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### Car, bike show

Keith's Muffler and Brakes is holding its ninth annual Mustangs, Mufflers and Motorcycles Car and Bike Show to benefit breast cancer efforts 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at the The Coliseum, 34250 Ford at Wildwood.

Free food and tons of raffle prizes will be available during this fund-raiser, including gift baskets, coolers, gift certificates to restaurants, hair salons and tattoo parlors. The grand prizes will be a 1967 Harley-Davidson golf cart and "Willy's Ride" pit bike. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Holloway.

"For the past nine years we have held this fund-raiser and 100 percent of the proceeds go to benefit breast cancer awareness," said Keith's Muffler and Brakes owner Keith Dahlka. "Over the last eight years we have raised more than \$53,000 for the American Cancer Society."

"It's unbelievable how many people turn out for this event. We are expecting almost 300 classic cars and bikes. We are very grateful to everyone who supports this show."

### Blood drive

The Westland Jaycees and the Westland Rotary Club have partnered up to host a blood drive 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36551 Ford, Westland.

Donors must be at least 17 years old to donate. Those who are age 21 and older will be entered to win a 20-month lease on a 2010 Mercury Milan and donors age 17 and older will be entered to win four Cedar Point tickets plus a \$50 gas card. Everyone will receive a free T-shirt from the American Red Cross.

To sign up for an blood donation appointment, call Mary McGaw at (734) 748-8515.

### Patriots Day

The city of Westland will remember those who died on Sept. 11, 2001, with a memorial service at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13.

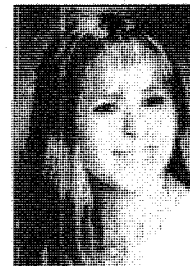
The service will be conducted by St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School and will be held on the south steps of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford.

This marks the sixth year for the service, which remembers those who perished due to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon as well as honors those who continue to serve and protect our community.

"This is the community's opportunity to pay respect to our country's first responders and to honor the bravery they demonstrate," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "We want to show respect to the families and victims to know they will not be forgotten."

Pastor Kurt E. Lambert of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland will preside over the memorial service, which will include performances by the St. Matthew Jubilee and Cherub Choirs as well as the Lutheran High School Westland Choir.

## Prayers for justice were source of support for murder victim's family



Laci Green

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It took more than a year for Laci Green's former boyfriend to be tried and convicted of murdering the Westland nursing student.

Throughout that time, Edward and Barbara Green relied on prayer and faith as they sought justice for their 22-year old daughter.

"The whole experience has been an overwhelming burden. We prayed everyday for justice for Laci and God came through," said Edward Green. "There is a sense of relief that justice has been served. But the loss of our daughter is a burden to us. You hear parents say their child was an angel and special. You think that's parents and take it with a grain of salt. Other people say it

about Laci — she touched so many lives."

Having twice rejected plea bargains and waiving his right to a jury trial, Robert James-the-First Howard, 26, of Dearborn Heights was convicted of first-degree murder after a two-day bench trial before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Michael Hathaway.

Since the Greens' top wish — hav-

ing their daughter back — was impossible, Edward Green said the best outcome he hoped for was someone being held accountable for Laci's murder.

Scheduled to be sentenced to life in prison without parole on Wednesday, Sept. 16, Howard has been incarcerated since his arrest

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## Cousins stress fresh at new restaurant

### ZACK'S SHACK

**What:** Zack's Shack, featuring American, Southwestern and Mediterranean with dine-in, take-out or home delivery.

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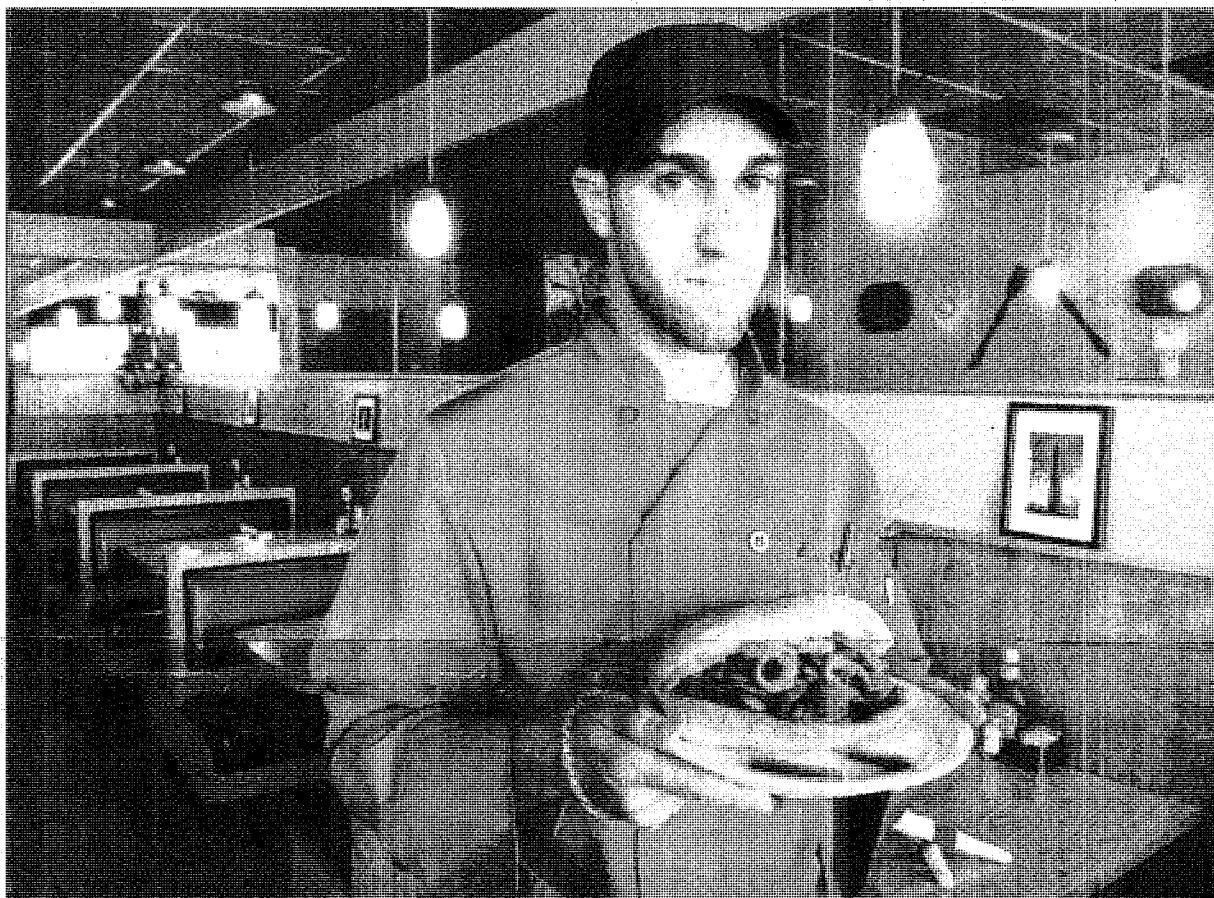
BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The state of the economy in Michigan is cause for concern, but Eddie Sarrage and his cousin, Zack Mahayne, believe their new restaurant will succeed because it offers quality food at fast food prices.

The two Canton men have opened Zack's Shack, a 55-seat restaurant in Westland's north end that features American, Southwest and Mediterranean foods.

"I want to try and grown and do what I can to make it grow," said Sarrage. "We have big dreams. This is a personal test. If we can get it off the ground, we can do another place."

According to Sarrage, the food selection is a reflection of "where we grew up, where we lived and what we ate." A Caesar salad shares space with a taco salad, fattoush and tabbouleh under salads and the choices include Philly cheese steak, falafel wrap and Chicken Twister under sandwiches.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eddie Sarrage shows off Zack Shack's Philly cheese steak that he says is as close as it gets to the real Philadelphia style sandwich.

Along with a selection of hamburgers and paninis, there's also a Southwest platter with quesadilla, taquitos, tacos and nachos and a Mediterranean platter with falafel, grape leaves, kafta, tabbouleh and

hummus on a bed of rice. The latter is the most expensive item on the menu at \$9.99 but is large enough to "fill up two people," Sarrage said.

And Mahayne has contributed his recipe for chili, aptly named Zack's

Famous Chili.

The emphasis, according to Sarrage, is on fresh. Most of the food is fresh and made in-house. The juice

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## Woman sentenced to prison for placing baby in trash bag

A Westland woman has been sentenced to five to 15 years in prison for placing her newborn baby boy in a trash bag and placing him in her parents' garage.

Valeeka Gartrell, 28, had entered a guilty plea to first-degree child abuse while mentally ill before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Richard Skutt after being found mentally competent.

Gartrell chose to accept a plea agreement rather than try an insanity defense and face trial on a more serious charge of assault with intent to murder, which could have brought penalties up to life in prison.

Gartrell gave birth April 23, 2007, in her parents' house. Family members noticed she was bleeding, but didn't realize she had deliv-

ered the baby boy until they took her to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. They returned home and found the newborn alive in the garage.

Free on bond and staying with a cousin since shortly after the incident, Gartrell had originally entered the plea in March and was scheduled to be sentenced in April.

Gartrell has been allowed supervised visits with her baby, who will be 2 in April, and her older daughter. The children have been in the custody of their grandparents.

Gartrell's case had been long delayed as experts sought to determine whether she was competent for court proceedings and whether she could be held criminally responsible for her actions.

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## W-W's Baracy details need to reinvent district

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bad economic news has hit the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, and Superintendent Greg Baracy knows it all too well.

"We can't any longer maintain the status quo," he said of the lack of legislative action on school funding during the largest deficit since the Great Depression. "There is absolutely no relief in sight."

Speaking last Thursday at Westland Rotary, Baracy cited the "ongoing structural problem" of the last decade. There's been no inflationary increase in school funds in eight years, he said, and money taken back by the state three of those years.

Michigan's lost some 107,000 students in the last five years, and the per-pupil funds that accompany them. "They're moving out

of the state with their families," said Baracy, adding new graduates are also leaving for jobs.

He detailed the district's 21st Century Schools Initiative, which began in June. District officials and the school board have already cut over \$18 million from the operating budget.

The 21st Century effort aims toward district reform, including cuts, and reimagining and doing differently the work of educating students. Baracy said 17 percent of payroll goes to the state's retirement fund for educators, and health insurance costs \$15,000 average per staffer.

"We're at a point where we're trying to be proactive," he said.

In Wayne-Westland, a citizen committee and the school board are working on what the superintendent called "right-sizing," which could include closing buildings. The plans could

include reconfiguration of grade levels.

Baracy pointed out the need to be transparent, to avoid the difficulties experienced by the Livonia school district with its recent Legacy effort.

"We're going to have to look at our schools and possibly some school closings," Baracy said. Some buildings are now at 50 percent capacity, which is too low.

"It's very emotional for adults," he said of school closings, adding students tend to have few problems when buildings close. Baracy was involved in closing several Wayne-Westland schools in 1994, and said that went well although some parents were emotional.

New opportunities, like instrumental music and foreign

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# RESTAURANT

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also is fresh squeezed, and the breads are from a bakery in Dearborn. The two men have experience at both ends of the dining spectrum with a combined 30 years of experience in the food and beverage industry. Mayhane has worked for such national chains as KFC, Pizza Hut and Wendy's, while Sarrage has managed a high-end hotel and several restaurants in the Washington, D.C., area.

The two cousins opened the restaurant in late July. They spent two months fixing up the interior to reflect the difference cultures featured on the menu. "We didn't want to give one ethnicity dominance," said Sarrage. "The colors we picked are subtle, and the music goes from Arabic to American to Spanish." They have seen business slowly pick up to the point where they have a few regulars. Some have found the restaurant by word of mouth, others have picked up the carry-out menus they left at other businesses. They're also picking up cus-

tomers from the Art Van store located across Wayne Road from the restaurant. Their hope that over the next three-four months, the business will continue to grow and stabilize. Admittedly, it's been scary opening a business during a recession, but they have set both long- and short-term goals and "we're going to do everything in our power to make them happen," Sarrage said. "This is the first restaurant I've owned," he said. "It's kind of exciting. I've got a passion for it."

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# Salvation Army media center to open Sept. 14

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Target Corp. recently came through with a \$25,000 grant for a Wayne-Westland Salvation Army media center. Officials are eager to show off the new center to the community with an open house 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at the corps center, on Venoy south of Palmer in Westland. "We have all of our furniture in," said Capt. Derek Rose,

corps commander with wife Joanna. "The only thing we're missing is our books." "It's pretty much going to be open to the community," he added of the Sept. 14 event. "They can stop by, check it out." The media center, with 10 desktop computers, can accommodate about 15 people at a time. Students in the after-school program will use it afternoons. "The huge thing this year will be the multimedia center,"

said Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries. "I think they're really going to benefit from that." In addition, the media center will be open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday for community adults, for such uses as job searches. Derek Rose noted filtering software has been installed, as well as a security system. The center's focus is on learning, although there's also a Wii for fun.

# BARACY

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language in elementaries, will be possible, if savings come through. He described the Big Three automakers' fate: "You know what happened to them. We're no different." School districts need to avoid state takeover or bankruptcy, Baracy said.

The Wayne-Westland district now has about a \$9 million annual deficit. One Rotarian was concerned about young teens in the same school as 18-year-olds. The plans aren't complete, Baracy said, but probable configurations would be K-4, 5-6, 7-8 and the current 9-12 for high school. He said research shows children and teens so grouped do well educationally and developmentally.

He agreed the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center has a great reputation and serves students well. Baracy's concerned about new state requirements for graduation that limit electives students can take. "I'll bet there aren't many people in this room that use Algebra II," which is required, he said. Baracy favors courses like electronics and computer-aided design that teach similar concepts to students who have trouble with Algebra II. The district hopes to present the plan to the school board this coming January and begin implementation in fall 2010.

# Used Book Sale

Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, will have a Used Book Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, with a special of buy 4 and get one free of same type item. The hours will be noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, which also will be the Bag Day Sale. Bring in a medium size bag or buy a cool green reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2. Fill a bag for \$4. Money raised pays for many of the programs at

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the library for all ages. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

# Mom-to-Mom sale

Table space is available for a Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. Rental fees are \$20 for an 8-foot long table and \$10 for 5-foot circular table. Rack space is \$5 and large item space is \$1 per item. Admission will be \$2 for 9 a.m. early birds and \$1 after 10 a.m. Strollers will be allowed

after 11 a.m. For more information, call Cheryl at (734) 425-3561 or (734) 765-8115.

# Learn To Skate

It's time to get your little one on the ice. Registrations are now being accepted for the fall learn to skate program at the Mike Modano Ice Arena on Wildwood at Hunter. Classes start Sept. 26. If your youngster wants to play hockey, the Timbits program, offered through the Westland Hockey Association and starts Sept. 12. For more information, call the arena at (734) 729-4560.

Abandoned vehicle auction at Sparks Towing, Inc., 31797 Block St., Garden City, MI 48135, September 9, 2009, 10 am

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# FAMILY

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after Laci Green was found strangled to death in a grassy field near her parents' home on the southwest side of the city May 7, 2008. Green's parents, friends of Laci Green and police officers were among the witnesses who testified during the trial. The Greens testified that they had encountered Howard outside their home on Dunn Court just a few hours before their daughter was found dead. Based on their investigation, police testified that they believed Howard took a taxicab to meet and talk with Laci Green outside her home late at night. Her body was discovered around 6 a.m. Police tes-

tified that their investigation indicated Howard was angry with Green for ending a relationship with him and dating another man. Edward Green had told warned his daughter not to be alone with a former boyfriend after she had broken off the relationship — not advice specifically aimed at Howard. "This was the first boyfriend she had broken up with. I was trying to advise her — I was trying to be a father. I guess it went in one ear and out the other," said Green. It was through his daughter that Green found the Charisma Life Church in Canton, which has provided so much support over the past 15 months. "I'm Catholic, so I'd go there. Laci and her mother would

go to the other church. When Laci died, the preacher did the eulogy and talked to me," said Green. "I could see why she liked it. It's young and very uplifting — I like it myself." The Greens and their supporters weren't praying for vengeance against Howard. "We prayed that if Robert was the killer, don't let him get off. As a Christian, I'm supposed to forgive but I'm not quite there with Robert," said Green. "He hasn't admitted it or said that he was sorry. I'm very mad at Robert but I couldn't left that be with me 24 hours a day. I wanted justice for my daughter and I got it. It took a lot of prayer." Green also appreciated the efforts of Westland police officers and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

"I give my deepest thanks to the Westland police for responding so fast — they caught him (Howard) in minutes," said Green. "The detectives and prosecutor did a wonderful job in court. You read about people getting off due to mistakes." The Greens regularly visit an impromptu memorial at the spot where Laci's body was found and cherish memories of their daughter. "Some people have a regret that they didn't say I love you. I made it a point each night to tell her I loved her and hug her. I'd flip her hair — she'd say, 'Dad, I'm in my 20s,'" Green said. "But she is always your little girl. She knew that I loved her."

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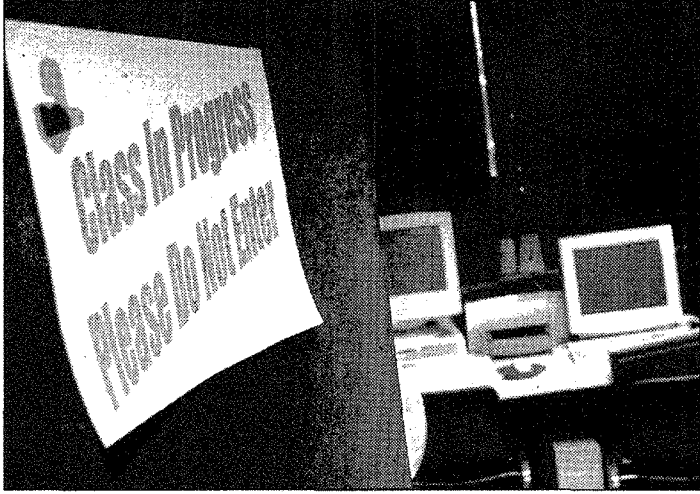


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The folks who come in for food assistance can spend some time learning about computers, Microsoft Word and Excel.

# Still 'Open'

## Food bank flourishes while fixing faults

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton food bank serving hundreds of families has fixed dozens of building and fire code problems that earlier raised fears the facility could be shut down.

Township officials flatly rejected rumors last spring they intended to close Open Door Ministry, which last Thursday alone provided food for 1,200 people in 356 families.

Instead, local officials helped guide Open Door through a laundry list of code violations that ministry leaders and volunteers have addressed, allowing them to get a new certificate of occupancy.

"We worked with them very



Pastor Steve Darr got a certificate of occupancy for the building that houses Open Door.

heavily from our end to try to find some solutions, and it has been very positive," Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett said. "We gave them a clean bill of health."

Open Door Director Steve Darr conceded ministry leaders still need to address a separate zoning issue before allowing clients to assemble inside the building to pick up their food, in what was formerly an old cardboard factory on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue.

Until then, ministry leaders have developed a system allowing clients to drive up outside the building and get their food from volunteers who bring it to them. Darr



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It's not just a matter of handing out food. Someone has to deal with lots of cardboard. Jackie Darr breaks down boxes.

said Open Door serves people from communities such as Canton, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Livonia, Romulus, Inkster, Ypsilanti, Belleville, Wayne and Romulus.

On Monday afternoon, Darr proudly showed a new, framed certificate of occupancy hanging on a wall inside the building — proof that building and fire code issues have been addressed.

"I feel really good that it," he said. "It's good we've been able to overcome this obstacle."

Open Door, spearheaded by Canton-based Connection Church, rents the building from a company that paid to fix most of the interior prob-

lems. Ministry volunteers also pitched in.

What seemed like a daunting task in mid-May had led to the following measures, among others:

- A new emergency exit door was installed by the parking lot and another was improved elsewhere in the building, giving the building three up-to-code escape routes.

- New, lighted exit signs have been placed throughout the vast facility, only a portion of which Open Door actually uses.

- A sprinkler system — one that hadn't been inspected in years — has been upgraded to meet fire codes.

- Some fire extinguishers have been replaced and

inspected.

- Two old staircases that failed building codes have been ripped out. They mostly led to interior storage areas that Open Door can do without.

- New, wooden steps have been installed outside a rear exit.

- Interior walls and partitions that didn't meet building codes have been torn down.

Open Door gets its food — everything from canned goods to meat to cakes — from places like Wal-Mart, Kroger, Sam's Club and Target, and perishable goods are stored in nine freezers. Food is delivered to the facility by two nonprofit organiza-

tions, Gleaners Community

Food Bank and Forgotten Harvest.

Open Door also has rooms in which volunteers help clients hone their computer skills and provide information on job listings.

Already this year, the ministry has given 734,595 pounds of food to 34,247 people — most of them repeat customers. Darr said the need for help has increased during the economic downturn.

Only a few new clients have been accepted as Open Door strives to address its building issues. The organization also is need of volunteers. For more information or to help, call (734) 397-1777, Ext. 201.

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## Angela Hospice holds remembrance walk

Angela Hospice is inviting friends, families, and community members to the second annual Walk of Remembrance. Experience fellowship in the beautiful outdoors with a common goal in mind - to honor, remember, and celebrate the loved ones who have passed.

The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning at Madonna University in Livonia. Registration will be at 8 a.m. The 3K and 5K routes will weave through the grounds of the Felician Sisters. Refreshments and activities for all ages will follow.

Angela Hospice held its first Walk of Remembrance last September with more than 500 participants. The event was very well-received.

"We were so happy with the walk last year," said Rebecca Hyman, social work and bereavement manager. "It was a very meaningful and uplifting experience for everyone."

Advance registration is



Rain didn't dampen the spirit of participants in Angela Hospice's first Walk of Remembrance last year.

being accepted for this year's event. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Participation is free for those age 5 and under. Proceeds will benefit Angela Hospice services, including caring programs for terminally ill adults and children

and loss counseling available to the entire community without cost.

For a registration form or for more information, visit Angela Hospice online at [www.AskForAngela.com](http://www.AskForAngela.com), or call events coordinator Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Woman reports safe, rent money stolen by sister

### Larceny

Police were called to a home in the 32000 block of Hillsdale Court Aug. 31 when a resident told police that her sister, who had also lived at the home until a week earlier, had stolen a safe from her bedroom. The sister had returned to collect her belongings. The woman said a babysitter at her home called her at work when the sister took the safe, which contained \$345 in rent money and personal documents.

### Car stolen

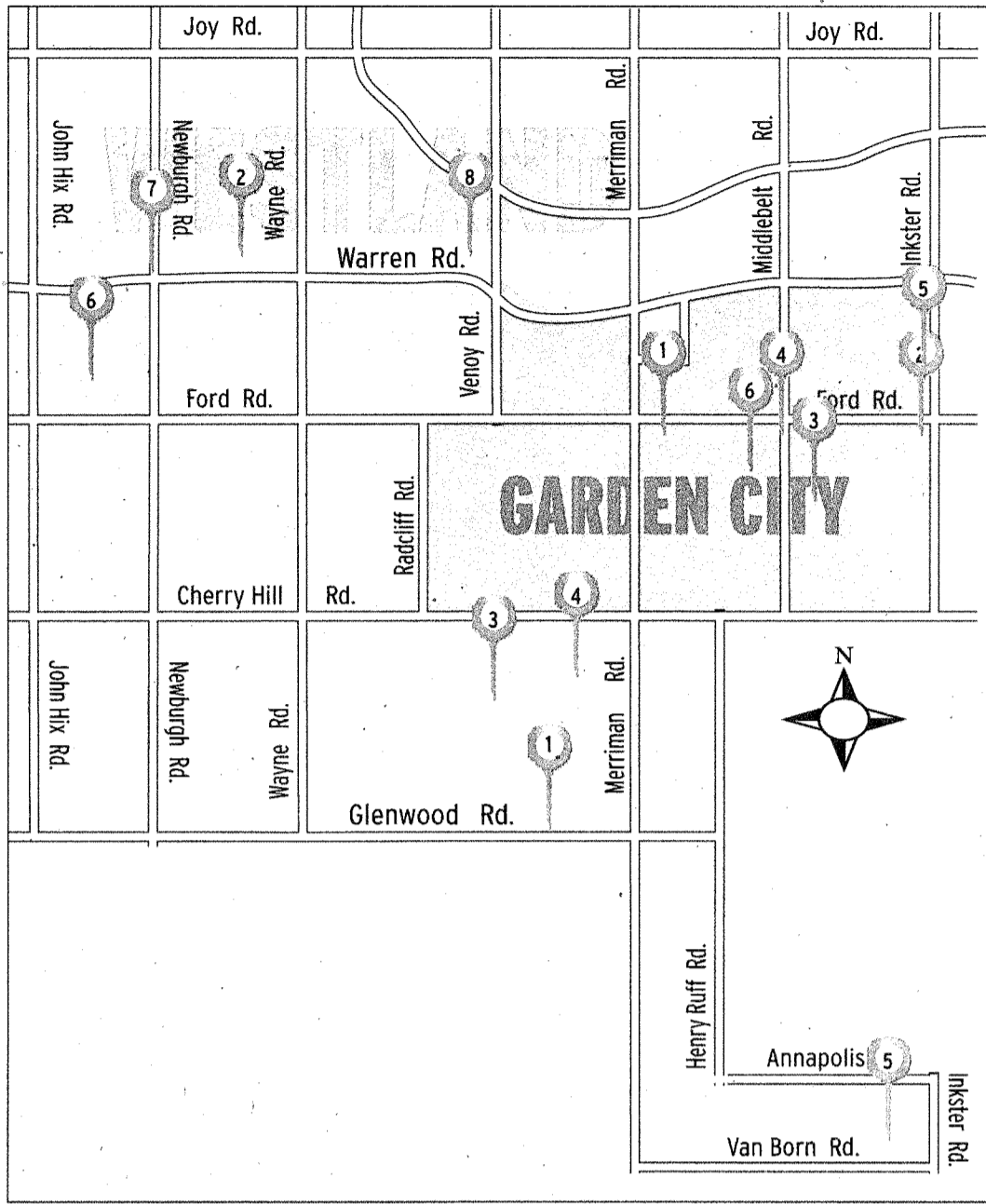
A resident of an apartment in the 31000 block of Cowan told police Aug. 26 that when he left for work, he found his car had been stolen. The man had the key and told the officer he was current on the payments for the 2007 Dodge Charger, valued at \$21,000.

### Vandalism

An Adams Middle School student was arrested for breaking a window at Westland Rainbow Child Care, 2855 S. Venoy, Aug. 25. A witness called police after seeing the girl break the window and gave the officer the girl's name, along with a description and location. When the officer located the girl and returned to the business to assess the damage, other witnesses came forward to report seeing the girl break the window. She was later released to her mother.

### Bike stolen

On Aug. 26, a resident in the 1400 block of Beatrice told police that someone had



stolen his bicycle after he left it parked outside the Regal Market, 1520 S. Merriman. He said a man in a hooded sweat-shirt rode off on the bicycle. The officer watched a surveillance video of the suspect riding off on the bicycle.

### Vehicle theft

On Aug. 27, a resident in the 27000 block of Powers told police that someone had broken into his garage and stole a 2006 moped valued at \$2,000.

The side door had been forced open.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A GPS unit valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a vehicle parked at a home in the 38000 block of Warren Aug. 27. The owner told police that the vehicle had been left unlocked.

### Vandalism

A Westland man told police Aug. 30 that someone cut

the tire on a vehicle owned by his girlfriend while it was parked outside Randazzo's Fruit Market, 6701 N. Newburgh. The man said the vehicle belongs to his girlfriend and he was using it while she was out of town. The damage was set at \$300.

### Stolen car

On Aug. 25, a Berkley man told police that someone had stolen his 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo while it was parked in front of his parents' home in the 600 block of S. Hawthorne. The owner said the vehicle was locked, he had all of the keys and was current on the payments.

- By LeAnne Rogers

## Tickets issued for dogs roaming neighborhood

### Dogs at large

A resident who lives in the 31200 block of Birchlawn was ticketed about 9:45 a.m. Aug. 28 for letting her two pit bulls roam the neighborhood and for allowing one to be unlicensed.

A neighbor complained to police that she has observed a continual problem with these dogs, one of which is black and the other white. She decided to call the police after she was "charged" when she was riding her bicycle with her infant son aboard.

She said that she was unable to get to her home until the dog owners chased off the dogs.

Another witness corroborated the woman's statement and helped to load one of the dogs into the police car.

The police officer also observed a dog roaming the back yards.

The police had some difficulty getting the owner to come to the door to be interviewed. When she did, she said that she was missing her two dogs and added that she has trouble keeping them in the home.

Her dog was licensed but the other dog that belongs to her daughter, who is in jail, is unlicensed. She may have to give the dogs away, she told police.

### Drunken driving

Police arrested a 24-year-old Dearborn Heights man for drunken driving after they observed him about 2:30 a.m. Sept. 1 on eastbound Ford at Inkster Road speeding and weaving in and out of the traffic lanes.

The man admitted to drinking five beers.

### Bowling ball damage

Two residents reported recently that someone damaged their cars with a bowling ball.

A resident in the 29020 block of Hennepin said that a bowling ball damaged his windshield sometime before 10 a.m. Aug. 29. There was also a large dent in the car hood. The police found the

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bowling ball about 10 feet east of the vehicle.

In another similar incident, a driver who parked his truck in the 31480 block of Alvin said that he heard a loud noise about midnight Sept. 1 but waited until morning to check it out.

The police confiscated the bowling ball that damaged his vehicle.

### Drunken driving

An off-duty police officer from an undisclosed city helped Garden City police arrest a drunken driver following an accident about 3:25 a.m. Aug. 30 at Ford and Middlebelt.

He called the police and followed the 2001 Ford Explorer which had been involved in a hit and run accident. The suspect, a 40-year old Garden City resident, who was subsequently arrested, told police that he couldn't stop fast enough because the pavement was wet.

He admitted drinking eight beers and refused to take a preliminary breath test, according to the police report.

### Property damage

An employee of Garden City Hospital reported that when she finished work at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 30, she found the driver's side window on her vehicle smashed and someone had stolen the navigational device.

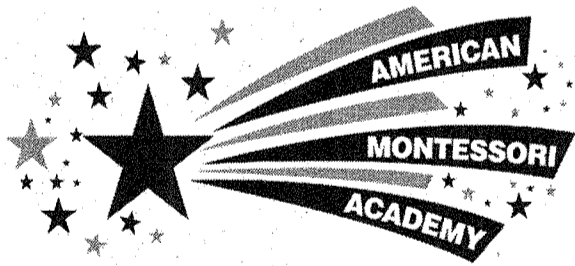
A resident in the 1030 block of West Rose Street also said that someone stole a GPS unit from his 2008 Ford pickup truck which was parked unlocked in the driveway sometime before Aug. 29.

### Theft

The manager at the Arby's store, 30049 Ford, reported that sometime before 8 a.m. Aug. 30, someone stole a case each of roast chicken, beef and turkey from a store freezer which was undamaged.

- By Sue Buck

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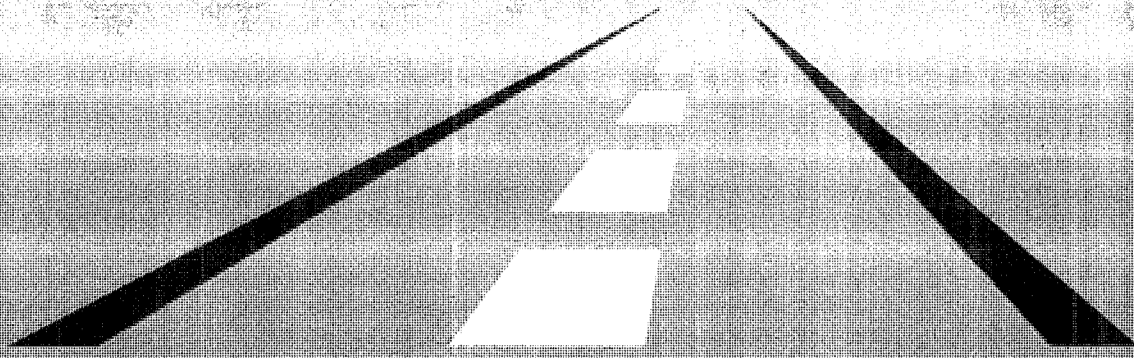
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### HOSPITAL WELLNESS CALENDAR

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 8**  
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help strengthen and define muscles, as well as increase flexibility. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Yoga (1 of 4) at 4 p.m. The four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 to register.

**Wednesday, Sept. 9**  
Diabetes Community Health Fair &

Foot Screening Day 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In conjunction with the American Diabetes Association, Garden City Hospital presents "Diabetes Community Health & Foot Screening Day." The to attend. Foot screenings will be provided by podiatrists, and diabetes educators will be available to discuss foot care. Other screenings will include ankle brachial index for PAD, balance and fall prevention, blood pressure, bone density, fast-

ing blood glucose and cholesterol. Demonstrations will include chair yoga and exercises, glucose meter information, prevention of sports-related injuries, low cost sports physicals, Sleep Center tours and home screening, and massages (call for times). There will also be giveaways and other surprises. This free event will be held at Garden City Hospital's Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland.

Appointments are recommended for foot screenings only. For more information or to schedule a foot screening, call the Diabetes Education department at (734) 458-4330. CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, from 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 for more information.

Alzheimer's Support at 7 p.m. Family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join this free monthly support group. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Allan Breake Medical Office Building, lower level classrooms. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Support Group at 7 p.m. A free support group for people who are hard of hearing is held every second Wednesday of the month. Call (734) 458-3381 for more information.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 6:30 p.m. is for individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Men, women and teens invited to attend. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

**Thursday, Sept. 10**

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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Rheumatic Disease Support Group at 6:30 p.m. aims to bring individuals together who are struggling with destructive rheumatic diseases such as lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis. Caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Kelly at (734) 458-3231.

"Focus on Living" Cancer Support at 7 p.m. A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. Call (734) 458-3311 for more information.

## Police target drunken drivers through Labor Day

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Drunken drivers will continue to get extra attention from Westland police through the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Since Aug. 21, two additional patrol officers have been assigned to target drunken driving enforcement. The additional officers begin working after 10 p.m. for five or six hours.

"We had 13 drunk driving arrests in 10 days. That's just for this program. I don't have the numbers for regular (patrol) drunken driving arrests," said Westland police Sgt. Ron Kroll of the traffic bureau.

The extra patrols are part of the national drunken driving "Over the Limit. Under Arrest" crackdown funded with federal traffic safety dollars administered by the Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Labor Day isn't a holiday particularly associated with alcohol consumption, but there are a lot of vehicles on the road as summer draws to a close.

"They (the OHSP) are looking the number of people on the road. Labor Day and July 4 are the two biggest driving holidays in the summer," Kroll said. "Last year, more people died in impaired driving crashes in August than in any other month."

Officers arrested 18 drunken drivers during the July 4 holiday period as part of the crackdown.

During last year's Labor Day weekend, 12 people were killed in crashes on Michigan roads; four of those fatalities involved alcohol.

Under Michigan law, a motorist can be arrested for drunken driving with a 0.08 blood-alcohol level or higher.

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### CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING September 21, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 6:58 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed changes to the False Alarm Ordinance as follows.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CITY OF GARDEN CITY

PROPOSED ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_

FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EXCESSIVE FALSE ALARM FEES; PROVIDING FOR FAILURE TO PAY; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ALARM USER DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. PURPOSE.

The purposes of this ordinance are to promote the responsible use of security alarm systems in order to facilitate the effective and efficient response to alarms by the Garden City Police and Fire Departments. Furthermore, the provisions of this ordinance are intended to reduce the number of false alarm activations and responses by Garden City Police and Fire Departments. It is not the intention of this ordinance to interfere with the contractual obligations between alarm businesses and alarm users or to supersede any provisions of State Law.

Response to false alarms consumes many hours of valuable law enforcement and fire responder time and resources, reduces mental preparedness of officers responding to alarms in the event that an actual emergency exists, and presents significant health, safety and welfare hazards to the citizens of Garden City. Those who utilize faulty alarm systems or errantly operate alarm systems which repeatedly generate false alarms that necessitate public safety (police and fire) response are impacting valuable public safety resources and it is deemed that the adoption of a false alarm ordinance is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Garden City.

Sec. 1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this division, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- a. Alarm administrator is the City Clerk of Garden City.
- b. Alarm business means the business, by an individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity, of selling, leasing, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving, installing or monitoring an alarm system.
- c. Alarm dispatch means a notification to the police or fire department by the alarm business that an alarm, either manual or automatic, has been activated at an alarm site and police and/or fire responders have been dispatched to the alarm site.
- d. Alarm site means a single premises or location served by an alarm system or systems. Each tenancy, if served by a separate alarm system in a multi-tenant building or complex shall be considered a separate alarm site.
- e. Alarm system means any device or assembly of equipment designed for the detection of fire, medical emergency, unauthorized entry on or into any building, place or premises, or for the alerting of others on or off premises of the commission of an unlawful act, or both, and when activated causes an audible and/or visual signal or transmits a signal or message to which law enforcement officers and/or fire responders are expected to respond or which would imply to a reasonable person that public safety personnel (police or fire) are needed at the alarm source to investigate a criminal activity or emergency. The following devices shall not constitute an alarm system:
  - (i) Alarm devises affixed to motor vehicles; and
  - (ii) Hand held portable personal safety devices.
- f. Alarm user means any person, firm, partnership, company, association, corporation or owner, tenant or lessee or their authorized agent or representative of premises at which an alarm system is installed, maintained or utilized.
- g. False alarm means the activation of an alarm system resulting in a response to the building, place or premises on which the alarm system is located by the Garden City Police Department or Garden City Fire Department when the responding police and/or fire personnel find no evidence of a fire, medical emergency, or criminal offense or attempted criminal offense after having completed a timely investigation of the alarm site.

False alarm shall not include an alarm dispatch which is cancelled by the alarm business or the alarm user prior to the time the responding police and/or fire personnel reach the alarm site; however, robbery and hold-up alarms shall not be subject to cancellation, i.e. police and/or fire personnel shall continue to the alarm site.

Acts of God, including violent conditions of nature; such as, earthquakes, high intensity winds, extreme storms including thunderstorms, lightning, electrical surges and utility failures which interrupt the alarm service through no fault of the alarm user shall likewise not be considered false alarms.

h. Monitoring means the process by which an alarm business receives signals from an alarm system and relays an alarm dispatch request to the Communications Center for the purpose of summoning public safety response to the alarm site.

i. Notice of non-compliance means a formal 30-day notification by the alarm administrator, advising of the intent to put the alarm business in substantial default status leading to lien.

Sec. 2. Fee for excessive false alarms.

To defray the cost of responding to false alarms and to discourage the continuation of repeat false alarms, the alarm user of the alarm site shall pay to the City a false alarm fee as set by the City Council for the fourth and any subsequent false alarm during any calendar year that the alarm system is activated and responded to by the Police and/or Fire Departments, and the service called for is not needed.

a. Notification; assessment of fee. After the alarm administrator has recorded three (3) fire-related and/or police-related false alarm occurrences within a calendar year for a given alarm site, the alarm administrator shall notify the alarm user, in writing, by first class mail or hand delivery, that additional false alarm occurrences will result in the imposition of service charges in accordance with the above fee schedule. Failure to receive such notification does not waive or nullify any service charges. A fourth or subsequent police and/or fire related false alarm occurring within any calendar year shall result in a per occurrence false alarm charge as set by the City Council to the alarm user of the alarm site. Such fees will be invoiced periodically as determined by the alarm administrator.

b. Disposition of false alarm fees. All fees and service charges collected under this ordinance shall be paid into the treasury of the City of Garden City.

Sec. 3. Failure to pay fee; Lien.

False alarm fees under this ordinance shall at once become a debt to the City and shall be paid to the City Clerk within sixty (60) days from the date of invoice. In the event the false alarm fee is not paid within sixty (60) days from the date of invoice, a service charge as set by the City Counsel shall be added. A Notice of non-compliance will be sent with the adjusted fine amounts. Fees and service charges remaining unpaid for thirty (30) days shall be filed as a lien on the property, and shall have the same character and effect as a lien created by general law for state and county taxes, until paid.

Sec. 4. Exceptions.

The following circumstances shall not constitute a false alarm, and no fee shall be assessed:

- a. Alarms activated by a person working on the alarm system with prior notification to the Garden City Communications Center.
- b. Alarms which can be substantiated as being activated by disruption or disturbance of utility company facilities or motor vehicle-utility pole accidents.
- c. Alarms indicating an actual intrusion or other illegal activity, i.e. not false alarms.

Sec. 5. Alarm user duties.

- a. To be familiar with the provisions of this ordinance.
- b. To maintain the alarm system in good working order, periodically test, and take reasonable measures to prevent the occurrence of false alarms.
- c. To instruct all persons who are authorized to place the alarm system into operation, in the appropriate method of operation and to lock and secure all points of entry, such as doors and windows.
- d. To inform all persons who are authorized to place the alarm system into operation of the provisions of this ordinance, emphasizing the importance of avoiding false alarms.
- e. To provide a sign or notice posted on or near every audible device with the name and twenty-four (24) hour telephone number of the person or company responsible for the maintenance of the system. The notice shall be posted in such a position as to be readable from the ground level outside and adjacent to the building. All silent alarm systems shall include a posted notice on the premises which provides the same information.

SECTION II. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION IV. REPEAL.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION V. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of the City Clerk, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

ALLYSON BETTIS  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: August 27, 2009  
Publish: September 3, 2009

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, September 17, various items of the City Westland, Department of Public Works will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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57955471997	FORD	CUTAWAY VAN	1FDLE40F1VHA65356
57955562001	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	2FAPF71W71X124468

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Thursday, September 16, 2009, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold. Registration fees apply.

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### Wayne-Westland Community Schools, William D. Ford Career - Technical Center

Career Technical Programs

Each year, Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center offer career/technical programs to the high school districts of Wayne-Westland, Melvindale, South Redford, Redford, Union, Crestwood, Dearborn Heights #7, and area private schools. These programs are designed to prepare high school students for a broad range of employment and training services and are offered under the guidance of certified teachers, counselors, and cooperative education coordinators. For further information on course offerings and admissions, please call (734) 419-2100 or visit our website [www.wcsd.net/ctc](http://www.wcsd.net/ctc).

The following is a list of programs being offered during the 2009-2010 school year:

Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technology, Business/Computer Technology, Child Day Care, Computer Aided Design/Drafting (CADD), Computer Aided Manufacturing/Machining (CAMM), Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts/Hospitality, Desktop Publishing, Digital Media, Electronics/Robotics Technology, EMT, Graphic Design, Graphic/Printing Communications, Health Occupations, Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration (HVAC), Media Production, Medical Assisting, Web Design: Integrated, Welding Technology.

All career-technical programs comply with Federal Laws and Regulations of the U.S. Department of Education. It is the policy of Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center that no person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, gender, marital status, disability, or limited English proficiency shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity to which it is responsible or for which it receives financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education. Furthermore, the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center will encourage participation by all of the above. Questions concerning Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender, should be directed to: CTE Director, William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185, (734) 419-2100.

Inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, should be directed to: CTE Director, William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185, (734) 419-2100.

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Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rummage sale The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 17-18, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 19.

Ronald McDonald House Gala The Ford Motor Company is presenting The Ronald McDonald House Gala on Sept. 26 at The Detroit Institute of Arts.

American Legion The American Legion, Westland Post 251 meets at 7 p.m. first Tuesday of each month at the AMVETS Post 171 on Merriman Road between Avondale and Palmer.

School registration St. Damian School is accepting students for the 3-4-year-old preschool program as well as students in kindergarten through eighth-grade.

Crafters needed St. Theodore CCW has table rental available for \$25 for its Fall Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Community Baby Shower Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's 12th Annual Community Baby Shower will be held 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Wayne County Community College's Downriver Campus in Taylor.

Used Book Sale Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, will have a Used Book Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, with a special of buy 4 and get 1 free of same type item.

Willow Creek Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment in its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

Higher Rock Cafe The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy.

St. Damian St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

EDUCATION

St. Damian St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

YWCA preschool The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families.

First Step First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for

VOLUNTEERS

Seasons Hospice Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness.

Volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

VNA Hospice Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life.

Heartland Hospice Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties.

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park.

Writing Group Story Circle Women's Life Writing Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne.

TOPS TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) M128 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland.

Democratic Club The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman.

Citizens for Peace Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster.

In Harmony The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

Veteran's Haven Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible.

Silver Strings Dulcimer Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City.

Garden City Kiwanis The Garden City Kiwanis Club meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City.

Garden City Rotary The Garden City Rotary Club meets at 12 noon Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed.

Habitat help The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising.

Hospital retirees The Oakwood-Annapolis Retirees meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne.

Radio Club The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Parents: Resolve to get involved

We're all so used to celebrating the New Year in January, but when you think about it, every calendar year has two of them. What's the second one? The first day of the NEW school year.

Next week, students and teachers, not to mention the support staffs, will be headed back to school in the Wayne-Westland and Garden City school districts. For first-time kindergartners, it will be an exciting day. For seniors in high school, it'll be the start of the countdown to graduation. In between, it will mean hard work to advance to the next grade.

Getting kids ready to go back to school is more than a trip to the store to buy new clothes and school supplies. It means coming up with a game plan to help students succeed. One way to do that is through parental involvement. Parents can't sit back and let the teacher do it all. They have to take an active role in their children's education. They need to become a partner with their child's teacher or teachers to foster learning and achievement.

Why? According to a Michigan Department of Education report, the more parents participate in schooling, in a sustained way and at every level — from advocacy and decision making and oversight roles to fund-raisers and boosters, as volunteers and para-professionals, and as home teachers — the better for student achievement.

The earlier in a child's educational process parent involvement begins, the more powerful the effects. The most effective forms of parent involvement are those which engage parents in working directly with their children on learning activities at home, the report noted.

Parents' expectations play an important role in their child's academic achievement and social adjustment with their expectations. In fact, decades of research show that when parents are involved students have higher grades, test scores and graduation rates, better school attendance, increased motivation, better self-esteem, lower rates of suspension, decreased use of drugs and alcohol and fewer instances of violent behavior.

The pressure is on for students to succeed. From No Child Left Behind to the state's new high school curriculum, the message is quite clear. There is no room for failure, all children must succeed so they can be productive members of our society.

Like the Jan. 1 New Year's Day, we urge parents to make a resolution for the September New Year's Day to get involved in their child's education. Get active in your school PTA, go in and talk with your child's teachers. Go to the open houses and parent-teacher conferences. Work with your kids at home.

We all want our kids to do well in life, so take the time to give them a good start. The investment we make today will foster our children's success in the future.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

### Give credit where it's due

"It's been almost two decades since the Observer broke the story about the contamination ..."

Nice of the OE to take credit for "breaking the story" when it was actually a parent, and now current Westland City Council member Cheryl Graunstadt that "broke the story." If it wasn't for the persistence of a parent (who at the time was probably labeled a "terrorist" by LPS), the children would still be wallowing in toxic soup on that playground since LPS already knew it was built on an uncontrolled waste dump site.

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### Let commissioner speak

Mr. Plakas - please stop blowing chances to improve our city by shutting down those who can help. You got where you are with the support of the people. You have served them well over the years by listening and reacting to the needs of the constituency. If you don't have the will or the patience to continue, simply move aside. Ms. Webb is a part of the community and she brings useful information to the table.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

What's the most memorable thing you've done this summer?  
We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.



"I enjoyed some time with my friends in Traverse City."

- Joanne DeHetre  
Garden City



"Delivering Meals on Wheels. I've been doing it for nine years."

- George Raymond  
Garden City



"Probably helping a teacher who teaches dance and lost her leg. It makes me feel good."

- Arlene Holladay  
Westland



"I just came back from Drummond Island. It's the most beautiful place on Earth, truly, truly, truly."

- Mary Ellenburg  
Garden City

## LETTERS

### Triumph and tragedy

We all in certain ways have experienced lifestyle changes due to the state of the economy. Those of us who still have jobs, or have retired comfortably from long-standing careers, may not feel the desperation of many people in our community, neighborhood, and even those closer to home, in our families. Yes, there are programs and agencies available to assist; however, the need today far outweighs the availability of resources such as this one.

For many years, the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College provided an avenue for people who were in transition. Not only did it provide support through the education process, as well as various professional resources, it gave each individual a priceless sense of confidence that they, too, could succeed.

The Center's Radcliff campus housed the Women's Boutique. The concept of a cost-free source for previously owned business apparel was born and implemented in 1993. In the ensuing years, it provided our students access to business attire to assist them making a successful transition from home or school into the workforce. It gave them the feeling of confidence and the needed boost in self-esteem. It was a gift that kept giving. No student who came through the Boutique's door left empty-handed. Most departed with armloads of much-needed clothing. There was always a smile and often tears of joy.

To all of the donors, you have no idea how many people you have helped. To the recipients, I am blessed to have been able to work with you. The Women's Boutique at Schoolcraft College Radcliff Campus ended its era (1993 to 2009) on May 28, 2009.

As a staff member, I have seen many who triumphed as they progressed through the program. The real tragedy here is that a place with a heart and helping hand will no longer be available during a time in our country when it is most desperately needed. Should we not be reaching out and extending a second hand rather than closing up shop completely? It doesn't matter how many people in life that you help, what matters is that you helped at all.

Joan M. Farrell  
Novi

### Bless you, Ted Kennedy

When I heard that Sen. Edward "Teddy" Kennedy passed away, I was deeply saddened. I know we knew it was coming, but to me it meant something special. When I was 16, I hitchhiked to downtown Detroit to of all places Kennedy Square to try and see someone I truly admired, Sen. Ted Kennedy.

I got about 10 feet from the stage and stared and listened in total amazement that I was actually that close to a Kennedy. I still have the picture I took that day. When I was in school, almost every report I ever wrote was about the Kennedys. I was fascinated by them.

I remember what I was doing when President Kennedy was assassinated. It was not quite two weeks before my eighth birthday. I remember all the people in tears. I was living in Bell Gardens, Calif.

We moved back to Westland in 1965. I met a couple on our street Barrington who were working with Robert Kennedy's election for President. I can't remember their names, but they were telling me that after he left California, he was going to Chicago, then to Detroit. They promised they were going to do

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everything possible for me to meet him. I was probably the happiest kid in Westland. It was months before my 13th birthday.

I can tell you exactly what I was doing that morning. I was getting ready for school and a very good friend of the family that knew I was going to meet him called and said turn on the TV. Sen. Kennedy had been shot. As a 12-year-old who idolized the Kennedy family, I was devastated. I never got over it. It was something in my life I never will forget.

When the Democratic convention was on and they nominated President Obama, I was so moved that Sen. Kennedy came from Massachusetts and delivered that speech to the American people. I was so moved. I was fortunate to know someone that was there, and when all the people held up the Kennedy signs, I wanted one so bad. Again seeing him get up out of his bed and doing what he did, I was amazed.

My friend brought me one of those signs. I have it framed and hanging. Two things I have that I will cherish forever: I took a picture of Sen. Kennedy that day at Kennedy Square, and when I met him in Washington, I still have the signed picture he gave me. It is also framed.

My thoughts go out to all the people who admired this man, who really did work for the people. The Kennedy legacy will live forever. Joe, John, Robert and Ted will live on forever.

Now he joins his brothers in Arlington, together forever. I can't wait to get there and see all of them together again, and I will.

Thank you, Sen. Kennedy, for all you did. Thank you for the picture, and thank you for spending the last years of your life trying to get a health program for the American people. God bless you. You will be missed.

Bud Somerville  
Westland

### 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 are 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 (was) a gathering of patriots opposed to this government health care take-over in front of the Canton Wal-Mart on Ford Road Aug. 22 from noon to 2 p.m. ... 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





Downtown Farmington's Harvest Moon Dance offers food, entertainment and more.

**Harvest Moon Dance**

**Fashion show**  
See fashions, have lunch and help the Longacre house in Farmington Hills at the same time on Oct. 1 at Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile in Farmington Hills.

The 40th Annual Fall Fashion Show to benefit the Longacre House starts with a fashion boutique at 10:30 a.m. with the luncheon and fashion show beginning at noon.

Women's fashions will be provided by Chico's at Laurel Park and children's fashions will be provided by Gap at Orchard Place.

Proceeds from the annual Fashion Show will go toward restoration and upkeep of the historic home, which the city of Farmington Hills acquired in 2006. The city has made extensive improvements including landscaping and interior upgrades and renovations to the house, which was built in 1869.

The elegant and charming 20-room Georgian-style mansion has become a desirable venue for weddings, showers, and special events. The Longacre House also hosts popular programs such as

Victorian teas, cooking shows, and music lessons.

Tickets to the 40th Annual Fall Fashion Show to Benefit the Longacre House are \$35. Charge tickets by calling (248) 477-8404 or mail checks made out to "Friends of the Parks" to The Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

The Fashion Show is sponsored by Friends of the Parks, a non-profit community service organization that sponsors projects that promote and enhance the City of Farmington Hills parks system. To view a slide show or virtual "mini-tour" of the Longacre House, go to [www.longacrehouse.org](http://www.longacrehouse.org).

**Dessert time**

Longtime Detroit-area favorite, Sanders, reopened the doors of their new flagship store recently at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

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as desserts, including its popular ice cream sodas and hot fudge cream puffs.

Located on the lower level of the Nordstrom Wing, the new Twelve Oaks store not only offers these signature treats, but also is the first Sanders location to bring back — y popular demand — Sanders' vintage sandwiches, soups and light morning fare.

Twelve Oaks is at I-96 and Novi Road.

**Stuff a truck**

Donate to Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Livonia, and you'll get a coupon worth 20 percent off apparel and 15 percent off cosmetics at the store.

Goodwill will accept monetary donations and clean, gently used clothing and textiles to help "stuff a truck" from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Donations will support Goodwill Industries job

training programs and career services helping residents secure jobs by overcoming barriers to employment. Goodwill Industries is the only organization solely dedicated to fighting unemployment in Metro Detroit.

From Sept. 16 until the end of the campaign on Sept. 29, shoppers will receive two discount coupons when dropping off a completed Goodwill Pay It 4ward envelope containing \$25 or more at a participating location. Pay It 4ward centers around envelopes to be filled with dollar bills, passed from person to person, until they reach 25 people. More information on the campaign can be found at <http://www.payit4ward-detroit.org>. New envelopes will be available for pick-up at each store.

Parisian at Laurel Park is located at 17625 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

**Trunk show**

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The event, held at Sundquist Pavilion features live music, hand crafted beers, fall cuisine from downtown restaurants and commissioned art pieces.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door. For a list of

advance ticket sales locations, visit [www.DowntownFarmington.org](http://www.DowntownFarmington.org). The dance is designed for age 21 and older.

**Garden tips**

Nancy Szerlag, master gardener and author of *Perennials for Michigan* and *Annuals for Michigan* will be share tips on fall lawn and garden care in a presentation called "Put the Garden to Bed" 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Art Van Furniture, 29905 W. 7 Mile, Livonia.

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# Westland-Garden City Strictly Business

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Patrick Mayette, vice president for sales/marketing, explains the automotive finishes area of the Plymouth facility.

## Paint store partners with customers

**Observer:** Please tell us about your business.

Painters Supply & Equipment Co. is a leader in Automotive, Industrial, Fleet and Architectural Paint supplies and distribution in the Midwest. We have 21 stores throughout Michigan and Ohio and we are PPG's largest Platinum Distributor in those markets. We serve Collision Centers from both Automotive Dealerships and Independents. Our customers include: Jack Demmer Automotive Group, Dick Scott Dodge, LaFontaine Automotive Group, Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury, LaRiche Chevrolet, Blackwell Ford, Glassman Automotive Group, North Brothers Ford & Lincoln Mercury, Crestwood Dodge, Tom Holzer Ford, Gordon Chevrolet, Pat Milliken Ford, Bob Sellers Buick/Pontiac/GMC, Northville Collision, Schrader Collision, Colonial Collision and Livonia Collision, just to name a few. We also serve our local counties: Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Macomb and supply to some of metropolitan Detroit's most famous landmarks like The Henry Ford, Comerica Park and the Motor City Casino.

**Observer: How did you decide to open your business?**

Painters Supply: It was easy. Our Plymouth location provided the opportunity to service our customers the best. Our store is very accessible via several major freeways (I-275, I-94, M-14, I-96) so it is quick and easy to both deliver products to our customers quickly or have them visit us at the store.

**Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?**

Painters Supply: Plymouth is a close-knit community of which we are proud to be a member. It has a sense of a family environment and that is the way we are as a company - a big PSE family!

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

Painters Supply: We have a very different approach than our competitors. When we partner with a new customer, it is exactly that - a partnership. We have a strong team in place to support our customer's business and we provide consultant-style services to ensure the long-term growth

### PAINTERS SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT CO.

- **Business name and address:** Painters Supply & Equipment Co., 1054 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
- **Your name and title:** Chet Taurence, CEO
- **Your hometown:** Grosse Ile
- **Business opened when:** Business opened in 1952, Plymouth expansion 2009
- **Number of Employees:** 160
- **Hours of operation:** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon
- **Your Business specialty:** Paint products (sandpaper, tape, brushes, equipment, etc.)
- **Business phone and Web site:** (734) 455-4100; www.painterssupply.com

and profitability of our customer partners. Paint is not treated as a "commodity business" at Painters Supply. When you sign with PSE, you are signing with a team of professionals that will look after your business as its own. We will assist in creating lean processes within the shop and manage inventories in order to minimize expenses. We will consult with our customer prospects on their booth layout to determine which products and materials would best suit them before we get started. Along with our paint partner PPG, we provide industry training to ensure our customer partners have all the latest tools and knowledge to perform at the highest level. We continuously supply our customers with the latest products and technologies to ensure they're on the cutting edge from a competitive standpoint. Our #1 goal is to build very strong partnerships with leaders in the industry to position all parties for success over the long term.

**Observer: How has the business changed since it opened?**

Painters Supply: New technologies have been brought to market which allows collision centers to improve quality, efficiencies and profitability within the shop. One technology in particular is PPG's Envirobase and Aquabase Waterborne

paint lines. Painters Supply has remained very busy installing waterborne systems throughout Michigan and Ohio due to its huge popularity. Not only is it easier to spray, we find that you don't need to use as much material to get the job done and the dry time between coats drops significantly. The color match is phenomenal; much clearer than typical solvent based systems and the match to the color chip is spot on! From an environmental perspective, the waterborne product dramatically reduces harmful VOC's (volatile organic compounds) in the air by 80 percent compared to solvent-based systems. Over 60 shops in the state of Michigan have already elected to "Go Green" with PPG's waterborne system and there are several more in the planning stages now. We anticipate this success will continue and this is the main reason we are expanding our Plymouth PSE store. With this new expansion, we have doubled our paint mixing capacity, doubled our delivery fleet and improved parking for our customers coming from Garden City.

**Observer: How has the economy effected business?**

Painters Supply: We have been fortunate to gain significant market share due to the success of the PPG waterborne product and the enhanced PSE team and support structure put in place by Painters Supply's management team. This has offset to a large degree the existing shops that have slowed in business due to the economic conditions.

**Observer: What is in store for the future?**

Painters Supply: We are looking to put a facelift on the Plymouth Store's frontage. Designs are in the works for a brownstone design which will improve esthetics significantly on Ann Arbor Road. We will also look to put more emphasis on other market segments. We are looking to grow our Industrial, Fleet and architectural business'. We currently offer Pratt & Lambert which is a great product for residential and commercial buildings. We also carry all types of coatings products to address all industrial and fleet applications.

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Annual car show

Keith's Muffler and Brakes is holding its ninth annual Mustangs, Mufflers and Motorcycles Car and Bike Show to benefit breast cancer 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at the The Coliseum, 34250 Ford at Wildwood. Free food and tons of raffle prizes will be available during this fund-raiser, including gift baskets, coolers, gift certificates to restaurants, hair salons and tattoo parlors. The grand prizes will be a 1967 Harley Davidson golf cart and "Willy's Ride" pit bike. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Holloway.

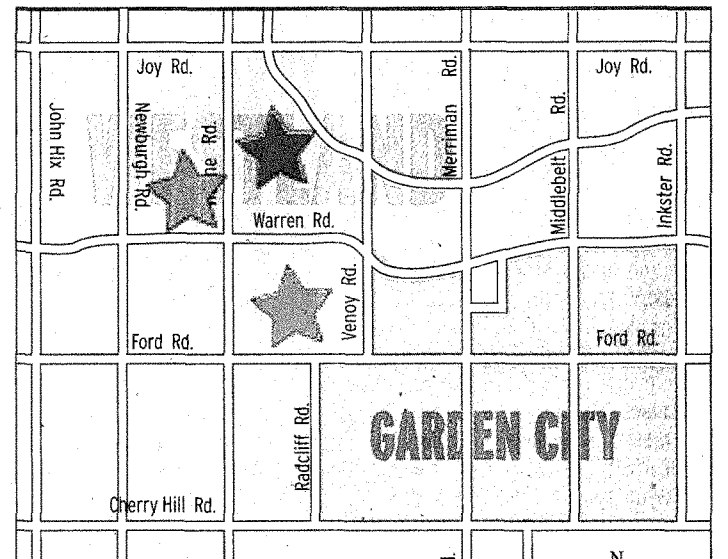
#### Win a Corvette

In honor of Art Van Furniture's 50th anniversary celebration, Michigan's largest furniture retailer is giving away a fully-restored 1959 red Corvette. The contest, which runs until Oct. 31, is open to all drivers 18 years or older who live in Michigan, Ohio or Indiana. Simply go to the Art Van web site - www.artvan.com - and complete the registration form to enter. The winner will be randomly selected from all eligible entries by Nov. 12. You'll find Art Van at 8300 Wayne Road in Westland.

#### October Fest

Tickets can be ordered now for Ashley's Beer and Grill's Oktoberfest 2009 Party 6 p.m. to midnight at the restaurant at 7525 Wayne Road, in front of Macy's, in Westland. Oktoberfest started in 1810 to celebrate the October 12th marriage of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig to the Saxon-Hildburghausen Princess Therese. Today Oktoberfest is mainly a celebration of beer. The highlight of

Ashley's celebration will be 12 different Oktoberfest kegs from the Hofbrau House (the original Oktoberfest beer), Bell's, Arcadia, Avery, Arbor Brewing, Weihenstephaner, Sam Adams, Flying Dog, New Holland, Southern Tier, Spatan and Point Brewery. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event. They include your choice of 10 samples from the Oktoberfest kegs, plus German food and live music, all included in the ticket price. They can



be ordered on line at www.ashleys.com. For more information, call (734) 525-1667.

#### Shop and save

Shopping at Aeropostale for those back-to-school clothes? Then you'll want to visit the Westland Shopping Center Web site - www.westlandcenter.com - and print out the coupon for \$10 off every time you spend \$50. The neat part about it is the coupon can be used over and over through Sept. 20. Grab your coupon and head for the shopping center at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

#### Wing of a benefit

Buffalo Wild Wings customers can now enter a raffle for a chance to win a one-of-a-kind Great American Chopper Pro-Street, valued at \$26,000, and support a great cause at the same time. Patrons can purchase raffle tickets at select metro Detroit area Buffalo Wild Wings locations, including the Westland restaurant, for \$10 each from their server, and all proceeds benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, a statewide agency whose mission is to help families cope with leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders. The Westland Buffalo Wild Wings on Wayne Road just north of Hunter will have the motorcycle on display Monday, Sept. 28, through Sunday, Oct. 4. The grand prize raffle drawing will take place at 5 p.m. Nov. 7 at Buffalo Wild Wings, 1873 E. Big Beaver

### ONGOING

#### Copper Country treat

Mention pasties and you automatically think of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. You can get one of those Copper Country favorites at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe at 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The pasties are made from an old family recipe that's been passed down for generations. They made with ground sirloin, potatoes, rutabaga, onions and carrots. They are old-fashioned and made fresh in the bakery by Baker Charlie. Stop by and try one. Also available are chicken pot pies and pizza rolls. Call (734) 261-3680 or (888) 715-4479 at least an hour before and Charlie will bake them for you. You can pick them up hot and ready for lunch or dinner.

#### SEND YOUR INFORMATION

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Top company

For the third year in a row, TDS Telecommunications Corp. has been named one of metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For by the Michigan Business & Professional Association.

"It's an honor to again be named one of the area's best employers," said Dave Wittwer, chief executive officer and president of TDS Telecommunications Corp. "Being named to the list three consecutive years is a true testament to our employee's satisfaction with the

company. We take great pride in offering a dynamic environment that's flexible, challenging, rewarding, and fosters growth."

The selection of the winning 101 Best and Brightest Companies is the result of independent research that evaluates each entry in the following categories: communication, community initiatives, compensation and benefits, diversity and multiculturalism, employee education and development, employee engagement and commitment, recognition and retention, small business, recruitment and selection, and work-life balance.

What makes TDS a great place to work, according to Cathy Sionkowski, market manager for TDS, is the fact that employees are empowered to delight customers.

"TDS offers an extremely motivating environment that's fast-paced and family-friendly," she said.

TDS provides telecommunications services for businesses in metro Detroit and throughout the nation. The company offers a suite of services including voice and data solutions, business phones systems, and hosted Internet Protocol services.

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Storm warning

The 16-and-under Livonia Storm wrapped up its season recently by capturing the Lookouts Tournament in Clinton. Members of the Storm include: Katie Bone, Lauren Brenner, Nicole Emery, Jessica Emery, Amber Gelinis, Sidnee Mattison, Naomi Oxendine, Amanda Shaltis and Breanna Taylor. Storm is coached by Mark Bone, Brett Emery, Dennis Mattison, Kathie and Joe DeBono.

Girls fastpitch tryouts

The Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball organization will hold 2010 season tryouts for the following age groups at Bicentennial Park (diamonds nos. 9 and 10):

Girls 12-and-under: 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13;

Girls 16-and-under: 1-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13. All ages will try out from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Bicentennial Park.

To download a registration form or for more information, visit www.livoniastorm.com.

Youth baseball tryouts

The Westland Youth Athletic Association, a member of Pony Baseball, will conduct Bronco tournament team tryouts for ages 11-2 (as of May 1, 2010) at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at Jaycee Park in Westland. Tryouts are open to Westland and non-Westland residents. For more information, call Greg Hovermale (734) 721-0098 or Chuck McBay at (734) 604-9910.

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, 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

SPORTS ROUNDUP

(under-10) at (734) 469-4217.

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 is \$49; for Livonia residents (\$58); and for non-residents (\$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 prac-

tics 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 is \$49; for Livonia residents (\$58); and non-residents (\$65). All fees include T-shirt. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 8.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

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.madonnacrusaders.com (click on summer camps link at the top of the page).

Women's hockey league

An adult women's beginners hockey league begins its fall session (Sept. through Jan.) at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

The registration fee of \$190 includes a refundable jersey fee \$10.

No experience is necessary. Games scheduled at 7:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. on Fridays.

For more registration information, visit www.macrhl.com.

Britons boot Lady Ocelots, 2-1

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE SOCCER

Schoolcraft's women's soccer team saw its perfect ledger fall by the wayside Tuesday evening as host Albion College netted two first-half goals and hung on for a 2-1 win.

The loss left head coach Deepak Shivraman's squad with a 2-1-0 record heading into an 11 a.m. Saturday match at home against Jackson Community College.

"We felt this was a great opportunity for our program to take on a quality program like Albion," Shivraman said. "Anytime you allow a goal early like we did, it kind of rattles you because you come in with a certain game plan and then you have to regroup right away."

"I thought we had some opportunities in that first half, but they did a good job

of keeping us away. Then, in the second half, we regrouped and repossessed and got some really good opportunities."

The Ocelots made good on one of those opportunities - a penalty kick from midfielder Stephanie Gutowski (Livonia Stevenson) late in the second half.

Two other chances for the Ocelots clanged off the crossbar.

Jen Poelstra and Kristen Donzilla (Salem) split duties and formed solidly between the pipes for Schoolcraft.

"I thought both goals they scored could have been handled better by our defense, but overall it was a good performance by our club," Shivraman said.

Last weekend, the Ocelots

earned identical 5-0 wins in Henkimer, N.Y., vs. Sussex (N.Y.) and Jamestown (N.Y.).

Emily Navas (North Farmington) got the Ocelots off and running in the first game as she netted a goal 15 minutes into the opening half.

Kristen DeClerk scored three times vs. Jamestown.

Schoolcraft men 1-0-1

The Schoolcraft men's soccer team played to a 1-all, two-overtime tie Saturday as Nate Sergison (Livonia Stevenson) scored the lone goal against seven-time NJCAA Division II defending champ Herkimer (N.Y.) Community College.

Ian McDonald-Wilkins was in goal for the Ocelots.

On Sunday, brothers Joe and Dave Carner combined for three goals and three assists as the Ocelots rolled to an 8-0 victory over Frederick (Md.).

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 8 SOUTH LYON 1

Sept. 1 at South Lyon No. 1 singles: Clayton Northey (LS) defeated Mike Detizio, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Josh Rochette (LS) def. Alex Whybra, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Kevin Francisco (LS) def. Eric Quang, 6-3,

6-2; No. 4: Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Tommy Sliankard, 6-4, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Jeremy Paul-Kyle Wilson (SL) def. Kyle Fan-Paul VanGilder, 6-2, 7-6; No. 2: Josh York-Paul-Franchina (LS) def. Mike Shears-Jared Chioniere, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Marcus McAtchney-Kaeman Holman-Rayos

(LS) def. Brett Yenke-Dakota Heidt, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Lukis Rudis-Jeff Sondergaard (LS) def. Austin Welsh-Alex Martin, 6-0, 6-2; No. 5: Sean Wallace-Jacob Ratliff (LS) def. Kyle Spratke-Tim Harper, 6-3, 6-3.

Stevenson's dual match record: 3-0 overall, 1-0 KLA Central Division.

VOLLEYBALL

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a 25-15, 25-16, 25-20 triumph over visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood, which was playing its season opener.

Rachel Storck sparked the

Warriors, now 3-2-1 overall with 12 kills and eight digs. She was also 14-of-16 serving with one ace.

Emily Wilson added seven kills, while Emilie Freeman chipped in with five kills.

Alyssa Shirkey was a perfect 13-of-13 serving with three aces and setter Lauren Switzer handed out 17 assists.

"We did some good things that we want to build off of, but we do have some things to work on in order for us to get better," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We just need to get a little better everyday and hopefully everything will continue to come together as the season progresses."

DAUGHERTY

FROM PAGE B1

Stevenson both expect to be greatly improved.

The Patriots return second-team All-Area pick Austin Jones, a junior, along with senior Nik Gherardini, while Stevenson is expects big

things from juniors Joe Urso and Matt Williams.

Westland John Glenn, under 21st-year coach Jess Shough, is rebuilding, while rival Wayne Memorial returns its entire lineup led by junior Darryl Ison.

Lutheran High Westland, which lost first-team All-Area performer Spencer Lyle, moves from the Metro

Conference to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Livonia Clarenceville will stay in the Metro and compete for the first time as a varsity sport as rookie coach Vince Marsico looks to complete a full lineup of five runners.

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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 2
Thursday, Sept. 3
Livonia Clarenceville (0-1) at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (0-1), 4 p.m.
Plymouth (1-0) at Brighton (0-1), 7 p.m.
Canton (1-0) at White Lake Lakeland (0-1), 7 p.m.
Walled Lake Northern (0-1) at Salem (0-1), 7 p.m.
Lutheran Westland (0-1) at Riverview Gabriel Richard (0-1), 7 p.m.
Birmingham Groves (0-1) at Farmington (0-1), 7 p.m.
Pinckney (0-1) at Westland John Glenn (1-0), 7 p.m.
Wayne (1-0) at Waterford Mott (0-1), 7 p.m.
Ferndale (0-1) at North Farmington (1-0), 7 p.m.
Howell (1-0) at Livonia Stevenson (0-1), 7 p.m.
Livonia Churchill (0-1) at Waterford Kettering (0-1), 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin (1-0) vs. Walled Lake Western (0-1), 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4
Redford Union (0-1) at Belleville (0-1), 7 p.m.
Redford Thurston (1-0) at Dearborn Edsel Ford (1-0), 7 p.m.
Garden City (0-1) at Dearborn Fordson (1-0), 7 p.m.
Rochester (0-1) at Farmington Harrison (1-0), 7 p.m.
Last week

Table with 5 columns: Brad Emons, Dan O'Meara, Tim Smith, Jim Toth. Rows list schools and scores for various events.

GOLF RESULTS

PREP GIRLS GOLF RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 199
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 226
Sept. 1 at Whispering Willows
Plymouth scorers: Kelsey Murphy, 39 (medalist); Chloe Marentic, 48; Sarah Thompson and Mardy Kirsch, 56 each; Maggie Furlong, 57; Christy Pattison, 58.
Churchill scorers: Stephanie Panaretos and Jackie Burdette, 54 each; Jordyn Shepler, 57; Shelby Longworth, 61; Maggie McGowan, 68; Margo McClain, 75.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs South Division; Churchill, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 231
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 220
Aug. 31 at Idyl Wyld G.C.
Glenn scorers: Heidi Irvine, 46 (co-medalist); Michelle Bishop, 55; Samantha Baker, 57; Justine Woodard, 62; Megan Bache, 75.
Franklin scorers: Alexis Smith, 46 (co-medalist); Mariah Barcus, 55; Georgia Patrick, 67; Jennifer Rellingier, 70; Kayla Buchaczeko, 81.
Dual match records: John Glenn, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs South; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.
COLLEGE WOMEN'S GOLF RESULTS
UNIV. OF ST. FRANCIS
COUGAR INVITATIONAL
Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at Cobblestone G.L. (Kendallville, Ind.)
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bethel College (Ind.), 643 (won tiebreaker); 2. St. Francis (Ind.), 643; Marian College (Ind.), 645; 4. Madonna University, 340-349-689; 5. Wheaton College (Ill.), 692; 6. Northwestern Ohio, 731; 7. Indiana Tech, 737; 8. Davenport University, 748.
Madalist: Angela Gauck (Marian), 76-73-149; 83-78-161; 19. (tie) Sara Simnitch, 87-83-170; 22. Chelsea Bathurst, 85-80-165; 32. (tie) Mariel Meyers, 91-95-186; 42. (tie) Caitlin Steele, 95-99-194.
UNIV. OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO
RACER INVITATIONAL
Aug. 28-29 at Hawthorne Hills G.C.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Walsh (Ohio) University, 634 strokes; 2. St. Francis (Ind.), 656; 3. Madonna University, 679; 4. Northwestern Ohio, 695; 5. Indiana Tech, 715; 6. Defiance (Ohio), 847.
Madalist: Kim Smith (Walsh), 72-79-151.
Madonna finishers: 8. Michelle Hall, 87-79-166; 10. (tie) Chelsea Bathurst, 86-82-168; 12. (tie) Mariel Meyers, 86-84-170; 18. Sara Simnitch, 85-90-175; 25. Caitlin Steele, 96-92-188.

TEE TIME Your local golf guide

Links golf in Ireland

By David Graham

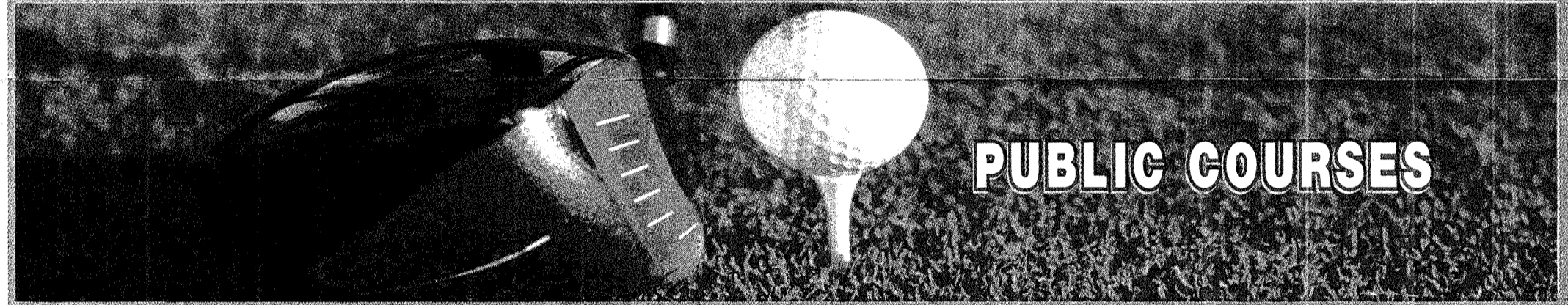
If you ever have the chance, go to the Emerald Isle and experience "links" golf. The game originated in that setting in Scotland and is not that common for us in Michigan. We do have some samples of it around the state including the Gailes Course at Lakewood Shores resort in Oscoda and Arcadia Bluffs on Lake Michigan to name a couple. If you need tree lined fairways to enjoy your golf avoid links golf. But if you want to try your hand at managing your game through the mounds and valleys of a links land, you might find it to be an extraordinary experience. Over the past three years, the Golf Association of Michigan has partnered with Sullivan Golf & Travel to take groups to Ireland. The last two years we traveled to southwest Ireland and played the following courses: Waterville, Tralee, Ballybunion, Lahinch, Dooks and

Old Head. As noted, trees are quite scarce on these courses but you might be surprised to learn that Palm Trees can be found at Waterville (apparently the Gulf Stream moderates the temperature enough for these trees!). When playing these courses, it is always good to have at least one caddie serving your group. While they tend to carry doubles, a foursome can be served nicely by a single caddie who carries two sets of clubs but is able to provide direction to all of the members of the group on the tee when you are faced with the inevitable blind shot. While not common to have blind shots on courses in Michigan, it seems to be very much the norm in Ireland and can be found on many of the golf holes off the tee — aim for a distant mound or hill or church steeple. At Lahinch Golf Club, there is a par 5 hole (named "the Klondyke") that requires a long second shot over a

large hill covered in heather (very long and unforgiving grass). On the crown of the hill is a small hut where a club employee spends their day with a red flag. As you learn, the hole you are playing crisscrosses the 18th fairway and you cannot hit-your shot until it is clear and you receive the red flag to play away! Presuming you succeed making it over the hill with your second shot, you have a fairly simple third shot into the green but don't be too long as you may cozy up to the stone wall behind the green or worse, over the wall onto the road. The next hole is a 185-yard par 3 called "the Dell." The right half of the green is visible from the tee and the left is hidden by another very tall hill covered in heather. There is a white aiming stone positioned on top of the hill that serves as your target. Depending on wind direction and strength, your caddie will direct you to aim at or to the right or left of the stone. If your

distance control is accurate, you should find your ball somewhere on the dance floor. As noted above, the wind is a huge part of the experience on a links course. Since you are not protected by trees and located along side the sea, the wind has such an impact that the preferred ball flight is a lower trajectory that helps to minimize its impact. While it can be maddening to have your ball blown off track into the heather and worse, it is such fun to correctly assess its impact and to hit your ball to your target by correctly gauging its impact. At Ballybunion, we played on what seemed to be an extremely windy day. I estimated it to be a 3 club wind. When I asked my caddie if he had this strong of wind frequently, he smiled and replied that this was a relatively calm day and I should see what it would be like when it really blew. That day, it took a full driver to reach the green on one of the par 3's

into the wind. I was humbled to think what it would be like to play "when it really blew." Beyond the wind, the heather and the blind shots, your visit also includes a visit with the gorse. If you hit your ball into the heather, if you can find it, the best you can typically do is hit your ball back into the fairway with your sand wedge. This will work most of the time. But with gorse, a plant that is a dark green, sprawling, prickly shrub, if you find the ball, chances are likely that you take a drop for an unplayable lie. While it is interesting to look at, avoid at all costs. Golf in Ireland has proven to be an addicting experience that is truly extraordinary. Beyond the golf, the people, the food and the Guinness are beyond compare! David Graham is the Executive Director for the Golf Association of Michigan.



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Northville Hills Golf Club advertisement with pricing for Labor Day and other days.

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1445, Ext. 200.

Bible talks, 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to eic-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.

A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820.

Concerts

Rush Hour concert series continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists. at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

Fellowship dinner

Dinners will resume Sept. 17 at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Dommers are at 6 p.m., Thursdays. Call (313) 534-7730.

Films

10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family movie, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Guitar Praise game precedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events are free. (248) 476-8222

Hall rental

Volkmars Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

St. James Presbyterian, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. For information call the church at (313) 534-7730

Prayer

Music, singing, prayer at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through entrance #2, at the back of the church. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

7 p.m. Wednesday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Call (248) 476-8860.

Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660.

Singles

Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile,



Contemporary sounds

MercyMe, FEE, and Jonny Diaz, American contemporary Christian performers, will be in concert at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Tickets are \$30 (artist circle) and \$25 reserved seating. Tickets are on sale. Call (734) 414-7777 or go to northridgechurch.com NorthRidge is at 49555 N. Territorial (southwest corner of North Territorial and North Ridge, south of M-14 and west of Beck Road).

Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office. All fitness levels welcome.

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Soup kitchen

Learn about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit by participating in its "Day of Service" program. Dine with guests at the soup kitchen, tour the Earth Works urban garden, and take a self-guided tour of the

Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

Support

A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Are you or someone you know struggling with depression, divorce, grief, addiction, relationship difficulties, or job loss? Real Life Church through its volunteers and partnerships with area ministries and professionals provides classes, seminars, care, support & recovery groups, counseling, and prayer to help you get through life challenges. Visit the Web site for details on current classes and groups offered as well as location, days and times www.realifelymouth.com.

The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at 41711 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org for information.

Overeaters Anonymous

meets 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7 p.m. Sundays, in Classroom 1 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia. (313) 387-9797. www.ooa.org

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care is provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. for this weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville offers Celebrate Recovery, a recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care is free, available by calling (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Your Invitation to Worship

A large directory of church listings categorized by denomination. Each listing includes the church name, address, phone number, and worship services. Categories include Catholic, United Methodist, Presbyterian (U.S.A.), Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Churches of the Nazarene, Lutheran-ELCA, Presbyterian, Greek Orthodox, Evangelical Presbyterian, Lutheran Church Wisconsin Synod, and Congregational. Specific churches listed include St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, Redford Aldersgate United Methodist, St. James Presbyterian Church, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Genevieve Roman Catholic Church, Newburg United Methodist Church, Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Grace Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Risen Christ Lutheran, Orchard United Methodist Church, Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, Ward Evangelical Presbyterian, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & School, St. John Lutheran, ELCA, and Timothy Lutheran Church.

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 734-582-8342 or e-mail: dhart@dnp.com

# Auditions slated for models, singers

Want to model? How about sing? Or appear in films? Two audition opportunities and a series of classes can get you closer to your goal.

If you're interested in fashion modeling, head to the open casting call today, Thursday, Sept. 3, at Stage 3 Productions, 27500 Donald Court in Warren. Sessions run noon-4 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. and are open to both men and women ages 14-30. No previous runway experience is required.

Women must be within 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 11 inches tall. Men must be between 5 feet 11 inches and 6 feet 3 inches tall. Models must attend the open call with a headshot and a full-body photo, although they need not be professional prints.

Women should wear a skirt, form-fitting top and high heels, while men should come dressed in fitted jeans and a fitted shirt. In addition to their headshot, models will be asked to fill out their sizes before the audition. Models selected at

the open call must attend a call back on the afternoon of Sept. 8 at The iGroup in Southfield. The finalist will be awarded spots on the runway for Fashion In Detroit and a one-year contract with The iGroup.

Fashion in Detroit will celebrate the work of national and local designers. Created by Joe Faris, Season 5 top-six finalist of Bravo's hit series Project Runway, the two-day inaugural event is positioned as the highlight between the New York and Los Angeles Fashion Weeks. The show will be held at the Detroit Zoo, 1-6 p.m., Oct. 1-2. For more about the event, visit [www.fashionindetroit.com](http://www.fashionindetroit.com). For more about The iGroup, visit [www.theigroup.com](http://www.theigroup.com)

Singers in grades 6-12, can learn new singing skills, make new friends and perform publicly through the Farmington Hills Youth Choir.

This year, the Youth Choir will rehearse and perform with the renowned Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings musicians at their "Holiday Brass" concert, and also

perform at the State Capitol in Lansing.

Brian Christian, who holds a master's degree in music from the University of Michigan, directs the choir. He also teaches in Farmington Public Schools.

Fall auditions will be held Wednesday, Sept. 16 at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road. Open auditions will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; scheduled auditions will be earlier, from 5-6:30 p.m. Appointments for auditions can be made by calling the Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1857. Rehearsals will be held 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 23-Dec. 16, 4:30.

For younger singers, the new Farmington Hills Choraliers offers a non-audition opportunity for children in grades 2-5. This program will introduce younger singers to vocal techniques, sight reading, solo and group singing, with a performance at the end of the season. The class meets 4:30-6 p.m., Mondays, Sept. 21-Dec. 14 at Longacre House. Registration for the Choraliers is now open. Call the Cultural Arts Division at

(248) 473-1857 for registration information.

Both the Choraliers and the Youth Choir are open to residents and non-residents, with non-residents required to pay an extra \$5 fee. Half-year membership is \$75; full-year membership (fall to spring) is \$125.

Wayne State University's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts is offering an intensive, "on your feet," workshop on auditioning for films. Auditioning for Feature, Commercial and Industrial Films provides 10 contact hours of coaching spread across four consecutive Saturdays and is offered Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Each Saturday, students perform mock auditions and receive coaching from professional actor and workshop instructor, Laurie Meeker (SAG/AFTRA/AEA).

"This is one-on-one training, rather than a group lecture setting," said Meeker. "Students gain effective techniques that enable them to prepare for and perform in professional film audi-

tions." Both sections of the workshop are open to a maximum of only 20 paid registrants.

"Getting cast in a professional film demands a considerably different approach and preparation than stage acting, namely the ability to present a skillful audition in 30 seconds," said CFPFA Associate Dean, Steve Peters. "This workshop is designed to provide that training, a how-to course in auditioning for three different kinds of job opportunities in the southeast Michigan market, feature films, commercials and industrial films."

Registration for Auditioning is \$195 (non-refundable), payable via credit card (with valid ID) or exact dollar amount in cash, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday at Wayne State University's CFPFA Linsell House (under Buildings at campusmap.wayne.edu). Registrations are being accepted on a first-paid, first-served basis. Payment deadline is Oct. 5. For more information contact David Romas at [ac2942@wayne.edu](mailto:ac2942@wayne.edu) or (313) 577-5448.

## Monthly 'slam' open to wanna-be storytellers

If you have the gift of gab, check out WDET Detroit Public Radio's monthly Detroit Moth StorySLAM and put your storytelling skills to work.

You'll get a chance to tell your five-minute story — no notes scripts or cheat sheets allowed — on stage and possibly on the radio if your name is one of 10 randomly pulled from a hat at the monthly performance.

StorySLAMs will be held on the first Thursday of each month at Cliff Bells, 2030 Park in Detroit. Storytellers must share a tale based on true-life experience and on the evening's theme. Upcoming themes are firsts for Oct. 1, blunders for Nov. 5 and cars for Dec. 3.

After each story, three teams of judges, chosen from the audience, give a score. The teller with the highest score goes on to compete in the Detroit GrandSLAM alongside nine other local slam winners.

The Moth is a non-profit organization dedicated to the art of storytelling. Since its inception in 1997,

countless people have listened to more than 3,000 stories told by people from all walks of life, from Moby, Sam Shepard, Ethan Hawke, and Lili Taylor to a fire fighter, pickpocket, and a hot dog-eating champion. Interest in The Moth's concept continues to grow, with sold-out crowds for every event in New York and Los Angeles.

Tickets for the Detroit StorySLAMs are \$5 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. and stories start at 7:30 p.m.

The Moth Radio Hour, a limited-run radio series featuring storytellers recorded at Moth events, will air on WDET, 101.9 FM, in the weeks leading up to the StorySLAM's Detroit debut. Listen for it at 7 p.m. Fridays, starting Sept. 4 and 4 p.m. Saturdays, starting Sept. 5. The series will be rebroadcast the week of the StorySLAM debut — Sept. 28-Oct. 2 — at 7 p.m.

For detailed guidelines on how to participate at a MothSLAM, either as a storytelling contestant or a judge, go to [www.themoth.org/storyslams\\_participate](http://www.themoth.org/storyslams_participate).

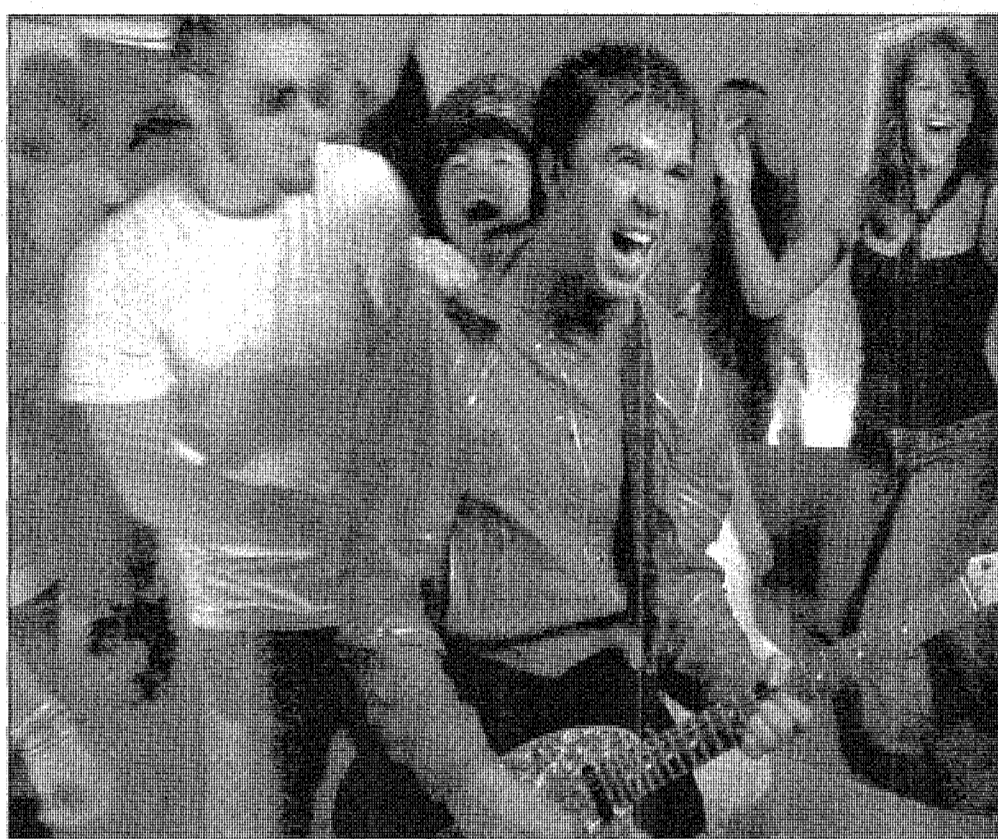
## Make your house a movie star

Even if you aren't ready for the big screen, your house or business might be.

You can give them their 15 minutes of fame by visiting [www.michiganfilmoffice.org](http://www.michiganfilmoffice.org), clicking on the Submit Location tab, and posting up to 10 jpeg-format photos of your business or residence free of charge.

"Offering the use of your home, land or business as a location can be fun and profitable," said Michael Grabemeyer, locations manager of the Michigan Film Office. "We are growing an exciting new industry in Michigan and this is one way that an average citizen can get involved."

The Film Office approves all submissions before posting them on the Web site, and reserves the right to withhold or correct any submissions. There is no guarantee that a submission will be used. For questions, call (800) 477-3456, fax (517) 241-0867 or e-mail [info@michigan.org](mailto:info@michigan.org).



### Rockin' weekend

Guitarist JTX is among the musicians performing at the four-day Arts, Beats and Eats festival this weekend in downtown Pontiac. The event includes musical performances, including appearances by Candlebox and Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, a cafe featuring Michigan-inspired menu items, children's activities and a juried fine arts show. Hours are 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 5-6 and 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday, Sept. 7. For more information, visit [www.artsbeatseats.com](http://www.artsbeatseats.com) or call (248) 334-4600.

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### GET OUT

**ART**  
**Detroit Artist Market**  
Time/Date: Sept. 11-Oct. 17  
Location: 4719 Woodward Avenue, in the Detroit Cultural Center  
Details: "Landscape - A Modern Sequel" with works by Yoriko Cronin, Andrew Krieger, Nicole Macdonald, Catherine Peet, George Rahme, and Corine Smith. Meet the artists at a reception, 6-9 p.m., Sept. 11. Free  
Contact: (313) 832-8540 or visit [www.detroitartistsmarket.org](http://www.detroitartistsmarket.org)

**Eastern Michigan University**  
Time/Date: Elements of Photography, Sept. 3-Oct. 2, Coping with the Unknown, Sept. 8-Oct. 2  
Location: Photography in the University Art Gallery, 900 Oakwood on EMU's Ypsilanti campus; Coping 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.  
Contact: (734) 487-0465 or e-mail to [jlockel@emich.edu](mailto:jlockel@emich.edu)  
**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  
**Holocaust Memorial Center**  
Time/Dates: 4-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 6, wine and cheese reception for "Portraits of Zinkov," an exhibit of compelling paintings by Alan Zola Schulman  
Location: 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
Details: The portraits in this eight-week exhibit are based on the "Zinkover Memorial Book," a collection of Yiddish and Hebrew narratives with low-quality black and white photographs from the town of Zinkov, Ukraine  
Contact: (248) 553-2400, ext. 23  
**Livonia City Hall**  
Time/Dates: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 2-30  
Location: On Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road, in Livonia  
Details: The Livonia Artist Club exhibits paintings, colored pencil, collage, pastels and photography of approximately 25 artists; the club meets at 7 p.m., the third Monday of the month at the Civic Center Library in Livonia  
Contact: For more information call Doree Dziobak at (734) 416-1774  
**Lotus Arts Gallery**  
Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

**Contact:** (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734) 453-5400  
**Northville Art House**  
Time/Date: Sept. 4-20, Northville Camera Club Exhibit, "A Moment in Time;" opening reception 6-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4  
Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville  
**Coming up:** See plein air artists painting 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, in the Art House Gardens  
Contact: (248) 344-0497, or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org)  
**Village Theater at Cherry Hill**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Sept 2-27  
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
Details: Private collection of 19th century paintings on display; wine and cheese reception 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10 with collectors David and Judy Johnson of Washtenaw County Contact: (734) 394-5300 or visit [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater)

**BENEFITS**  
Dawn Farm Jamboree  
Time/Date: 1-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13  
Location: Dawn Farm, 6633 Stoney Creek Road, Ypsilanti  
Details: Free admission. Proceeds for the farm that helps recovering alcoholics and drug addicts, raised through an auction, gift tables and sales. Live music by NoteWorthy, hayrides, pony rides, rock climbing wall, children's tent, chair massages, farm tours, live and silent auctions, vendors, food and beverages. Farm fresh eggs available for purchase  
Contact: (734) 485-8725 or visit [www.dawnfarm.org](http://www.dawnfarm.org)

**COMEDY**  
**Go Comedy!**  
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays  
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale  
Details: Improv most nights. Three original sketch comedies 8 p.m. Thursdays: Jeremy Conn and Garrett Fuller, both of Garden City, in their one-act comedic play, "Travel Earth Timeshares," through Sept. 24. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays  
Contact: (248) 327-0575; [www.gocomedy.net](http://www.gocomedy.net)  
**JD's House of Comedy**  
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings  
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield  
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday  
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)  
**Jazz Cafe at Music Hall**  
Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays  
Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit  
Details: Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free  
Contact: (313) 887-8532, [www.jazzcafedetroit.com](http://www.jazzcafedetroit.com)



# Learn about baking with fruit at farmer's market

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Shirley Chrisman has a surefire method for removing peach skin.

"When I peel peaches, to make easier, I hold them under hot running water for a few seconds. The peel will come off easier," said Chrisman, who works in the bakery and store at Kapnick Orchards, south of Tecumseh.

"Peaches are at their peak. We have wonderful peaches for baking, canning, cobblers, anything."

Kapnick is among the farms, greenhouses and orchards that sell fresh produce and plants at Garden City Farmer's Market from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. every Wednesday.

This Wednesday, Sept. 9, a representative from Kapnick Orchards will offer a seminar in "using fresh fruits in baking" at 10:30 a.m. at the market, located in the Garden City Town Center Plaza, Ford Road and Middlebelt. Market shoppers can bring a lawn chair and join the outdoor class.

Although Chrisman isn't scheduled to teach the session, she has a few tips of her own on using fresh fruit.

"You want it to be fresh and you want it to be ripe. Most peaches, when you buy

them, aren't ripe yet. They need to set out room temperature on newspaper and ripen."

She said peaches are perfect now for use in jams and jellies. She prefers freezer jam because little cooking is required.

"You just take your fruit and peel it and cut it up. You can mash it. I put it in the blender," she noted. "And then you need Sure-Jell. You stir the peaches in a bowl with sugar, add boiling water to the Sure-Jell mix and stir the Sure-Jell into the fruit. It makes the best strawberry and peach jam. Even cherry jam. It tastes like the fruit itself."

"I just put it in jars in freezer but you can put it in plastic containers."

Her recipe calls for two pounds of peaches, washed, peeled and cut into small pieces, four cups of sugar and one box of Sure-Jell. The sugar is stirred into the mashed two cups of fruit and allowed to stand for 20 minutes. The Sure-Jell mix goes into a cup of boiling water.

"You stir it constantly and then stir it into the fruit and sugar mix for three minutes."

She allows the mixture to cool off for 23 hours before packing it into freezer containers.

Garden City Farmer's Market is open Wednesdays through Oct. 28. Here's a

list of a few other local farm markets:

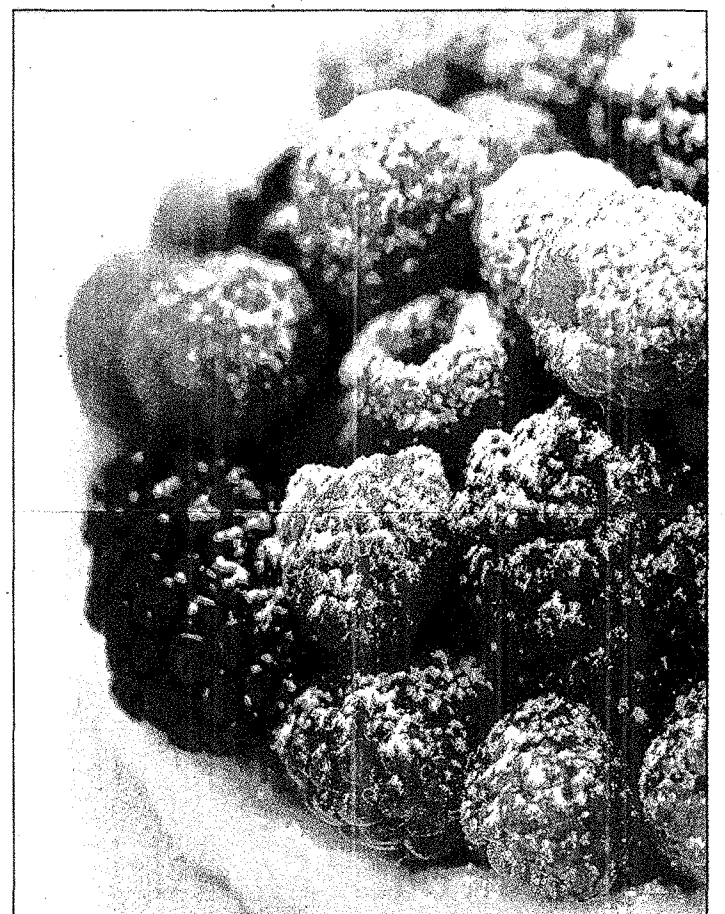
■ 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, through Oct. 25, 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. Home grown foods and hand-made goods, including vegetables, fruits, herbs, bulbs, grains, meats, plants, honey, syrup and more. (734) 398-5570 ext.5

■ 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturdays. Season ends in October. Located at The Gathering across from Kellogg Park, next to the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, plants, fresh bread, baked goods and garden crafts. Most vendors are Michigan growers and producers. (734) 453-1540

■ 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, through Oct. 10, at Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago Road, Livonia. Fruits, vegetables, flowers, jewelry, handmade crafts, bamboo plants, garden art, homemade honey and more. www.wilsonbarn.com

■ 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sundays through Sept. 27, at the Marquee, located in the town hall complex, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford. (313) 387-2771

■ 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays, through Nov. 21, at the Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, located on Grand River Ave., between Power and Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington. www.downtownfarmington.org



## CITY BITES

### Dine & Dash

**Garden City** — Visit Amantea's Restaurant, Sports Venue Bar & Grill Albert's on the Alley, Rogala's and McDonald's all in one night during the 5th annual Dine & Dash, 6-10 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 10 years, \$18 for senior citizens and \$75 for a party of four and include a souvenir Dine & Dash shirt that doubles as your "ticket" for the evening.

Participants will take bus transportation to visit all of the participating restaurants, which will serve free appetizers and in some cases offer live entertainment.

The event is a sell-out every year. To order tickets, call the Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 422-4448.

### Festival foods

**Plymouth** — If the phrase "all you can eat" is your siren's song, you won't want to miss the 4th Annual AM Rotary Spaghetti Dinner 4-8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12 in the northeast corner of Kellogg Park, during Plymouth's annual Fall Festival. Eat at the "Italian Street Cafe" in the park and enjoy the music while dining or carry out. Tickets are \$8 in advance at C. L. Finlan Insurance, Monroe Bank in Plymouth, New Liberty Bank, the Plymouth Symphony Offices, and Travel Leaders in the Kroger Shopping Center. Or \$9 at the door. Kids 2-12 pay \$4. Kids under 2 eat for free. Call Kate Rosevear at (734) 455-5810 for tickets or more information.

Make sure to leave room for the Rotary Club's Annual Chicken

BBQ on Sunday, Sept. 13 at the park. The club will fire up the grills from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., serving in the park and sending take-out orders from West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail. Advance tickets are \$10, available from Horton Plumbing, 1382 W. Main Street. Or buy tickets on-site for \$12 from Rotary Ticket Booths located at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street and Penniman and Main Street.

If pancakes are your preference, head the Kiwanis Club's annual breakfast, 7-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, across from Kellogg Park and next to the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Pay \$5 in advance or \$6 on site at the festival ticket booth on Main at Penniman. Call Jim Grutza at (734) 216-2858 for advance tickets.

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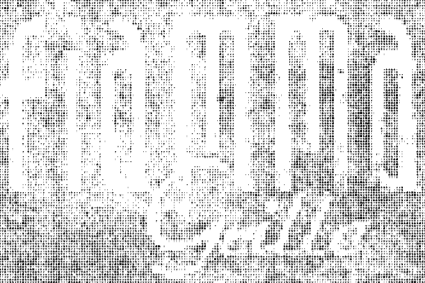
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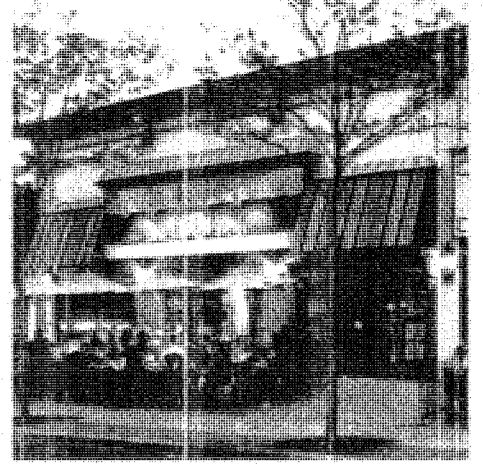


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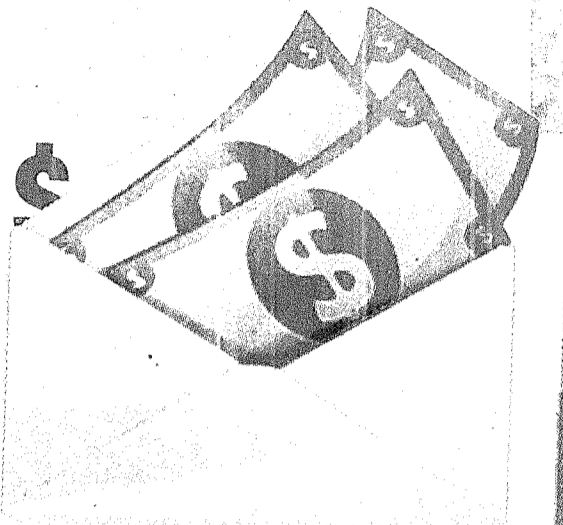
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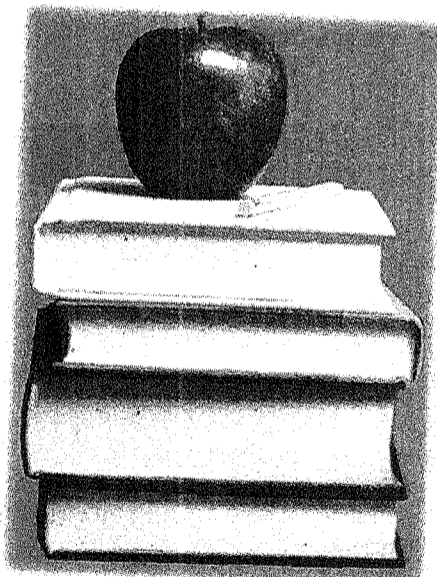
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