are investigating whether several people who knew each other worked together to steal aluminum cylinders and load them into a U-Haul about 4 p.m. Aug. 16. They received a report about the alleged theft in progress at International Extrusions at 5800 N. Venoy and arrested four Detroit men ages 18-20.

One man said that they were given a key to enter the building and that they were put up to it by another man, according to a police report. Earlier that day, Highland Park Police notified the company that they located one of its trucks abandoned in a field. Although there was a rip in the canvas, the truck was not otherwise damaged. The ignition was intact and the GPS unit was not stolen.

**Drug possession**  
 A Garden City mother called police after her child told her that she was approached by teens hanging outside of Henry Ruff Elementary School at Henry Ruff and Maplewood and asked to buy marijuana and/or acid.

When police arrived, the nine teens denied having marijuana until the police found a bag near a picnic table. Police arrested an 18-year-old Garden City man who had Zig Zag papers, for possessing narcotic paraphernalia and for contributing to the delinquency of minors. They contacted the parents of the other teens.

**Larceny**  
 A woman who lives in the 6500 block of Burnley told police someone stole her jewelry when she was on vacation and before she returned on Aug. 17.

At first, her 17-year-old son said that he only had two guests over the entire weekend but then admitted that he hosted a party with up to 20 people. He said that he didn't know who everybody was who came.

The mom's jewelry box was found upside down in her bedroom. Her son was making phone calls to determine who might have taken the jewelry, the police report said.

The employee who oversees 7 computers at the Cambridge Center at 28900 Cambridge reported that someone took three laptop computers, a monitor and memory card sometime between 4 p.m. July 24 and 1 p.m. Aug. 5. The center is part of Garden City Public Schools.

**Break-in**  
 Someone broke into the United Christian School, 29205 Florence, before 7 a.m. Aug. 13. The air conditioning unit was pushed in and then pushed back to gain entry. Police believe that the thief exited through the preschool room. A 25-inch color TV was stolen along with 10 Beanie stuffed bears and a bag of 100-count ice pops.

**Suspended license**  
 When police stopped a 44-year-old Inkster man for speeding on Inkster near Cherry Hill, they learned he had six license suspensions with two prior suspensions.

**Larceny from vehicle**  
 Management at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury on Ford Road west of Merriman reported that several vehicles in their lot were damaged with a punching device between 6 p.m. Aug. 15 to 7 a.m. Aug. 17. Once inside, the thieves took the navigational systems.

- By Sue Buck

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# Investors need to look forward when making decisions

The government recently released the July unemployment report and, for the first time in over a year, the unemployment rate dropped.

Although the economy still lost nearly 250,000 jobs, the number was much lower than anticipated. As a result of these better than expected numbers, investors are asking whether we have finally turned the corner and put the recession behind us.



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom

I would love to say the recession is over. Unfortunately, I can't.

First, let's put the unemployment numbers into perspective. It is generally agreed that the U.S. economy needs to create 100,000 jobs every month just to account for new people entering the job market. In addition, one month does not create a trend. The government issues revised numbers, and although typically these are not material, they can be. Before getting excited about the job numbers, it's best to wait another month or two to get a clear picture.

In addition, what we all should hope for is an economy that creates new jobs.

As investors, we are flooded with economic data on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. Whether it is the unemployment report, consumer spending, personal savings rate or

personal income, there is no shortage of economic data. If investors try to analyze all the data available, they would be paralyzed and end up doing nothing. In fact, when I speak to portfolio managers who handle hundreds of millions and billions of dollars, they generally tell me they focus on a few economic numbers.

Remember, economic numbers released are in the past and as investors we need to look forward. Looking at economic numbers released is like looking in your car's rear-view mirror. In reality, the main focus should be looking forward.

### LOOK FORWARD

An example of where looking in the rear-view mirror can cause problems is what recently happened in the stock market.

In March, all the economic numbers released showed the recession was deepening and the U.S. economy was faltering. In fact, after many investors received their February statements and saw the losses, they bailed out. They were looking through their rear-view mirror. As painful as it was for the investors who continued to look forward, they have been rewarded. Since the beginning of March, the market has rallied dramatically and investors who panicked have lost a golden opportunity.

Since March, the Dow is up more than 40 percent, the S&P 500 is up nearly 50 percent and the NASDAQ market is up more than 50 percent. Year-to-date, all three of the markets are in positive terri-

tory. As I write this column, the Dow is up 7 percent year to date, the S&P 500 is up 12 percent and the NASDAQ market is up a stunning 27 percent.

I've had a number of investors ask me since the market has had this great run over the last three or four months, will it eventually pull back? I have no clue and neither does anyone else. I've always said it is dangerous to attempt to time the market.

My advice for people who pulled out and are sitting on cash is to consider dollar-cost averaging back into the market. Dollar-cost averaging is a strategy where you invest a certain amount of money on a regular basis, no matter what is happening in the market. The length of investment time is based upon your comfort in the market. The key to success in investing on a regular basis.

A word of caution: Although the rest of the country may be improving, our area has significant challenges ahead. General Motors and Chrysler continue to struggle. Although Ford is doing better, it too has challenges.

I believe it will be some time before our area truly begins to recover and we must take that into consideration when handling our personal financial affairs and managing our portfolios. Good luck!

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# Walkers help make life better for mental illness patients, families

Anyone whose life has been impacted by the effects of mental illness gets a chance to help when the National Alliance on Mental Illness Michigan chapter hosts the seventh annual "NAMI Walks for the Mind of America" in some 80 communities - including Detroit - around the country Sept. 26.

The 5K/3-mile walk is expected to draw some 117,000 walkers nationwide. A key fund-raiser for NAMI, organizers hope to raise some \$8.5 million.

The Detroit walk takes place on Belle Isle, with registration at 9:30 a.m. and the walk starting at 11 a.m. There is no registration walk for participants, who are encouraged to collect donations from family members, friends, co-workers and business associates.

Proceeds from the walk will fund NAMI programs in

Michigan, including support, education, research and advocacy involving schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and severe anxiety disorders.

NAMI, founded in 1979, has affiliates in every state and in more than 1,100 local communities across the country dedicated to the eradication of mental illness and improving the quality of life for people affected.

"NAMI members are volunteers whose mission is to provide help to people with serious mental and emotional illnesses and their families," said Sherri Solomon, executive director of NAMI Michigan.

"The goals of the walk are to raise money to promote our mission and to increase public awareness of these conditions."

Companies, organizations

and families are encouraged to organize teams of walkers, made up of employees, organization members, relatives and friends. Walkers raising \$100 or more get a NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America event T-shirt. Walkers also get other incentives based on amounts raised up to \$5,000 or more.

Companies that don't field teams have other ways to help. There are a variety of sponsorships available, ranging from "Kilometer Sponsor" (\$250) to "Presenting Sponsor" (\$10,000), each carrying various incentives and opportunities for recognition/publicity.

Anyone wishing to register for the walk or become a sponsor can do so on-line at [www.nami.org/namiwalks/MI](http://www.nami.org/namiwalks/MI), or contact walk manager Marti Bush at [mbush@gchi.org](mailto:mbush@gchi.org) or (313) 263-2370 or Solomon at [shallsolomon@comcast.net](mailto:shallsolomon@comcast.net) or (517) 485-4049.

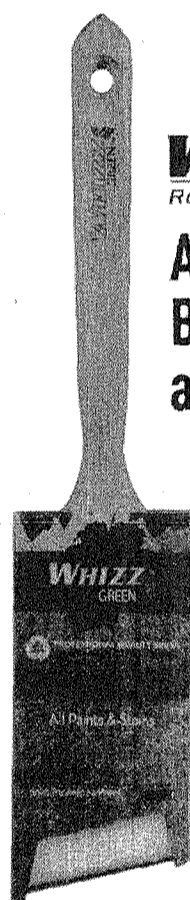
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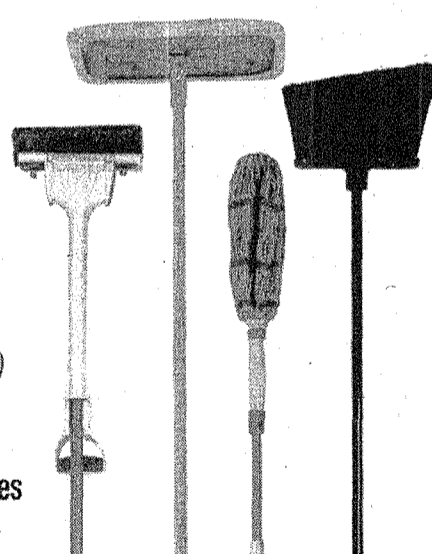
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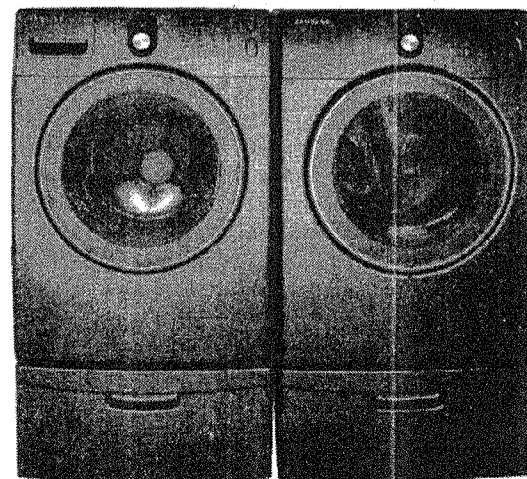
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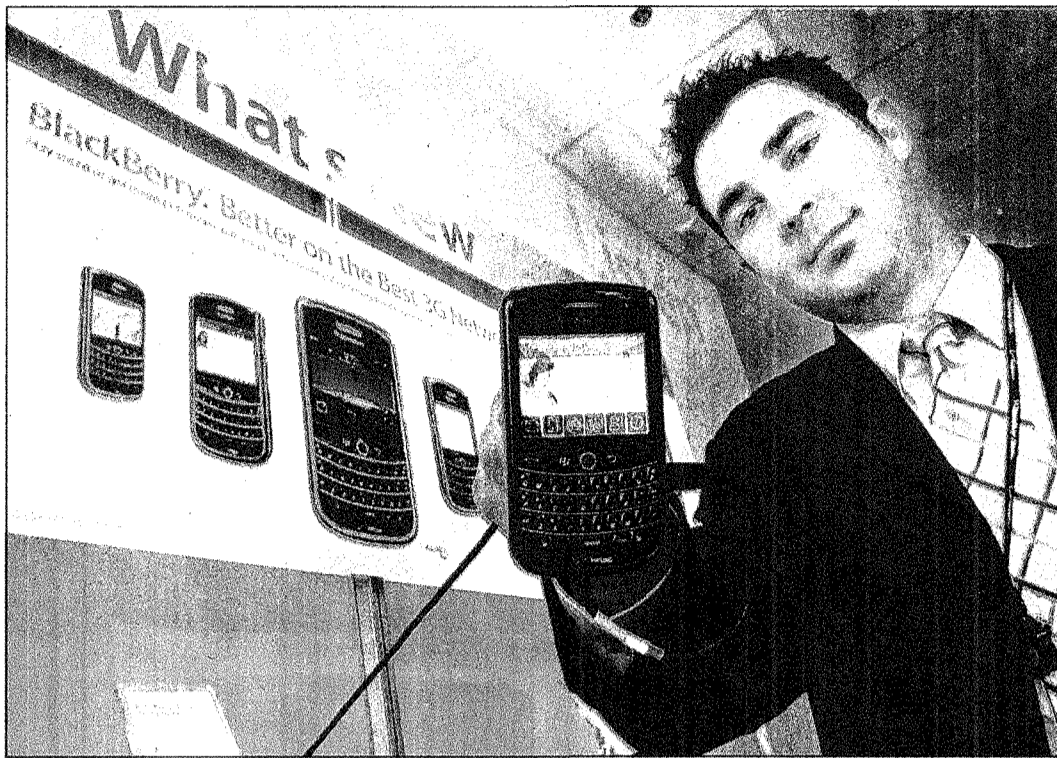
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# Westland-Garden City Strictly Business

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

## BUSINESS MILESTONES



Dan Johnson, assistant manager, shows off the BlackBerry Tour 9630 smartphone available at the new Verizon store at Westland Shopping Center.

## Verizon relocates to mall

**Observer:** Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Verizon Wireless operates the nation's most reliable and largest wireless voice and data network. With our high-speed wireless network, customers can access the internet, get their e-mail, watch TV and other videos and download music - all from their wireless handsets.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

We don't just sell wireless phone service, rather, we help all of our customers—traditional consumers and business people—find solutions for their needs. We pride ourselves in going the extra mile to make sure our customers are as comfortable as possible with their phones and service. That's why we regularly host free PDA and smartphone workshops at various locations across Michigan for our customers so they can get the most out of their devices by learning about their functions and features. We also offer online, interactive tutorials on select products and services so that customers can learn more about their advanced wireless devices in the comfort of their own homes.

**Observer:** How did you decide to locate in the Westland community?

We moved to this new location outside of the mall because it offers ample parking and we have much more space. Additionally, it makes it more convenient for our customers, who are visiting the mall anyway, to stop by.



An eye-catching facade welcomes customers to the Verizon Wireless store.

### VERIZON WIRELESS

**Business name:** Verizon Wireless  
**Business address:** 35000 Warren Road, Westland  
**Name and Title:** Jill Robinson, manager

**Business opened when:** We relocated to this new store location on June 19; however, we've had a retail presence in Westland for many years.

**Number of employees:** 17  
**Your business specialty:** Verizon Wireless specializes in helping our customers find the right devices to meet their needs. Whether indi-

**Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so

viduals want to download music and watch TV on their phones, access the Internet and get e-mail or simply make calls and text message, we pride ourselves in helping all customers find the right solutions on the most reliable network for their wireless needs.

**Hours of operation:** Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Business phone and/or web site:** (734) 513-4096 and www.verizonwireless.com

**Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a business owner?  
At this time, I do not have a tidbit or story.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Waste disposal

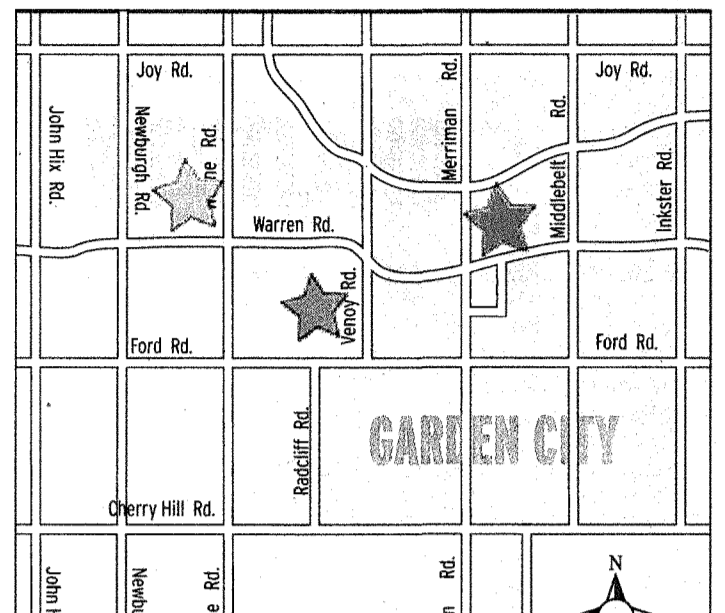
The Wayne County Department of Environment is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, in the lot behind J.C. Penney at the Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard. Household generated waste will be collected from any Wayne County resident. This is the prime opportunity to rid your home of thermometers, garden chemicals, dyes, floor wax, nail polish and other items deemed hazardous. For more information, contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at (734) 326-3936.

#### Expo time

The Westland Chamber of Commerce and Westland Shopping Center are hosting the eighth annual Health and Business Expo 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, in the East Court of the shopping center. Some 30 businesses will participate in the event, including representatives of Garden City Hospital and Livonia St. Mary Mercy Hospital, who will do health screenings. Chiropractic doctors will do chair massages and there also will be dentists and vision specialists on hand to talk to shoppers. Financial institutions, cell phone companies and the Livonia Family YMCA will be among chamber members ready to talk to people about what they have to offer. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

#### Dinner Theater

Dinner theater is coming to the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in September. The Hawthorne Valley Dinner Theater in association with Ronald Otulakowski Productions will present "Over the River and Through the Woods" Saturdays, Sept. 12 through Dec. 12. Cocktails (cash bar) will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$29.99 and includes entree, soup, salad and dessert. Tax and gratuity included in the price. The show immediately follows dinner. For reservations, call (734) 422-3440.



Hawthorne Valley is at 7300 Merriman east of Warren Road, Westland.

#### A grand event

The Ivory Room at 33500 Ford in Westland will be the site of the first annual Brent Blyshak Memorial Car Show and Benefit 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27. In October 2007, Brent Blyshak unexpectedly passed away of a heart attack at age 37, leaving his son Chandler and his Buick Grand National. The benefit will raise money for an educational fund for Chandler who has a goal of accomplishing his dad's dream for him to become a custom car artist and painter. Meet Chandler, see the Grand National and view Chandler's art display and possibly win a drawing of your car by Chandler. There will be several food and drink specials, including the infamous "Brently Drink," a 50/50 raffle, and door prizes. All are welcome, with or without a classic car. Donations can be made at the car show, or in advance by contacting Gayle Buchan at (734) 464-3364 or (734) 564-0233.

#### Cotton pickin' good

If you spend \$150 on cotton merchandise from one or more retailers at Westland Shopping Center between now and Sept. 30, you'll receive a \$20

mall gift card. Requirements are that participants must be 18 years or older and spend at least \$150 (includes tax) on qualifying purchases from mall retailers during the promotion period. Qualifying purchases are items (including denim!) which are at least 50 percent cotton as indicated by sewn-in, unaltered fabric content tags. Bring your receipts and the qualifying items you purchased to Guest Services. The cotton merchandise presented at Guest Services must match the items on the receipts, and the receipts must be original and may not be altered. Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads, Westland.

#### Special work spaces

With students headed off to school they, or you, may be looking to create that special place to work. Materials Unlimited has antique desks and library tables in a variety of styles. Ranging from Arts & Crafts simplicity to carved figural legs of a Renaissance Revival, you will find the perfect look for your space. Prices range from \$775 to \$1,975. Now through Aug. 31, save an additional 25 percent off regular prices. Materials Unlimited is at 2 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. For more information, call toll free at (800) 299-9462.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### On Botsford staff

Dr. Sana Shams has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Board certified in Family Medicine, Dr. Shamsi is fluent in English, Hindi and Urdu. She is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Michigan State Medical Society and the All Pakistan Physicians of North America.

Dr. Shamsi practices at Madison Medical at 37662 Ford, Westland, and in Oak Park and Hamtramck. Dr. Shamsi received her medical education from Dow Medical College in Pakistan. She completed a Family Medicine residency through Wayne State University.

Botsford Hospital, an independent 330-bed community teaching hospital in Farmington Hills, was founded in 1965. For more information, visit www.botsford.org.

### New GCH doctors

Garden City Hospital's medical staff is growing with the

addition of seven new medical staff members, expanding and supplementing the services available to the public. Joining the staff are:

• Dr. Atif Ali, specializing in emergency medicine. Ali will work in the emergency department at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

• Dr. Jennifer N. Boukouris, specializing in emergency medicine. She also will work in the emergency department at the hospital.

• Dr. David A. Crowl Jr., specializing in internal medicine. He has a practice at 261 S. Main St., Plymouth.

• Dr. Robert H. Dickason, specializing in surgery. He has a practice at 5400 Fort St., Suite 210, Trenton.

• Dr. Karyn K. Gilbert, specializing in emergency medicine. She will work in the emergency department at Garden City Hospital.

• Dr. Zachary T. Lemon, specializing in internal medicine. He has offices at 261 S. Main St., Plymouth.

• Dr. Mariquit D. Sendelbach, specializing in gastroenterology. Sendelbach has offices at 28080 Grand River, North Professional Building, Suite 306, Farmington Hills.

The hospital has a staff of nearly 365 physicians in 47 specialties to serve the community. For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, contact the Physician Referral service at 877-717-WELL.

### Send us your news

Get in on the Strictly Business Page of the Westland and Garden City Observer by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones.

It's simple. Just e-mail all of the details to Sue Mason, editor, at smason@hometownlife.com and she'll take care of the rest.

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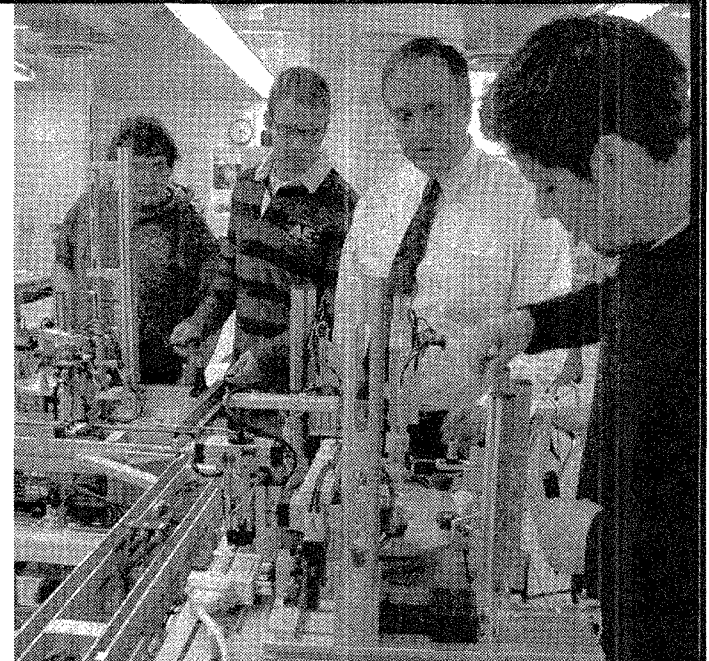
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## OUR VIEWS

# Crackdown makes roads safe for all

This week, the Westland Police Department joined with law enforcement agencies around the state in a statewide, end-of-summer crackdown on drunken drivers. Extra officers will be patrolling the city between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. specifically looking for drunken drivers.

It's nothing new. Officers have done this many times in the past, including the recent the Fourth of July holiday period. Westland police officers have had a lot of success with the campaign, making "about 18 good arrests," according to Westland Police Sgt. Ron Kroll.

There's nothing good about being arrested for drunken driving. It's good for the drivers who are at risk when drunken drivers are on the road.

Drunken driving isn't a pretty thing. We need only look back to Wesley Sanborn, the Livonia man who faces a sentence of 18 months to 15 years for the Aug. 3, 2008, death of Gary Brown. Sanborn was accused of hitting Brown, who also was described as drunk, as he walked along a stretch of Joy Road east of Newburgh and leaving the scene of the accident. He had told police he had thought he had hit a mailbox.

It's cases like this that get capture the public's attention. Unfortunately, it's a blip on the radar of someone who regularly drinks and drives. That person may think what happened to Sanborn will never happen to him and he may be right. But if he is caught and arrested for drunken driving, he'll find out that the arrest doesn't end with a night in jail. A convicted drunken driver can lose his or her license and spend several thousand dollars in fines and fees.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, on average someone is killed by a drunken driver every 45 minutes. In 2008, an estimated 11,773 people died in drunken driving-related crashes and about three in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives.

MADD also noted that 50 to 75 percent of drunken drivers whose licenses are suspended continue to drive and that the first-time drunken driving offender on average has driven drunk 87 times prior to being arrested.

Seat belt usage in Michigan is up. People would rather click it than get that ticket. But that's not as easily said for people who chose to drive while drunk. We hope that Westland police officers are just as successful in getting drunken drivers off the streets as in the past. And we hope for those who get caught that this arrest will lead to a change in lifestyle. We don't want to have to write more stories like what happened to Gary Brown last year.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

### • Get educated about meningitis

I am the mother of an only child, Ryan, who died from meningococcal meningitis and founder/executive director of a national organization, Meningitis Angels, [www.meningitis-angels.org](http://www.meningitis-angels.org).

College freshmen living in dorms are not the only ones at risk for meningitis. Educate Yourself! [www.stompingoutmeningitis.com](http://www.stompingoutmeningitis.com)

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### • How can Cooper now be safe?

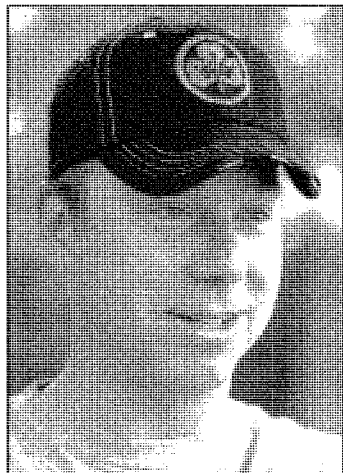
I don't get this? I lived on this piece of land for 20 years. Can SOMEONE please explain how we who suffer from any toxic illnesses from living on that Westland land, and ... now it's SAFE, Okay, then why the fence? Why no compensation from Livonia? And why no help. I am still a Westland resident, and I can't even find a place to live.

Cindi Lynn

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### If you could ask the president one question, what would it be?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"Is there any more hope for my college fund in the future?"

Chris Dottor  
Westland



"I'd ask him how long he expects the economy to go before it picks up."

Evan Cox  
Belleville



"I have a lot of faith and that eventually he will get us on the right path. What he wants is what I want."

Betty Walton  
Westland



"How is your plan going to change the economy?"

Michelle Paddock  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Electric mpg?

I realize that the *Observer* doesn't really get involved with news outside of the local community, but will there be any mention of the "news" from General Motors and the direction of journalism?

General Motors sent out a "message" that the Chevy Volt gets 230 mpg. I don't want to sound like a smart-aleck but isn't the Chevy Volt an "electric" car? I recollect a joke or pundit a long time ago asking, "If an electric train was going from North to South, what direction will the smoke be going?"

I hope this type of "press" doesn't impact the intelligence of society at large.

Chad Cox  
Westland

### Facts about health care reform

A lot of angry, over-the-top rhetoric and infantile behavior by right-wing opponents is muddying the discussion of health care reform. To help clear things up, here's a brief summary of President Obama's plan, including how it will stop insurance company abuses and help you everyone, even those who currently have a strong health benefit plan. The facts and truth which follows are an antidote to the town hall screamers and the Republican disinformation machine. They simply can't win the health care debate on the merits, and they sure can't handle the truth. Thus, they resort to inciting mobs to spread their lies about alleged rationing, "death panels" and other deceitful nonsense.

Under the president's plan, health care reform will stop insurance company abuses. Insurance companies won't be able to refuse to pay a claim or give you coverage because of "pre-existing" conditions. Your out-of-pocket expenses will be capped. No more going broke because of a serious illness or injury. Insurance companies won't be allowed to charge women higher rates than men or drop you, if you get sick. Insurance companies will have to cover your children until age 26 instead of dumping them at 19.

Health care reform will hold down rising costs. A public health insurance option will force private insurers to compete and will lower costs for everyone. By requiring companies to pay their fair share, we'll stop them from dumping their health care costs on the rest of us.

Health reform means affordable health care will be there for you, no matter what. It will be there if you lose your job, or your child loses his. It will be there if you get sick and when you retire. That means you and your family can't fall through the cracks and won't go broke because of health care bills.

We are close to real reform, but getting over the finish line will be a battle. We are up against giant insurance companies, a discredited Republican Party that wants President Obama to fail and the corporate media like Fox as well as vile hate mongers like Glen Beck and Rush Limbaugh. The reality is that health care costs are spiraling out of control, and everyone in America deserves quality and affordable care. Health care reform simply can't wait. All Americans will all be better off with real reform.

Want more of the truth? Simply go to [www.whitehouse.gov/realitycheck/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/realitycheck/).

Joe Golonka  
Westland

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Web: [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) E-mail: [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com) Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com). Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

### Let's cruise our area

I'm sitting at home watching the Woodward Dream Cruise which not only showcases classic cars but it also showcases cities off Woodward Avenue from Ferndale to Pontiac and I'm jealous. I'm thinking what makes their area better than our area. I think our area is just as nice and we deserve to have our area showcased. We've begun our own Dream Cruise weekends although not to the success of the Woodward Dream Cruise but we'll still continue our own Dream Cruise version and I'll continue to patronize them.

But I think we should focus on our unique attribute like Hines that those areas don't have a classic parkway like Hines running through eight beautiful cities for 26 nature filled miles. We should use this setting as a backdrop to start our own tradition like a biking marathon or a marathon run starting at Dearborn and ending in Northville. Maybe two days of fun, one day for bicycle racing enthusiasts and the next day for marathon runners in a September setting.

Imagine TV news cameras in helicopters and in the parkway covering our cities annual bicycle race or marathon run through Hines and anchors interviewing local residents who would promote Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville. While thousands descend to enjoy our area and pump \$\$\$ in local restaurants, pubs and local business events.

I know it sounds like a dream but wouldn't it be a great reality. I'll volunteer for this and I'm sure we can get all cities mentioned on board to promote our area.

Carlos Manos

### Don't revamp health care

Over the last month, I wrote to Congressman Dingell to tell him why I didn't like this health care bill that the Obama administration tried to ram down our throats again like they did with the other bills.

I got eight responses all on the same day (Aug. 3, 2009) and guess what? They were all the same response. No matter what I had asked him or what I had said, he sent the same standard form letter in response to each one of my letters.

In those letters he stated that he has since he became a congressman he has introduced the same bill that his father did before him on health care. This is a direct quote from that letter:

"This much anticipated, much-needed revamp of our crippled health care system will lower costs and increase choices and access to quality, affordable health care."

Just what is crippled? Seems to me the Canadian, Great Britain, and Scandinavian

and other countries where a national health care plan was initiated is crippled, not our system.

Apparently he has not read the bill because on page 42 it states that the "Health Care Commissioner will decide on the plans" we will have no choice.

Page 145 states, Employers must auto-enroll employees in the government plan and no choice is permitted. Page 29 reads "health care will be rationed."

Page 203 says flat out, "The tax imposed under this section shall not be treated as tax." We will be taxed and at least 6 percent to start with so how in the world does this plan save us money, increase choices and give us access to quality health care if it rations our choices, increases waiting periods and raises taxes?

They think they "know what's best for us" and they keep throwing the same old garbage that 47 million are without health care when in all actuality there are more like eight million that truly need it that cannot afford it.

There is no need to "revamp" our system when it needs a few tweaks to get it back on track, but the politicians know that the money they stole out of the general fund for pet projects that was meant for Medicare and Social Security are about to come due and they need money fast to cover their respective asses. Medicare is \$80 trillion in the red and the IOUs need to be covered or we are in serious trouble!

You would think that after all of these years John Dingell put into public service and introducing this legislation he would have come up with a better plan that didn't destroy the quality of health care we currently have.

There will be a gathering of patriots opposed to this government health care takeover in front of the Canton Wal-Mart on Ford Road Aug. 22 from noon to 2 p.m. Come one, come all, bring a sign, if you wish, and share your frustrations with others that believe in this country.

Phil Solarz  
Westland

### Support health reform

The America's Affordable Health Choices Act would provide significant benefits to those of us who reside in the 11th Congressional District.

Under the provisions of this act, 9,800 seniors would avoid the doughnut hole in Medicare Part D, up to 12,000 small businesses could receive tax credits to provide coverage to their employees and 43,000 uninsured individuals would gain access to high quality, affordable health insurance.

There are also measures in the act which will reduce health care costs, increase competition among health care insurers and require that our health care dollars be used more efficiently. Affordable health care for all and the better use of health care dollars — that's a goal we should all be able to agree on.

It's time for our political leaders to stop playing politics and solve the health care crisis. It's time for Americans to stop paying more and getting less. Therefore, I encourage other concerned constituents of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter to call him at (734) 632-0314 and let him know we need him to support health care reform rather than obstruct it.

Catherine Neill  
Plymouth

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# Canton store wants you to get a good night's sleep

Forget bouncing on a mattress to test its firmness.

Art Van Furniture's new Pure Sleep store uses a diagnostic process that fits the right "sleep system" to each individual.

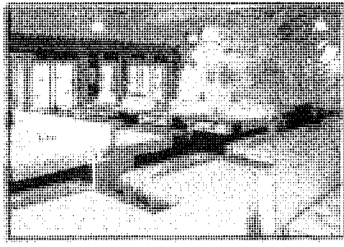
The store opened this month at 41913 Ford Road, in Canton.

The sleep system is a three-part solution that includes the proper mattress and foundation for proper support and comfort, the correct pillow to ensure correct spinal alignment, and a mattress protector to provide a clean and healthy sleeping environment.

"It takes the guess work out of choosing a mattress and brings in the science of sleep," said Vice President of Operations Steve Glucksman.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, a good night's sleep, along with proper diet and exercise, can go a long way toward battling symptoms caused by weight gain, heart disease, arthritis, back pain and more.

"The staff at Art Van Pure

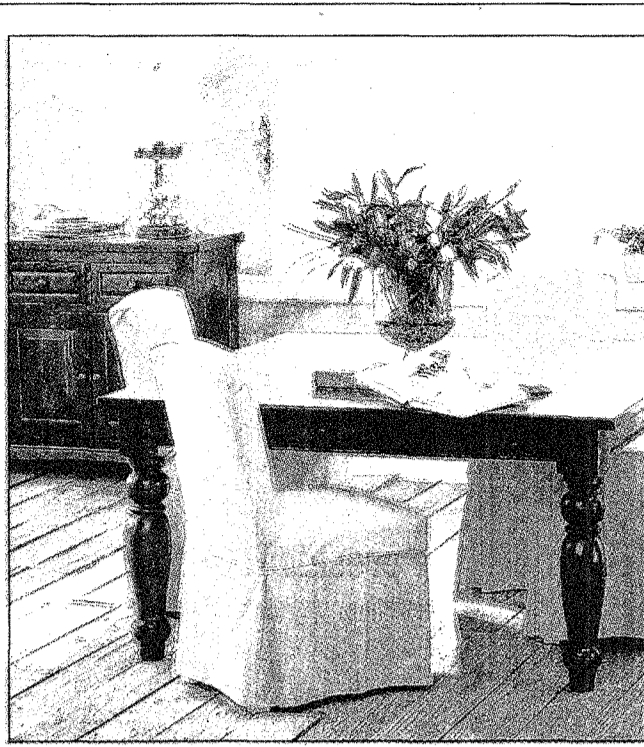


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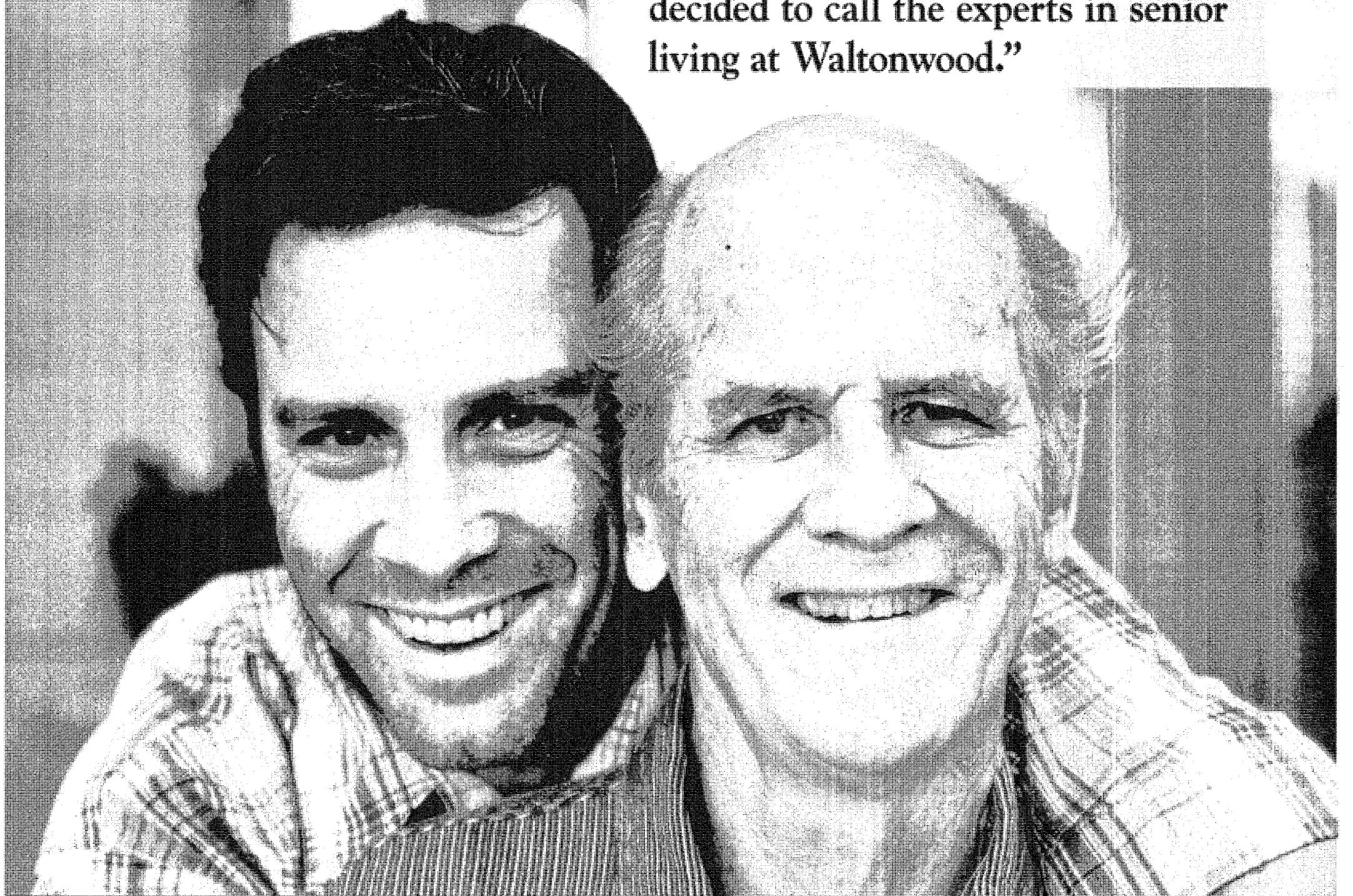
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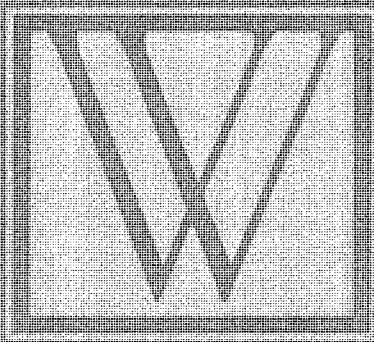


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# Stevenson hopes to parlay postseason success

## SIDELINES

### HRs sink Haeger

Former Madonna University golfer Charlie Haeger made his pitching debut Monday night with the Los Angeles Dodgers, allowing three earned runs on five hits and no walks and two strikeouts over seven innings in a 3-2 loss to the visiting St. Louis Cardinals.

The 25-year-old right-handed knuckleballer gave up a two-run homer to Rick Ankiel and a solo homer to National League leader Albert Pujols.

The Redford Catholic Central High grad and native of Livonia was called up last week from the Triple-A Albuquerque (N.M.) Isotopes of the Pacific Coast League where he was an All-Star posting an 11-6 record with an 3.55 ERA.

Haeger has had a pair of stints with the Chicago White Sox (2006-07) and San Diego Padres (2008). In 20 Major League appearances he is 1-3 with a 5.83 ERA.

### MU men 20th

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced its 2009 Men's Soccer Preseason Coaches' Poll on Tuesday with the reigning Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) regular season and tournament champion Madonna University men's soccer team was tabbed at No. 20 in the poll.

Madonna, which defeated Grand View (Iowa) in the NAIA National Championship opening round, is the lone WHAC team in the top-25.

Defending national champion Bethel (Tenn.) opens the year in the top spot.

MU opens the 2009 season on Friday (Aug. 21) in an 8 p.m. match at Bethel (Ind.) College.

### Churchill Meet Team

Livonia Churchill will stage its Meet the Team Night beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 at Carli Auditorium.

Athletes from all three athletic seasons and their parents are requested to attend.

For more information, call Churchill Athletics at 734-744-2650, Ext. 46117.

### Punt, Pass & Kick

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's 2009 NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition for ages 8-15 will be Wednesday, Aug. 26 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's soccer fields, located at 15100 Hubbard (between Farmington and Merriman roads).

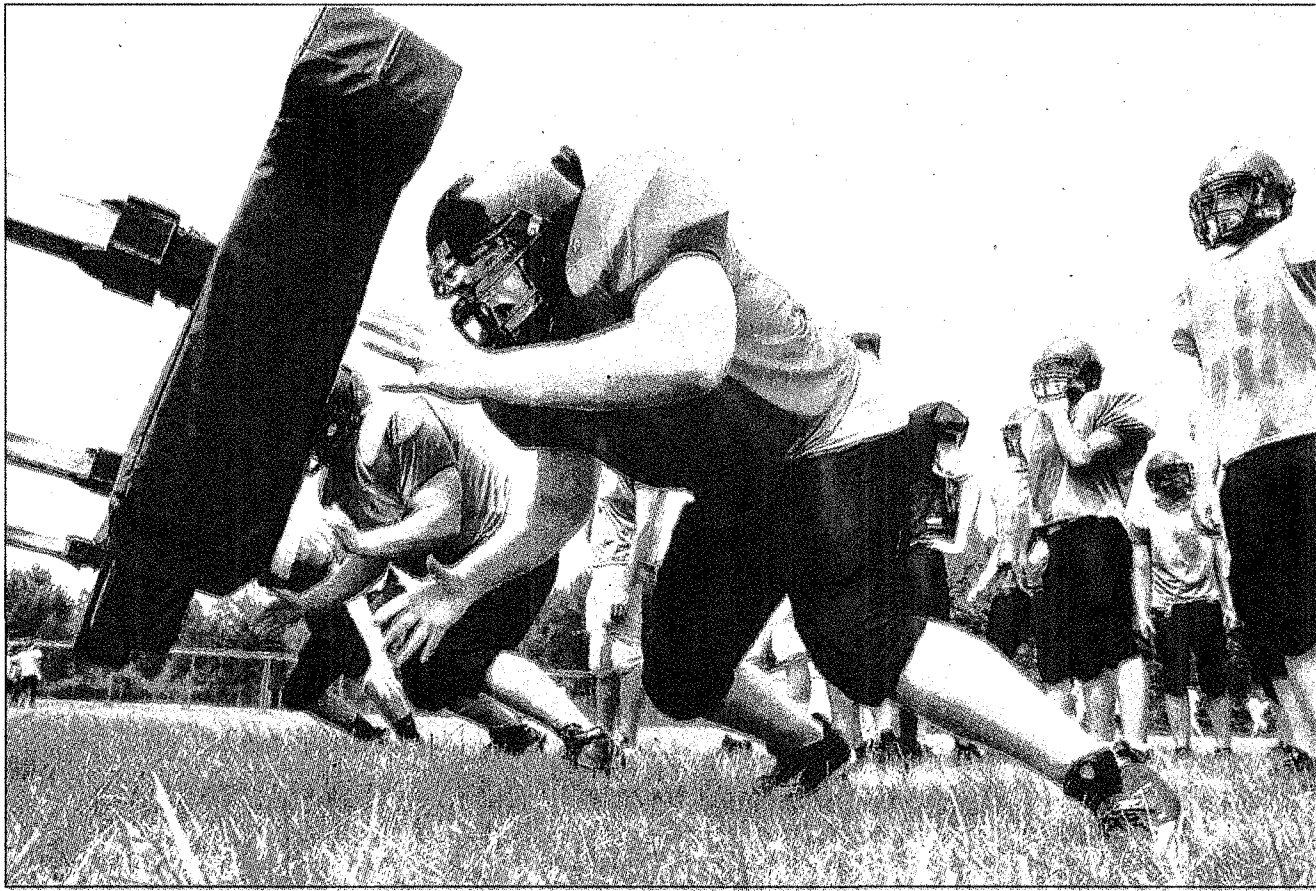
Registration, which is free, starts at 5:30 p.m. Competition begins at 6 p.m.

Age classification is as of Dec. 31 of the current year. No football shoes, cleats or turf shoes are allowed. Only gym shoes will be permitted.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

### Hole-in-one club

Crystal Prince, of Livonia, used a 5-iron to card her first ace on the 124-yard, No. 3 hole on Aug. 8 at Fox Creek Golf Course.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson returning lineman Austin Micallef hits the sled during Monday's preseason practice in preparation for the 2009 season.

Livonia Stevenson has been among the state's elite Division 1 football teams the past two years.

The Spartans are coming off a 10-3 season after reaching the state semifinals following a runner-up finish and a trip to the state finals in 2007 at Detroit's Ford Field.

One constant has been third-year starting running back Austin White, a 6-foot, 190-pound senior who recently committed to Michigan.

The four-year varsity player rushed for 1,610 yards and scored 32 touchdowns last season.

"Austin is a pretty known quantity by now," Stevenson head coach Tim Gabel said. "He is the most complete back I've ever seen at field level, and that includes his will to compete."

"He will contribute in a lot of different ways. That includes defense."

White, however, is far from being a one-man show.

The Spartans have plenty of returning seniors to help complement White and give it another go in playoffs.

Tight end Jordan El-Sabeh (6-4, 206) and senior split end Stephen Pollard (6-1, 179) will team up with slotback Johnny Pauley (5-7, 158) and fullback Mike Beyer (6-1, 197) to provide an offensive spark.

"Jordan is a very dogged blocker and has soft hands for a kid as physical as he plays," Gabel said.

Looking to replace first-team All-Observer quarterback Jacob Gudeman, who threw for 1,340 yards and nine touchdowns, are brother Jon Gudeman (5-10, 175) and Brendan O'Hara (6-1, 189).

Three veterans, meanwhile, will also anchor the offensive line including center David Bogart (5-10, 270), Jon Aneed (6-1, 238) and Joe Swingle (6-3, 225).

El-Sabeh will also help anchor a defense which also includes senior tackle Austin Micallef (6-1, 270) and senior linebacker Erick Melton (6-0, 200), the latter whom has made great strides during the off-season.

"Jordan was our only true two-way player last year, and it's shaping up that way again this year," Gabel said. "He just is so consistently good at what

he does."

Melton will be joined at linebacker by junior Duran Onwuemene (5-7, 217), who saw varsity playing time last year in the playoffs at fullback.

Stevenson's secondary will consist of Bryan Koessler (6-2, 200), Will Burek (6-1, 177), Alex Law (6-1, 165), White and Gudeman.

"It's our deepest area," Gabel said of the defensive back corps. "White is just too good at safety to leave off the field, but Jon (Gudeman) and Bryan (Koessler) bring a lot of game experience from last year. Both Will (Burek) and Alex (Law) have really bounced back from injuries that kept them out of the mix last season."

The Stevenson coach has been encouraged by the team's preseason effort so far.

"By and large, we've had a good first week of practice," said Gabel, who

Please see **STEVENSON, B3**

### FAST FACTS

**School:** Livonia Stevenson.

**Head coach:** Tim Gabel, 15th season.

**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

**Last year's record:** 10-3.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Jacob Gudeman (first-team All-Area); Wade Stahl (first-team All-Area); Wyatt Stahl (first-team All-Area); Kyle Hobbins (second-team All-Area); Mark Grisa (second-team All-Area); Steve Eideh, Rich Sayid, Andrew Nelson.

**Starters returning:** Austin White, Sr. RB-DB (6-0, 190; first-team All-Area); David Bogart, Sr. C (5-10, 270); Jon Aneed, Jr. OG-DT (6-1, 238); Joe Swingle, Sr. OT-DE (6-3, 225); Jordan El-Sabeh, Sr. TE-DE (6-4, 206); Stephen Pollard, Sr. SE-DB (6-1, 179); Austin Micallef, Sr. DT-OT (6-1, 270); Bryan Koessler, Sr. RB-DB (6-2, 200); Jon Gudeman, Sr. QB-DB (5-10, 175).

**Promising newcomers:** Erick Melton, Sr. LB-C (6-0, 200); Brendan O'Hara, Sr. QB (6-1, 189); Johnny Pauley, Sr. SB-FB (5-7, 158); Mike Beyer, Sr. SB-FB (6-1, 197); Duran Onwuemene, Jr. LB-FB (5-7, 217); Will Burek, Sr. DB-RB (6-1, 177); Alex Law, Sr. DB-SE (6-0, 165).

**Coach's quote:** "It's a great competition between Jon (Gudeman) and Brendan (O'Hara) at quarterback. They both have their moments, so it will come down to moves the team better. Both have made tremendous strides from last season."

**2009 schedule:** Aug. 28 (at Livonia Franklin); Sept. 3 (Howell); Sept. 11 (at Salem); Sept. 18 (South Lyon); Sept. 25 (Northville); Oct. 2 (at Novi); Oct. 9 (at South Lyon East); Oct. 16 (at KLAAs crossover); Oct. 23 (Livonia Churchill).

# MU coach hands out high marks

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As an All-State goalkeeper off a state championship team from Livonia Stevenson High, Jen Barker provided instant credibility when she committed to play for the first Madonna University's women's soccer team.

Barker then helped launched the Crusaders into the national limelight en route to NAIA All-America honors.

On Tuesday, one of MU's inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame inductees coached the Crusaders for the first time in a 5-2 scrimmage victory over neighboring Schoolcraft College.

"I'm pleased across the board, I think the girls were ready to play," said Barker, who took over in June for Paul Thomas as MU's head coach. "We had different players get on the board, just not the forwards. We showed we have some versatility and we're slowly building the gaps that were left from last year. I think we're going in the right direction."

After playing Friday in another exhibition match at the University of Detroit Mercy, the Crusaders will officially open their season, Aug. 26-27, in San Diego, Calif., with a two-game set against Point Loma Nazarene and Cal-State San Marcos.

Please see **MU SOCCER, B3**



Barker

# Taking aim

## Rockets' offense hopes to hit their target

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In his first season as Westland John Glenn's football coach, Tim Hardin stressed defense.

And the statistics revealed that the Rockets were the stingiest in allowing the fewest points (120), better than any other school in the 24-member Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

The only problem was that Glenn was inconsistent offensively, scoring a total of 147 en route to a 4-5 overall record.

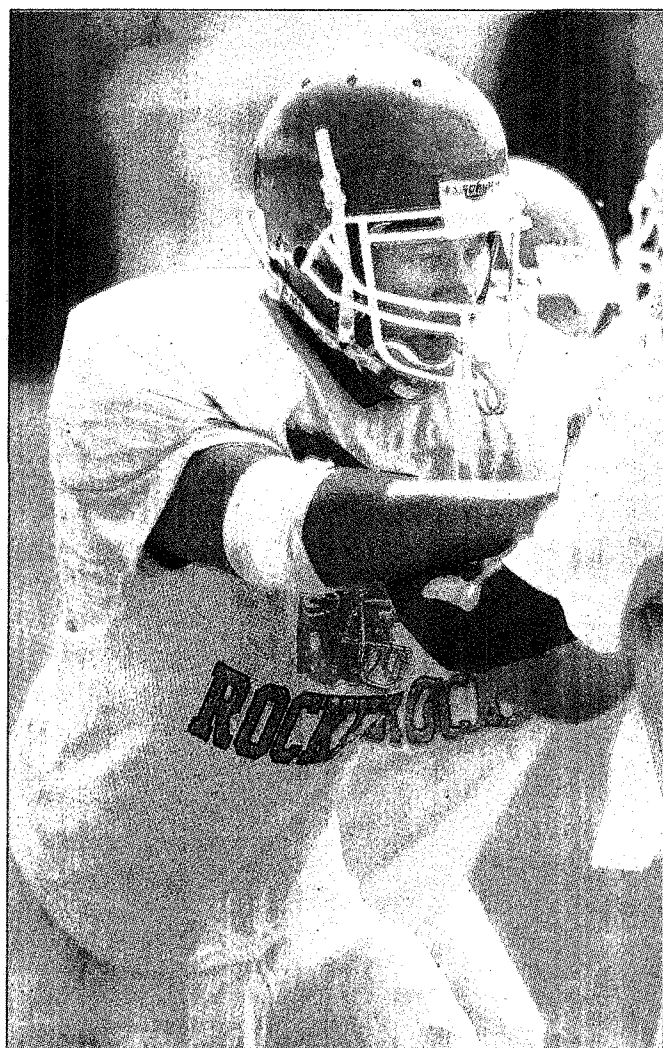
"We'll do the same thing this year, we'll try and build a great defense," Hardin said. "That's our first emphasis — but this year we'll spend more time developing our offense. When I got the job I came in late we were kind of behind the eight-ball last year."

Glenn appears to possess the weapons this fall to make things happen on the offensive side of the ball with the return of senior tailbacks Jeremy Langford and Kamal Ayler.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound Langford started seven games a year ago and rushed for nearly 900 yards as a junior.

"Jeremy had a great off-season," Hardin said. "He's bigger, stronger and faster — and a lot more confident than he was last year. He's become a big leader and we expect him to have a great year."

The 6-1, 200-pound Ayler, meanwhile, got two starts



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Aaron Smith has shown promise and will become the tight end this season for the Rockets.

and showed flashes of being a threat to carry the ball as well.

"Kamal is more of a power runner when we have to put the plow down," Hardin said. "He'll be a complement to Jeremy."

Also in the mix in the

backfield is junior Stefon Anthony (5-10, 170).

"He's had a great camp and he's earned getting playing time, too," Hardin said.

Senior Steve Kulikowski (6-2, 201) takes over for

Please see **GLENN, B3**

### FAST FACTS

**School:** Westland John Glenn.

**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

**2008 record:** 4-5.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Jake Morris (first-team All-Area); Jerome Scales (first-team All-Area); Kyren Boyd (second-team All-Area); Sheldon Hankins (second-team All-Area); T.J. Arancibia.

**Returning starters:** Jeremy Langford, Sr. TB-DB (6-1, 190); Steven Murphy, Sr. FB-LB (6-0, 207); Vince Davidson, Sr. C-DL (5-8, 182); Dustin Gajowiak, Sr. OT-DL (6-5, 280); Davarius, Sr. WR-DB (5-11, 155); Caleb Clenney, Jr. WR-DE (6-2, 190); Chase Glover, Sr. DL (6-0, 192); Kamal Ayler, Sr. DE-RB (6-1, 200).

**Promising newcomers:** Steve Kulikowski, Sr. QB (6-2, 202); Aaron Smith, Sr. TE-LB (6-1, 207); Javarius Snowden, Sr. WR-DB (5-10, 200); Stefon Anthony, Jr. RB-DB (5-10, 170); Andrew Laird, Jr. OT (6-3, 244).

**Coach's quote:** "Our biggest concern going is the defensive line. Right now we don't have answers because there are five or six guys competing for starting jobs. I'm also concerned with our size on the offensive line. We're not very big and they'll have to play with a lot of heart to overcome it."

**2009 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts):** Aug. 27 (at Waterford Mott); Sept. 3 (Pinckney); Sept. 11 (Livonia Churchill); Sept. 18 (at Canton); Sept. 25 (at Livonia Franklin); Oct. 2 (Plymouth); Oct. 9 (at Wayne); Oct. 16 (KLAAs crossover); Oct. 23 (Walled Lake Western).

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
**Head coach:** Dave Farmer, third year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's dual match record:** 9-5.  
**Last year's finish:** tied for first (Division 1 regional); seventh (conference); tied for 14th (Division 1 state tourney).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Alex Clos, Mike Appel, Dan Landstrom, Erik Newman, Eric Slusarski, Cameron Norscia.  
**Leading returnees:** Ziwen Deng, Sr.; Mike Houghan, Jr.; Rushi Patel, Sr.; Vishal Joshi, Sr.; Ryan McPherson, Jr.; Matt Cezat, Soph.  
**Promising newcomers:** Mayuresh Iyer, Fr.; Joe Mulka, Fr.  
**Farmer's 2009 outlook:** "Things look similar to last year, perhaps a little strong in doubles. I still don't know if Akshay Moorthy (junior No. 1 singles who transferred to Illinois) will play this season. And if he does not, it will hurt my singles and doubles both."  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
**Head coach:** Dawn Fallu, first year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).



Stephen Payne Franklin



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**Last year's dual match record:** 4-8.  
**Last year's finish:** fourth (Division 1 regional); 10th (conference tourney).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Chad Dorton (first-team All-Area); Steve Trapp (first-team All-Area); Nate Warrick.  
**Leading returnees:** Walter Woods, Jr. (first-team All-Area; No. 1-2 singles; 18-5; state qualifier); Stephen Payne, Soph. (first-team All-Area; No. 1-2 singles; 22-3); Joe Kosinski, Sr. (No. 3 singles); Aaron York, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Peter Lee, Sr. (No. 2 doubles); Bill Shafer, Jr. (No. 2 doubles); Mike Kaplan, Sr. (No. 3 doubles); Alex Wood, Sr. (No. 4 doubles); Joseph Trudell, Sr. (No. 1 doubles).  
**Promising newcomers:** Tim Crouson, Fr. (No. 4 singles); Austin Tarplin, Sr. (No. 4

doubles); Joe Bastas, Jr. (No. 3 doubles).  
**Fall's 2009 outlook:** "Our top two singles players (Woods and Payne) have gotten stronger after last season. They're competing for the top two spots. I think our No. 4 singles (Tim Crouson) has a lot of potential and will get stronger. Hopefully I can teach them the basics to get them going and stay positive. I'm trying to raise the expectations. Hopefully we can qualify for the state meet since we were so close last year."

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
**Head coach:** Don McCathey, first year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).  
**Last year's dual match record:** 1-11.  
**Last year's finish:** seventh (conference); eighth (Division 1 regional).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Chris Martin (first-team All-Area); Erik Koch (first-team All-Area).  
**Leading returnees:** Clayton Northey, Sr. (singles); Kevin Francisco, Sr. (singles); Kyle Fan, Sr. (doubles); Paul Franchina, Jr. (doubles); Lukas Rudis, Sr. (doubles); Joshua Rochette, Jr. (doubles); Vincent Sabatini, Jr. (doubles); Jeff Sondergaard,

Sr. (doubles); Paul VanGilder, Sr. (doubles); Josh York, Jr. (doubles); John Serwatowski, Sr. (doubles).  
**Promising newcomers:** Trevor Drengk, Jr.; Evan Miller, Soph.; Ken Nikkila, Jr.; Alex Parrinello, Soph.; Jacob Ratliff, Jr.; Sean Wallace, Jr.; Dalton Brinkley, Soph.; Nick Marsh, Soph.; Kaemen Holman-Reyes, Fr.  
**McCathey's 2009 outlook:** "This is a very hardworking motivated group, and I've enjoyed working with them very much. We have many players back from last season and a good group of newcomers, but we will be challenged by the loss of our top two players last season. This team should improve a great deal over the course of the season and hopefully challenge the top teams in the conference."

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**  
**Head coach:** Kirk Conner, fourth year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's dual match record:** 1-11.  
**Last year's finish:** seventh (Division 1 regional); 11th (KLAAs Kensington Conference).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Asif Sheikh, Zach Edwards.

**Leading returnees:** Zach Ernat, Sr. (No. 1 singles); Nik Hubbard, Jr. (No. 2 singles); Carlo Tajeda, Sr.; Khari Stargell, Sr. (No. 3-4 singles); Tommy Ruark, Soph. (No. 3-4 singles); Mitch Dean, Soph. (doubles); Jacob Toarmina, Jr.; Shane Wiechert, Soph. (doubles); Wayne Woodard, Soph. (doubles); Nick Stone, Soph. (doubles); Mav Longuski, Soph. (doubles).

**Promising newcomers:** Conner Monroe, Jr. (doubles); Kyle Wagner, Fr. (doubles); Chris Sabol, Fr. (doubles).  
**Conner's 2009 outlook:** "With a year behind them, hopefully my young guys will be a lot more competitive. Hopefully the upper classmen will have a good year and enjoy their last year. I expect a number of additional players once school opens. Some people are still on vacation or out-of-state."

**WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
**Head coach:** Andy Raisanen, first year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's dual match record:** 1-11.  
**Last year's finish:** seventh (Division 1 regional); 12th (conference).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** David McCown, Jesse English, Kevin Sample,

Daniel Wilson, Hui Li, Justin Iler, Jacob Bean.  
**Leading returnees:** Brandon Harnos, Jr. (No. 1 singles); Michael Gabriel, Sr. (No. 2 singles); Zachary Lankton, Soph. (singles); Stephen Gush, Jr. (singles); Stephen McNamara, Sr. (doubles); Josh Estep, Sr. (doubles); Mike Battaglia, Soph. (doubles); Michael Toms, Jr. (doubles); C.J. Kulas, Sr. (doubles).  
**Promising newcomers:** Jeremy Powell, Jr.; Abhishek Roy, Fr.; Zach Williamson, Soph.; Michael Hood, Soph.; Joshua Bradford, Sr.  
**Raisanen's 2009 outlook:** "It should be an interesting year since most of the team is relatively inexperienced. Brandon Harnos has been working hard and should have some success at first singles. Many of the returning players have shown great improvement so far at practice. Powell, Roy, and Williamson are newcomers that should contend for singles spots. Overall it will be a year for improvement, but Wayne could find some early success in the non-league schedule. It will be exciting to see how much the new players progress. With only five seniors we're definitely young, but I'm excited."

# TEE TIME

Like a fine wine...  
 Golfers can get better with age

By Susan Smiley

Robert Chandler has been around the links more than a few times. The 89-year-old St. Clair Shores golfer has been playing the game since he was 15 years old and doesn't intend to stop anytime soon.

"I love the game," said Chandler, who has worked as a ranger for Sycamore Hills Golf Club for 15 years making him both the oldest ranger on staff and the ranger with the most seniority. "I started playing when I was 15 — some of my friends played and got me into it — and I have never stopped playing since then."

To date, Chandler has played 413 golf courses including Turnberry — the site of this year's British Open. As you might expect, Chandler was

rooting for "the old guy" Tom Watson because he wants people to know that you are never too old to play good golf.

"Even now I'm still tweaking my game," Chandler said. "I read this, I read that, I try this and I try that. The sad thing is I am playing courses I've played a good many years and now to hit to where I want to be I have to hit two or three clubs more than what I used to hit. Things change no matter what you do."

To help him get some needed distance off the tee, Chandler recently purchased a nitrogen-infused driver. So far it seems to be helping his game and his golf partners have noticed.

"All my buddies want one now too," Chandler said.

Mary Shaull, 80, of West

Bloomfield, swears by her Dunlop graphite driver. Now she is in the market for a new putter.

"My drives are good but my putting is terrible," admits Shaull, who just learned to golf 15 years ago through a community education class.

Shaull played softball for most of her life and didn't think about picking up golf until a couple of women on her softball team took her out on the links.

"I was a pitcher for a slow-pitch team and a woman who was part of the Lady Birds golf league kept saying 'You could play golf! I know you could play!'" said Shaull. "She and another player took me out a couple of times and I was just terrible."

But that didn't stop Shaull from

joining the Lady Birds four years ago. When she started, she was bringing up the rear of the C flight and now this season she rests in first place of the B flight. She is proof that it is never too late to learn something new.

"I love golf because when you are on the course that's all that matters," she said. "It takes you away from stress and things you would rather not think about. Plus it gets me out of the house and gets me out with younger women. Even though some of the women I play with have been golfing for decades, we can still play together and enjoy the round."

While Chandler laments his loss of distance over the years, he believes some things do get better as you mature.

"I watch some of the high school

girls who play at Sycamore and a little girl who weighs about 112 pounds hits a 9-iron 130 yards and I can tell you I couldn't do that on my best day!" Chandler said. "But definitely my course management is a lot better than it was when I was younger."

Chandler and Shaull both usually play twice a week and plan to continue playing and perfecting their games for a long time to come.

"Without golf I would be lost," Chandler said. "I work a couple of days a week at Sycamore and I play two days a week. I'm just a ranger but I sure enjoy it. I love the game and I love the people."

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# Building blocks

## Lady Ocelots hope to surpass last year's success

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

And you thought 2008 was a special season for women's soccer at Schoolcraft College?

Posting an 8-2-3 regular-season ledger and advancing all the way to the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament was undoubtedly a remarkable feat by the Ocelots a year ago.

But listening to Deepak Shivraman on the brink of kicking off the 2009 campaign, the veteran head coach feels this year's squad is capable of even greater achievements thanks to a solid core of returnees and host of talented and enthusiastic freshmen.

"We had a good run last year. We made it to nationals again, and we were competitive, but both (games) were one-goal losses," said Shivraman, ready to engage in his third season leading the women's program. "I loved the '08 team, but I really believe these girls can be better. Their attitude has been great, their work-ethic phenomenal and we are so much farther along than last year at this time."

Despite losing key components like Plymouth High's Clare Baptist (offense) and Samantha Harrington (defense), much of Shivraman's excitement stems from a quintet of returnees who excelled at various positions. Kristen Dondzilla (Salem) tops that list as her play as the last line of defense in goal was instrumental in the Ocelots keeping opponents off the scoreboard. Jessica Lusardi made her presence felt defensively, Dena Sana (North Farmington) enjoyed a standout year in the midfield and Stephanie Gutowski (Livonia Stevenson) and Brittny Pickett provided enough spark in other areas

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to make the Ocelots a well-rounded unit overall.

"We had a prolific goal scorer in Clare, and on the other side, Samantha could really lock things up for us in the back," Shivraman said. "But we have some experienced and extremely talented players coming back and I think we found a rich group of freshmen who are fast and skilled."

Jenny Giegler, Alycia Barringer, Brooke Ehman, Maddie Evans and Jammie Montorosso fit nicely into that category.

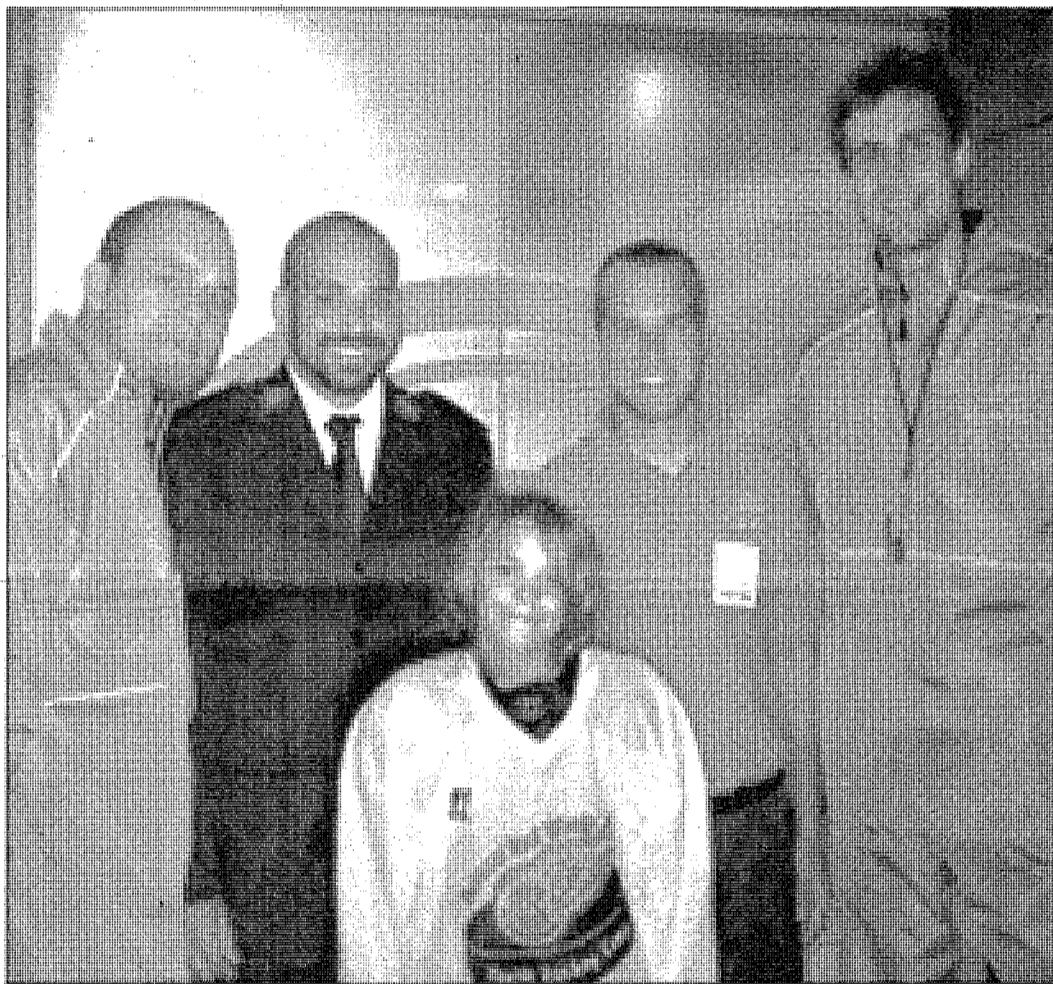
The Ocelots will play a trio of scrimmages prior to the start of the regular season which kicks off Saturday, Aug. 29, with road contest against Sussex (N.Y.).

Shivraman believes the upcoming scrimmages against NCAA Division II schools Saginaw Valley State and Tiffin (Ohio) University will be instrumental in gauging just how far the program has accelerated compared to that of last year.

"They (Saginaw Valley and Tiffin) are both perennial powers and then our third scrimmage is against Madonna and that will be a great test for us as well," Shivraman said. "The key for us will be to keep everyone healthy because we do have a lot of youngsters and they tend to get excited and want to go at everything 100 miles per hour."

"My message to them has been to approach this not as a challenge, but an opportunity. Go out and make the most of it because Schoolcraft is a phenomenal place to be, not just academically, but athletic-wise as well. It's unique and you have a wonderful opportunity in front of you."

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Standing with Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty (left), served as a coach for the youth hockey camp, are Capt. Derek Rose, commanding officer of The Salvation Army's Wayne/Westland Corps; Jagr Bugaski of Westland; Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries and STRIVE hockey coach for The Salvation Army Wayne/Westland Corps; and Jiri Fischer, director of player development for Detroit Red Wings.

# Wingman

## Westland youth gets ice time with pros at JLA

For a child with dreams of being a professional ice hockey player, a recent day at Joe Louis Arena was exceptionally inspiring.

Thanks to the Detroit Red Wings, Warrior Hockey and The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit, Jagr Bugaski, 11, experienced every hockey fan's dream last month - ice time at Joe Louis Arena and coaching from former player Jiri Fischer (now director of player development) and current player Darren McCarty.

"He's doing good," said McCarty, who watched Jagr skate on the ice from the players' bench. "He's got the spunk. He's got the determination. That's what it's all about."

The Red Wings and sponsor Warrior Hockey donated a scholarship for the Westland youth to attend the organization's 2009 Youth Hockey Camp, July 13-14.

"The camp can be expensive, and we saw it as a great opportunity for someone like Jagr to experience the Joe," said Red Wings Youth Hockey Manager Phil Pierce. "He's trying hard. If you have a passion for hockey, once you get out there, you're just going to get better

and better."

In addition, Warrior Hockey of Warren donated Jagr's equipment, excluding skates and a helmet.

"We got him outfitted in complete Warrior gear," said Jason Reynolds, the company's regional brand representative. "When we gave it all to him, you could tell he was trying to contain his excitement."

The Salvation Army received a \$15,000 grant from the Detroit Red Wings Foundation earlier this year to help fund the nonprofit's STRIVE (Student Training for Integrity, Vitality, and Education) Youth Hockey program.

Jagr first discovered hockey while attending STRIVE last spring, at The Salvation Army's Wayne-Westland branch located at 2300 Venoy Road in Westland.

Hockey soon became his passion.

The STRIVE mission is to help meet the spiritual, mental and physical needs of the whole child through an organized floor hockey program at The Salvation Army's participating community centers.

This allows children like Jagr the chance to experience

a sport they may not previously have considered, often due to economic constraints.

Hiding under a long, sweaty mop of golden blond hair, Jagr worked the ice with his fellow camp-goers on July 14, then got an exclusive tour of the Red Wings' locker room.

Prior to his two-day stint on the Joe's ice, he had no more than four hours of actual ice time. He played just 16 weeks of floor hockey at The Salvation Army's Wayne-Westland Corps.

The STRIVE team is run by Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries.

"Jagr's two-day adventure with the Detroit Red Wings is a perfect example of what can happen when programs like STRIVE help kids discover their passion," Barylski said. "We're beyond thankful that the Red Wings and Warrior Hockey were kind enough to give him that experience."

Fall STRIVE hockey begins in late September. To register for the Wayne-Westland team, call (734) 722-3660. For another center, visit www.sal-mich.org

# MU SOCCER

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The Crusaders, coming off a 15-4 season and a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season title, are ranked No. 25 in the 2009 NAIA pre-season poll.

Nine starters return for MU led by WHAC Offensive Player of the Year Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin), a senior who had a team-best 15 goals to go along with two assists in 2008.

First-team All-WHAC performer Lauren Hess (Livonia Ladywood), another senior, will anchor the midfield, while WHAC goals-against leader Brittany Warner (Plymouth), a sophomore transfer from Oakland University, helps solidify the back line.

Senior forward Kaila Moore (Howell), who had five game-winning goals a year ago, also gives MU a nice one-two forward punch to complement Austin.

Other starters returning include senior defenders Gina Leone (St. Clair Shores Lakeview) and Lisa Melasi (Fenton); along with midfielders Jaclyn Venturingha (Macomb Lutheran North), a senior; Diana Brda (Franklin), a sophomore; and Sarah Rokuski (Algonac), a junior.

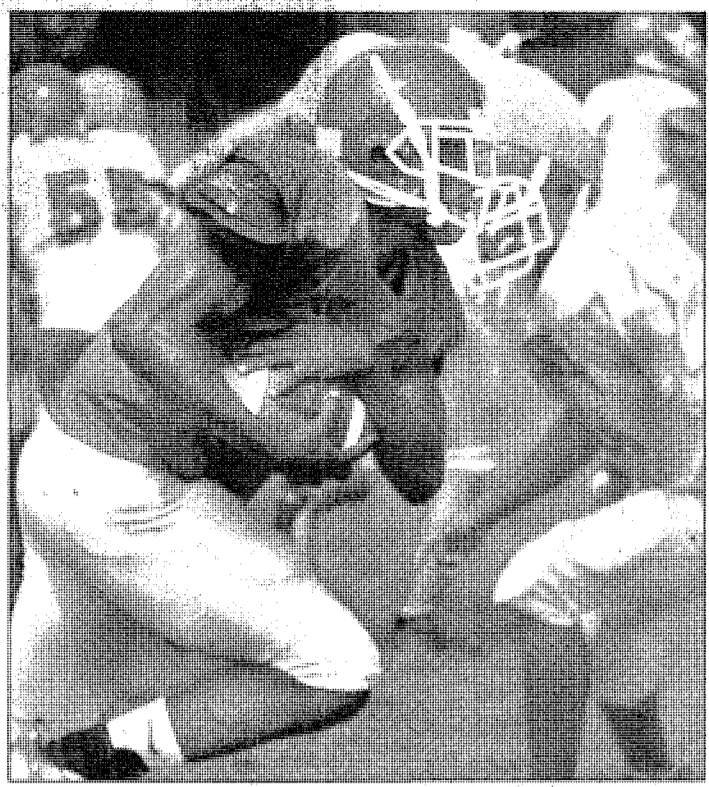
Barker was also encouraged Tuesday by the play of two freshman - forward Jackie Vaquera (who had a goal) and Lauryn Dostillio (Sterling Heights), who stood out defensively.

"Those two kids are brand new to the college game and they showed well," Barker said. "It was nice to see that Lauryn is a good fit on defense and that she was able to do things that we were looking for back there."

Rounding out the Crusaders squad are midfielders Ellen O'Rear (Madison Heights Bishop Foley), Molly Perkins (Franklin), Trisha Bender (Walled Lake Northern), Nicole Rodriguez (Woodhaven), Rachel Thompson (Livonia Stevenson), Andrea Mareel (Warren Regina); defenders Katie Kozlowski (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), Chelsea Budlong (Novi) and Chelsea Shrewsbury (Milford); and goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville).

"It's a good group, it's nice to see them in a game situation after practicing against each other the last two weeks," said Barker, who is assisted on the sidelines by Kelly (Delaney) Grodzicki and Lizz Szkrzybalo.

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Senior Jeremy Langford, who had close to 900 yards last season, is expected to carry a heavier load this season in the backfield for the Rockets.

# GLENN

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first-team All-Area selection Jerome Scales at quarterback. The speedy Scales was more of a running threat, while Kulikowski will be more of a drop-back passer.

"He (Kulikowski) was the back-up last year, but he's going to surprise a lot of people," Hardin said. "He has a very strong arm and I've been impressed with his knowledge of the game. He stays cool under pressure. He did not play last year, but we expect him to play like a two-year starter."

Seniors Vince Davidson (5-8, 182) and Dustin Gajowiak (6-5, 280) return as starters on the offensive line. Also expected to start is senior Chase Glover (6-0, 192) and senior Andrew Laird (6-3, 244).

Glenn should also get a lift

from senior Aaron Smith (6-1, 207), who moves to tight end, while senior Steven Murphy (6-0, 207) moves over to full-back.

"He (Smith) will be better than our tight end last year because Murphy played out of position - we did it out of necessity," Hardin said.

Glenn's defense, meanwhile, will be keyed by Murphy and Smith at linebacker; Davidson, Glover and Gajowiak on the defensive line; Caleb Cleney (6-2, 190) and Ayler at the ends; and Davarius Jenkins (5-11, 155), Javarius Snowden (5-10, 200), Anthony and Langford in the secondary.

"There will be no changes - the same defense, nothing fancy," Hardin said. "I'm a big believer in the fundamentals and we have great assistants that coach guys in the fundamentals. That what made us a great defense."

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Stevenson's Jordan El-Sabeh performs a drill during Monday's preseason practice in preparation for the 2009 season.

# STEVENSON

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resigned last December after 14 seasons, but reconsidered and returned a month later. "We have competition at a lot of spots, so we probably are trading off some team cohesiveness right now for

increased focus in practice. For the time being, that's a good trade until we really see how certain individuals respond to actual competition."

And if the last two years are any indication, the Spartans should be able to make some postseason waves once again.

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- BOYS SOCCER**  
Saturday, Aug. 22  
John Glenn at Waterford Mott, 1 p.m.
- GIRLS GOLF**  
Thursday, Aug. 20  
Chelsea Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
- Friday, Aug. 21**  
Monroe-Jeff. Inv. at Raisin River, 8:30 a.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**  
Friday, Aug. 21  
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 2:30 p.m.  
Taylor Truman Invitational, TBA.
- MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Friday, Aug. 21  
Madonna at Bethel College (Ind.), 8 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Thursday, Aug. 20 (Exhibition)  
Schoolcraft at Tiffin (Ohio), 5 p.m.  
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SPORTS ROUNDUP



LJAL sluggers

The Rangers of the Livonia Junior Athletic League recently captured the Blue Jays Mustang Minor League title going 12-0 while outscoring their opponents 185-37. The Rangers belted a total of 22 homers. Top hitters on the season included Chase Wallis (.542), Brandon Rager (.500), Luke Jaroszewicz (.478), Ryan Celmer (.395) and Sean Butler (.390). The pitching staff was led by Rager, Jaroszewicz, Celmer and Steven Wood. Among the team members include (back row, from left): assistant coaches Eric Celmer and Doug Jones, along with coach-manager David Jaroszewicz; (middle row, from left) Ryan Celmer, Tyler Makowski, Steven Wood, Charlie Jones, Sebastian Farnsworth, Miguel Hernandez, Luke Jaroszewicz; (front row, from left) Chase Wallis, Brandon Rager, Sean Butler and Drake Stewart. Not pictured are A.J. Abdelnour and assistant coach Al Abdelnour.



Orioles place 3rd

The 14-and-under Livonia Orioles defeated the Durand Tigers, 7-6, to earn a third-place finish, July 10-12, in the 22nd annual Grand Blanc Tournament. The Orioles posted a 3-2 tourney record with wins over Elba, the Central Michigan Stars and Durand. Members of the Orioles include (front row, from left): John Shatter, Josh Carlson, John Szymanski, Brandt Chopp, Steve Ivasile; (back row, from left) Dylan Bremer, Mark Leja, Blake Burnett, Cody Carrier, Dan Harris, Riley Brown, Zack Konchel, Kevin Murdock. Not pictured is Donnie Esper, Kain Anquetil and coach Eric Carrier

Youth baseball tryouts

The Livonia Baseball Club will stage 2010 travel tryouts for its under-10 team from noon to 2 p.m. and its under-12 team from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30 and Sunday, Sept. 20 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 7). For more information, call Mike Turbin (under-12) at (313) 303-9728 or Joe Jakacki (under-10) at (734) 469-4217.

Fishing club meeting

The monthly meeting of the Huron Valley Sportfishing Club will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at American Legion Post 200, located at 11800 Michael Street, Taylor (take Brest Road west off Telegraph Road to the hall). The featured speaker will be C. J. Baker, charter captain and Silver Streak representative. He will discuss the science of and bring in the newest UV activated spoons and spinner blades for display and purchase. Food and drinks available, along with 50/50 and fishing tackle raffles. For more information, e-mail [rmontre@juno.com](mailto:rmontre@juno.com).

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood High School is seeking a girls JV golf coach for the 2009 fall season and a girls varsity pom pon coach for the 2009-10 winter season. Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Fall hoops league

Madonna University will sponsor a Sunday fall basketball league at 1 p.m. (ages 11-13) and 3 p.m. (ages 14-16) beginning Sept. 13 (through Oct. 25). Each player will be guaranteed a minimum of seven games and will receive instruction prior to each game. (Game times will vary each week.) The cost is \$125 per player (includes reversible jersey). For more information, visit [www.madonna-crusaders.com](http://www.madonna-crusaders.com) (click on summer camps link at the top of the page).

Learn to Skate

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will be offering its seven-week fall learn to skate program (Session I) from Sept. 14 through Oct. 29 at Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road). Classes are grouped by age and ability. Openings for each time slot for the following are subject to availability for the following:  
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 Walk-in registration only will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). Make-up classes are not available. All instructors are I.S.I. certified. Private lessons are avail-

able for all ages and you must be registered in a group lesson or two hours of private lessons. Three synchronized skating teams are also available (must be Badge 6 or higher and must be at least 6 years old). Skate rentals are also offered through the Livonia Hockey Association. For more information, call Kerri Ahmet or Tina Probst at (734) 466-2412.

**Co-ed sand volleyball**  
 The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its first annual Wolverine Sand Co-ed Fours Volleyball Tournament (18-and-up) on Saturday, Aug. 29 at Veterans Park. Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m. followed by games at 9 p.m. Included in the \$60 per team cost is refreshments, lunch, T-shirts for each individual and a three-game guarantee. Prizes will be awarded to the top two teams. Registration is ongoing. Mail-in and walk-in registrations will be also accepted at the Livonia Community Recreation, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

**Girls basketball league**  
 The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's fall girls basketball league for ages 10-13 will start the week of Sept. 21 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). Team placement tryouts will be from 6-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. Practices will be held Friday, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 followed by games on Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6 and 13. Registration for LCRC pass holders will begin Monday, Aug. 17 (fee \$49); Livonia residents, Tuesday, Aug. 18 (fee \$58); and non-residents, Thursday, Aug. 20 (fee \$65). All fees include T-shirt. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 8. For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

**Boys basketball league**  
 The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a pair of fall boys basketball leagues including Division I (ages 9-11) and Division II (ages 12-14) the week of Sept. 21 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). Team placement tryouts will be from 6-7 p.m. (Division I) and 7-8 p.m. (Division II) on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at the LCRC. Division I practice dates are Tuesday, Sept. 22 and 29; followed by games Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3-10. Division II practices will be Thursday, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1 followed by games on Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5 and 12. Registration for LCRC pass holders will begin Monday, Aug. 17 (fee \$49); Livonia residents, Tuesday, Aug. 18 (fee \$58); and non-residents, Thursday, Aug. 20 (fee \$65). All fees include T-shirt. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 8. For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

**Adult flag football**  
 Registration for an adult flag football league Mondays and Wednesdays during Sept.-Oct. in Royal Oak is \$380 per team. For more information, call Rod Honaker at (248) 627-4815; or Mr. Gazetti at (248) 246-3180.

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 ■ Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages. Starting Sept. 13, Sunday service time changes to 10 a.m. Visit www.livonfaith.org.  
 ■ Garden City Presbyterian Church, Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road: 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday. Call (734) 421-7620.  
 ■ Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with communion each Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. (734) 427-3660.  
 ■ Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service, and 10:30 a.m., contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m. (734) 637-8160.

■ Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 9 a.m., Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday worship in the chapel. Call (734) 427-1414.  
 ■ New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford: 10:30 a.m., Sundays. (313) 255-6330.  
 ■ New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville: 11 a.m., Sunday. (734) 846-4615 or www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com  
 ■ Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday worship. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and pre-school programs available at both services. (734) 453-5534.  
 ■ Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service. (734) 722-1735.  
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season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.  
 ■ St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday; traditional worship at 9 a.m., Sunday, and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Call (248) 474-0584 for additional information.  
 ■ St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia: contemporary service, 11:30 a.m., fourth Sunday of the month. (734) 422-6038.  
 ■ St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia: 10 a.m., Sunday. (734) 422-1470.  
 ■ Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, 6 p.m., Sunday Bible studies and worship center for all ages includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.  
 ■ Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads: 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sundays. (734) 421-1760.  
 ■ Way of Life Christian Church, 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth Township: 10 a.m. Sunday; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study; 7:30 p.m. Friday, intercessory prayer. (734) 340-5551; www.wayoflifecc.com  
 ■ Westwood Community Church, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland: 10-11:15 a.m., Sunday. Come as you are. Coffee and doughnuts, children's church every Sunday

Canton pastor excited about Holy Land trek this fall

BY JULIE BROWN  
 O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Bryan Smith, Geneva Presbyterian Church pastor, has wanted to visit the Holy Land for some time. "I've been wanting to go to the Holy Land for at least eight to 10 years," said Smith, pastor of the congregation on Sheldon north of Ford in Canton. He's about to get his chance through a Columbia Theological Seminary of Decatur, Ga., Journey of Faith program. The program's for mid-career (ages 35-55) clergy with five or more years experience in ordained ministry. "They took a group of 20 of us." The Christian clergy will leave Oct. 28 and return Nov. 11.

They'll have a preparation time retreat in late September at the seminary in Georgia to talk about what will happen, "and begin to sort of think about this in terms of spiritual impact."

Smith had previously talked to clergy colleagues about how transformational it was to visit the Holy Land.

They spoke of getting immersed in the geography of where Jesus did his ministry. "Actually being there kind of infuses a deeper faith." Smith saw the opportunity and applied in June, hearing back three weeks later.

The travel is funded by the seminary in partnership with the Holy Land Pastoral Renewal Program of the CF Foundation, with which Smith was previously unfamiliar. He's not overly concerned



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Rev. Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian Church will visit the Holy Land in October.

about violence in the area due to conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

"I really don't feel that all. At this point, I'm just feeling really grateful." When he returns this fall, he will share impact of the trip with his church and others.

There may be some from the community who'd like to visit the region, he said.

"I'm just waiting to see what will transpire to see what will be a blessing to others as well."

He answered essay questions, and those doing the choosing read through and picked the 20 clergy, who had to be midcareer and never visited the Holy Land before.

"They wanted this to be people who never had the chance before," Smith said.

BUSY SCHEDULE

The clergy will fly from Atlanta to Tel Aviv in Israel. Their itinerary includes the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes in one day, as part of an overview of Jesus' Galilean ministry.

They'll be at Tabgha, the traditional site of the loaves and fishes, and the Chapel of the Primacy of Peter, the traditional site of Jesus' appearance to the disciples while they were fishing.

On Day Five, the clergy journey to Kursi on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus is believed to have healed the demoniac and cast the demons into swine. On Day Six, they'll trek to Nazareth and see Mount Tabor.

Other days include a morning walk into Jerusalem, from the Mount of Olives via the Garden of Gethsemane and the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. They'll see the Church of St. Peter on Mount Zion and the Western (Wailing) Wall.

The group will visit Bethlehem, including Shepherds Field, Manger Square and the Church of Nativity. They'll have a full-day excursion to the Dead Sea, ending with a discussion of "The Journey of Faith: Why Did God Want You Here? What Is God Calling You To Do?"

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# Take a step back in time at Village Faire

Canton's Annual Village Faire runs noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30, at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

Visitors will watch historical demonstrations, such as cooking, knitting, blacksmithing, candlemaking and plowing, take guided tours of the Bartlett-Travis House, visit the petting farm, listen to music and try face painting.

The Canon Lions Club will be on hand with a corn roast. Food wristbands will be on sale at the event, and pre-registration is not necessary.

In keeping with the community spirit of the event, visitors can stroll the grounds and enjoy the best in fresh produce and handmade crafts from the Canton Farmers Market. The market is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 25 at the park.

The Annual Village Faire is free and sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, the Canton Historical Society and Canton Lions Club. No registration is required. To learn more about Village Faire, visit [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.



Disney's "A Christmas Carol" train will roll into Greenfield Village Sept. 4.

# Christmas train rolls into town

Disney's *A Christmas Carol* Train Tour makes a stop, Sept. 4-6, at Greenfield Village during its 40-city tour.

Visitors can expect to see Christmas decorations, hear carolers and see a 3D sneak peek from the movie, *Disney's A Christmas Carol*.

The attraction is free and will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Greenfield Village is located at 20900 Oakwood Blvd, in Dearborn.

Many of the exhibits will be inside the train cars, but the film footage will be shown in a state-of-the-art digital 3D theater erected on site.

Visitors can check out the cutting-

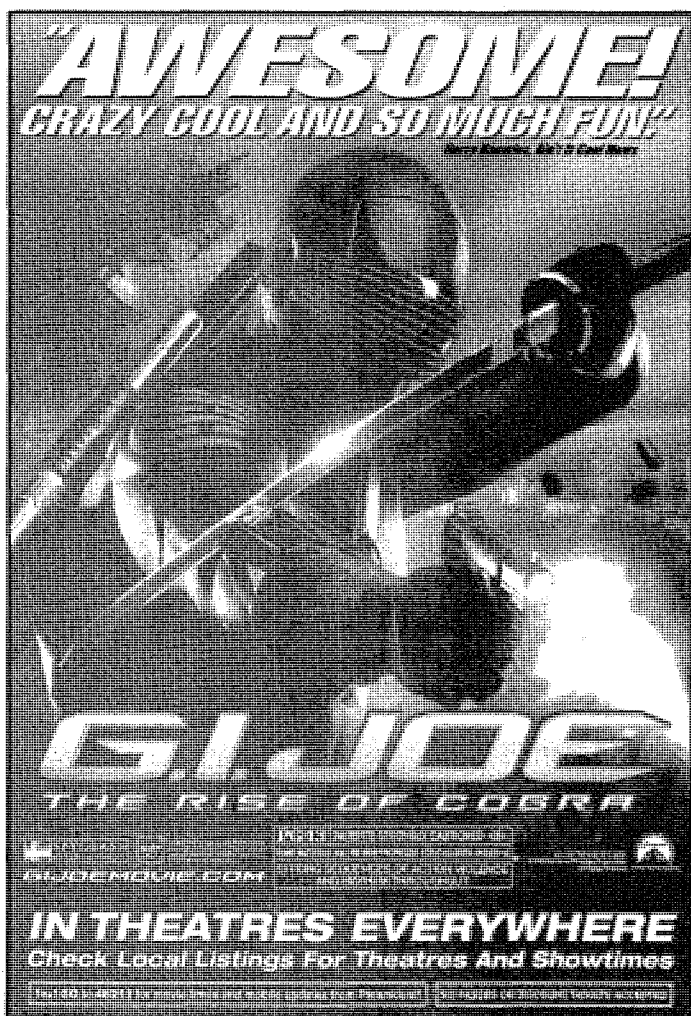
edge technology behind the film, as well as artifacts from the Charles Dickens Museum and interactive games that allow users to explore Dickens' London and morph their faces into characters from the movie using HP TouchSmart PCs. HP powers the interactive components of the Train Tour and its technology is used in the production of the movie.

Radio Disney will invite kids to enter for a chance to become a Movie Surfer representing their hometown. Each Hometown Movie Surfer will get a chance to appear on Disney Channel by filming their own Movie Surfer's segment.

Guests also will have a chance to win an HP TouchSmart PC and HP Photosmart wireless printer. This family event is for all ages.

The train tour is traveling cross-country with stops in 40 cities, culminating in November at New York City's Grand Central Terminal.

Disney's *A Christmas Carol*, directed by Robert Zemeckis, stars Jim Carrey as Ebenezer Scrooge, Gary Oldman as his faithful clerk and Colin Firth as his cheerful nephew. The movie opens nationwide Nov. 6 in theatres, Disney Digital 3D, and IMAX 3D.



### ART

#### Eastern Michigan University

**Time/Date:** Elements of Photography, Sept. 3-Oct. 2, Coping with the Unknown, Sept. 8-Oct. 2; Excavations, through Aug. 28

**Location:** Photography in the University Art Gallery, 900 Oakwood on EMU's Ypsilanti campus; Coping and Excavations in the Ford Gallery, in Ford Hall, north of Cross Street at Normal Street on EMU campus

**Details:** Photography exhibit features work of nationally and internationally acclaimed photographers. Artist reception is 4-6 p.m., Sept. 9. Coping shows the work of Joe Meiser and Adrian Hatfield. Artist reception is 4-6 p.m., Sept. 10. Excavations is a master of

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fine arts thesis exhibition by Suzanne Lalonde. Artist reception is 5:30-8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21

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#### Farmington Hills City Gallery

**Time/Date:** "Studies of Place and Views of Space" through Sept. 25

**Location:** Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Works by Rachel Reynolds and Robert Zahorsky

**Contact:** (248) 473-1856.

#### Lotus Arts Gallery

**Time/Date:** "Impression & Expressions: Exploring

Modern Printmaking," through Aug. 29. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

**Location:** 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

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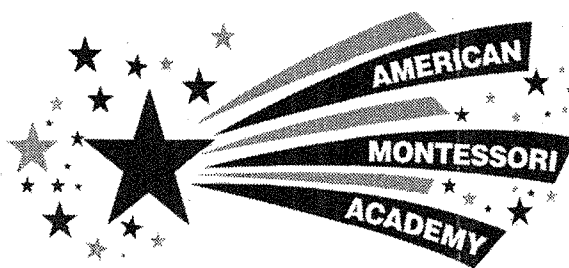
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# Documentary focuses on food and natural healing

Pass the kale chips — and forget the popcorn and soda.

There won't be any typical movie theater snacks served at the concession stand when *Food Matters*, screens next week at the Main Theatre in downtown Royal Oak. And that's just the way Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program graduate Andrea McNinch wants it.

Through her company, Regeneration Raw, McNinch does corporate consulting, offers one-on-one coaching, teaches classes and workshops on health and wellness through proper nutrition. Eating raw specializes in raw and vegan foods.

"The concessions will be shut down during the showing," McNinch stated. "We will not sell that type of food, but rather will offer movie-goers donated local, organic, whole foods to snack on."

Movie-goers will take home a free bag loaded with healthy snacks, coupons and literature on where and how to stay healthy. Sponsors include VegMichigan, Mind Body & Spirits restaurant, Red Pepper Deli, Eden Organic, Zerbo's Health Foods, Green Drinks Detroit, The Now Project, Gourmet Everyday, iMatter, Slow Food Detroit and more.

She rented out the 175-seat theater for a one-time showing of the 80-minute documentary by producer-directors James Colquhoun and Laurentine ten Bosch, who interviewed several leading experts in nutrition and natural healing. The experts claim we're harming our bodies with improper nutrition, and that the right kind of foods, supplements and detoxification can be used to treat chronic illnesses as fatal as terminally diagnosed cancer.

The film points out that not every problem requires costly, major medical attention and reveals many alternative therapies that can be more effective, more economical and less harmful than conventional medical treatments. The focus of the film is in helping viewers rethink their belief systems about the modern medical and health care establishments.

"Find out what works, what doesn't and what's killing you," McNinch stated.

She realized "Food is our best medicine" when at age 25 she began suffering from migraines and battling other ills, such as colds and skin problems.

She said doctors attributed the problems to aging and wrote prescriptions for symptoms of what they termed were common ailments.

She decided to change her diet instead of consuming prescription drugs.

"It was almost an instant recovery," she states on her Web site. "As soon as I cut out dairy and started eating raw foods, I never had another migraine and there are no cysts or calcifications in my body. The best part is, I look and feel younger every day, zits, illness, PMS and lack of energy are a thing of the past"

In addition to graduating from Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Program, she also holds a degree in journalism and communication from Oakland University.



McNinch

Her fall workshop schedule includes these topics at local schools:

■ "Raw Foods: Key to Ageless Beauty and Optimal Well-Being," Sept. 26, at Madonna University, in Livonia. The workshop will focus on adding raw and living foods to the diet. Learn the benefits of eating raw-vegan, the equipment used and a few easy and delicious dishes to get started on the path to optimal well-being.

■ "Raw-Vegan Food On A Dime," Nov. 7, at Madonna University, Livonia. Learn how to make simple, delicious raw-vegan food packed with vibrant health the inexpensive way through utilizing local farmers markets, making your own raw trail mixes and using techniques such as sprouting. Class will include food/sprouting demos, lots of sampling along with a packet of recipes and useful tips to get started.

For more on Regeneration Raw, including McNinch's class schedule, visit [www.how2eatraw.com](http://www.how2eatraw.com). For more on the film, visit [www.foodmatters.tv/](http://www.foodmatters.tv/) — Sharon Dargay

## CITY BITES

### Gone to the dogs

Tri-county — Buy a bottle of Mutt Lynch wine from Hiller's Market and you'll not only get a vintage named for man's best friend (Chateau d'Og Cabernet, Unleashed Chardonnay, Portrait of a Mutt Zinfandel) but you'll help real animals at the same time. A portion of the cost of every bottle sold will go to the Dearborn Animal Shelter, the organization that recently rescued 150 Chihuahuas from a hoarder.

Mutt Lynch Canis Major wines are limited production, signature wines from specific vineyard blocks in Dry Creek Valley, Calif.

Vintner Chris Lynch will be at the Plymouth store for a bottle-signing from 10 a.m.-noon and 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 25. The store is located at 15455 Haggerty, at Five Mile.

Dearborn Animal Shelter representatives will be on hand to help shoppers with adoption applications for rescued dogs.

He'll be at the Ann Arbor store (3615 Washtenaw Ave) 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23 and at the Commerce Township store (39950 W. 14 Mile at Haggerty) 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24

24th anniversary  
Plymouth — Station 885 celebrates its 24th anniversary in Plymouth's historic Old Village by offering a prime rib dinner for \$8.85. The petite cut prime rib is served with a baked potato and salad. The offer expires Aug. 31.

Station 885 also will offer live entertainment during the Plymouth Fall Festival Taste Fest, 6-8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11. Mark your calendar.

## Sample wines, food at annual festival

Meadow Brook Music Festival will present its 8th Annual Wine and Food Festival 1-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 23 and 1-5:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 24.

Tickets for adults are \$18 in advance and \$25 at the event, and include eight free wine samples, wine and food seminars and non-stop live entertainment. Designated Driver tickets are \$10 and include two free soft drinks. Tickets for kids, age 12-17, are \$5 and those under 12 are admitted at no charge.

Tickets are on sale now at [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com), The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre Box Offices and all Ticketmaster locations. Tickets will also be available at the Meadow Brook Music Festival Box Office the day of the event. Each ticket is valid for one-day admission to the festival grounds.

Tickets may be charged by phone to American Express, Visa, Discover and MasterCard by calling (248) 645-6666.

Award-winning wineries from the state of Michigan and across the globe will be on hand showcasing more than 100 varieties of wine including Chardonnay, Merlots, Rieslings, Sparkling, Dry Red and dessert wines. The festival's on-site retail store will have select wines available for purchase. A complete list of components will be announced closer to the festival dates.

In addition to wine sampling, there will be seminars covering wine, food and other topics of interest. Festival goers will also enjoy continuous live entertainment, glass-blowing demonstrations and special exhibits and displays throughout the weekend.

A special sales area will allow attendees to purchase wine by the bottle or by the case.

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