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## AROUND TOWN

### On the tube

Click on YouTube and you'll see a familiar face: state Sen. Glenn S. Anderson talking about Michigan's Promise Grants.

Anderson poked out on the Senate floor this week, challenging the Senate to restore the Michigan Promise scholarship program to the state budget and joined college students from around the state for Tuesday's "Storm the Capitol, Save the Promise" rally. The Anderson Michigan Promise scholarship provides up to \$4,000 to qualified students to pursue a college education.



"These are the young, hard-working people we want to keep in our state and cutting scholarship funds and driving them into even more debt is not the way to do that," Anderson said. "Clearly budget cuts have to be made, but we cannot move this state forward if we shortsightedly yank the rug out from underneath the very generation that will be tasked with rebuilding Michigan. This budget fight is about keeping our promise and protecting Michigan's future."

Currently, more than 96,000 Michigan students are relying on the Michigan Promise scholarship to attend college. The scholarship offers \$4,000 to high school and college students who meet academic and testing requirements to pursue a higher education. In their budget proposal for 2009-10, Senate Republicans cut \$140 million in funding for the Michigan Promise Grants, completely eliminating the program that offers the scholarships.

Anderson and his Senate Democratic colleagues sought to pass an amendment to the Higher Education budget passed in June that would have restored funding for the program.

Videos of Anderson's statements can be seen at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugSYrFkCOUA&feature=channel](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugSYrFkCOUA&feature=channel) and [www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9lJgBJKUo0&feature=channel](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9lJgBJKUo0&feature=channel).

Residents who'd like to talk to him about the Michigan Promise scholarships or other things can do so at district hours he'll be holding at the Maplewood Community Center Monday, Sept. 28.

Anderson will be at the center, on Maplewood, west of Merriman, 10:30-11:30 a.m. No appointment is necessary.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the senator, but are unable to attend, can drop him a letter at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, call him toll-free at (866) 262-7306, or send an e-mail at [SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov).

## City ready to party at sprayground opening

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Summer may be officially over according to the calendar, but don't but those Hawaiian shirts and bathing suits away just yet.

Westland's newest recreation facility, the H2O Zone water sprayground, is scheduled for an official grand opening from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday. The sprayground, located at Tattan Park next to the Bailey Recreation Center, has been open to the public for several days.

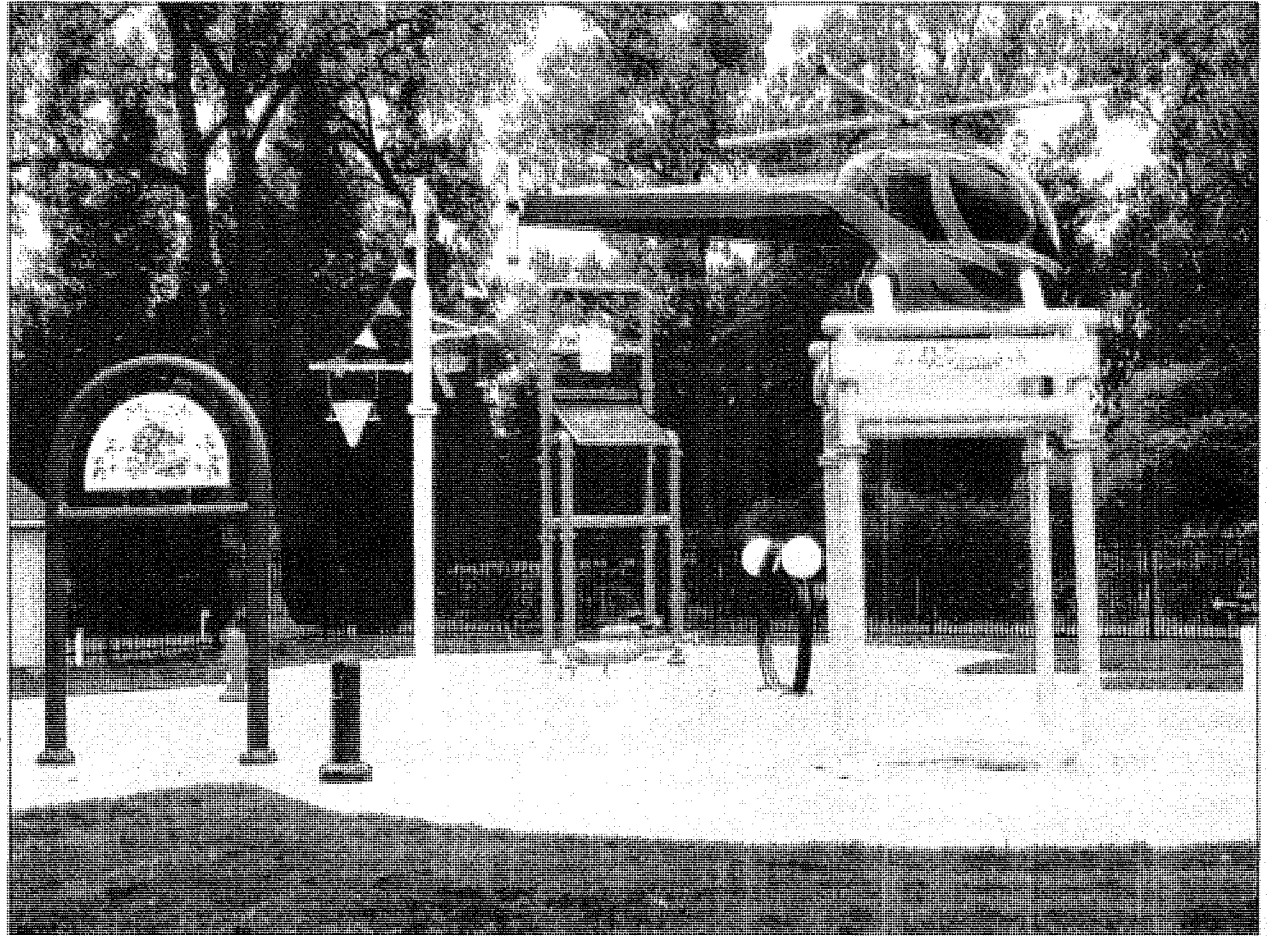
"It's a great park for kids and adults. I abused (Parks and Recreation Director) Bob Kosowski's kids with a water gun," council President James Godbout said.

The new water sprayground contains a variety of spray fixtures that are fun, safe and interactive.

"The highlight of the H2O Zone will be the 18-foot helicopter that will dispense water from its spinning top rotor," Mayor William Wild said.

The H2O Zone has 14 other above-ground elements, including a large dump bucket, palm trees, tumble-buckets, water shooting cannons and a crocodile called Steve. The park also has 15 in-ground water features to create a park for kids of all ages. The H2O Zone also is wheelchair accessible.

The project is being funded by the Downtown Development Authority and is adjacent to the recently constructed Play Planet. A best Hawaiian shirt contest, raffles and live music are among the many fun



A helicopter that sprays water from above and a water canon down below are only a few of the elements that make up the city's new H2O Zone sprayground in Tattan Park.

activities planned for the official grand opening.

Earlier in the day, Wild and various city department heads will be greeting customers and clearing tables at

five local McDonald's restaurants. Those restaurants will donate 15 percent of their receipts between 9-11 a.m. to the Westland Parks and Recreation Department for benches

and other improvements to the H2O Zone.

"We are continually working with

Please see **SPRAYGROUND, A2**

### CITY OFFICIALS 'MCMEET' RESIDENTS

Talk about getting service from a public official.

Westland Mayor William Wild and other city officials will be greeting customers and clearing tables at several local McDonald's 9-11 a.m. Saturday. McDonald's also is donating 15 percent of its receipts during that time period to Westland Parks and Recreation. Here are the participating Westland McDonald's and the officials scheduled to be

on hand:

- 34900 Warren Road - Wild, Deputy Mayor Jade Smith and Building Director Roger Shifflett.
- 38418 Ford at Hix - Community Development Director Joanne Inglis, MIS Director Dan Bordeau and Purchasing Director Bill Gabriel.
- 1675 Wayne Road - Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford, Personnel

Director Keith Madden and Finance Director Steve Smith.

- 33921 Ford - DPS Supt. Brian Harnos, Parks and Recreation Director Bob Kosowski and City Assessor Jim Elrod.
  - 31355 Joy - Councilwoman Cheryl Grundstadt and Tracy Grundstadt.
- McDonald's also sponsors a McTeacher night in which teachers greet customers and clear tables to raise money for their schools.

"We have them out and enjoying themselves. They can talk to students and parents outside the classroom," said Jeff Holden, McDonald's local store marketing coordinator.

A McTeacher event to benefit Edison Elementary School is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at McDonald's, 34900 Warren Road at Wayne Road. During this period at this location, 15 percent of receipts will be donated to Edison Elementary School.

## LeBlanc uses 'Noodles' to benefit veterans

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An evening of pasta and socializing will benefit two Michigan veterans' homes.

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, is hosting his second annual Noodles 'n' Neighbors Spaghetti Dinner 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Friendship Center. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.

"This is not intended as a political event. Last year, there was no campaigning or politicking and we raised a good amount," said LeBlanc. "I wanted to make sure I was able to utilize my capacity as a state

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### Coming down

The water tanks have been a fixture for years at the corner of Merriman and Michigan Avenue, but they're going away. Demolition began last week on tanks which sit on property that was once part of Wayne County's Eloise complex. The vast expanse of land had been a mental hospital and poor house and a temporary county jail. Most of the buildings have been torn down and a portion of it has been developed. Still standing is the Kay Beard Building, named after former Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard.

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## School, community mourn loss of youngster to cancer

BY SUE MASON  
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The students and staff of Hoover Elementary School

in Wayne are mourning the loss of a classmate who lost her battle with a rare form of brain cancer.

Alissa Jennings, a fourth-grader at Hoover, died Sunday almost a year to the day of being diagnosed with an atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumor (AT/RT), a highly



Alissa Jennings

malignant and aggressive brain tumor that grows at a rapid rate and is found primarily in children.

"She was planning to come back to school," Principal Jennifer Curry said. "She came back for the Christmas celebration. She came back for visits when she could."

A Wayne-Westland crisis team was at the school Monday to work with children and Curry spoke with parents as they arrived with their children Monday morning. Most were aware of Alissa's death.

The team will be at the school again Friday. Most of the students and staff planned

to attend her funeral, scheduled for noon today (Sept. 24) at Fairhaven Baptist Church in Westland.

Condolences flowed in to the Uht Funeral Home Web site, including one from former Miss Michigan Ashlee Baracy, who had the opportunity to meet the youngster last year.

"Alissa has always been an angel, she just now calls heaven her home," Baracy wrote. "She has touched so many lives and I was blessed to be one of them. I will truly miss her, but she will always hold a special place in my heart."

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Harvest festival

Pets looking for a good home will be available for adoption at a Harvest Festival sponsored by Scotsdale Apartments, 37670 Dale, off Newburgh between Warren Road and Joy, Westland, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. Non-profit animal shelters will be bringing animals who are getting one last chance at adoption.

There will also be food and face painting. Everyone is welcome.

Children's program

The Wayne County 4-H Children's Garden will present a program on what happens in the garden after dark at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the garden, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. The event is free and open to the public and is designed for children between the ages of 7 and 14. It includes a presentation by the Organization for Bat Conservation with live nocturnal animals. Call (734) 721-6576 or e-mail segarama@msu.edu to reserve a seat.

Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Club meetings are held regularly on the last Tuesday of the month. For more information, call treasurer Mike Short, treasurer, or by e-mail at WestlandDemClub@robinwood.com.

Mentors needed

The Westland Youth Assistance Program hosts Mentor Training Program is holding training sessions for people interested in mentoring Westland youth. The commitment is for as little as one-two hours per week. The training sessions will be 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28. Interested candidates must be 21 years of age or older, have a safe driving history and be criminal offense free. For more information, call Paul Motz, Youth Assistance Program director, at (734) 467-7904.

'Old time' baseball

The Westland Historical Commission will present the third annual match of the 1867 rules base ball, featuring the Greenfield Village Lah-De-Dahs vs. the Westland Zip-A-De-Do-Dahs at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Jaycee Park, Wildwood at Hunter. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be available. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Scrapbooking

A scrapbooking workshop will be held 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at St. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, in Westland.

The cost is \$35 per person for a full day and \$20 per person for a half day. For more information, call Karen Kopcak at (734) 634-3934 or Sandy Kopcak at (734) 721-4867.

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will hold a plant exchange and garden item sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road. The public is invited. For more information, call Maureen Davidson at (734) 728-1232 or Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918.

Fall festival

St. Damian Church will celebrate being a part of the Westland community for more than 50 years with a fall festival 2-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the church, 30055 Joy, east of Merriman.

There will be casino games and bingo, game for the kids, bouncers and inflatables, 50/50 drawings, tin can alley, grand raffle drawing, bake sale and more. Steve King and the Dittilies will perform on Saturday and the Polish Dukes on Sunday. A pasta dinner, catered by Vintage Market will be served on Saturday and Polish dinner, catered by Halina's, on Sunday.

For more information, call (734) 421-6130 or visit the St. Damian Web site at www.stdamian.com

Free concert

Curtis Mathison will present a program of organ and piano music at First United Methodist Church of Wayne/Westland at 4 p.m. today (Sept. 20).

In his 34th years as organist at First Methodist, Mathison will perform organ music of Bach, Franck and Guilmant along with piano selections, including spirituals, hymns and old favorites, such as Clair de Lune and Liebestraum.

There is no charge for the concert although there will be a freewill offering.

A reception in the fellowship hall will follow. The First United Methodist Church is located at 3 Town Square opposite the Wayne Post Office in Wayne.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinners at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland have returned. Stop by the center 4-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has a 1 p.m. Wednesday bingo game, and Tai Chi classes 10-11 a.m. Fridays along with pinocle at 1 p.m. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Be a Star

Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team invites girls and boys in the fifth- through eighth-grades to team. Clinics will be held 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, in advance of tryouts on Oct. 22.

The Stars competition team (Varsity) requires a season-long commitment and girls must try out to make the team. The performance team (Junior Varsity) is open to any girl or boy who would like to join. You do not have to try out but students need to practice each week.

Fees are \$185 per season for the performance team and \$210 per season for the competition team. The only additional charge is for the \$20 uniform deposit which is paid at the time of uniform distribution.

Practices are at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford. For more information, call the center at (734) 722-7620.

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. All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

# Chamber coffee provides networking opportunities

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When members of the Western Suburban Area Council of Chambers gathers for its quarterly get-togethers, it's usually a lunchtime or after-hours networking event designed to bring businesses together.

But when the group was scheduling its September get-together officials decided to try and open it to retailers and others who might not otherwise be able to come, and scheduled it as a breakfast meeting at IKEA in Canton.

The strategy apparently worked, as a capacity crowd of some 220 chamber members from around the area spent 90 minutes Tuesday talking to each other about the various aspects of their businesses, then shared in an opportunity to shop IKEA as a bonus.

"Our chamber does both," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. "Some people handle the early hours better, others are better later in the day."

Since Canton was the host chamber, IKEA seemed a natural place to handle the event. Cojei said Canton representatives "were very receptive" to the idea.

"It's all about supporting our community," said Rich Beswick, IKEA's business manager. "We're about giving back, and this is a good way to bring people together to do that."

Brookellen Swope, president and CEO of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, called the event "wonderful," and was happy with the change from "the normal." "Business owners get an opportunity to network with businesses from all over the area," said Swope. "It's effective, because everyone who attends these events has one goal: To grow their business."

Amelia Oliverio, executive director of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, said the morning event allowed businesses to participate without having to worry about who'd be minding the store for a later event.

"The location was excellent, because IKEA is sort of centrally located," Oliverio said. "Changing from an after-

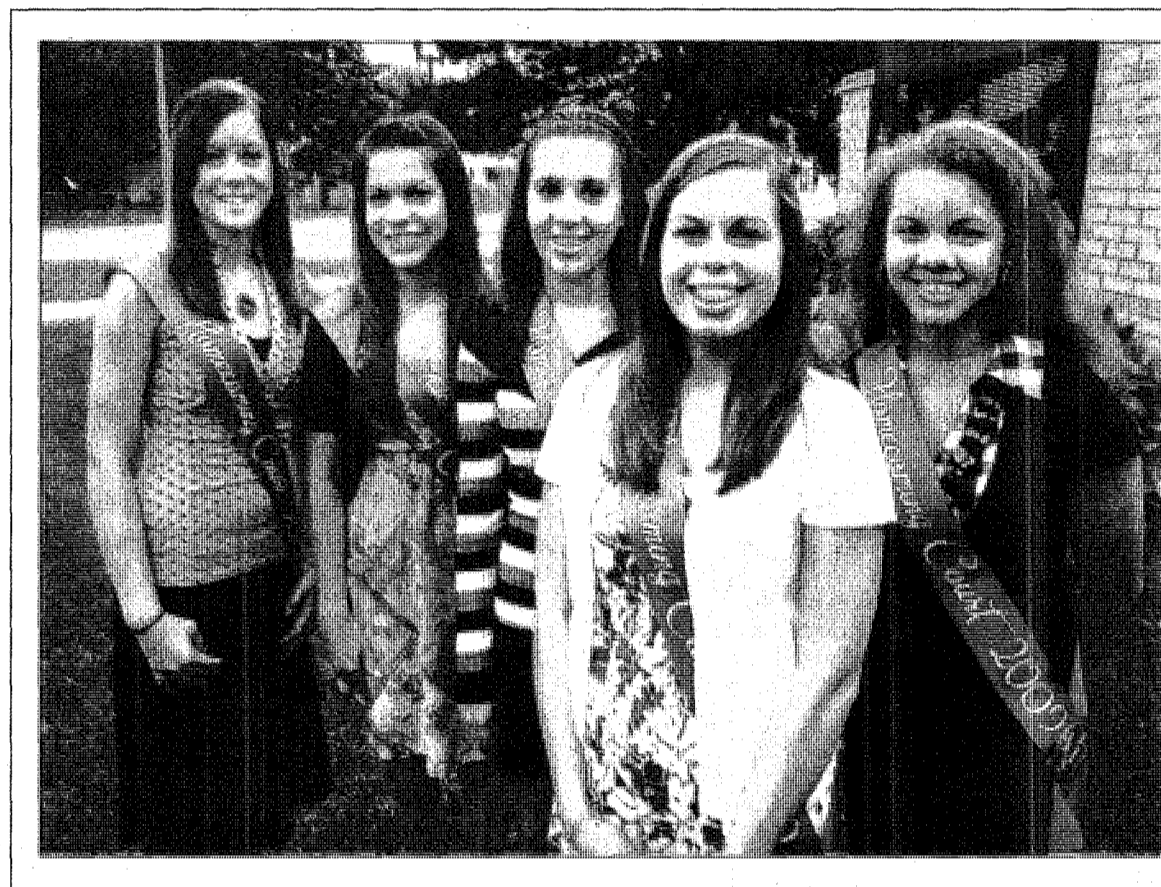


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Denise Mills, Marketing Manager of Westland Shopping Center and a Livonia resident, talks to Sue Mason, editor of the Westland and Garden City editions of the Observer Newspaper.

hours to a breakfast made it possible for people to attend who otherwise wouldn't have been able to."

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## Royal hopefuls

Students at Wayne Memorial High School will vote tomorrow as to who will reign over Homecoming festivities this weekend. The nominees are Alicia Jacobs, Kelsey Osborne, Sarah Carney, Amber O'Rourke and Lalita Hayes. The winner will be announced at half-time of the Homecoming football game which pits the Zebras against Canton at 7 p.m.

## VETERANS

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representative to benefit the community and the state."

Last year, the event raised \$8,000 for the two veterans' facilities, said LeBlanc, who chairs the state house military and veterans affairs committee.

"Part of my involvement in the committee allowed me to

know that the homes have dollars to operate but not much extra," he said. "I thought if we could get them some extra money, they could go beyond normal care."

Costs for the food are being sponsored through a \$1,000 contribution from the Michigan State Troopers Association and \$500 from the Westland Police Officers Association.

In addition to dinner, Noodles 'n' Neighbors will

also feature celebrity servers, a silent auction and two performances by the Earth Angels, a touring group of young people performing oldies. The performances are expected to be at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

LeBlanc is hoping that the event will become well-established enough that his eventual successor as state representative will continue the fund-raising effort. Part of that is trying to establish a

volunteer board to help run the dinner, which LeBlanc said could benefit different organizations.

Tickets for Noodles 'n' Neighbors are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance at the Bailey Recreation Center and the Dorsey Center. For more information, call (888) 732-5325.

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## SPRAYGROUND

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the city on the (Westland Festival) parade, Turn Off The Violence and other programs," McDonald's Local Store Marketing Coordinator Jeff

Holden said. "You wouldn't believe how long we've been working on this. We were supposed to do it last week. The date just happened to be the same day as the ribbon cutting."

Wild will be on hand at the McDonald's at the corner of Wayne and Warren roads.

Wild and other city officials won't be lending a hand at in the kitchen — Holden said that's due to McDonald's commitment to quality service and also for safety.

"Having rookies on the floor can be a problem. They are really there for meet and greet," Holden said.

In addition to 15 percent of the receipts, McDonald's also will give customers a free sausage biscuit with any purchase and switch to a free cheeseburger once lunch is served. The free cheeseburgers with any purchase will end at 2 p.m.

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## ALISSA

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Friend Jessica Brown wrote: "I will miss Alissa, she was the greatest friend that anyone could have. We always had so much fun together and I have a lot of great memories with her."

Konnie Boulet pointed out that the youngster's "smile lit up a room."

"Her jokes and one-liners

broke you into laughter," she wrote. "Her death broke our hearts."

Alissa's battle with cancer was chronicled by her mother Nicole on a carepages.com Web site. The youngster faced chemotherapy and radiation treatments for the tumor and was in and out of the hospital. The Wayne community rallied around the family, holding spaghetti dinners and chicken barbecues to raise money. Businessmen John Goci and John Rhaesa also

made it possible for Alissa, her mother, father Jeff and sister Brooke to see and meet the Jonas Brothers during their concert stop in Detroit in late July. Nicole Jennings said the family had "the best time ever." Likewise, her daughter had also an amazing weekend at Wayne's Wheelfest in late August.

However, her carepages entry Sept. 14 noted that the tumor had spread to Alissa's spine and that the 9-year-old was in a lot of pain. Her final entry Sept. 19 let friends and supporters know "that our sweet Alissa received her angel wings at noon."

In addition to her parents and sister, Alissa is survived by grandparents Rayma

and Dennis Hogan, Michael Boulet, Belinda and Dennis Terreault and Jeff and Gloria Jennings, great-grandparents Raymond and Jacklyn Gagnon, Irene Boulet, Mary Sue Chapman and Grover Jennings and numerous other family members.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Alissa Jennings Memorial Fund c/o the Wayne Westland Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48186.

At Hoover Elementary, Alissa will be remembered through a book donation for the school's new media center. The book drive is being conducted by the staff and PTO.

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# Questions still unanswered in murder-suicide

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rodney Spencer expected a routine day Tuesday when he drove to the Canton Public Library, where he parks his car and goes for scenic walks in nearby Heritage Park. Instead, he found a parking lot swarmed by police officers, cordoned off by yellow crime-scene tape and emptied of library patrons after authorities say Detroit police homicide investigator Edward Gordon Williams II gunned down his wife, Detroit police officer Patricia Catherine Williams, before shooting himself outside Michigan's busiest single-branch library. "This is terrible. It's just crazy," said Spencer, who lives near the library. "I came out here to walk and I see this. Canton is a great place to live, and this is a sad day."

The bodies had been removed before Spencer arrived, but a puddle of blood hadn't yet been washed away by firefighters on the spot where Edward Williams, 36, shot his 33-year-old wife four times, including once in the head, with a .38-caliber snub-nose revolver he then turned to his own head. The couple, Canton residents, had a troubled past, and township police had gone to their Wall Street home Sunday after an anonymous caller reported a possible domestic incident. Officers found no one at the resi-



BILL DRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton police officers search the car belonging to Edward Williams in the Canton Public Library parking lot, where Canton police say Williams shot his wife, Patricia, then turned the gun on himself.

dence when they arrived. Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski confirmed Patricia Williams had a boyfriend who became worried and called authorities Tuesday morning, saying the Williamses were supposed to meet at the police department on Canton Center Road. They never made it there. Police aren't sure why the couple ended up parking next door at the library — Edward Williams

in his Dodge Charger, Patricia Williams in her BMW — before she was shot around 9:16 a.m. as she ran in the direction of the police station. Several witnesses told investigators they had seen the couple sitting and talking in a park area near the library just prior to the shootings. Patricia Williams was the mother of a 10-year-old son from a previous marriage to a Westland police officer.

"This is tragic," Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said Tuesday, on a warm, humid day as the last hours of summer ticked away. "These situations are always very tragic, but it hits home even more when it's law enforcement personnel." Gajeski said he didn't know whether Edward Williams knew his wife had a boyfriend or whether jealousy could have

played a role in the shootings. During a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday night, township Supervisor Phil LaJoy lamented what he called "a very tragic day," but praised local police and fire emergency medical personnel for responding to 9-1-1 calls "literally in a minute." The grisly shooting incident served as a sobering reminder that Canton isn't immune to violence, even though the township earlier this month was cited by the FBI for having the third-lowest crime rate among 16 communities with populations of 50,000-100,000 people in a three-county metro Detroit area. No one else was injured Tuesday as gunfire erupted while library patrons went to and from one of the township's busiest buildings. The shootings closed the facility for the day, although people could be seen returning books and other materials in a dropoff box. Laurie Golden, library marketing and communications manager, said a crisis counselor was brought in Wednesday to help employees and patrons. She said patrons typically line up outside the library before it opens, and Tuesday's shootings occurred shortly after the facility opened at 9 a.m. Patricia Williams was taken to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, but was already dead. Edward Williams was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti,

where police said he was placed on life support until his organs could be harvested. Like LaJoy, Golden commended township police for an "awesome" and quick response to the incident. The shootings came as Canton and Detroit police already were planning a soccer match to benefit domestic violence shelters such as First Step, which serves western Wayne County. The game is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the High Velocity Sports Center on Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center Road. Admission is \$5. Women who feel threatened and need advice are urged to call First Step anytime at (734) 722-6800 or toll free at (888) 453-5900. "Unfortunately, these incidents are becoming all too common," said Judy Ellis, First Step executive director. "We can help to assess the potential for this kind of danger. When dealing with anyone who has any violent history, it should be clear that there is a possibility it could further escalate." Violence can escalate, particularly when someone in a relationship feels a loss of control, and Ellis said it's important for potential victims to have a safety plan. She said friends and family members of victims also are urged to call First Step, which provides assistance for free.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## TV, Wii among items stolen from vehicle

### Larceny from a vehicle

1 On the morning of Sept. 21, a Wixom man told police he had been parked overnight at a home in the 2000 block of Kaley when he found the rear hatch of his Ford Explorer was open. Reported missing were a 50-inch plasma television, a laptop computer, stereo equipment and a Wii game system, valued at \$6,900.

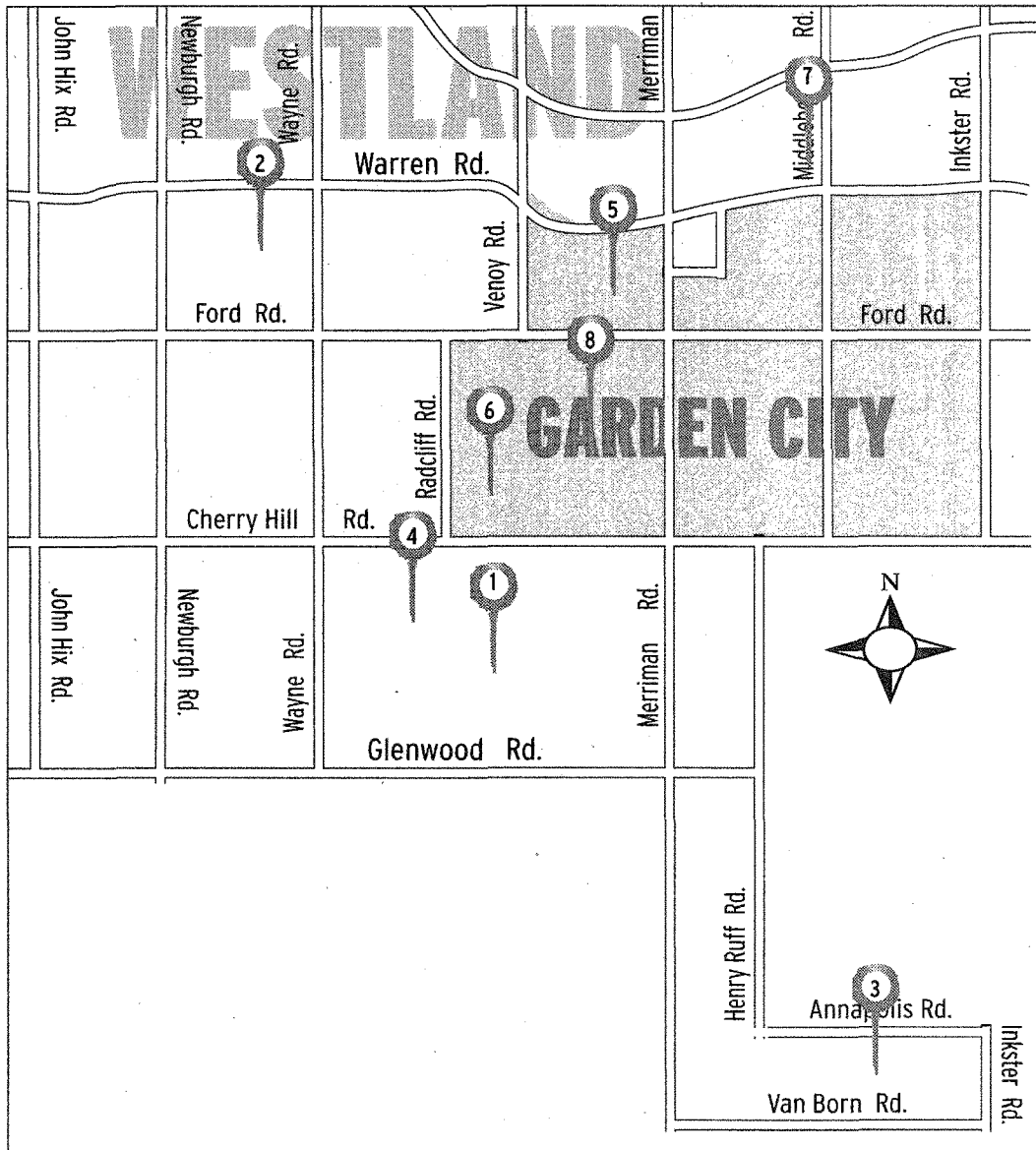
The man told police that the front door of the vehicle had been left unlocked. The items were in the vehicle, the man said, because he had recently separated from his wife and had removed the items from their home. He told the officer he had come to stay with his mother but thought he would be returning home. Instead, he said he fell asleep and stayed over night.

### Fleeing an accident

2 Police were called to the 6500 block of Yale Sept. 16 when an Inkster woman reported she was driving through the apartment parking lot when a man pulled out of parking space and collided with her vehicle. The man then drove away, the woman said. No estimate for the damage was listed.

### Break-in

3 A break-in was reported Sept. 21 in the 30000 block of Marshall Court. Two sergeants happened to be



nearby when the call came in and responded. Within about three minutes, the sergeants found a window screen had been cut at the home.

The homeowner soon arrived as did a Michigan State Police dog and handler. Using a key to open the door, the dog was sent inside and found the house was not occupied. Nothing was reported disturbed in the home.

The officers reported that it appeared an audible alarm may have scared off the

intruder before the home was entered.

### Vandalism

4 Police were dispatched to South Wildwood and Darwin just before 10 p.m. Sept. 20 about a large fight, involving a red Ford Mustang. The owner, a Romulus woman, told police she was driving south on Wildwood when an unknown man ran up to her vehicle with what appeared to be a long stick. She said the man struck her vehicle with the stick break-

ing off the driver's side mirror and denting and scratching the door.

The woman said she didn't know the man, neither did her passenger.

### Larceny

A Westland woman, 79, told police that someone had stolen her wallet and checkbook from her purse while she was shopping at Target, 35401 Warren Road, Sept. 21. The woman reported \$65 in cash stolen along with her birth certificate.

## Resident finds moped missing from garage

### Suspended license

5 A Garden City Police officer said that he almost collided with a 24-year-old Taylor woman who was speeding at 56 mph in a 25 mph zone on eastbound Maplewood near Hubbard about 3 a.m. Sept. 22. The woman tried to exit the car when police approached her on Hubbard. She was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

A Garden City police officer arrested 23-year-old Garden City woman for driving with a suspended license about after a traffic stop on Sept. 21 on Merriman at Ford. The woman was driving with three current suspensions and had an expired license plate.

### Breaking and entering

6 A 61-year-old Garden City man reported that someone stole a moped from his garage in the 33000 block of Cherry Hill sometime before 9 a.m. Sept. 18. The moped is worth \$800 and has a decal on it. The police couldn't find any signs of forced entry.

### Drunken driving

7 The police arrested a 57-year-old Canton Township man after they observed him driving erratically in his 2001 Dodge Ram on Warren Road at Middlebelt Sept. 19. A taxi driver informed

### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

police that he had transported the intoxicated man to the Last Chance Bar, where he got into a truck.

The Canton man said that he had four or five drinks of whiskey and ginger ale. He registered a blood alcohol level of .258.

### Vandalism

8 The police were called to a home in the 31900 block of Barton about 11:30 p.m. Sept. 19 because someone damaged a vehicle that was parked there.

A witness saw a mid-size black truck back into the driveway. After the truck pulled away, there were seven BB holes in the windshield and holes in the driver's side window.

A 62-year-old resident in the 28600 Block of Block reported that someone threw a brick through his living room window about 4 a.m. Sept. 19.

A resident in the 27800 block of Sheridan reported that someone wrote in two slabs of fresh concrete sometime before 7:15 a.m. Sept. 17. The culprit wrote "Johnnie and Daniel 8-16-09" and "Jesse and Lyndsay."

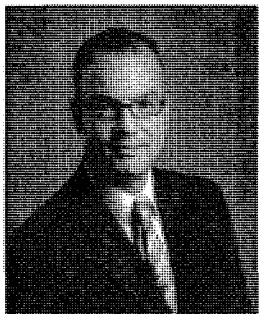
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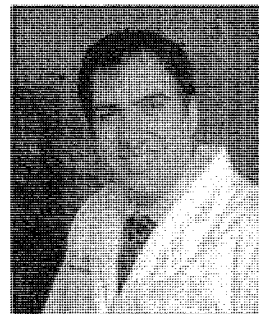
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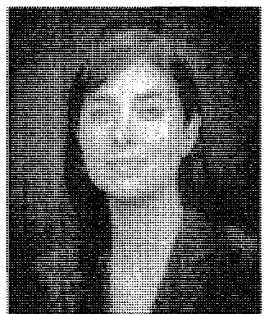
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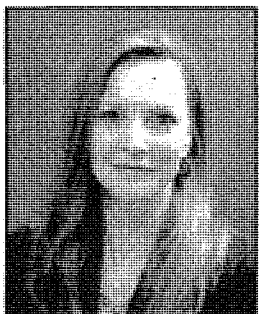
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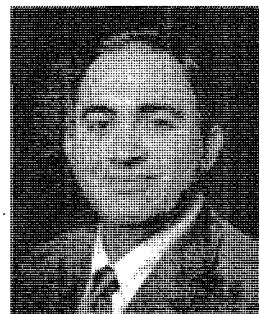
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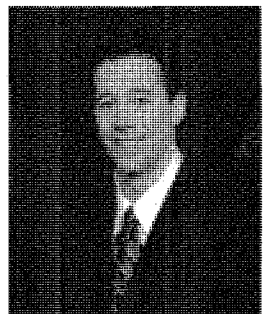
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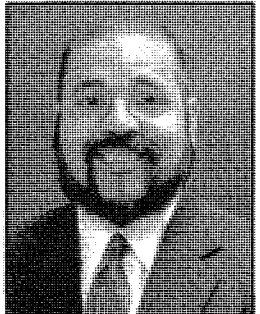
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# Read fine print, protect yourself as charge card holder

Last week I gave a talk at the Farmington Hills Public Library. My topic focused mostly on investing and the current state of the economy. Afterwards, a gentleman told me that over the last few months he had noticed the terms of his charge card had been changing. Not only was his interest rate increased, but also, his credit limit had been reduced. His question to me was whether card companies changing the terms on their card was common and was it legal. Unfortunately, my answer was that it is common and yes, it is legal for charge card companies to change the terms of their cards.

Over the years, charge card companies have been notorious for changing terms. Routinely, charge card companies have changed the interest rate and played games with the due dates. It is not uncommon for charge card companies to change the due date of your payment on minimal notice. Of course, I don't want to be



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

to stay current on the terms of your charge card. In addition, it's also not a bad idea to occasionally shop around for a new charge card. After all, a charge card you obtained five years ago may not be the proper card for you today. It's obvious that charge card companies have no loyalty to you and me, therefore, we should not have loyalty to them.

I wish there was one charge card that I could recommend for everyone. That is not the case. The best charge card is not the one that is good for your neighbor but rather, good for your individual situation.

cynical but I do believe that many times the charge card companies change the terms of their card in order to hit us with new fees. That is why I've always said it is important

**Over the years, charge card companies have been notorious for changing terms. Routinely, charge card companies have changed the interest rate and played games with the due dates. It is not uncommon for charge card companies to change the due date of your payment on minimal notice.**

Whether you carry a balance along with what is the best time of the month to make your payment are just a couple of the important elements to consider when selecting a charge card. If you carry a balance, the interest rate is extremely important. If you don't carry a balance, other terms such as grace period, due date and awards become more important. The key to selecting a charge card is to understand how to use your charge card so you can maximize the benefits.

In May, President Barack Obama signed the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 which does provide some addi-

tional protection for charge card holders, however, it doesn't remove the burden to monitor our charge cards.

The new act attempts to provide individuals more disclosure with regards to rates, fees and terms of charge cards. Most of the provisions do not take effect until late February 2010. That is one reason why charge card companies have been more aggressive in changing the terms of their charge card before the new law takes effect.

However, there is some protection in that law that does provide additional charge card holder protection that took effect last month. Under the new law, charge card issuers

now must give you 45 days notice before increasing your interest rate or changing any of the material terms of the charge card. In addition, charge card companies must mail statements at least 21 days before the payment is due. Although these are positive developments for charge card holders, they do not remove the responsibility to read what the charge card companies send us. Although, the new law provides better disclosure, most consumers rarely read the information. After all, most of the disclosures that we receive are written by lawyers for lawyers. Hopefully, the new charge card law will make these disclosure statements easier to read and understand, however, the jury is still out.

One of the major changes I have noticed with charge card companies deals with transferring of balances. It wasn't too long ago that charge card companies were offering zero percent, zero fee balance transfers. Not only have the

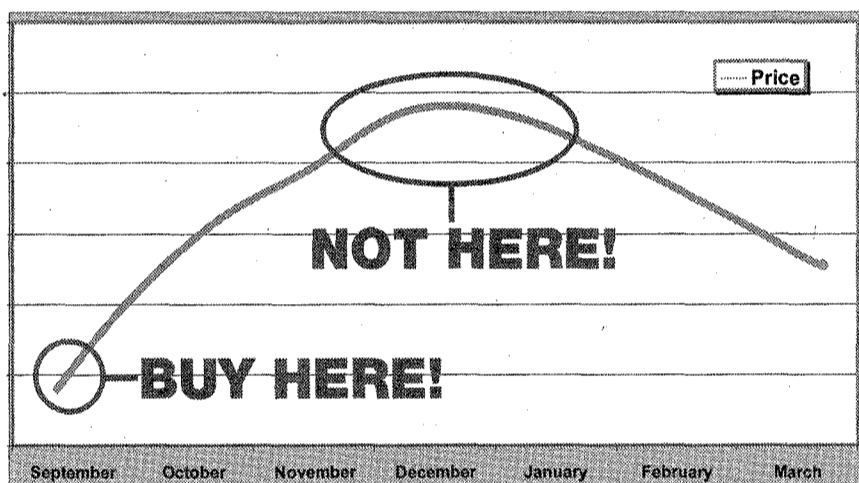
zero balance transfer deals mostly dried up, banks and charge card companies have started charging fees as high as 5 percent to transfer balances. Furthermore, even if you can find a zero balance transfer deal with no fees, the interest rate saving period is shrinking. While in the past it was normal to have 12 months at 0 percent or a very low rate, it seems that most charge card companies are reducing that to six months.

There is no doubt that the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility Disclosure Act of 2009 will help credit card holders. However, when it comes to charge cards the reality is that we can't count on the government to protect us, we have to protect ourselves. Good luck!

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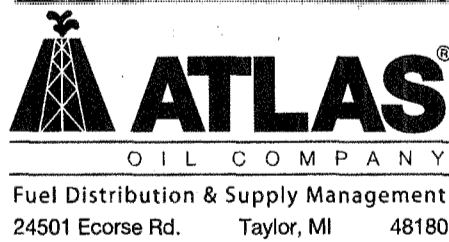
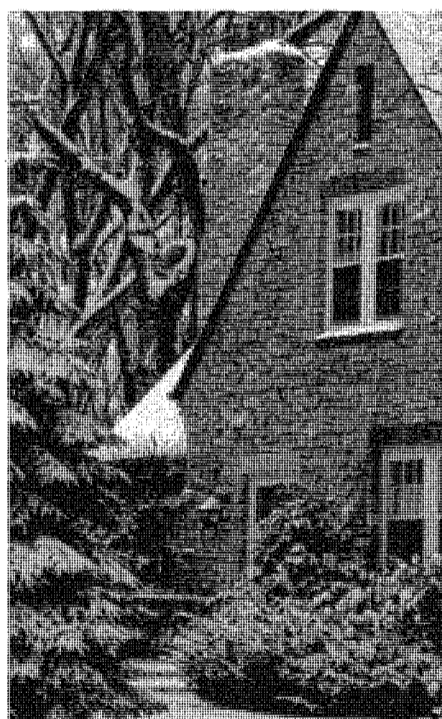
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Mr. David Welch sought to read without hand magnifiers and drive with confidence. The doctor prescribed one pair for driving and another for reading.



David Welch still able to drive using telescopic glasses. "You saved my life".

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# GC residents performs in 'The Good Doctor'

Garden City resident Carol Lipinski will perform in the Barefoot Productions presentation of Neil Simon's *The Good Doctor* next month.

Lipinski will appear in "The Governess," one of the play's nine humorous vignettes based on the writings of Russian author Anton Chekhov. Set in Russia during the early 19th century, *The Good Doctor* weaves together nine stories, ranging from the absurd to the heartwarming which are connected by the writer (Chekhov), who serves as the narrator throughout the play.

The stories, adapted for the stage, feature a diverse array of characters: a hard-nosed governess, a lady of the evening, a man who earns his wage by "drowning," a neurotic woman who beleaguers a banker beset with gout, a rakish scoundrel intent on seducing a married woman, an actress ill with fever, desperate for an audition, an unlikely duo of a newly-appointed dentist and his first patient, a priest, the consequences of an underling sneezing on his superior and a

musical duet about unrequited love.

"While we had planned to present another comedy, *Mister Roberts*, this fall, scheduling conflicts prevented us from doing so," said Craig A. Hane, artistic director and founder of Barefoot Productions. "We plan to bring it back into our roster soon, and in the meantime, we wanted to ensure we offer our audiences what they've asked us for - comedy."

According to Hane, the play will be presented like the traveling troupes of old, giving audiences the feeling "this amazing troupe of nomadic, vaudevillians have wandered into Plymouth, erected a stage and are performing a great series of comedy sketches."

"*The Good Doctor*, perhaps more than any play we've produced, is most reflective of what Barefoot Productions is: a dedicated, passionate ensemble teaming to bring a great show to the stage for the enjoyment of our patrons," Hane said.

The production runs at 8



Depicting two scenes from Barefoot Productions' comedy "The Good Doctor" by Neil Simon are Samantha Lowry (from left) of Novi and Carol Lipinski of Garden City in "The Governess" and Matt Majzlik of Canton and Sam Williams of Taylor in "The Drowned Man."

p.m. Oct. 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24 and at 2 p.m. Oct. 18 and 25. Senior and student tickets are \$10 and general admission tickets are \$12. Group rates also are available. Individual

tickets can be purchased online at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) by clicking on the Ticketleap link. Individual and group tickets also can be purchased by calling Barefoot Productions' box

office at (734) 560-1493. The box office also will be open one hour prior to each performance.

All performances are held in the Walker-Buzenberg

Building, 240 North Main St., Plymouth, Oct. 8-25. For more information, visit Barefoot's Web site at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) or call (734) 560-1493.

# Nankin Mills program takes look at pioneer life

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to live in the 1800s?

Bring the entire family to experience yesteryear 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Hines Park in Westland.

Period demonstrations, including such skills as blacksmithing, broom making, wool spinning and barrel making, will be featured

at Family Pioneer Day. The musical sounds of Pix n' Sticks, featuring live hammer dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle and vocals, will fill the air. And an Erie Canal boat captain will share stories of life on Great Lakes waters.

There also will be kids crafts, family pioneer games and hayrides.

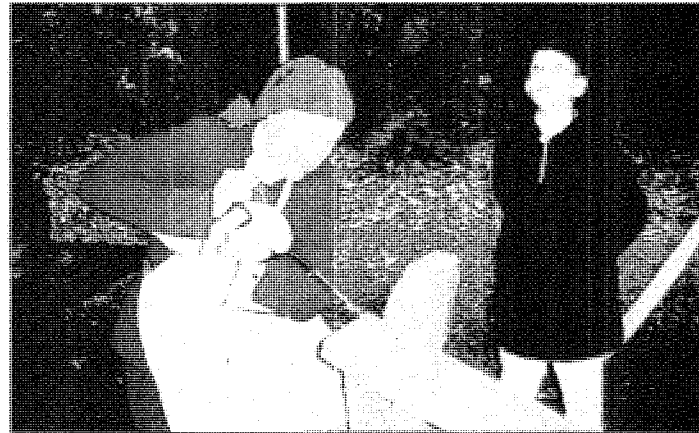
The event is free of charge and registration is



Sandy Materna demonstrates lace making, one of the crafts highlighted during Family Pioneer Day at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

not required. However, \$4 tickets will be sold for kids'

crafts. A snack concession will be available.



Stan Materna uses a hand drill in demonstrating woodworking.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines

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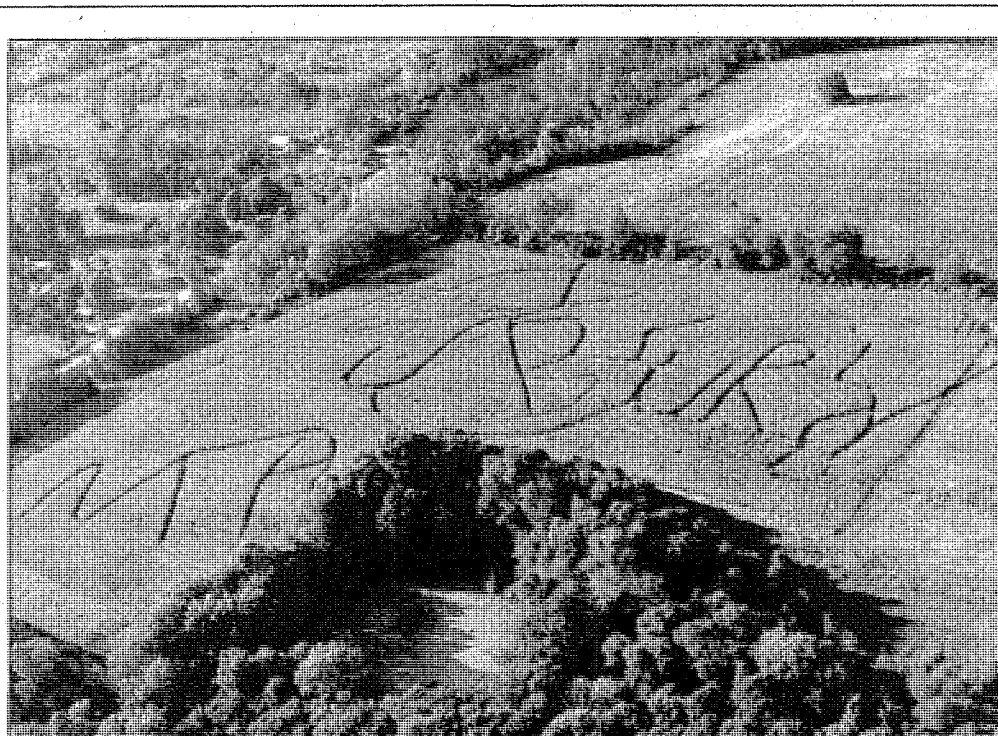
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**Mom 3 Mom sale**  
Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is hosting a Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman in Garden City. Tables are \$15 for a 6-footer, \$20 for an 8-footer and \$5 for rack space (must provide your own). There will also be a large item area with 10 percent of the profits going to Willow Creek. Call Rhonda at 73 576-3578 to rent a table.

**Spaghetti Dinner**  
The W2 Chapter of Wayne is holding a spaghetti dinner benefit for the Penrickton Center for Blind Children 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. The cost is \$7 per person and \$3 for children age 10 and under. Those under age 3 are free. There also will be hourly 50/50 drawings and a bake sale. For tickets call Bob and Nancy Natter at (734) 421-8520 or by e-mail at [Rnatter@comcast.net](mailto:Rnatter@comcast.net) and Claire Belkowski at (734) 522-9581 or by e-mail at [cruiseahoy@yahoo.com](mailto:cruiseahoy@yahoo.com).

**TOPS meetings**  
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 869 Westland is looking to meet new members at Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland. The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older. Weigh-ins are at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Come see what TOPS can do for you. Call Brenda at (734) 729-3833



**A-maze-ing event**

The Maybury Farm Corn Maze runs through Nov. 8. Hours are Fridays from 5-9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-9 p.m. The maze includes a hayride to and from the Maze (last wagon leaves for the Maze at 8 p.m.). Those who successfully complete the Maze will be entered in a drawing to take place on Nov. 10 for a \$500 Meijer Gift Card (must be 18 years or older to enter). Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile between Beck and Napier (do not enter at the State Park). Parking is complimentary. Admission is \$6 for children 3-9 and \$8 for everyone else (does include the Corn Maze). Two years and under are free and welcome to visit our KIDDIE MAZE. Please visit Maybury's Web site [www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org) or call (248) 374-0200 during business hours.

**4-H program**  
The Wayne County 4-H Children's Garden is inviting youngsters to enjoy an evening of excitement as they explore what happens in the garden after dark 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25. The program, While the Garden Sleeps, will include a presentation by the Organization for Bat Conservation with live nocturnal animals. Where: The Wayne County 4-H The event is free, open to the public and was designed for families with children between the ages of 7 and 14. Call (734) 721-6576 or send an e-mail to [segarama@msu.edu](mailto:segarama@msu.edu) to reserve a seat. The Children's Garden is at 5454 Venoy, south of Ann Arbor, in Wayne.

**Ronald McDonald House Gala**  
The Ford Motor Company is presenting The Ronald McDonald House Gala on Sept. 26 at The Detroit Institute of Arts. The Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association and DTE Energy will host this black-tie gala with all proceeds benefiting the Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor. Formerly known as Aviators' Ball, the Gala is in its fifth year. The event will include dinner, live and silent auctions,

entertainment, an afterglow party and many surprises throughout the evening. The Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor provide a "home away from home" each year to nearly 1,600 families whose children are hospitalized nearby with serious illnesses. For Ronald McDonald House Gala tickets and sponsorship information, call (734) 316-2511 or visit the Web site at [www.rmhgala.com](http://www.rmhgala.com).

**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. All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

**Crafters needed**  
The St. Dunstan's Annual Fall Craft and Vendor Show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. There will be more than 40 tables of crafters/vendors. Cash-and-carry items will be available. Admission is only \$1 which includes a free raffle ticket for the door prizes. Bake sale, snacks and food will be

available for purchase throughout the show. There also will be hourly 50/50 drawings for a cash prize in addition to the door prize raffle of items donated by all the vendors and crafters. All proceeds will be donated to the newly created St. Dunstan School Scholarship Fund. St. Dunstan is at 1515 Belton St., south of Ford, west of Inkster Road in Garden City. For more information or table availability, e-mail Sheryll at [vendorshow@gmail.com](mailto:vendorshow@gmail.com).

• Crafters are needed for St. Damian's annual fall arts and craft show that will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, in the gym and community room, 30055 Joy, Westland. For more information or an application, call the parish office at (734) 421-6130.  
• St. Theodore Church will hold a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 in the social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be 75 crafters, hourly 50/50 raffle, large raffle, bake sale, food and beverages. Admission is free. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425 4420.

• Crafters are needed for the 21st annual Arts and Crafts Show Saturday,

Nov. 21, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb Moga at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia Moore at (734) 522-9653.

**Fish Dial-A-Ride**  
Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

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

**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, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. For information, call Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918.

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

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

Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

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

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

**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. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

**Veteran's Haven**  
Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

**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 Thursday of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, penny-whistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>.

**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. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

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## OUR VIEWS

### DDA projects make park a better place

Everybody knows the line from the movie *Field of Dreams* about building a baseball diamond in the middle of a cornfield. While the voice may have said "If you build it, he will come," most people remember the line as "If you build it, they will come."

The latter is what we think of when we look at Tattan Park. In little over a year's time, the Downtown Development Authority has turned the small park in the civic center area into a place to go, if you're a child. The DDA funded the PlayPlanet, the community built it, and the children came. The DDA funded the newly completed H2O Zone and like the playscape, the children have come.

While most people have already closed their swimming pools for the season, youngsters were enjoying the water spraying from the helicopter blades this past weekend. In fact, the city has announced that the H2O Zone will be open, weather permitting, throughout the week and on the weekends.

The authority has spent some \$500,000 on the playscape and splashground at the park, which is in the heart of the DDA district. The park improvements dovetail with one of its goals for making the district more attractive and convenient for both residents and businesses.

Founded in 1996, the DDA is working on bringing new business to the area and hanging on to existing businesses. The light poles and mast arms along Ford Road, the brick work and landscaping are all meant to make the area look more attractive to new business. But those businesses need customers, and the park improvements are bringing people into the district who, when playtime is done, can shop, eat or do their banking just a few hundred feet down the road.

Park improvements and children's laughter may not be what you think of when you hear DDA mentioned, but we're glad the authority has taken on the improvement of Tattan Park. We have always thought of it as a crown jewel for youngsters with its Tot Town and playsets, but these improvements make it a Las Vegas style destination for children.

We believe this has been money well spent. The development has brought children's laughter to an area that has been pretty quiet since the shutdown of Central City Park. With the remediation of a portion of park and plans for a veteran's memorial near Friendship Lake in the works, things definitely are looking up in the civic center.

Way to go, DDA.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

### • No Worker at end

The only thing left behind is the fact that this program is only for UAW members who get buy out packages and then return to school on the taxpayer's dime.

jeffery2012

### • She said what?

Steinem said:  
She laid blame for all violence, including terrorism, at the feet of domestic violence.

What does that even mean?  
"Daddy hit Mommy so I'll fly a plane into a skyscraper. Twice."

"Mommy hits me so I'll strap on a bomb and go into a crowded market"

"Mommy didn't breast feed me so I'm gonna try and light this shoe bomb on this plane"

Get a grip Gloria.

TheDarkKnight

### • What Gloria worries about

One wonders if Steinem is as worried about the "ultra left wing" as she is about the "ultra right wing" or if she believes that the ultra left wing is just the normal, common sense alternative to everything.

Also, it would have been nice to read how much Steinem was paid for this speech. I'm sure she doesn't talk for free.

Ralpho

## WESTLAND OBSERVER



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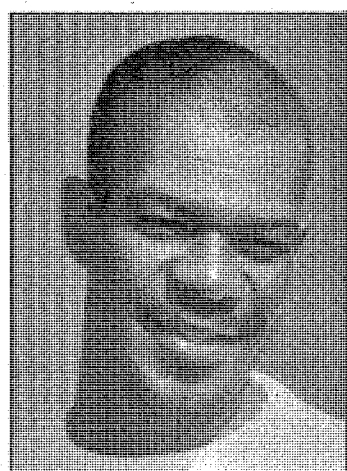
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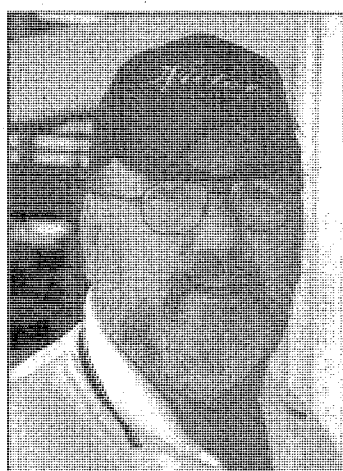
### Considering the recent behavior of U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson and performer Kanye West, do you think civility is dead?

We asked this question at the Kmart store in Garden City.



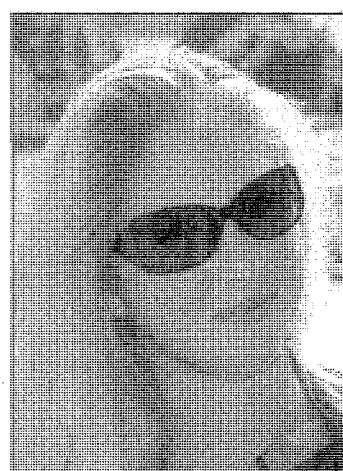
"To an extent, yes. I think a lot of the public and people do things to get attention."

Marcus Massey  
Inkster



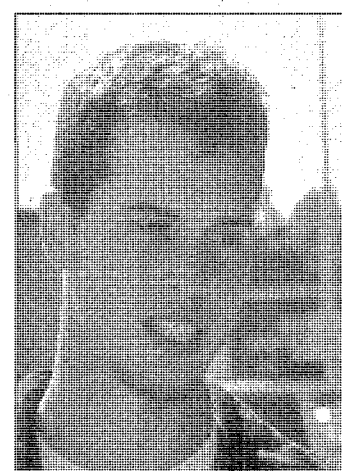
"Yes, I think everyone is fighting to get their point across whether it's truthful or not."

Phil Drapeau  
Westland



"No, rather than act up, people should keep their opinions to themselves."

Ashley Landry  
Westland



"I don't know if it's gone, but I think people think everything is unfair and nobody is being treated right. Everyone thinks they're in the minority."

Wesley Carpenter  
Dearborn Heights

## LETTERS

### In praise of Ernie

"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

Well, the birds have stopped singing and the voice of the turtle is saddened.

For those of you not familiar with this, it is from the Song of Solomon and is what Ernie Harwell started every season with, and it has taken me some time to write this. I have had the honor of meeting Ernie many times. I have had the extreme honor in sitting in "the greatest seat in baseball" - Ernie's seat in the press box at Tiger Stadium, and oh, was he right.

The reason I am writing is as you may know, Ernie has incurable cancer, and Ernie says he is waiting for the next part of his life's adventure, him and Lulu listening to him on Tigers broadcasts, stuff like ... "That ball is loooong gone!" or how about, "He stood there like the house by the side of the road." And if you listened closely, he never said Tigers, he was from Atlanta and it was always "TIGUHS."

He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1981. For those of you that don't know, he wrote many songs. He appeared in many movies, one of my favorite movies, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest with Jack Nicholson*. If you listen closely when the world series is being played, that is Ernie doing the play-by-play.

I spoke with him Opening Day at Comerica Park, he sounded good, and, well, looked as good as always. He is one of the classiest men you would ever want to meet. I have all of his books, have had pictures taken with him many times. Even though he has not broadcast Tiger games for some years, he will be missed. I personally will miss him.

When my friend Denny McClain lost his daughter, I went to the funeral. I sat next to Ernie. Many of the '68 Tigers were there. It was a sad day. I truly hope the Harwell family will let the many fans of Ernie be part of remembering him when the time comes. I know I will be there. He is one of a kind.

We love you, Ernie, and your memories will live on forever thank you.

Bud Somerville  
Westland

### Thanks for your help

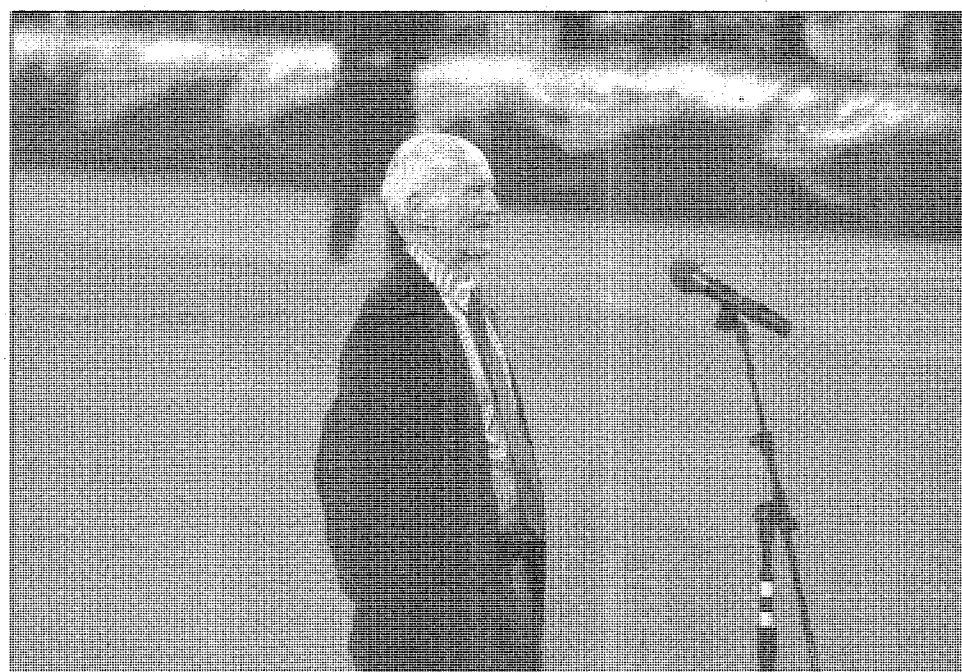
The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland would like to thank you for publishing the articles for our September Used Book Sale in the *Westland Observer*. We would like to especially to thank you for the article on the front page in the Thursday, Sept. 17. Also thank you for publishing in *Canton, Garden City, Livonia and Plymouth Observers*.

Marie DiDomizio  
Trustee,  
Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library

### Don't raise beer tax

I work for a locally-owned beer distributor in Romulus, serving many communities across southeast Michigan. I urge the Legislature to vote against any proposal that would raise Michigan's beer tax.

Our company has been one of the few successful businesses in the area during this recession, but raising the beer tax could put



Ernie Harwell talks to Detroit Tigers fans during a ceremony, honoring him and World War II veterans at Comerica Park last Wednesday.

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us in the same boat as other struggling companies. It could force my employer to cut jobs when unemployment is already so high.

Please don't punish one of the stable industries by raising our taxes.

Chris Dottor  
Westland

### What is McCotter afraid of?

Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has been busy this summer. According to his official Web site, he gave not less than 29 media interviews during July and August, primarily to right-wing media outlets. He was so busy "preaching to the choir," he just never found the time to hold a single town hall meeting - not one - for the people in his district. Apparently he would much rather talk to people who are not his constituents, instead of the people he was elected to represent.

It's no wonder, though. As chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, McCotter holds the fourth-highest leadership position in the House GOP minority. He's been working his way up the party ladder for years now. He won't let a little thing like "listening to his constituents" get in the way of his ambition, even when he claims "I Work For You" on every letter he sends (on the taxpayer's dime) to the people of his district.

McCotter is not working for you or me when he refuses to hold an open,

unscreened, unscripted discussion of any kind for the people of his district. His so-called "telephone town halls" just don't fit the bill. Even John Dingell had the courage to meet face to face with the angry, vocal minority in an open forum. Not McCotter; he'd rather listen to the voicemail messages of a handpicked selection of voters. What is he afraid of?

McCotter denied you the chance to speak to him in an open forum. Remember this in 2010. We need a representative in Congress who won't "phone in" his obligations to the people he represents.

Matt Macchiarolo  
Lyon Township

### Support Right To Repair

The National Independent Automobile Dealers Association strongly supports the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right To Repair Act (HR 2057) and urges Congress to pass the legislation on behalf of its more than 20,000 members.

As a national trade association representing independent automobile dealers, we share the belief that specialized equipment, information and materials should be available to all repair facilities who wish to pursue service and repair opportunities, and should not be restricted to just those who are affiliated with a manufacturer. Right To Repair ensures that our members' customers can have their vehicles serviced at the repair shop of their choice.

Because vehicles are increasingly monitored or controlled by computers, ready access to complete and accurate information, tools and software from the car companies is necessary to keep vehicles in safe working condition. The Right To Repair Act protects the motoring public by making it illegal for manufacturers to withhold information necessary to diagnose, service or repair vehicles.

We encourage our members and all motorists to visit [www.righttorepair.org](http://www.righttorepair.org) to send a letter to each of their congressional representatives, urging them to support the Right To Repair Act.

Michael R. Linn  
CEO  
National Independent Automobile Dealers Association



# Motor City transforms into Fashion City

BY WENSY VON BUSKIRK  
CORRESPONDENT

## FASHION IN DETROIT

Peter Soronen's clothing has been spotted on Sarah Jessica Parker, First Lady Michelle Obama, and most recently singer Jennifer Hudson during VH1's Divas 2009. Next Thursday, it will appear on the catwalk at Fashion In Detroit (FID).

Soronen, who grew up in Farmington Hills, is among designers taking part in the premiere fashion event Oct. 1-2 at the Detroit Zoo.

FID includes two days of runway shows, 1-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, along with a blowout AfterGlow Bash at a local movie studio.

Designers include Schott NYC and North Beach Leather by Joe Faris; DivaGroove by Dana Keaton; Marlaina Stone; Kevan Hall; Betsey Johnson; MYNT 1792 by Kevin Christiana; Carhartt; Femilia Couture; and Kid Rock's Made in Detroit.

Soronen will present his P.S. by Peter Soronen label, which debuted at New York Fashion Week earlier this year. He said he designed the lower-priced P.S. label to "hit a larger clientele with the same structure I put into the main collection." It's available at Tender in Birmingham and Bloomingdale's in New York.

Soronen credits his late mother, Judy, who served as mayor of Farmington Hills in the early 1980s, for inspiring him to find success.

"I think it did put the idea in our head that if you wanted something and you had your heart set on it you could

**When:** Thursday, Oct. 1 and Friday, Oct. 2  
**Where:** Detroit Zoo, 10 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak  
**What:** Fashion shows 1-6 p.m. both days; AfterGlow Bash 8 p.m. Friday  
**Who:** Schott NYC and North Beach Leather by Joe Faris; P.S. by Peter Soronen; DivaGroove by Dana Keaton; Marlaina Stone; Kevan Hall; Betsey Johnson; MYNT 1792 by Kevin Christiana; Carhartt; Femilia Couture; and Made in Detroit.  
**Tickets:** \$75 per day; \$50 for AfterGlow Bash; \$185 for all events  
**Visit:** www.fashionindetroit.com

achieve it," he said. "She was always very supportive of what I do today and I guess in that way she helped me achieve the dream."

She also exposed him to the practical side of his craft.

"She always sewed, even some of her own suits, so having a sewing machine around in the house and fabric on the table was very common," Soronen said.

## CHICAGO, NEW YORK

After graduating from North Farmington High School, Soronen designed clothing for friends and took night classes in pattern making at Oakland Community College. In 1990 he moved to Chicago and founded an upscale design house making wedding and evening gowns

based on vintage corset patterns. Eight years later, his designs were so popular he relocated to New York where he was discovered by stylists, fashion media and A-list celebrities. He said he's excited to return to his hometown and take part in FID.

"I'm happy to be coming back and to be able to contribute a little bit," he said.

According to Karen Buscemi, editor of StyleLine magazine and a member of FID's executive committee, the event is modeled after New York Fashion Week. It will be staged every spring and fall, and grow longer as it gains momentum.

FID was co-founded by Project Runway contestant Joe Faris of Troy, and interior designer Leslie Ann Pilling of Bloomfield Hills. It's run by a six-person committee of heavy hitters in the local fashion industry.

"Every person on that committee is dedicated to this event being a success. Failure is not an option," said Buscemi, of Royal Oak. "This event is not only going to happen, it's going to happen according to the vision. We're not scrimping. When you walk into the tents you're going to feel like you're at a major fashion event. Every detail has been considered."

## STUDENT DESIGNERS

Thursday includes a student fashion show showcasing up-and-coming talent, and the winner of the Michigan Fashion Designer Competition will be announced. Finalists William

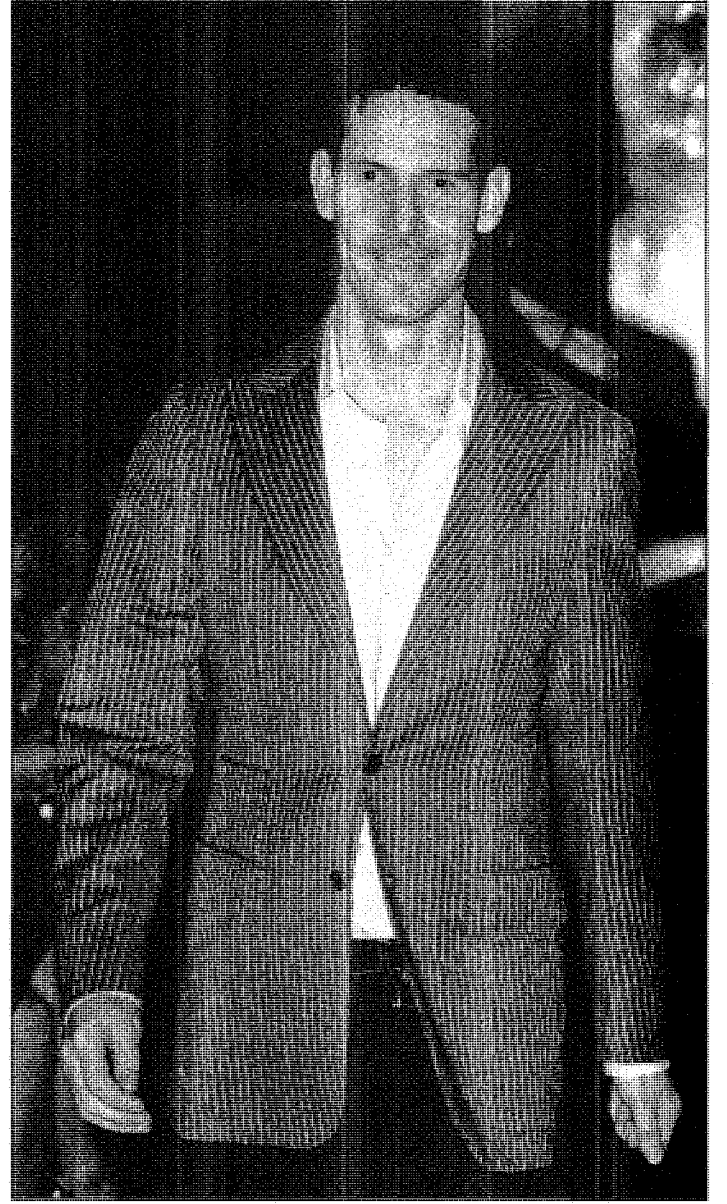
Malcolm of Troy, Adrianna Paxon of Royal Oak and Kelly Tinsley of Ypsilanti will vie for a guaranteed spot in the March show with the \$2,500 designer fee waived.

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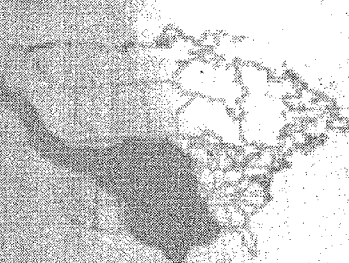
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## Ladywood can't overcome rival Mercy spikers

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After beating Catholic League arch-rival Livonia Ladywood twice over the weekend in the Flushing Invitational, Farmington Hills Mercy volleyball coach Loretta Vogel was a little apprehensive about the rematch Tuesday night.

"Ladywood is the last team we wanted to play tonight, especially in their gym," the first-year coach said.

Not to worry, as long as Maddy Doyle is on the floor for the Marlins.

The sophomore outside hitter recorded a match-high 24 kills, including 12 in the opening set, as Mercy overcame an early 8-1 deficit to beat the Blazers

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

in three straight, 25-20, 25-22, 25-18.

"Doyle did a nice job, but actually I'm happy with everybody," said Vogel, who was Ladywood's varsity coach for a short stint in the early 1980s. "I thought for a freshman, Alexis Schultz came in and did a nice

job, as well as our setter (Annie Bodien) and our left-front hitter (Lindsey Lerg). She (Lerg) may be the quiet one to everybody else but us."

Ladywood had a decided height advantage on the front row, but the slender-built, left-handed swinging Doyle attacked with a controlled ferocity from all angles of the court.

"We try to use her in a number of areas," said Vogel, whose team is 21-4 overall and 2-1 in the Catholic League. "We mixed up our calls well and had good movement into the ball because we don't want to always hit in one spot."

Lerg, a sophomore, added eight kills, while sophomore

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, B4**

## SIDELINES

### MU harriers 18th

The Madonna University women's cross country team placed 18th out of 24 schools in Friday's National Catholic Championship, held Friday at Notre Dame University's Golf Course in South Bend, Ind.

Junior Sarah Sherwood (Salem) was the top MU harrier, placing 11th overall in the 5,000-meter race with a time of 19 minutes, 20 seconds.

Other finishers for the Crusaders included: Kari Saarela (Livonia Franklin), 77th (20:54); Cassie Yarnell, 90th (21:12); Emma Czaplicki (Farmington), 114th (21:45); and Devan Walley (Franklin), 122nd (21:56).

Freshman Dan Pratt was MU's top male finisher, in 33rd with a time of 29:51 in the five-mile race, followed by teammates Tim Boes (Westland John Glenn), 39th (30:16), and Luke Mion, 59th (32:42).

The Crusaders are off until Oct. 3, when they compete in the Lansing Invitational.

### Blazers deadlock

On Tuesday, host Livonia Ladywood and Ann Arbor Greenhills battled to a 0-0 tie in a Michigan High School Girls Field Hockey League Division II encounter.

Ladywood senior goalie Marissa Ellsworth made three saves to record the shutout as the Blazers stand 4-3-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the division.

Junior Maya Price faced just one shot for the Gryphons, who are 1-2-3 overall and 0-0-3 in the division.

### Soccer fund-raiser

The Livonia City Soccer Club (LCSC) is teaming up with Max & Erma's at Laurel Park Place to raise funds for the community-based nonprofit organization.

Soccer fans and others should head to the restaurant Monday, Sept. 28, for lunch or dinner. Max & Erma's will donate 20 percent to the club of all proceeds of any guest who presents a special coupon at the time of ordering. Guests will not receive 20 percent off their bill.

Coupons can be downloaded from the LCSC Web site at [www.livoniacitysoccerclub.com](http://www.livoniacitysoccerclub.com), or are available at the soccer club offices inside Dickinson Center at 18000 Newburgh Road.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be used to keep the cost of playing soccer as low as possible for Livonia-area residents, as well as help pay for the purchase of soccer equipment for the club soccer fields at Dickinson.

## South Lyon East gets 2-2 draw vs. Spartans

Surprise, surprise.

Upstart South Lyon East tallied a pair of second-half goals to earn a 2-2 deadlock Tuesday night with Livonia Stevenson, last year's Division 1 state runner-up.

Stevenson led 1-0 at halftime on Tony Juncaj's assisted goal before the Cougars

### KLAA SOCCER

took a 2-1 advantage with pair of early second-half goals before Stevenson's Chase

Matson tied it off an assist from Camden Iwako.

Stevenson was coming off a 1-0 win Friday over Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, the No. 2-ranked team in Division 3.

"South Lyon East played a terrific, spirited, scrappy and team-driven game," said Stevenson coach Lars Richters, whose team is 3-4-3 overall and 1-2-2 in the KLAA's Central Division. "They came away with a well-earned tie and some of our struggles continue."

East is now 1-4-3 overall and 0-4-1 in the Central.

**CHURCHILL 2, JOHN GLENN 0:** Max Washko and Tim Devine hooked up for both goals Tuesday as host Livonia Churchill (10-0-1, 4-0-1) stopped stubborn Westland John Glenn (3-6, 2-3).

Washko's goal came in the opening half from Devine, who returned the favor from Washko in the second half.

Glenn goalkeeper Zach Redden stopped a penalty kick.

"Our entire team played very well — it's special to

Please see **SOCCER, B3**



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### Middle man

Clarenceville's Garek Hintzman (3) works the ball through the Orchard Lake St. Mary defense with Lance Miller (30) in pursuit. Clarenceville's Ardit Dushkaj (10) also converges on the play during Monday's match, which was suspended by inclement weather with 34:51 remaining. The host Trojans earned a 3-1 victory to improve to 5-3-1 overall. See more boys soccer on page B3.

## Eagle lands Osler O&E tourney title

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kirk Osler didn't have a birdie in Sunday's final round of the *Observer & Eccentric* men's golf tournament held at Whispering Willows.

But when the former Livonia Churchill High coach eagled the par-5, 489-yard No. 16, he pretty much knew he landed his first-ever O&E championship flight title.

"Those were my best two swings," said Osler, who now resides in Canton. "I hit a big drive and a 5-iron 200 yards to 12 feet. The putt was an 18-inch break. That was the clincher for me, in my mind."

Osler, a Bentley High grad who coached the Chargers from 1990 through 2001, posted rounds of 74-77-151 for a five-shot victory over Livonia Stevenson High senior Drew Mossoian, who carded identical rounds of 78-78-156 in the two-day event held at Livonia's adjoining city



PHOTO BY PAUL WORLEY

It was the Churchill High connection reunited Sunday in the *Observer & Eccentric* Men's Golf Open as former coach Kirk Osler (left) captured the Championship Flight and former player Leon Kashawic (right) took the First Flight title.

courses at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows.

Osler took home a first-place trophy and a \$400 gift certificate, while Mossoian garnered a runner-up trophy.

"After a rough start, I was glad to finish strong," said Osler, who stays golf sharp by playing for the Fellows Creek Publinx team. "I was pretty

Please see **GOLF, B3**

## Warriors fall to Northwest aerial attack

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With senior running back Ethan Haller back in the lineup, Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé saw glimpses of the football team he envisioned prior to the season.

### PREP FOOTBALL

But even Haller's return couldn't get the Warriors over the hump Saturday as visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest posted a 26-15 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win.

Lutheran Westland falls to 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the MIAC, while Northwest improves to 3-1 and 2-0.

And more importantly, Northwest retained the coveted piece of hardware called "Rusty" for the second straight year.

Haller, back in the lineup after sitting

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## MU women fall in OT, 1-0

Overtime proved to be unkind Saturday for the Madonna University women's soccer team.

After the two teams battled to a scoreless draw through regulation time, host Siena Heights University got a sudden death overtime goal by Noel Luther for a 1-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over Crusaders.

Gemma Cowperthwaite and Bridgette Scott set up the game-winner at the 95:37 mark as the Saints improved to 4-2-2 overall and 2-0-1 in the WHAC.

Goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth) made seven saves as the Crusaders fall to 2-6 and 1-3.

MU had just two shots on goal against Saints goalkeeper Haley Mancini.

## Schoolcraft College rolls in Toledo, 5-0

Dane Laird, Gavin Kelly, Ognen Stemenkovic, Andrew Koet and Drew Kidder each scored a goal Saturday as the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team rolled to a 5-0 whitewash of Owens Technical College in Toledo.

With the non-conference victory, Schoolcraft improves to 4-0-1 overall.

Andy Adlington (Farmington

### COLLEGE SOCCER

Hills Harrison) picked up a pair of assists and Ryan Lemasters, Joe Carver (Plymouth) and Masato Morioka (Northville) chipped in one apiece as the Ocelots opened up a 2-0 advantage at halftime before putting the game away with three goals in the final 45 minutes of play.

George Chomakov played solidly in the midfield and was instrumental in goalkeeper Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) notching the shutout. Motta made three saves.

**MADONNA 2, AQUINAS 2 (OT):** Defending Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion Madonna University (0-3-2, 0-2-1) is still searching for its first win following an overtime deadlock Saturday

against host Siena Heights University (3-3-2, 1-2-1) in Adrian.

Emilio Giorgi scored unassisted in the 34th minute and Eric Kiebert added a goal in the 57th minute off an assist from Mark Pikula to make it 2-1.

The Saints got goals from Shane Patterson (32nd minute) and Brad Lyons (67th minute).

MU goalkeeper Steve Besk made two saves, while George Suidan had four stops for Siena Heights.

# TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

## My favorite courses in Michigan

By David Graham

In my position as Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan, it is probably a politically incorrect position to express what golf courses make my personal list of favorites for obvious reasons. But like you, I do have favorites around the state of Michigan and I am willing to provide my two cents on the topic. This list is courses that if invited, I would make time in my schedule to play in a heartbeat. I must also state up front that I have not come close to playing all of the fantastic courses in this state. We are so fortunate to have so many great options. Also, I believe there is a bit of a halo effect on ones likability assessment based on how well one plays and scores at a particular course. I suspect that influence has impacted my selections. So this assessment is very subjective, and

while it will include some obvious courses on everybody's list, it probably is not your list. It does include both private and public facilities.

### Dave's Faves in alphabetical order:

- **Arcadia Bluffs** – spectacular links style course along Lake Michigan. As the wind blows, so will one's score. No. 17 is an awesome par 3 when played with a breeze in your face it can be particularly difficult to score.
- **Belvedere** – Tom Watson spent his summers on this gem in Charlevoix. No. 16 is a shorter par 4 with the green wedged into the side of a hill. Great fun particularly if the hole location is on the right side of the green. Beware of an overly aggressive putt.
- **Crystal Downs** – Alistair

Mackenzie design with support from Perry Maxwell recognized as one of the finest courses in America. No. 10 is a great par 4 that demands an approach shot kept below the hole. If not, 50/50 chances you may putt off the green.

• **Eagle Eye** – Newer course with a lot of great holes including an exact replica of the 17th at the TPC at Sawgrass (Island Green). One of my favorites is no. 15 which is a par 4 that has a raised green with severe slopes around with collection areas for any wayward shots.

• **Franklin Hills** – A great Donald Ross design. No. 2 is a superb par 4 with a severely slanted green... do not be above the hole on your approach shot if at all possible.

• **The Gables** – One of three courses at Lakewood Shores Resort, it is a very challenging links layout with hidden fairway pot bunkers throughout. Bring your "A" game

and you'll have a great time.

• **The Heathers at Boyne Highlands** – Robert Trent Jones design, no. 18 is a great risk reward hole that requires an approach shot over the lake for any realistic chance at a birdie finish.

• **Indianwood Old** – My home course, it plays different each day depending on the wind. No. 18 is a great finishing hole with a huge green. Putting over and around some of the buried elephants can be a challenge!

• **Kingsley Club** – Newer course receiving excellent national exposure. No. 9 is a modest par 3 until you get to the green. Unless you are below the cup you may have some interesting challenges. If chipping or pitching on from behind the green, good luck!

• **Meadowbrook** – Great set of green complexes throughout the course. No. 9 is a great shorter par 4

with a severely sloped green. Hands of a surgeon instead of a blacksmith will serve one well.

• **Oakland Hills South** – Spectacular host course to countless major championships as well as the Ryder Cup. No. 17 is a really cool par 3 uphill to a green surrounded by deep bunkers and equally challenging rough. A par on this hole is a great achievement.

The above is a sampling of the great courses in Michigan. If a friend should extend an invite to play any of the above, don't hesitate to accept and keep me in mind if you need someone to fill out your group.

David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan. Check for his Tee Time column every Thursday through September.

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# Livonia church ends 3-year search for a new pastor

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OSE STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Joel Puntigam took more than a few pies in the face for the Lord this past summer.

The new pastor of St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, in Livonia, created a weekly children's summer series, "Wacky Wednesdays" that included Bible lessons, singing, games and a mission challenge.

"We needed to build up the food pantry ... I told them if you bring two cans of food you get to throw a pie. There was shaving cream everywhere. We got pummeled," he said, describing the scene.

"We brought in a lot of food. We wanted to have fun, but also raise awareness."

A passion for youth ministry and community outreach were just two of the reasons the congregation — and its six-person pastor nominating committee — selected Rev. Puntigam to succeed the late Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson, who was killed in an auto accident three years ago.

The much loved and dynamic Noble-Richardson had led the congregation for 17 years. After her death, the congregation hired an interim pastor, the Rev. Phil Reed, to help the congregation through its grieving period so it could move on and begin the task of hiring her successor.

"You're going through this loss and you've got to find a person to carry on, knowing that the person won't be around for a long time," said Ray Green, a member of the pastor selection committee. "He (Reed) was trained in working with congregations in transition. He was a blessing to find at the time."

Green said that although change was difficult for some members who still grieve today, the congregation's deci-



the Rev. Joel Puntigam

sion by written vote to hire the Puntigam was unanimous.

## LONG JOURNEY

The process that led to his ministry at St. Timothy, which started July 1, took a year to complete. It began with the creation of a six-member team that first helped the congregation complete a self study.

"We had conversations with the congregation and broke into small groups and let them talk," said Jeanne Philips, a member of the selection committee. "We had note takers at every session. The study became part of a tool kit for what we might offer to a new pastor."

The study also helped the congregation understand what it wanted in a new pastor: a passion for mission and community outreach and an ability to work with children and grow the church's youth ministry.

## USING THE WEB

St. Timothy posted its information form on a Presbytery Web site so that ministers seeking new positions could find out about the church. In turn, the selection committee could view individual candi-

date information forms.

"The Presbytery puts us through a matching process," Green said. It's the first step in screening a multitude of candidates.

"We probably read 125 personal information forms," he added. "You kind of let the Lord lead you through the process."

The committee, which met several times weekly for a year, whittled the information forms to two, then asked the finalists to attend off-site meetings for dinner and free-flowing conversation.

The group invited Puntigam to preach the next Sunday.

## DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

"I personally felt the Lord speak to me and tell me this was the guy," Green said. "It was one of the most rewarding processes I'd ever been through in my life. To know you had a hand in picking your spiritual leader is great."

Puntigam, who is married and has a 5-year-old daughter, left a church in Port Huron for his new congregation.

With a strong foundation in Scripture, Puntigam was drawn to St. Timothy's desire for a strong Biblical leader. Since becoming its pastor nearly three months ago, he developed the Wacky Wednesday summer series for children and began "Midweek Mania," a family program with rotating themes that involve art, music, skits, games and mission.

He hopes to make St. Timothy "more visible" in the community by strengthening its outreach.

"A church is placed in a specific location for a reason. My goal is to ask what is your need and how can we meet your needs? If a church just pleases its members it's not a good church. We can't be a country club."

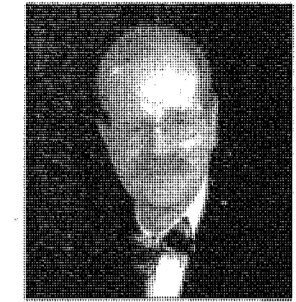
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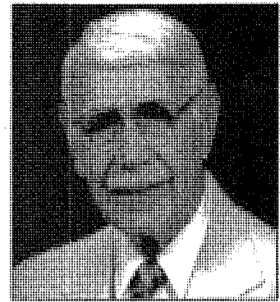
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DAVID KENNING BRICHFORD

Who was born in Detroit on September 2, 1958, lost his courageous battle with the cancer-melanoma, on September 20, 2009. Those who survive him include his wife, Karen (Peterson); daughter, Meredy; parents, Thomas and Carol (Fliedner); brothers, Mark (Debra) and William; and sister, Nancy Myers (David). Also surviving are his nephews and nieces: Karl, Kelsey and Kenning Brichford and Natalie, Elizabeth, Jack, Lauren and Andrew Myers. David graduated from Redford Union High School in 1976 and received his degree in Architecture from Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1980. He was employed by Chase Bank for the past 22 years. His love of bicycling resulted in the formation of the Redford Township Unicycle Club, in which he and his family remained active all of his life. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Farmington where he often sang solos with choirs and played bells in the Carillon Choir. His art talent led him in many directions; most recently, basketry and water colors. While his family was always first in his life, he had numerous interests that included jokes and puns, computers, sports, juggling, gardening and a love for animals. He was an avid collector and was known for his baseball caps and bow ties. Donations in his memory may be made to First United Methodist Church of Farmington, Farmington Community Library or Karmanos Hospice. Funeral service Thursday, 11:00 a.m. (In-state 10 a.m.) at First United Methodist Church of Farmington 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)



HAROLD W. LONGYEAR, M.D.

Died Sept. 15, 2009

GLEN ARBOR - Dr. Harold Wilbur Longyear, 95, died Sept. 15, 2009 at his Glen Arbor home. He was a loving husband, wise father, loyal friend, and an inspiration to many throughout his life. He exemplified honor, integrity, educational excellence, and family devotion. Harold was born in Detroit on Oct. 1, 1913. He grew up in Detroit where he enjoyed sports and Boy Scouts. Through camp stories and songs, he shared his Eagle Scout experiences with family at bonfires on the beach. Harold served in the Army Medical Corps in WWII. Members of his unit, the 40th Station Hospital, remained lifelong friends. His engaging war stories of Africa, Corsica and Italy filled many family gatherings. He attended college and medical school at Wayne State University and University of Michigan. He was a lifelong Wolverine fan and a charter member of the Victors Club. He began his medical practice in OB/GYN in Detroit and moved to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak when it opened. He was a prominent physician and surgeon; taught at Wayne State University Medical School, served as Department Chief of OB/GYN and Chief of Staff at Beaumont. He lived in Bloomfield for 35 years and was a charter member of the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church. After retiring from medicine at 70, he moved to Leelanau County while spending part of the winters in Naples and Sarasota, Florida. With a lively sense of humor Harold thoroughly enjoyed life. Family and friends, sports, travel and a lifetime of learning provided him with many interests. He was the loving husband of Marian (Ryckman) Longyear for 70 years; cherished father of Sylvia Heggen, Charlotte Tharp and Howard W. Longyear (wife, Leah); grandfather to nine grandchildren, Kristyn McKendrick (husband, Andrew), Eric Heggen (deceased), Jonathan Heggen, Timothy Tharp, Stephen Tharp, Kimberly Tharp, Beckee Tharp, Alexander Longyear, Hamilton Longyear and four great grandchildren, Lindsay McKendrick, Gavin McKendrick, Cameron McKendrick, James McKendrick. A Memorial Service celebrating his life will be at Glen Lake Community Reformed Church in Glen Arbor on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. Memorial donations may be directed to the Salvation Army, PO Box 5228, Traverse City, MI, 49696-5228. Please share thoughts and memories with Dr. Longyear's family on their online guestbook at [www.legacy.com/record-eagle/](http://www.legacy.com/record-eagle/). Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay.



JANET H. RICHWINE

Age 79, of Sun City Center, Florida, passed away peacefully at her home on September 19, 2009. She was born in Detroit, MI, and forged two careers, one as a legal secretary for 26 years and one as the owner of Lumber Mart of Plymouth for 18 years. She was also a secretary at the Standard Tube Company. Janet served three terms as president of the Business and Professional Women's Club in Michigan, and has been listed in Who's Who of American Women. Janet became a Rotarian in 1991, when she joined the Rotary Club of Sun City Center, Florida. She has since attended club meetings in more than 85 countries. She served as president of her club in 1997-98 and assistant governor of District 6890 in 1998-99. A strong supporter of PolioPlus, chairman of her Rotary Club's Foundation committee and charter member of the Arch Klump Society of Rotary International. She was a world traveler, having made seven trips around the world and dozens of cruises. She was a sponsor of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts and a supporter of many major charities. Her most favorite times were with family and friends, enjoying fine dining and conversation. She was an avid sports fan, particularly of the University of Michigan, Tampa Bay Rays and the Detroit Red Wings and attended many games. In honor of her late husband, Perry W. Richwine, she donated a law facility to Michigan State University, College of Law. The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center was given a beautiful chapel complete with organ. Her joy in life was to participate and contribute to her community and be a positive inspiration to all. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Perry W. Richwine and Walter J. Roberts, and her daughter, Ilona Roberts. Janet is survived by a loving family and a host of friends, four children, Walter J. Roberts, Jr. and his wife, Peggy, Allison J. Sassak and her husband, Mark, Bradfield Roberts and Samuel J. Roberts and his wife, Elia, four grandchildren, Kelly, Kyle and Katlin Roberts and Rachel Mastroianni, a brother, James Mazei and his wife, Judi, two nieces, Tami Wagner and Melissa Sawyers, three great grandsons, Angelo, Enzo and Rocco Mastroianni, three step daughters, Mary Louise, Dorothy and Betty, and her best friend, Robert B. Temple aka "Biffle." Funeral services were held at 4pm on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at Sun City Center Funeral Home, 1851 Rickenbacker Drive, Sun City Center, Florida. The family received friends one hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home. There will also be a service on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at 11am, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan. Visitation Friday 4-9pm, also at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rotary International Foundation or the Plymouth Historical Society. Share memories at: [schrader-howell.com](http://schrader-howell.com).

## In Memory Of

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April 18, 1955-Sept. 29, 2008

We continue to look to you for all our help. With all our love! Your husband, son, brothers, sister & Mom.

### WANDA MARY SOUBLY

94, formerly of Livonia and Detroit, MI passed away September 2, 2009 in Peoria, AZ. Mrs. Soubly was born on May 19, 1915 in Minneapolis, MN. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gus, and survived by son Gerald (Sharon), daughters Jacqueline Bennett, Rosemary (Gary) Dryden, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Wanda was a welder on B-29 airplanes during WWII and later worked at Ford Motor Co. and in real estate. She was a member of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, Polish American Club, active in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and many other organizations. A prayer service will be held Saturday, Sept 26th, 11am at St. Hedwig Cemetery-Mausoleum, 23755 Military Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI. Memorials can be sent to Alzheimer's Assoc, 1028 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85006.

## ARDITH FISCHER

September 18, 2009 age 86 of Plymouth. Loving wife of the late Harold. Dear mother of Harold E. Jr. (Billie), Mark R. (Joan) and Grant G. (Helen). Also survived by six grandchildren. Memorial visitation Monday 5-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Beck & Sheldon Rd.) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the P.E.O. foundation 3700 Grand Ave. Des Moines, Iowa 50312. To express condolences, or share a memory, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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## Piano prodigy

Ten-year-old pianist Anastasia Rizikov will perform 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Anastasia began piano lessons at age 5 and two years later became a first place winner at The Vladimir Horowitz International Young Pianists competition in Kiev, Ukraine, where she represented Canada. She has won first place in nine other Canadian music competitions. The concert is free, although a free-will offering will be accepted to support St. John's concert series, Resounding Art in a Sacred Space. Call (734) 453-0190.

## Lutheran synod installs new bishop

The Lutheran Community of the Southeast Michigan Synod will install the Rev. Stephen Gary Marsh at its fifth bishop Saturday, Sept. 26, at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 2080 W. Grand Boulevard, in Detroit.

Events will include a Circle of Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. where local dignitaries and well wishers will gather to honor Bishop Marsh. The 2 p.m. installation service is open to the public. "It is a humbling and amazing act of God. This opportunity has been created by



the Rev. Stephen Gary Marsh

God to begin to build some real bridges across racial, theological and cultural divisions that are inherent in our region," Marsh said, describing his ministry opportunity. "This synod is part of one of the most segregated metropolitan areas in the country. We have an opportunity to realize the vision of the love of Christ

redeeming and empowering all people. We have an opportunity for the people in the suburbs, exurbs, and rural areas of our synod to hear, experience, and provide hospitality to the kind of preaching, teaching and theological perspectives that have usually not been experienced by the congregations of our synod."

The Southeast Michigan Synod is made up of 66,000 members, 128 congregations throughout 10 counties. For more information visit [www.metrodetroitelca.org](http://www.metrodetroitelca.org).

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# Westland-Garden City Strictly Business

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Mark Schneider, Scott Shipe and Chuck Savage of the Chuck A. Savage Painting Co. specialize in interior and exterior commercial, residential and architectural painting.

## Company keeps walls looking good

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

We are a state licensed and insured painting company. Our services include power washing, interior and exterior painting, staining and plaster and drywall repair. We use and highly recommend Sherwin-Williams products.

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

At our company we set high standards for the quality of our work whether we are doing new plaster work, glazing, traditional and European faux finishing, gliding or carpentry work.

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

It was because of a strong desire to paint. I felt that I could personally offer good work at competitive pricing. As time went on, we went from

### CHARLES A. SAVAGE PAINTING CO.

**Business name:** Charles A. Savage Painting Co.

**Business address:** Westland  
**Your name and title:** Charles Savage, owner

**Your hometown:** Westland

**Business opened when:** 1979

**Number of employees:** 3

**Your business specialty:** Painting interior and exterior - commercial, residential and architectural

**Hours of operation:** 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Business phone:** (734) 525-9079, also listed in the AT&T Yellow Pages

strictly residential work to also servicing the commercial and architectural areas of painting.

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

My family has lived in Westland since 1980. I have been a great place to reside in and work. What started out as painting in the Wayne County area has, through the years expanded to servicing Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

**Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

I went on an estimate and the homeowner wanted to know what could be added to the paint to keep the woodpecker away from the wood trim on the house. I told her that you don't put additives into the paint. What had to be done was to replace the rotten wood, trim and paint it. She took our company on the spot over others for knowing what to do to get the job done correctly.

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Travel show

Party Animal Travel and Maplewood Community Center are presenting the 2009-2010 free travel show. The presentation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman in Garden City. Seniors love the discounted motor coach tours as well as the multi-day vacations. Come meet some

of the top travel suppliers, casinos and area theatres. The event is free, but due to the large crowds last year, reservations are requested at (734) 525-9777. In addition to the presentations, prizes and trips will be raffled off. Party Animal Travel is located at 6561 Middlebelt, Garden City.

#### Skating special

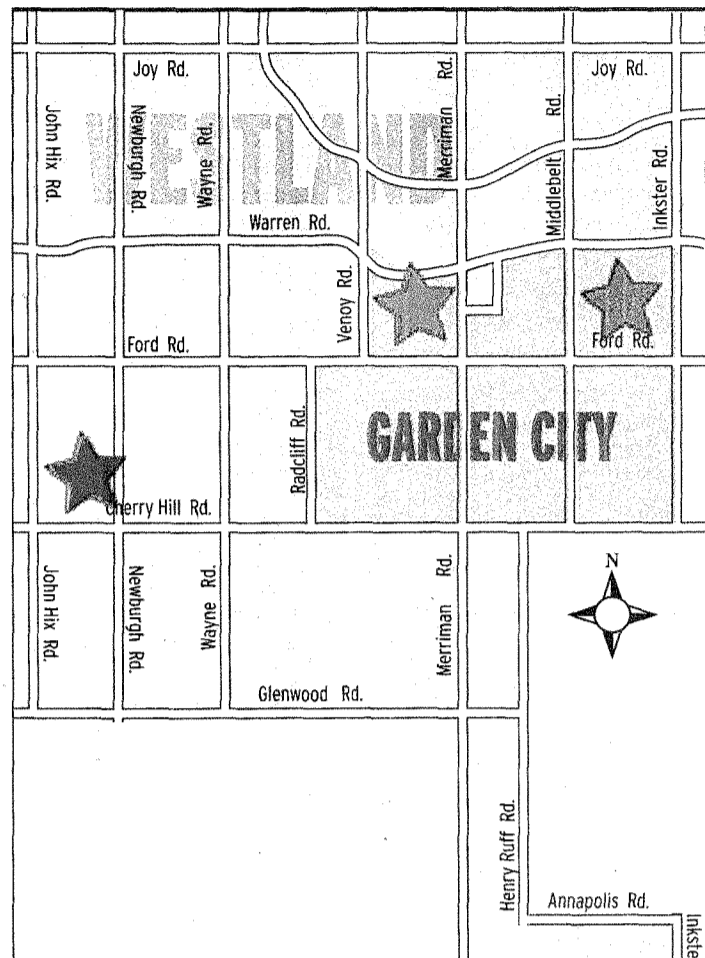
Skateland West, at 37550 Cherry Hill just west of Newburgh in Westland, is having a canned good food drive to help local families in need this upcoming holiday season. The food drive will start Sunday, Oct. 4, and will continue to be held every Sunday in October during Skateland West's 1:30-4 p.m. afternoon skating session. For every skater who brings in a canned good, admission will be \$1. Regular admission is \$5. Skate rental is \$1.50, inline rental \$5. All canned goods will be donated to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. For more information, call (734) 326-2800.

#### Model search

Sunburst USA will hold a Baby Contest and Star Search on Saturday, Oct. 3, at Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road at Wayne Road. The contest, for children up to age three, will be held at 11 a.m. with those 4-27 years of age starting at 11:45 a.m. You may enter one hour before the contest starts. Pick up an entry form at the center now or visit the Sunburst Web site at [www.modelsearchcontest.com](http://www.modelsearchcontest.com).

#### Golf outing

Back by popular demand with a new twist is the Fall Golf Outing on Thursday, Oct. 8, at Fellow Creek Golf Course, 2936 Lotz, Canton, being held in jointly with Garden City, Redford, Dearborn Heights, and Wayne and Westland Chambers. This is a "no frills, no fuss" day, just come and have a great time, with no pressure. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m., plus 18 holes of golf, three beers and lunch at the turn for \$60. For



more information, call the Westland Chamber at (734) 326-7222 or the Garden City Chamber at (734) 422-4448. This is a great opportunity to network on the course.

#### Market seminar

The last seminar of the Garden City Farmers Market season will be held Wednesday, Oct. 14, and if you're wondering what the topic will be, just think orange - big and orange. Art

aRound Town is sponsoring creative pumpkin carvings at the 10:30 a.m. seminar. The market is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday now through Oct. 28 and is located on the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. For more information, call the Garden City Chamber at (734) 422-4448.

**USPS trip saver**  
Need stamps? Have something to mail? You can do it while picking up prescriptions or buying gas and munchies. Several businesses in Westland, Garden City and Canton, you can buy stamps, pick up USPS packaging and ship domestic and international packages. The services are available 24 hours a day at the Garden City Fuel Mart, 7010 Middlebelt, Garden City, and the Haggerty and Joy Mobil, 8773 Haggerty in Canton, and during business hours at Richardsons Pharmacy, 42433 Ford, Canton, and the Westland Party Store, 27830 Warren Road between Middlebelt and Inkster in Westland. All Meijer locations also provide the service 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week.

### ONGOING

#### Mask fitting clinics

Attention CPAP and BiPAP users, did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Now on staff

Dr. Jeffrey Cramblett has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital.

Dr. Cramblett is a member of the American Podiatric Medical Association, the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association and the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. He practices at Livonia Foot Surgeons, located at 28477 W. Seven Mile in Livonia, and 29055 Ford, Garden City.

Dr. Cramblett received his medical education from Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences. He completed a podiatric residency at Botsford Hospital, where he served as



Cramblett

chief resident.

Botsford Hospital, an independent 330-bed community teaching hospital in Farmington Hills, Mich., was founded in 1965. For more information, visit Botsford's Web site at [www.botsford.org](http://www.botsford.org).

### Help for job seekers

In honor of Build a Better Image Week Sept. 20-26, job seekers can stop by the PostalAnnex+ of Livonia and send their resumes via fax for free. "This is our way of showing our commitment to the local business community," said David Holt, owner of the business services provider. We want professionals in the area to have the resources they need to succeed at their fingertips.

Holt added that although faxing alone may not be the best way to contact an employer, using a faxed resume as part of an overall, comprehensive com-

munication strategy can be quite effective.

"The appearance of a resume - from its layout to its method of delivery - can make or break an employer's decision to further investigate the candidate," added Holt. "Job seekers simply should not assume that their current resume is sufficient. That type of passive approach only increases the risk that their credentials will get lost in the shuffle."

PostalAnnex+ offers services ranging from document binding to laminating to the building of customizable Web site templates. Whether you're a budding entrepreneur or a seasoned business professional, the location has a wide range of offerings that can be used to enhance your business image. For more information about PostalAnnex+ of Livonia, located at 33523 Eight Mile Road A-3. Call (248) 471-4144.

## ProBatter gives players 'accurate' training

Baseball and softball players throughout the Detroit area have good reason to celebrate with the recent acquisition of the breakthrough ProBatter pitching simulator at Skill Builder Batter's Box in Westland. Dedicated to developing ballplayers of every performance level, the center is designed to provide hands-on training for age 7 to senior citizens.

Used by major league teams, including the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, New York Mets, Cleveland Indians, Pittsburgh Pirates and Cincinnati Reds, the ProBatter system combines the latest video and computer technology to almost perfectly duplicate the experience of facing live pitching. Offering a jaw-dropping simulation of reality, the unit can sharpen hitting skills better than any other pitching

machine available.

Skill Builder Batter's Box caters to ballplayers, providing each student with sound fundamentals and a thorough understanding of the game.

"We've already received tremendous feedback on the ProBatter system," said Ed Condon, owner of Skill Builder Batter's Box. "Baseball is a very difficult game to master and ProBatter really helps batters with their fundamentals. Timing is the key to hitting success and the simulator allows them to face the equivalent of live pitching - something that has not been possible with ordinary pitching machines. ProBatter is actually better than a human batting practice pitcher in many ways. It's much more accurate and it never gets tired."

The ProBatter system allows a hitter to face the life-sized

image of a real pitcher winding up (or throwing from a stretch) and delivering a pitch on a video screen. An actual baseball is fired through a small hole in the screen by a computer-controlled pitching module to astonishingly realistic effect.

Skill Builder Batter's Box opened last year as the go-to facility for serious baseball and softball training in the area. The 9,700 square-foot indoor center offers seven hitting tunnels, including one dedicated to the ProBatter system, and two lanes configurable for pitching, tee-work and fielding drills. In addition, the facility provides hitters with the ability to breakdown their swing with the ProMirror video analysis system.

Skill Builder Batter's Box is located at 37828 Ford, Westland. For more information, call (734) 776-0458 or visit [www.skillbuilderbattersbox.com](http://www.skillbuilderbattersbox.com).

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# Altered lineup works for Schoolcraft

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team responded to some recent lineup changes by turning in a stellar performance last weekend at the Shannon McBride Tournament in Kirtland, Ohio.

The Lady Ocelots, now 15-5 overall, went all the way to the finals before losing to the Vincennes University (Ind.) JV squad, 25-16, 25-1.

Schoolcraft reached the

## COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

championship match with a 25-18, 25-18, 15-13 win over Lake Michigan Community College.

In pool play, they also scored victories over Lorain (Ohio) County CC (25-14, 25-15); Niagara (N.Y.) County CC (25-16, 20-25, 15-13); Notre Dame (Ohio) College JV twice (25-13, 25-11 and 25-12, 25-15), Sinclair (Ohio) CC, (25-22, 25-17).

Sophomore Jennifer Brunink had a total of 52 kills and 37

digs on the weekend, while freshman Kayla Creech added 31 kills and 18 digs.

Sophomore setter Brittany Denter collected 132 assist-to-kills, while Emily Bronkema chipped in 26 kills, four aces and 11 digs.

Denter and Brunink were both selected to the All-Tournament Team.

"After our loss on Tuesday at St. Clair, we wanted to try to make our team more versatile," Schoolcraft coach Rich Lamb said. "We moved a couple of

people around in practice on Wednesday and then played with different lineups all weekend. The team responded well.

"We knew that the weekend was going to be a long tournament, so we were trying to play as efficiently as possible. We were able to get to the finals, but ran out of steam against Vincennes.

"I thought that Kayla Creech and Jasmine Calhoun made great strides in their play this weekend," Lamb went on. "For Jasmine, it was her first signifi-

cant playing time of the season. Her height and length (6-3) really alters how teams have to attack us and improves our defense tremendously. Kayla really excelled on her offense, having her best series of matches during this tournament."

Last Thursday, Schoolcraft knocked off visiting Henry Ford C, 25-17, 25-10, 25-22, as Brunink spearheaded the win with eight kills and 13 digs. Bronkema added seven kills as the Ocelots improved to 6-1 in the MCCAAs Eastern Conference.

**MADONNA 3, DAVENPORT 2:** It took five games Tuesday night before host Madonna University (15-1, 4-0) downed Davenport University (7-8, 1-2) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match, 25-10, 26-24, 23-25, 14-25, 15-11.

Mary McGinnis led the NAIA ninth-ranked Crusaders with 20 kills, while Katie Czarnecki added 11. Setter Inta Grinvalds collected 44 assists and 11 digs, while Amanda Koszela finished with a team-high 18 digs.

Kassie Graves led the Panthers with 15 kills, while Courtney DePriest added 19 digs. Setter Kayla Vandermolen had 42 assists.

## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**MICHIGAN STATE SPARTAN INVITATIONAL PREP CROSS COUNTRY MEET RESULTS Sept. 18 at Forest Akers (East Course)**

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Elite Division):** 1. Saline, 161 points; 2. East Grand Rapids, 176; 3. Grosse Pointe South, 181; 4. Troy, 190; 5. Pinckney, 212; 6. Livonia Churchill, 238; 7. Traverse City Central, 244; 8. Rockford, 276; 9. Grand Ledge, 277; 10. Grand Rapids Christian, 296; 24. Livonia Franklin, 524 (24 schools).

**Individual winner:** Megan Goethals (Rochester), 17:22 (5,000 meters).

**Churchill finishers:** 2. Sara Kroll, 17:52; 43. Bethany Pilat, 19:54; 51. Kerigan Riley, 20:09; 70. Sydney Anderson, 20:28; 72. Amanda Southwell, 20:30; 99. Tiffany Raisanen, 21:04; 144. Alexis Hickson, 22:12.

**Franklin finishers:** 12. Megan McPherson, 18:44; 97. Tiffany Lambie, 21:03; 104. Brittany Dilley, 21:12; 155. Megan Wickens, 22:31; 156. Ashley Davidson, 22:41; 159. Malory Church, 22:56; 160. Leslie Gomez, 23:01.

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Elite Division):** 1. Pinckney, 124; 2. Troy, 159; 3. Saginaw Heritage, 168; 4. Saline, 170; 5. Rockford, 191; 6. Cincinnati (Ohio) LaSalle, 209; 7. Strongsville (Ohio), 219; 8. Temperance Bedford, 231; 9. Milford, 276; 10. Kettering (Ohio) Fairmont, 320; 26. Livonia Churchill, 581 (26 schools).

**Individual winner:** Michael Althoch (Troy), 15:38 (5,000 meters).

**Churchill finishers:** 47. Tom Windle, 17:03; 101. Quinn Osgood, 17:41; 120. Ryan Wise, 17:57; 156. Ryan Keeling, 18:42; 157. Cody Rossler, 18:43; 163. Stephen Charnley, 18:53; 175. Michael Greer, 19:59.

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Green Division):** 1. Novi, 86; 2. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern, 152; 3. Okemos, 163; 4. Northville, 194; 5. East Lansing, 258; 6. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, 261; 7. Caladonia, 265; 8. Midland Dow, 301; 9. St. Joseph, 332; 10. Dexter, 337; 33. Livonia Franklin, 823 (42 schools).

**Individual winner:** Ian Hancke (Haslett), 16:09 (5,000 meters).

**Franklin finishers:** 74. Nik Gherardini, 17:48; 84. Bobby Wilson, 17:55; 190. Joe Steckle, 19:04; 235. John Ferreira, 19:49; 243. Ryan Derry, 19:58; 263.

**NEW BOSTON HURON INVITATIONAL Sept. 18 at Willow Metropark**

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 3):** 1. Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, 45 points; 2. Erie Mason, 48; 3. Ida, 50; 8. Lutheran Westland, 208 (nine schools).

**Individual winner:** Nick Smith (Ida), 16:29.

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 32. Josh Kirk, 19:35; 37. Daniel Bunge, 20:05; 39. Jeremy Kohtz, 20:19; 4. Peter Sillanpaa, 22:10; 3. 60. Philip Wette, 22:16; 61. Cale Kempf, 22:37; 64. Eric Smith, 23:33.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 3):** 1. Ida, 31; 2. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 70; Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, 92; 4. Vandercook Lake, 96; 5. Lutheran Westland, 125 (nine schools).

**Individual winner:** Brittany Slinker (Dundee), 20:37.

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 7. Sarah Maynard, 21:49; 6. Erin Lyle, 22:48; 7. 25. Brittany Maynard, 23:45; 42. Ashley Pniewski, 25:03; 2; 46. Lindsey Smith, 25:27; 54. Jessica Drite, 26:38; 2; 57. Angela Morrison, 28:05.8.

**BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 20 WAYNE MEMORIAL 37 Sept. 22 at John Glenn**

**Individual winner:** Jason Suarez (John Glenn), 19:05 (5,000 meters).

**Other Glenn finishers:** 2. Ruben Maya, 20:00; 4. Mike Dalton, 21:01; 5. Ryan Boes, 21:04; 8. Keven Wacker, 22:38; 10. Chris Jones, 23:22.

**Wayne finishers:** 3. Darryl Ison, 20:22; 6. Tyler Gendron, 21:53; 7. Darren Homberg, 22:27; 9. Ryan Stamper, 23:00; 13. Quinton Davis, 25:27.

**Dual meet records:** 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 1-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAs South.

**PLYMOUTH 19 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 50 Sept. 22 at Nankin Mills**

**Franklin finishers:** 4. Bobby Wilson, 17:39; 5. Nik Gherardini, 17:48; 8. Joe Steckel, 18:40; 17. Zach Belanger, 20:09; 17. John Ferreira, 20:14; 18. Kevin Meloche, 20:19; 20. Josh Beesmer, 20:59.

**Franklin's dual meet record:** 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAs South Division.

**GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS**

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 15 CANTON 46 Sept. 22 at Cass Benton Park**

**Individual winner:** Sara Kroll (Churchill), 18:56 (5,000 meters).

**Other Churchill finishers:** 2. Kerigan Riley, 20:10; 3. Bethany Pilat, 20:24; 4. Sydney Anderson, 20:58; 5. Amanda Southwell, 21:13; 7. Katie Rash, 21:46; 10. Alexis Hickson, 22:06.

**Canton finishers:** Bianca Kubicki, 21:34; 8. Rachel Rohrbach, 21:50; 9. Emily Southern, 21:57; 11. Abigail Gorzalski, 22:12; 12. Katie Grimes, 22:44; 13. Rachel Brunk, 23:42; 14. Hailee Aziz, 23:46.

**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAs South Division; Canton, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs South.

**PLYMOUTH 29 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 30 Sept. 22 at Nankin Mills**

**Individual winner:** Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19:26 (5,000 meters).

**Plymouth finishers:** 3. Paula Green, 20:37; 4. 5. Nicole Traites, 21:16; 3. 6. Julie Forster, 21:18; 7. Britta Swanson, 21:23; 7. 8. Kelly Hahn, 21:42; 5; 9. Julie Hahn, 22:22; 2. 10. Tricia Pniewski, 22:30.3.

**Other Franklin finishers:** 2. Tiffany Lambie, 20:34; 5. 4. Brittany Dilley, 20:48; 9; 11. Megan Wickens, 22:39; 12. Ashley Davidson, 22:56; 13. Jane Modes, 22:58; 14. Kelly Walblay, 23:07.8.

**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAs South.

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 17 WAYNE MEMORIAL 43 Sept. 22 at John Glenn**

**Individual winner:** Ashley Bailey (John Glenn), 22:46 (5,000 meters).

**Other Glenn finishers:** 2. Kirsten Smith, 23:05; 3. Abbey Wright, 24:05; 5. Cassie Sanders, 24:46; 6. Evi Cenolli, 25:14; 7. Mary Dreher, 25:39; 9. Courtney MacQuarrie, 26:42; 10. Audra Flores, 27:25; 12. Megan King, 35:34.

**Wayne finishers:** 4. Holland Boertje, 24:39; 8. Jennifer McCaffery, 25:49; 11. Rochelle Woods, 33:56; 13. Heather Nefsey, 36:02; 14. Cydney Ball, 37:59.

**Dual meet records:** John Glenn, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 0-4 overall, 0-2 KLAAs South.

# Chargers net Adrian title

Livonia Churchill swept four doubles flights Saturday en route to the Adrian Invitational boys tennis title.

The Chargers scored a team-high 14 points followed by runner-up Pinckney (10) and the host Maples (0).

Churchill's doubles champions included senior Rushi Patel and freshman Joseph Mulka, No. 1; junior Ryan Zuccarini and senior Fred Beshara, No.

2; juniors Ryan McPherson and Eric Stromberg, No. 3; and junior Kyle Appel and Mike Inglis, No. 4.

In singles, Churchill's Ziwen Deng, a senior, and Mike Houghan, a junior, took the No. 2 and 3 flights, respectively.

Pinckney's Ryan Romano (No. 1) and Nick Julet (No. 4) captured the other singles crowns.

**DUAL MEET RESULTS MILFORD 9, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0 Sept. 22 at Wayne**

**No. 1 singles:** Scott Poirier (M) defeated Brandon Harnos, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 2:** Brad Peters (M) def. Michael Gabriel, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 3:** Zach Johnson (M) def. Zach Williamson, 6-2, 7-5; **No. 4:** Chris Grove (M) def. Michael Battaglia, 6-2, 6-1.

**No. 1 doubles:** John Durso-Chris Zaremba (M) def. Zach Lankton-Stephen Gush, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2; **No. 2:** Kyle Alverson-T.J. Melinowski (M) def. Josh Estep-C.J. Kulas, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Jake Shaeffer-Mitch Thome (M) def. Stephen McNamara-Josh Higgs, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 4:** David Hock-Jake Sakkinen (M) def. Micheil Hood-Ahlishke Roy, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 5:** Evan Gordon-Jeff Martini, 6-3, 6-0.

**Wayne's dual match record:** 0-7 overall.

## VOLLEYBALL

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Elena Lamping contributed six kills and four blocks. Bodien, a junior, had 35 assist-to-kills.

The Marlins, who had six "pancake" plays, also hit the floor with regularity with junior libero Brooke Ruffolo leading the defense with 34 digs.

"I guess you can say we're small and mighty," Vogel said. "We don't have a lot of size, so we have to have precise defensive skills. And with our hitting, we have to learn how to

use it off the block."

Ladywood's top three kills leaders combined — Katy Rooney (10), Claire Dezelski (seven) and McKenzie Kettner (seven) — could only equal the output of Doyle (24 kills).

"She's a great player," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "She single-handedly dismantled our defense. She rolls shots off the block, hits hard and keeps us on our heels.

"They're a good defensive team and they're consistent. They don't make errors. We stayed with them the first two games, but the third game we

started pressing and making errors."

Ladywood setter Jennifer Rhodes finished with 31 assists, while Kettner and junior libero Courtney Smith added 18 and 14 digs, respectively.

"We did play them tougher," said Craggs, whose team falls to 15-9 overall and 1-1 in the Catholic League. "We played more of our game and passed well. We've just got to get more consistent. I thought (Katy) Rooney stepped up and played well tonight."

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## GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

**GROSSE ILE INVITATIONAL GIRLS GOLF RESULTS Sept. 19 at West Shore Golf & C.C.**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Brighton, 329 strokes; 2. Rochester, 336; 3. Saline, 342; 4. Birmingham Seaholm, 353; 5. East Lansing, 355; 6. Grosse Ile, 356; 7. Northville, 357; 8. Holt, 358; 9. Temperance Bedford, 360; 10. Hartland, 362; 20. Livonia Churchill, 404 (23 schools).

**Individual medalist:** Mariah Massa (Holt), 74.

**Churchill scorers:** 57. Jordyn Shepler, 95; 64. Jackie Burdette, 97; 77. Stephanie Panareto, 99; 105. Maggie McGowan, 113; 111.

Shelby Longworth, 118.

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 200 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 215 Sept. 21 at Whispering Willows**

**Churchill scorers:** Jordyn Shepler and Jackie Burdette, 48 each (tri-medalist); Stephanie Panareto, 51; Maggie McGowan and Shelby Longworth, 53 each; Marigo McClain, 67.

**Franklin scorers:** Georgia Patrick, 48 (tri-medalist); Alexis Smith, 53; Mariah Barcus, 54; Mackenzie Meyers, 60; Haley Szpara, 67; Lauren Beahon, 68.

**Dual match records:** Churchill, 6-1 overall,

6-1 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 3-5 overall, 2-5 KLAAs South.

**NORTHVILLE 180 LIVONIA STEVENSON 212 Sept. 21 at Fox Creek G.C.**

**Northville scorers:** Stephanie Sakoratis, 40 (medalist); Camilla Zhao, 46; Jackie Kholheide and Emily Folland, 47 each.

**Stevenson scorers:** Dana Smith, 49; Brynn Cavanaugh, 52; Becca Bubenheimer, 55; Sarah King, 56.

**Dual match records:** Northville, 6-0 KLAAs Central Division; Stevenson, 1-6 overall, 1-6 KLAAs Central.

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Week 5

**Friday, Sept. 25**  
 Redford Union (2-2, 2-0) at Dearborn Heights Annapolis (3-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.  
 Garden City (0-4, 0-2) at Redford Thurston (3-1, 2-0), 7 p.m.  
 North Farmington (1-3, 1-3) at Hazel Park (3-1, 2-0), 7 p.m.  
 Birmingham Seaholm (0-4, 0-3) at Farmington (2-2, 2-2), 7 p.m.  
 Farmington Harrison (4-0, 3-0) at Birmingham Groves (0-4, 0-3), 7 p.m.  
 A.H. Oakland Christian (0-4, 0-2) at Lutheran Westland (0-4, 0-2), 7 p.m.  
 Macomb Lutheran North (1-3, 0-0) at Livonia Clarenceville (1-3, 1-2), 7 p.m.  
 Livonia Churchill (1-3, 0-2) at Plymouth (3-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth Canton (4-0, 2-0) at Wayne (2-2, 0-2), 7 p.m.  
 Westland John Glenn (3-1, 1-1) at Livonia Franklin (3-1, 2-0), 7 p.m.  
 Northville (3-1, 2-0) at Livonia Stevenson (2-2, 2-0), 7 p.m.  
 South Lyon East (0-4, 0-2) at Plymouth Salem (0-4, 0-2), 7 p.m.

Brad Emmons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
Union	Union	Union	Union
Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
North	Hazel Park	Hazel Park	Hazel Park
Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Westland	Westland	Westland	Westland
Clarenceville	Lutheran North	Clarenceville	Lutheran North
Churchill	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Franklin	Franklin	John Glenn	Franklin
Stevenson	Stevenson	Northville	Stevenson
Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem
<b>11-2 (.846)</b>	<b>13-0 (1.000)</b>	<b>11-2 (.846)</b>	<b>11-2 (.846)</b>
<b>39-15 (.722)</b>	<b>42-12 (.778)</b>	<b>34-20 (.630)</b>	<b>44-10 (.815)</b>

FOOTBALL

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out six weeks with a hip fracture, rushed for a team-best 70 yards on 19 carries. But the Warriors couldn't stop Northwest's aerial attack, which accounted for 218 of the Crusaders' 254 total yards. "They (Northwest) took advantage of our mistakes and we did not take advantage of theirs," said Gusé, whose Warriors held Northwest to a mere 36 yards rushing in 21 attempts. "It's back to the drawing board. We just have to come back next week and see what happens. Other than the blown coverages, we weren't that bad." Brian Deel recovered a Northwest fumble on the Crusaders' second play from scrimmage at his own 30, but the Warriors couldn't take advantage. Steven Miscovich's interception set up Northwest's

first score, a 33-yard touchdown toss from Alexander Masell to a wide-open Jornell Jones over the middle with 2:15 to play in the first quarter. The point-after failed. Lutheran Westland took its only lead of the game, 7-6, on a 1-yard TD run by Derrick Mozham with 11:47 left in the second quarter. The score was set up by a 24-yard run from David Moldenhauer, who also converted the PAT. Northwest then answered with two TDs before the half to take an 18-6 advantage — Kyle Novack on a 60-yard pass to Jones (despite blanket coverage by Ryan Richter) and an 8-yard pass from Masell to Jones on fourth-and-goal as the halftime clock expired. "That's happened several times here over the years," Gusé said of the last-second TD to end the half. "The quarterback drops the snap, runs and it's in the end zone. It's frustrating and disheartening." The Crusaders scored again

on their first drive of the third quarter with another TD toss — this time an 18-yarder to Novack to Austin Welhousen. Novack also hit Eric Mischley for the two-pointer to make it 26-7 Northwest with 8:35 left. Masell finished the day 8-of-10 passing for 114 yards, while Novack was a perfect 3-of-3 for 104 yards. "We've had our struggles with the pass," Gusé said. "We thought we had our safeties over the top, but we had some mental breakdowns. The screens killed us. It's more mental than physical, which is a plus." The Warriors, who had 201 total yards, pieced together some offensive continuity in the second half. They marched 73 yards in 14 plays, only to be stopped on fourth-and-goal at the Northwest 1 when Sean Rowe's pass was batted down by linebacker Jack Wallace on the first play of the final quarter. The Warriors got a safety

with 10:17 to go in the game to make it 26-9 and then scored on a 12-play, 53-yard drive with only 4:52 left on Rowe's 4-yard keeper. (The two-pointer failed.) "Sean runs hard and is a tough kid, but when Ethan is in, it's a different team," Gusé said. "We'll start to spread more people out (offensively) and then we'll be where we hope to be." Although junior offensive guard Aaron Gartha played in his first game, the Warriors were missing two other starting offensive linemen. "We had three new starters in there," Gusé said. "We haven't played a game with all 11 (players). Maybe next week will be that week." The Warriors return to MIAC action Friday for homecoming under the rented lights against Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (0-4, 0-2), which is also seeking its first win. Game time is 7 p.m. [bemons@hometownlife.com](mailto:bemons@hometownlife.com) | (313) 222-6851

Sparkling effort  
Lutheran Westland spikers win MIAC showdown

The girls volleyball race in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division heated up Tuesday evening as the top two teams squared off in Auburn Hills. And thanks to persistency on the part of Lutheran Westland, the Warriors were able to get the best of Oakland Christian in four games, 25-23, 25-18, 27-29, 26-24. "What a great match," Wade said. "It was just what I expected it to be. With the exception of the second set, all the sets were all within two points. We battled hard all night and were able to come out with the victory." Rachel Storck, Emily Wilson and Emilie Freeman were all at the top of their games as they helped the Warriors move to 11-3-1 overall and 2-0 in the MIAC Blue. Storck collected 18 kills, two blocks, four assists and 12 digs, while Wilson went 20-of-21 serving with two aces, 10 kills and two blocks. Freeman hammered 18 kills to go along with two aces and two blocks. Nicole Zehel, Lauren Switzer, Taylor Wiemer and Allison Gusé also played solidly in the winning effort. "I was most impressed in the first set when we were down 16-8 and were able to come back and win," Wade said. "We easily could have given up, but we didn't, and that made the difference the rest of the night giving us confidence." The Lancers fall to 13-4-3 overall and 3-1 in the MIAC Blue.

many holes," said Huron Valley co-coach Kris Ruth, whose team trailed 6-0 in the third game and 7-2 in the fourth. "We had lots of opportunities where we did not put free balls away. We passed pretty well tonight, we just need to put more balls away." Parkway is 6-6-1 overall and 2-0 in the MIAC. **Churchill goes 5-1** Livonia Churchill, receiving at 94 percent on the day, stands 21-3 overall after winning five of six matches in Saturday's 20-team Flushing Invitational. The Chargers split with KLA A foe White Lake Lakeland, defeating the Eagles in pool play, 25-22, 25-14, before falling in the quarterfinals of elimination, 19-25, 25-16, 15-17. Churchill also scored wins over Flushing (16-25, 25-21, 16-14), Birmingham Seaholm (25-18, 25-17), Yale (25-13, 25-11) and Macomb Dakota (25-17, 25-15). Setter Cory Urbats had a total of 142 assists, 53 digs and seven aces, while Kara Kempinski finished with 94 digs and was perfect serving. Other top performers for the Chargers included Sarah Sappelsa (56 kills, 100 percent serving); Cierra Yettus (49 kills); Erin Menard (16 kills, 10 blocks); and Darcy DeRoo (36 digs, five kills). **Spartans gain semifinal** In Saturday's University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational, Livonia Stevenson finished 3-1-1 reaching the semifinals before falling to Canton, 13-25, 24-26. The Spartans (12-5-2) defeated Ottawa Lake Whiteford (25-16, 25-13), Detroit Renaissance (25-19, 25-15) and Waterford Mott (25-9, 25-13), while splitting with Dearborn Edsel Ford (25-16, 17-25). Top attackers on the day for Stevenson included Reina Tyl (27 kills) and Kelly Vellucci (20 kills). Vellucci was also 41-of-42 serving with 16 aces and had 16 assist-to-kills. Setter Claire LeBlanc was 73-for-73 with 21 assists, while Shelby Wilson was 43-of-50 on attack receive (86 percent).

Top-rated Greenhills stomps Warriors, 9-4

Peter Jacobson scored four goals and added two assists Tuesday as host Ann Arbor Greenhills, the states' No. 1-ranked team in Division 4, rolled to a 9-4 win over Lutheran High Westland. Patrick Duggan added two goals for the Gryphons, who improved to 9-1 overall and 7-0 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Gage Flanery scored twice for the Warriors, who trailed 5-2 at intermission. Nick Natsik and Kent Krzyske each added a goal and assist for Lutheran Westland. Other assists went to Trevor Sultana and Austin Baglow.

"We just have to shake it off and get ready to play Thursday at (Grosse Pointe Woods) University-Liggett," said Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block, whose team falls to 3-4-2 overall and 1-4-2 in the MIAC Blue. **LUTHERAN WEST 4, HURON VALLEY 0:** Joseph Heims scored a pair of goals Tuesday as Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (6-4, 6-1) earned the MIAC Red Division victory over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran 4-5, 4-4. Michael Miller and James Dunseth each added a goal for the victorious Crusaders. **LUTH. WESTLAND 8, WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN 3:** It was another "Shootout at the O.K. Corral" on Monday as host Lutheran High

Westland (3-3-2) got two goals and two assists from Kent Krzyske to beat Saline Washtenaw Christian Academy (3-4) in a non-conference match. The Warriors, who led 5-2 at halftime, also got a pair of goals from Nick Natsik and Gage Flanery (along with an assist). Austin Baglow contributed a goal and assist, while goalkeeper Nick Andrzejewski came out and tallied a goal in the second half. Jake Fairborn played the first half in goal. "We're starting to get more people involved offensive and guys are understanding their roles," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "People are feeling more comfortable with the offense." Senior Mason Duling scored all three goals for the Wildcats.



Clarenceville's Ardit Dushkaj (right) scores the third goal of the game and gets congratulations from teammate Alex Brown. The Trojans beat Orchard Lake St. Mary on Monday, 3-1, in a match suspended by inclement weather with 34:51 remaining. Clarenceville is 5-3-1 overall.

Parkway halts Hawks

In a competitive MIAC Red Division match Tuesday, host Sterling Heights Parkway Christian came away with a 22-25, 25-22, 25-21, 27-25 win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran. Sophomore setter Paige Schmidt had 24 assist-to-kills for Huron Valley (4-7-3, 2-1). Top hitters for the Hawks included junior Leah Miller (nine kills) and sophomore Meghan Kubinski (seven kills). Meanwhile, sophomore Allie Dest recorded 14 digs. "We just dug ourselves too

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lose by only two goals to Churchill," Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada said. "They all showed they can play. We played them tough. We attacked them. Nelson Kenne again was good in the midfield." Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs also gave kudos to the Rockets.

"They played well and made it tough on us," he said. "We finished poorly and did not do a good job in their third of the field. We missed breakaways, a penalty kick and setters inside of six and 18 yards. "We played more individual than as a team." **FRANKLIN 9, WAYNE 4:** Jordan McGuire notched a hat trick and added two assists Tuesday as Livonia Franklin (2-7, 1-4) won its

second straight with a KLA A South Division triumph over visiting Wayne Memorial (0-8, 0-5). Other Franklin offensive contributors included Zach Miller, one goal, two assists; Andrew Crechiolo and Ryan Tikey, one goal, one assist each; Gabe Edwards, Craig Beebe and Fred Shatarra, one goal apiece. Franklin goalkeeper Avery Baerlin made nine saves. Wayne got a hat trick from

Alex Balli and a goal from Doug Malcolm, along with strong efforts from Jacob Charron, Josh Murphy and Matt Hansen. "All-around it was a great game, we played the short ball and made quick crosses to the field," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "In the final third of the field we had guys crashing the goal. We showed improvement from the little mistakes we've made in the past."

O&E MEN'S/COLLEGE GOLF RESULTS

**OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEN'S GOLF OPEN RESULTS**  
 Sept. 18 at Fox Creek G.C.  
**Sept. 19 at Whispering Willows G.C. CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT**  
**LOW GROSS:** 1. Kirk Osler, 74-77-151 (\$400 gift certificate; trophy); 2. Drew Mossioian, 78-78-156 (trophy); 3. (tie) Jim McComb, 78-80-158 (\$140); Mark Peterson, 81-77-158; Andrew Rousos, 79-79-158 (\$140); 6. (tie) Chris Kiehl, 80-81-161 (\$90); Dan Longeway, 81-80-161 (\$90); Kevin Robinson, 81-80-161; 10. (tie) Dave Benham, 79-83-162; Jason Pelc, 85-77-162; Kevin Ryan, 79-83-162; 13. Shaun Maher, 84-80-164; 14. (tie) Kevin Thomas, 84-82-166; Dave Reese, 83-83-166; 16. (tie) Dan Higham, 86-82-168; Paul Rys, 83-85-168; Bruce West, 82-86-168; 19. Jim Omietanski, 83-86-169; 20. Doug Harmala, 81-89-170; 21. (tie) J.B. Brown, 86-85-171; Rob Parsi, 81-90-171; 23. Dan Donohue, 85-87-172; 24. Mark Edmonds, 91-83-174; 25. Ronald Ambrose, 87-92-179; 26. Kevin Furlong, 92-88-180; 27. Bryan Johnson, 95-93-188; Dan Tacker, 90-no card; Tom Higgins, no card.  
**Low net:** 1. McComb, 142 (\$200); 2. Robinson, 149 (\$140); 2. Maher, 152 (\$100); 4. (tie) Benham, Thomas, Rys and Harmala, 154 each (\$40 each).  
**FIRST FLIGHT**  
**LOW GROSS:** 1. Leon Kashawlic, 87-80-167 (won playoff; \$200 gift certificate); 2. Riley Butcher, 84-83-167 (\$140); 3. (tie) Jeff Humitz, 81-88-169; Jim Matthews, 84-85-169; Rick Wheeler, 87-82-169; 6. Sam Williams, 86-88-174; 7. Teddy Abesamis, 88-89-177 (\$70); 8. Dan Omietanski, 90-92-182; 9. Lewis Jefferies, 97-87-184; 10. Vince Hogrebe, 99-91-190; 11. Mark Johnson, 99-93-192; 12. Roger Pattee, 103-92-195; 13. Ty Iles, 102-97-199; 14. (tie) Dave Hulgrve, 101-99-200; Jack Walsh, 101-99-200; 16. Marsaiale Arbuckle, 134-122-256.  
**Low net:** 1. (tie) Matthews and Wheeler, 147 each; (\$117.50 each); 3. Williams, 152 (\$75).  
**MALONE UNIVERSITY MEN'S GOLF FALL CLASSIC**  
 (Alliance, Ohio)  
**Sept. 18-19 at Tannehauf G.C.**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Malone, 288-287-757; 2. Madonna University, 301-290-591; 3. Notre Dame College (Ohio), 301-298-599; 4. Huntington (Ind.) University, 302-302-604; 5. Northwestern Ohio, 310-304-614; 6. Mount Union (Ohio), 311-308-619; 7. Walsh (Ohio), 320-316-636; 8. Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio), 329-316-645.  
**Individual medalist:** Ben Smith (Malone), 71-67-138.  
**Madonna scorers:** 3. (tie) Jimmy Uelmen, 75-68-143; 10. (tie) Tommy Lucko, 73-75-148; Austin Stillman, 75-73-148; 17. (tie) Brett Quittiquit, 78-74-152; 32. (tie) Steve South, 80-78-158.  
**WOLVERINE-HOOSIER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WOMEN'S GOLF JAMBOREE NO. 2**  
 Sept. 18 at Whispering Creek C.C.  
 Sept. 19 at Tecumseh C.C.  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Madonna University, 346-358-704; 2. Aquinas, 350-358-708; 3. Indiana Tech, 341-372-713; 4. Davenport, 364-384-748; 5. Siena Heights, 373-409-782; 6. Cornerstone, 386-429-815; 7. Concordia, 383-449-832.  
**Individual medalist:** Abigail Hagan (Aquinas), 81-86-167.  
**Madonna scorers:** 4. (tie) Sara Simnith, 83-90-173; 7. Michelle Hall, 87-87-174; 8. Mariel Meyers, 90-88-178; 11. (tie) Chelsea Bathurst, 86-97-183; 17. (tie) Caitlin Steele, 95-93-188.

GOLF

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pleased with a 34 on the back side. I went 3-3-3-4 the last four holes. It was a good finish." Osler three-putted three of his first four holes during the final round. "I've had the 'yips' the last three years with short putts," Osler said. "It was tough today from the get-go. I had a talk with myself on the 11th hole." It was Osler's first appearance in the last four tournaments in "the last four or five years." He was asked by one of his former Churchill players, Bill

Durham, now city of Livonia Golf Division director, to make a return. "I can't give enough kudos to what they've done at Fox Creek," said Osler, who owns a local blinds and closet systems business. "I hit 15 greens and shot 74 at Fox Creek. I haven't played there in a couple of years. They've done a spectacular job. The greens were fabulous. Their close to 12 in the on the Stimpmeter." **Kashawlic wins playoff** Leon Kashawlic, a 1996 Churchill grad who played under Osler, captured the first flight title by defeating

16-year-old Riley Butcher of Windsor, Ontario, on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff. Both players scrambled to make a bogey on the par-5, 478-yard No. 1 hole, but Kashawlic earned the title by saving par with a 10-foot putt on the difficult par-4, 405-yard No. 2 hole. The Novi resident won a \$200 gift certificate and first-place trophy. An engineering manager for BAE Systems, Kashawlic helped his cause to earn a playoff berth with birdies on a pair of par-4s (Nos. 4 and 13) to become the fourth ex-Churchill teammate to claim

an O&E title, joining Dave Higham, Gary Kraus and Chris Kiehl. "Historically, I'm not a good putter," said Kashawlic, who rebounded from an 87 Saturday at Fox Creek to post an 80 Sunday at Whispering Willows for a 167 total. "Today I hit the ball better than yesterday. I stroked it well and I was on the greens." "This course (Whispering Willows) has never been in this good of shape. With Fox Creek, the rough has good length, the greens are firm and fast. They had some tricky pins (placements)." [bemons@hometownlife.com](mailto:bemons@hometownlife.com) | (313) 222-6851

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SEPT. 24-30

**Bible study**  
Traditional Bible Study starts 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, in the school library at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Classes meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, with sessions focusing on the Gospel of St. Matthew. The classes will be taught by noted Catholic apologist and author, Gary Michuta. Preregistration is not required. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207.

**Convention**  
Bruce Wurdeman, executive director of Lutheran Hour Ministries, will be the guest speaker at Michigan Southeast Lutheran Laymen's League District Convention Saturday, Sept. 26, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. Theme of the convention is "Share His Story," based on Psalm 66:16. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the convention beginning at 9 a.m. For further information contact Jean Wellhousen at (734) 242-4301

**Fall festival**  
1-4 p.m., Sept. 27 at Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile, Livonia; free food, games, pumpkin painting, music, pony rides and petting farm. (734) 464-7990

**Food pantry**  
Trinity Church offers its next food pantry event Saturday, Sept. 26, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, just west of Beck, in Plymouth. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the following days only: Monday-

Wednesday, Sept. 21-23.  
**Grief recovery**  
Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power, Farmington. Grief Recovery deals with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Members of Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Detroit Metro area, will facilitate. \$20 fee covers all materials. For information or to register call Gail at (248) 477-5438.

**Health fair**  
9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 26, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. Includes free bone density screening, free body fat analysis, cholesterol screening on site for \$12 per person with on site counseling regarding results, free blood pressure screening, massage therapy and other services. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

**Marian Rally**  
Felician Sisters of Livonia honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally and re-dedication of the Fatima Shrine Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Felician Sisters Motherhouse, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The rally begins at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), in the Motherhouse Chapel, presided by the Rev. Timothy Babcock, chaplain of the Felician Sisters. Following Mass is the praying of the rosary, at the shrine of Our Lady of Czesstochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima Shrine and Crowning of Our Lady, by students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wyandotte. Refreshments will be available after the liturgy. Wheelchair participants are welcome. Parking is available at the Montessori Center of Our Lady at the Newburgh entrance. For more information call (734) 591-1730.

**Men's Ministry**  
Canton Christian Fellowship and Mighty Men Ministry presents its annual men's prayer breakfast, 9 a.m., Sept. 26, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton. Tickets are \$20. Register online at www.cantonce.org or call (734) 404-2480.

Movie

See "Fireproof" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. The screening is free and it's followed by six weeks of free classes on Fireproofing Your Marriage, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 30 - Nov. 4. Free Bible classes are available for children of all ages during the class. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

OCT. 1-7

**Grief recovery**  
Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Grief Recovery deals with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Members of Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Detroit Metro area, will facilitate. \$20 fee covers all materials. For information or to register call Priscilla at (734) 591-7879. **Life Fair 2009**  
Pro-life pioneer and Pro-Life Action League founder and National Director, Joseph M. Scheidler, will give the keynote address at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, at this program of pro-life activities at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, at Plymouth Road, Livonia. The fair, which will include exhibits and displays, begins with Mass at noon. An opportunity to participate in the Annual Life Chain will occur at 2:30 p.m., along Plymouth Road in front of the church, followed by Scheidler's remarks. The Fair is free. Refreshments and a children's story time will be available. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207

OCT. 8-14

**Blood drive**  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia; Call for appointments at (734) 425-8115.

**Card party**  
Breast cancer awareness luncheon

and card party, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Tickets \$8. Table and door prizes, 50-50. No smoking. For tickets or reservations call (734) 722-1343.

**Concert**  
Free Christian folk/country/rock concert, 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, at St. Michael Lutheran Church and School, 3003 Hannan Road, at Glenwood in Wayne. Don Wharton will perform. For more about the singer, visit www.donwharton.com. For more about the concert, call the church at (734) 728-1950.

**CROP walk**  
The annual Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 11. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the Walk beginning at 2 p.m.



Don Wharton performs Oct. 10.

from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. The Walk raises funds for Church World Service and the Salvation Army of Plymouth. For more information, contact Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or e-mail to bfichtenberg@hotmail.com.

**Ministries conference**  
The International Christian Education Association presents its annual Church Ministries Training and Discipleship Conference, Oct. 10, at Ward Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. The free general session, starting at 1:45 p.m. features Don Bartlette, author and international speaker, and is open to the public. The conference runs from 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and offers 30 workshops, exhibits and an all-day "Kids Korner." Four workshop choices, morning refreshments and lunch are included in the conference ticket price of \$35, before Oct. 7 or \$45 after. Students, teen through college, pay \$15 and children, ages 5-12 pay \$5 for Kids Korner activities. To register call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceonline.org.

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# FILTER

## New park makes a splash with Caribbean theme event

Forget that the weather forecast for Saturday is high in the upper 60s with a chance of thunderstorms, according to weather.com and the National Weather Service.

Don your Hawaiian shirt and brave a few goose bumps while chilling out at Westland's new water spray park.

The new H2O zone will be open — with a Caribbean theme — noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, at Tattan Park on Ford Road, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, just east of the Bailey Recreation Center.

"We just opened it this past weekend. We had it open Saturday for the first time and didn't let anyone know it was open. It was so good, we opened it Sunday. But 90 percent of the people still don't know about it," said Robert Kosowski, recreation director.

"You can see the water dispersing from the top of the helicopter on Ford Road," he said, describing one of the water park's 14 above ground features. "People are probably wondering what in the heck that is."

Kosowski said H2O Zone's formal opening this weekend is likely to be its last for the

summer-fall recreation season before colder weather arrives.

The water playscape, funded by the Downtown Development Association dollars, offers youngsters and their families squirting canons, a water-spouting sea serpent, ("water comes out of its nostrils") a dunk bucket and other above ground features as well as 13 in ground spouts, Kosowski said.

A "humongous" playscape called Play Planet has been open at the park and attracts families "from all over the place," Kosowski said.

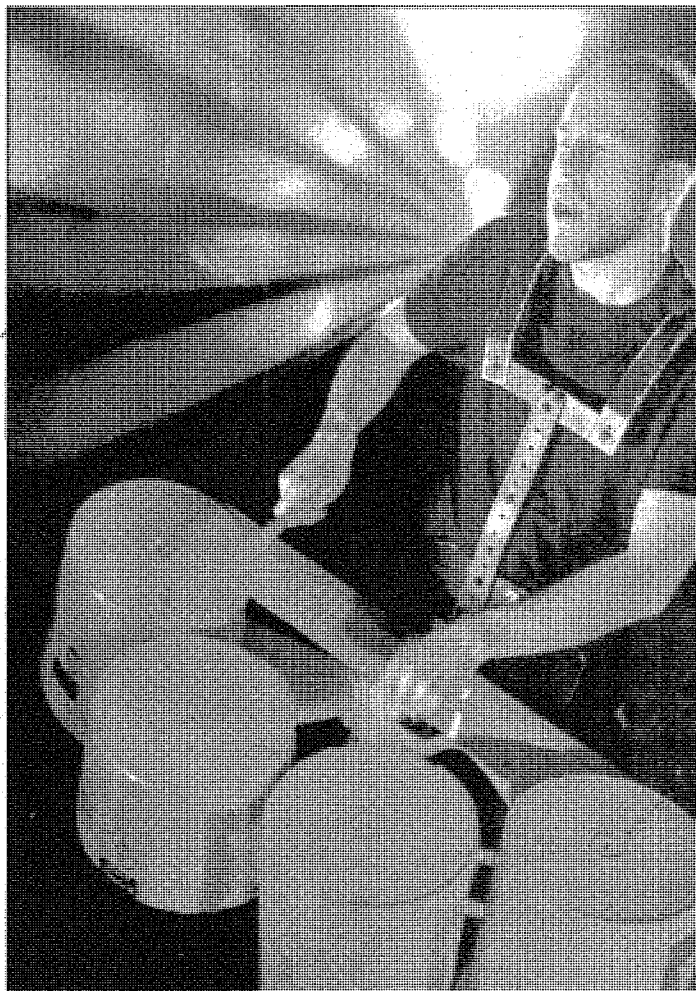
The spray park opening will include face-painting and games for kids, live music by a local band called "Under the Tree," and raffles. Food and soft drinks will be available. Admission is free.

"Kids won't forget this day," Kosowski said, adding that his seven-year-old son tried the water park "and loved it."

"Everyone who has been here has loved it. When you walk up and see it and see kids with their jaws dropped, it's a good feeling."

For more information call (734) 722-7620.

— Sharon Dargay



Members of the performing group, Juice, make music out of everything from cans to shows to paintball guns. See them Oct. 8 at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

## GET OUT

### ART

#### Detroit Artist Market

**Time/Date:** Through 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.

**Contact:** (313) 832-8540 or visit [www.detroitartistsmarket.org](http://www.detroitartistsmarket.org)

#### Eastern Michigan University

**Time/Date:** Elements of Photography and Coping with the Unknown, through 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. Coping shows the work of Joe Meiser and Adrian Hatfield.

**Contact:** (734) 487-0465 or e-mail to [jlocket1@emich.edu](mailto:jlocket1@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:** Through October, "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 "Zinkov 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. to 5 p.m., through Sept. 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

**Location:** 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville

**Time/Dates:** West of Center show presents 40 new looks at the world, Oct. 2-24

**Details:** The show opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, during Northville's First Friday Art Walk

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497, or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org)

#### Village Theater at Cherry Hill

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Sept. 27

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** Private collection of 19th century paintings on display

**Contact:** (734) 394-5300 or visit [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater)

## Show spotlights work of animal rescuers

Tune into WDIV local 4 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 for an inside view of the Michigan Humane Society.

The half-hour "Michigan Humane Society: Somebody Here Needs You," will follow MHS' cruelty investigators, show an in-shelter training program and take a look at animals from the Society's three shelters in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit.

"You're getting a really great look at what we do," said Jennifer Robertson of MHS. "It gives a good overview. Six animal stories are highlighted."

WDIV's Eric Braate hosts the show, and some of the Detroit-area's most well-known

radio personalities — Karen Savelli of WCSX-FM; and Drew Lane, Mike Clark and Trudi Daniels, all of WRIF-FM's "Drew and Mike" morning show — serve as voices for animals who were rescued by the organization.

That includes Glenn, a cat who at just five months old was attacked by a dog and abandoned in a mailbox; Coco, a Retriever mix whose previous owner locked her in a dark basement closet for days with no food or water; and Waffles, a blind and partially-deaf Labrador Retriever/Border Collie mix who was left abandoned on the streets. The stories all end on a positive note as MHS

transforms their lives.

The show also follows a day in the life of the Detroit shelter's "Animal Cops" as they aid neglected, abused or abandoned animals and will include a look at MHS' "Pawitive Start" training program that teaches adoptable animals the skills they need to settle into a new home.

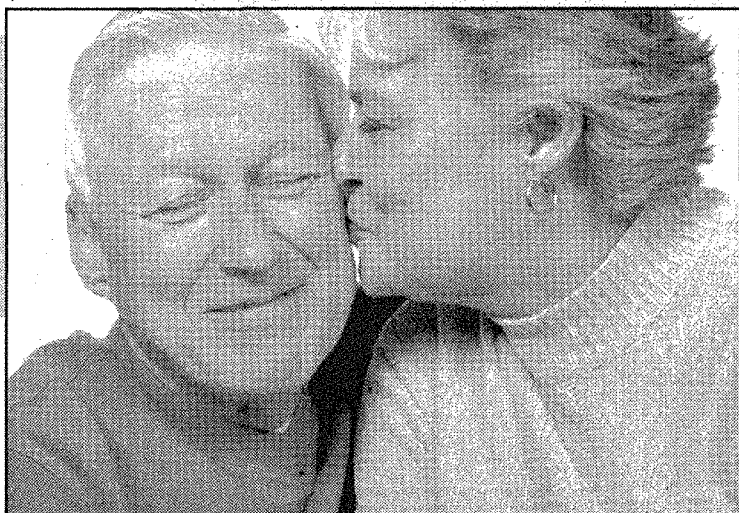
Robertson said the show will air once this weekend and again in November.

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# FOOD & WINE

## Coaches offer game plans for tailgating

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

All you need for a great tailgate party is a parking lot, meat grilling, kids throwing footballs and most of all getting together with friends and family.

Area high school football coaches and athletic directors know what it's like to be inside the stadium preparing for the big game and they also know what it's like to be in the parking lot revving up for the first kick-off.

"I haven't done it on a high school level, but I do for college," explains Brian Swinehart, athletic director at John Glenn High School in Westland. He has season tickets for Michigan State football.

"The best is getting family and friends together for good times, good things to eat and prepare for the game," he says. "I'm there with kids, nieces and nephews, mom and dad and we're throwing a football around. It's a lot of good food, talking about the game and breaking the game down — what the match-ups are what they're going to do offensively and defensively."

And of course, he says, it's "the whole atmosphere — a lot of people around wearing the school colors."

While people are the most important element of a tailgate party, he says, the food comes in a close second.

His favorite tailgate party food is a buffalo chicken dip that his wife makes.

"If it's a nasser game we'll have egg casseroles and cheese, donuts and bacon, bagels and chips," Swinehart says. "And one guy comes up with grilled shrimp. If it's a later start we get out the brats, hamburgers and hot dogs."

Tim Baechler, head football coach at Canton High School, says he's been to a couple of tailgate parties at Notre Dame football games.

His recipe for a good tailgate party includes "a little bit of variety. You have to have music or the pregame on. You have to have kids playing catch with a football. You need to see your breath. You don't want to be hot at a tailgate party," Baechler says.

He prefers finger food, like little sandwiches and Swedish meatballs.

"There's got to be the smells in the air and brats or some type of meat getting cooked — that really sets the tone," Baechler says.

Baechler's friend, Ed Wray, of Canton is at most of the same tailgate parties. And Wray is known for his famous ham and poppy seed sandwiches. It's a recipe his mother has kept for a long as she can remember and now his wife sends him off with the same fare.

### TAILGATE HOW-TO

All you need for this great American tradition is a parking lot, usually outside a sports stadium or concert hall, the open tailgate of a vehicle, food and beverages. You don't have to be at big party college, or even include alcoholic beverages.

Try to keep this picnic on cement as simple as possible with finger foods, which cuts down on utensils and makes the clean-up easier. Have coolers and grills on hand to keep cold things cold and hot things hot. Bring a tablecloth to spread your food out and plenty of garbage bags to throw the remains away.

Ron Hamye, athletic director of Livonia's Franklin High School, says he likes to tailgate to "be part of a large crowd and certainly the more the merrier."

"It's getting to know the people around you and other tailgaters and the sharing of food and friendships develop from that," he says.

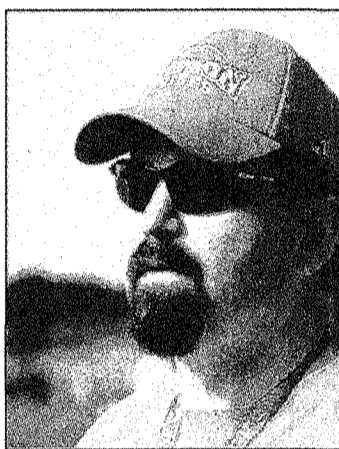
### MAINTAIN CONTROL

The best way to ruin a tailgate party is to take the revelry too far.

"People who get out of control



John Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart on tailgating: "The best is getting family and friends together for good times, good things to eat and prepare for the game."



Canton varsity head football coach: "A little bit of variety. You have to have music or the pregame on. You have to have kids playing catch with a football. You need to see your breath. You don't want to be hot at a tailgate part."

and become obnoxious and people who take it over the limit" put a damper on the party for everyone else, Hamye says.

Tailgate parties are "a good time, fun and people watching," he says.

Sheila Koski, Redford's Thurston High School athletic secretary, has a fool-proof plan to avoid traffic at college football games.

"We go to Ann Arbor, tailgate, have fun, have some food and go home and watch the game on television," Koski says. "Then you're not worried about the traffic and getting stuck in the town. It's about good food, good friends and people getting together for the spirit of the event. Another thing that makes a good tailgate party is a beautiful, sunny, fall day, because if it's raining I won't go."



## Score big at your tailgate party with catered, deli food

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

Everyone loves a good tailgate party, but putting the food together isn't always fun, especially if you don't have the time.

Tailgate menus and full service staffing make the day "nice and easy," said Laura Livingston, director of catering at Joe's Gourmet Catering and Events through Joe's Produce in Livonia.

Joe's Gourmet Catering will provide tailgate platters to go. And if you really want to sit back and enjoy, order Joe's full-service staffing that goes right to the parking lot of your choice with food, tables, and chairs. They even grill on site.

"A lot of people order the party platters," Livingston said. "They run between \$24 and \$85 depending on the size. For all the time and effort that they put in on their own it's the same for us to do it."

Bill Fricke, owner of Farmington Deli, said he sells a lot of big subs, rollups and

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chili on big game days.

"Most people get the big subs," he said. "When I do my own tailgates I do Reubens. Most people who order from us, it's a last minute thing."

Those people who aren't planning to entertain a lot of people, Fricke said, just get individual sandwiches or a

boxed lunch of their choice.

His tip for a good tailgate is: "If it's a warm day you don't want something with too much mayonnaise. Take things that are easy to eat."

Jessica Abdal, deli manager at Maria's Italian Bakery and Deli in Canton, said she always sees a jump in business before sports events.

And a lot of customers order the meatball and chicken wing sampler.

Other big platter sellers have lunch meat and cheese; shrimp and veggies, she added.

Karen Frost at Dilly Dally Deli in Plymouth said she will "make or do anything for

### Ready to tailgate? Try ham and cheese

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- 1/2 teaspoon poppy seed
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 medium onion grated

Mix melted butter, Worcestershire sauce, poppy seed, mustard and onion thoroughly and spread on hamburger bun with spoon. Any size bun is okay, but we like the smaller buns. Don't spread too heavy or it will be greasy, but lightly butter both sides. Add shredded ham (don't skimp) and Swiss cheese (can be shredded or whole). Wrap in foil and put in oven at 225 degrees for approximately 30 minutes.

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# Culinary Extravaganza

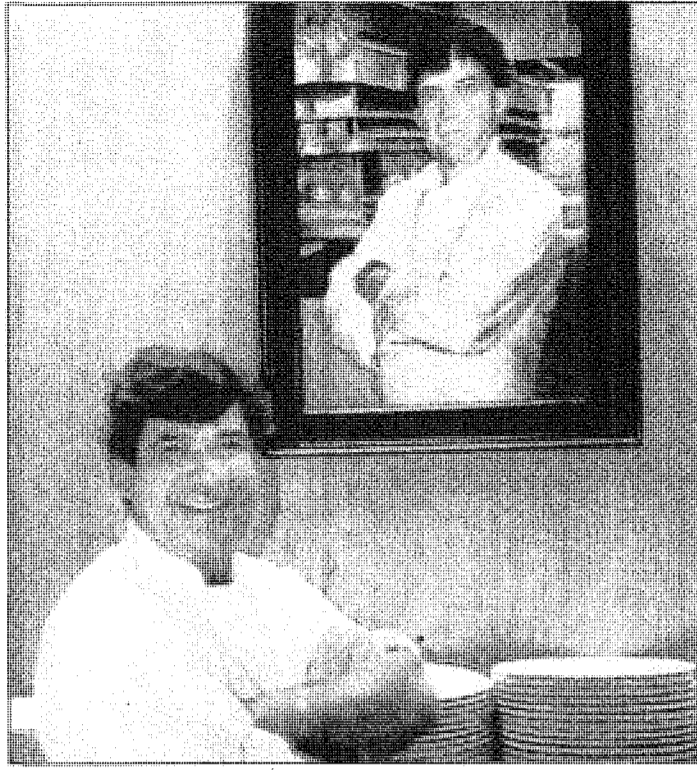
## New eateries, crowd favorites are all part of Sunday's event

Culinary delicacies from many new restaurants and returning favorites will be featured at Sunday's Schoolcraft College Foundation Culinary Extravaganza.

The celebration of food and wine takes place 2-5 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

New to this year's event are several northern Michigan restaurants including cava in Bay Harbor Village, Chandler's - A Restaurant and Symons General Store in Petoskey and Piersons at the Village of Boyne Mountain.

Also new to this year's event are Cinco Lagos, Brian Polcyn's new Mexican restaurant in Milford, Claddagh Irish Pub, Henry's of Schoolcraft College, Zerbo's Health Foods, Hotel Baronette and The International & America Cuisine Culinary Arts Section of Schoolcraft College.



Brian Polcyn, shown in his Mexican restaurant, Cinco Lagos, in Milford, will participate in Culinary Extravaganza Sunday, Sept. 27, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

### FAVORITES RETURNING

Culinary event favorites returning include Joe's Produce and Gourmet Market of Livonia, The Cupcake Station of Birmingham, Steve & Rocky's, Andiamo, Polcyn's Forest Grill of Birmingham, Traffic Jam in Detroit and Mitchell's Fish Market serving oysters on the half shell and mussels. Also returning after a brief one-year hiatus is The Henry Ford which is scheduled to serve grilled lobster sausage with pumpkin risotto.

The extravaganza brings together students, food professionals and the southeast Michigan community providing patrons with samples of some of the finest from the most notable restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in the metropolitan area and beyond.

### GOOD CAUSE

The event benefits the Culinary Arts Program and Schoolcraft College students by providing scholarships and grants.

Craig Bowles, a Farmington Hills resident and secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation is chair of this year's event.

Bowles calls the culinary event "an elegant way to help others further their education."

While sampling food and wine, patrons can bid on dining, travel and sports packages at a silent auction.

"The packages are outstanding," said Marge Lynch, of Schoolcraft College, a member of the planning committee.

Some of items on the auction tables this Sunday include a one-week stay in a three-bedroom, three-bath condo at

Sand Destin Resort in Florida, a 40-inch HD-LCD Sharp television, an overnight stay for two at the world-class Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham with dinner for two in the Rugby Grille, a multi-course dinner for four at Hotel Baronette, overnight stay at Detroit's Greektown Casino and sports packages to University of Michigan, Red Wings and Detroit Lions games.

### AUCTION ITEMS

Another silent auction feature will be cured meats from Chef Brian Polcyn, an award-winning chef and charcuterie expert. Polcyn is nationally recognized for his creativity and culinary talents, and as the visionary behind some of metro Detroit's most acclaimed restaurants.

Raffle tickets also help the fund-raising efforts and are available for online purchase at \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing will be held at Culinary Extravaganza. Ticket purchasers don't have to be present to win.

Prizes are: \$1,000, first place; \$500, second place; \$250 for third and four places; and dinner for two at American Harvest for fifth, sixth and seventh places.

Tickets for the food and wine event are still available. Tickets are \$50 (\$20 is a charitable contribution).

Call (734) 462-4518 to order tickets or go to [www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation).

Other participating restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors include: 5ive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's, American Harvest at Schoolcraft College, Armitage Catering/Finnish Cultural Center, Cadillac Coffee Company, Central Distributors, Coffee Express Co., Cornerstone Wine Distributors, Elite Catering Company, Galaxy Wine Distributors, Gnarly Head Wines - DFV Wines, Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company, Great Lakes Wine & Spirits, Great Oaks Country Club, Holiday Catering & Cooking School, L. Mawby Vineyards, McCormick Distilling Co., Fraser, Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council, Portofino Restaurant & Banquet Facility, Remove the work Cellar - Vintner's Canton Winery, Schmitt Sohne, Sorella's Homemade Baked Goods, LLC, Studer Enterprises, Inc. - StarWorks Cellars, Table 5 of Northville, The Fine Wine Source, The Grapevine of Novi, Trader Joe's, Venus Imports, LLC, Vine2Wine Custom Winery, Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery, Walnut Creek Country Club, Wines of Distinction/J & J Importers and Zumba Mexican Grille of Royal Oak.



Matt Holowicki (center) of Plymouth is takes a bite out of hot dog No. 15, after eating 14 of them during a contest sponsored by Hiller's markets earlier this month. Holowicki won first place. Flanking him are Will Millender, (left) second place, of New York and Joel Podelsky, third place winner, of New Jersey.

### CITY BITES

#### Hot dog!

**Plymouth** — Matt Holowicki of Plymouth can eat 14 Winter's wieners in five minutes — and he has the first place title from Hiller's markets to prove it.

"If I'm going to gorge myself on hot dogs, I want my winnings to give food to people who don't have any," Holowicki said, after besting other contestants in the market's hot dog eating competition earlier this month.

Holowicki won a Pistons four-pack (tickets, dinner and parking) and a \$1,000 donation from Hiller's to his chosen charity, which is Gleaners Food Bank.

Second and third prizes went to friends from New York and New Jersey who had traveled into town for the contest.

Justin Hiller, Vice President of Hiller's Markets, selected eight contestants from a stack of applicants and emceed the event.

"I thought it would be fun and a little crazy to host a hot dog eating contest that would benefit charity," said Hiller. "My family company is focused on good food, good people and good causes — and this event brought them all together."

An energetic crowd cheered on the contestants, who all represented Michigan charities. Each had a story to tell — like Northville resident Jacob Urbiha, who ate five dogs in an effort to win the money for ALS of Michigan. His mother is battling ALS.

Single mom and Ypsilanti resident Robin Sartori was the lone female in the competition. She downed four dogs before time ran out. Other contestants included Dustin Theis of Waterford; Larry Trotto of Novi; and Sean Comer of Novi.

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