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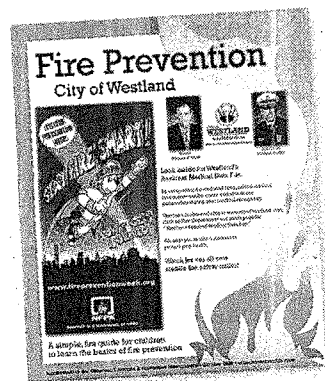
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AROUND TOWN

Last chance

Time is running out to register to vote in the Nov. 3 general election. The deadline for registering is Monday, Oct. 5.

Register at the Westland City Clerk's office in Westland City Hall, Ford west of Wayne Road, or at any Secretary of State office. For more information, call the clerk's office (734) 467-3185.

Wild West time

The Petticoat Ladies theatrical troupe will give new meaning to the word WOW when they present *Women Who Helped to Settle the West (WOW)* Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Westland senior Friendship Center, 119 Newburgh, south of Ford. Sponsored by the Westland Historical Society, the show will be at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 each or \$5 for senior citizens.

Members of Garden City Presbyterian Church, the Petticoat Ladies have a repertoire of five programs, ranging from the *Women Who Helped to Settle the West* show to *Presidential First Ladies, Vaudeville, Cranks and Charmers* and *Mothers of Invention*.

Advance tickets are recommended and are available by calling Jo at (734) 522-3918 or Georgia at (734) 729-1605.

Surplus food

The city of Westland has established the October day, times and locations where residents can get surplus federal food.

Residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

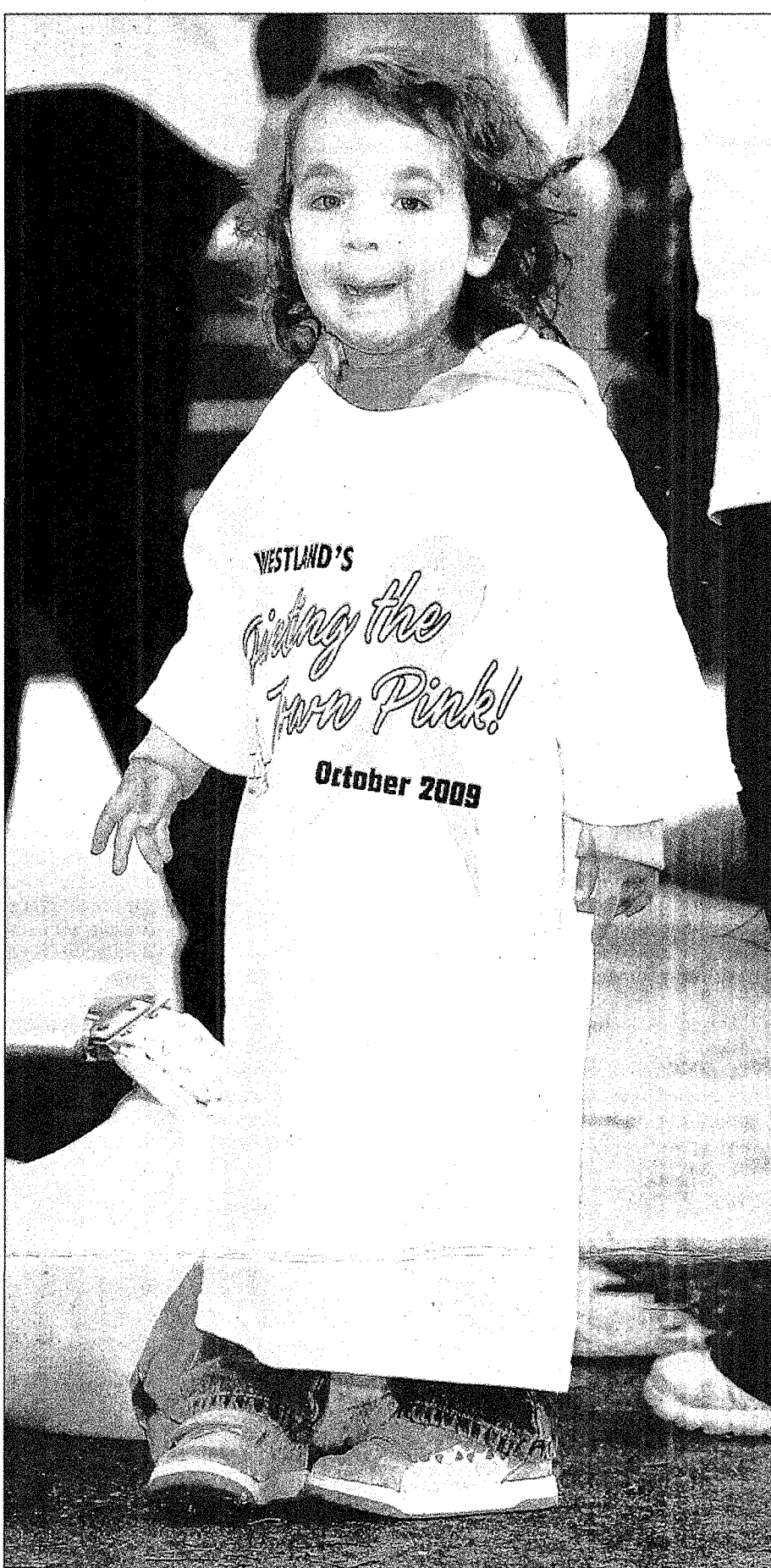
The pickup time and location for Westland residents living south of Michigan Avenue is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, or the second Monday of each month, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. For information, call the church at (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can collect their food at the high-rise. They need to contact their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents can also pick up their food items at the complex.

Cheese, green beans, macaroni, orange juice, pears, tomato sauce, whole frozen chicken and possible additional items will be distributed this month.

The surplus food program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distribution sites and distribution dates are determined by that agency.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.



Pretty in Pink

Two-year-old Aubrii Davis was one of the youngest people on hand for the kickoff of Painting the Town Pink in Westland Thursday evening. Organized by former Miss Michigan Ashlee Baracy and Jim and Jocelyn Kollar of Alleycat Designs, the month-long event will raise money for the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. For story and more photos, turn to Page A3.

Another loss

Jo-Ann Fabric closing its Westland store

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland will have another large vacant commercial building by the end of the year as Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft closes its doors.

Representatives of Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft didn't return calls for comment, although a local store employee confirmed plans to close the 50,000-square-foot superstore on Warren at Central City Parkway.

"We're very disappointed. The 50,000-square-foot model hasn't been working real well for them," said Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale, who spoke with Jo-Ann's corporate real estate division when she learned of the store closing. "They've been downsizing to smaller models. The market became so tough in Michigan that they decided to close the store."

The closing didn't come as a complete surprise to city officials after efforts to relocate the store to smaller space further east on Warren in the Westridge strip center near Burlington Coat failed, Fodale said.

"We're already working with the listing agent to find a new tenant for that location. We hope it won't be vacant for too long," Fodale said. "On a happier note, six new businesses opened in Westland this month. We continue to see four to six new businesses open monthly, but not the big boxes."

For nine years, Sharon Strebbling has been teaching classes including sewing, quilting and crocheting at Jo-Ann.

"It is worse than we thought. There is one lady who has worked there for 35 years and is the sole support of her family," Strebbling said. "I'm considered a subcontractor, so I wasn't told directly. The employees got a letter. By December, the store will be in liquidation and closed by January."

Along with teaching at Jo-Ann, Strebbling is president of the Westland-Plymouth Grange Chapter 389, which has worked on the Warm Up America Project at the store.

"We make 25 to 100 afghans and quilts for the community. We had expanded to make cards for the troops," Strebbling said. "We'll go ahead. As a nonprofit, we're losing our ability to do projects."

The Grange is looking for help in making crochet, knitted and quilted squares for keeping Americans warm this winter and there will be help for those who need a lesson. Cards also will be made to send to troops overseas. Stop by the store 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. For registration, call Sandy at (734) 467-8550 or Sharon at (734) 722-4857.

"The worst part of this is at times like this, crafting is the only fun a lot of people have. We only had Michael's and Jo-Ann for supplies," Strebbling said. "Other stores have phased out crafting materials."

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LORI FODALE, Westland Economic Development director

Turn Off Violence: Something for everyone

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Exotic animals, clowns, games, crafts and entertainment ... there will be something for the entire family Thursday at Westland's annual Turn Off the Violence event.

"We try to get things that kids

don't normally see, like tigers and lions. It's a time to turn off the television and come have a great time with your family," Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said.

The Westland Rotary Club started the event about 14 years ago. It eventually became a city-sponsored

event, but Rotary continues as a strong supporter, providing \$1,000 to help fund the activities. It's totally free, except for some food items which are sold.

Held 6:30-9 p.m. at the Bailey Recreation Center, Turn Off The Violence will include entertainment by Cirque Amongus, which features

child performers, a performance by the Under The Tree and a band performing Taylor Swift songs.

There will be tigers and lions on display — wild ones, not the kind who play professional sports.

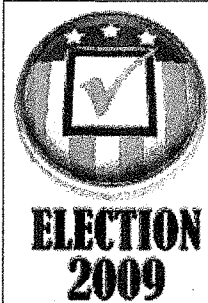
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This is the third in a series of interviews with eight candidates vying for four seats on the Westland City Council in the Nov. 3 general election. Three four-year terms and one two-year term will be filled. The candidates are incumbent Councilman Dewey Reeves, Sam Durante, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Kenneth Mehl, Mark Rodriguez, Christine Cicirelli Bryant and Janet Frederick-Wilson.

Rodriguez wants lower taxes, plan for parks



Rodriguez

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Considering his years of involvement in the Westland Youth Athletic Association, it's not surprising that Mark Rodriguez has a lot of interest in parks and recreation.

"When I originally ran in 2007, the main reason I ran was that I was concerned about deficiencies in our parks and recreation facilities," he said. "It's nowhere near the level needed for a city of our size."

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Reeves: Concrete are ideas for better the city



Reeves

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After going through three city budgets as a council member, Dewey Reeves is confident he has a handle on Westland's finances and isn't one to mince words.

"I'm pretty strong at that (the budget). I'm brutal and blunt with my honesty. I'm not sure everyone is ready for it. I have a tendency not to shade things," Reeves said. "I tell it like it is." For example, Reeves said

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younger, Turn Off The Violence also provides an opportunity for experiences some youngsters might not otherwise be able to enjoy. The event draws about 1,000 people.

"They are not able to go to the zoo, for example. This is a free night of entertainment. Most of the stuff is going on the whole time," Kosowski said. "All the animals, arts and crafts, the Moonwalk."

Some parents don't seem clear on the purpose of the event — a fun evening of fam-

ily time. There are parents who just drop off their kids and don't stay themselves, Kosowski said.

"It's a huge draw — people come from surrounding communities as well. It's that big of a deal," Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz said. "It serves as a reminder that you can have great entertainment and fun without the television being on. It's face-to-face communication."

No advance registration is needed for Turn Off The Violence. Just show up at the Bailey Center, located in the civic center complex on Ford Road west of Wayne Road.

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RODRIGUEZ

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We developed a plan for a park west of Central City Park. I felt we were ignored about it. I found out we were misled or lied to about the park property by the city."

Rodriguez noticed other things, he said, such as residents being overtaxed for the police-firefighters retirement fund.

"I don't believe the council is doing things in the best interest of residents," Rodriguez said.

If elected, Rodriguez said his goals include lowering taxes and developing a plan for a parks and recreation development millage to place before voters.

"People had no chance to vote on recycling — they've been overtaxed for a year. Recycling was voted down in the past," he said. "We are

MARK RODRIGUEZ

Age: 52

Employment: Kitchen design specialist at Home Depot

Family: Married to Lisa for 30 years; children Robin, 27, Mark Jr., 23, and Alison, 21

Education: Livonia Franklin High School graduate

Community involvement: Westland Youth Athletic Association board member for 13 years, elected president five consecutive years 2000-04; WYAA girls volleyball president 13 years, 1996-2008

being overtaxed for sanitation. I knew we'd have recycling one way or the other. I suggested the RecycleBank — it was part of my 2007 campaign. It's a great program."

Westland's best asset is its location by not being too far from Detroit, by having easy access to freeways and

well-maintained streets that make it easy to get around, Rodriguez said.

"We do need to pressure Wayne County for some road work. Maybe we need to partner with them," he said. "Our parks and recreation facilities are what most need improvement. We have one gym."

An area of concern is that Westland's population has likely dropped below 80,000 residents, which will be reflected on the 2010 census and impact state shared revenues, Rodriguez said.

"We need to renegotiate contracts with (city employee) unions — the one for the police and fire departments with 12 percent over five years. Also with the other unions," he said. "We have to stay solvent and be fiscally responsible. Maybe we need to eliminate jobs. I don't know that we need a deputy mayor. We can probably eliminate that position."

As a council member, Rodriguez said he would do

his homework and cited his experience owning his own business.

"I was president of the WYAA for five years and 13 years as a member. Our association has sports year around," he said. "You're responsible for the budget and services provided to thousands of kids. Being elected president five consecutive years says something about my abilities."

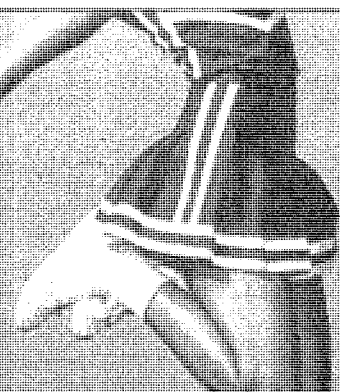
When council was in the process of making an appointment after then-mayor Sandra Cicirelli was elected judge, Rodriguez said, he pointed out the method which the charter requires to fill vacancies.

"The council doesn't know the charter, the city attorney doesn't know the charter," he said. "As a private citizen, I've done things that some of the best educated people haven't been able to do."

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REEVES

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the city has a very adversarial relationship with labor unions representing city workers.

"I have a good idea how the unions want to be treated. We could do a better job dealing with the hostility that the unions have for us," he said. "It's very adversarial, but it doesn't need to be."

Westland is at a crossroads with the current economy, Reeves said, and needs to reduce some of its fixed costs.

"After those three years on council, you get a good idea what needs to be done," he said. "I have some concrete ideas. I'd like to see us get health costs down in my next term."

The city is dealing with declining revenues by reducing staff through attrition, Reeves said, adding he would not favor layoffs or subcontracting work done by city

DEWEY REEVES

Age: 56

Family: Married to Gail

Employment: Retired Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputy, operates a home-based clothing design business and is a self-employed wardrobe consultant

Education: Studied industrial technology at Eastern Michigan University

Community involvement: Westland Downtown Development Authority, Lions Club, Westland Historic Village Park, Westland Southeast Homeowners Association, Annapolis Park

workers.

"I can see why the city needs to look at and do it. People can't keep the same lifestyles," he said. "We are asking a lot of people to do a lot with less."

The city also needs to get a handle on foreclosures and the resulting blight, Reeves said.

"If we can fix one problem, we can fix the other. When you have foreclosures and blight, then you have crime," he said. "People are selling off the appliances, internal doors, door knobs and fixtures when their home is foreclosed."

Due to the housing market, Reeves said he thinks people who have been displaced in what has been higher priced neighborhoods will likely find Westland a good place to land.

"We have a lot of very attractive homes between \$80,000 and \$200,000. We have good schools. We have low crime compared to a lot of communities," Reeves said. "If the market settles right, we can get people to move to Westland. We don't have a downtown with pedestrian traffic for shopping, but we're working on that."

If efforts to develop a more pedestrian-friendly shopping district along Ford are successful, Reeves said it would be very beneficial to Westland.

"How many (Westland) people shop outside the city? We have individuals who have the wherewithal to buy more expensive items, but they have to go outside the city," Reeves said. "There is no reason we can't be more like Royal Oak. We need to focus on the details to make it that way."

As the city was facing more cuts in state shared revenue, Reeves said the city needs to wean itself from depending on that money to balance the budget. The continuing problem with foreclosures is also creating a financial issue for the city, he said.

"We can't generate tax dollars with foreclosures. We need to find a way to keep people in their homes and we need to bring more businesses to the community," he said. "I'd rather take half the (tax) money for five years (as an incentive) than no money to bring in new businesses. New businesses bring new jobs."

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City goes pink for month-long fund-raiser

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Angela Spencer is a survivor, so is her mother Sheila Maiorane. So were many of the other women gathered Thursday evening at Westland City Hall who were ready, willing and able to decorate the trees with pink ribbons to kick off the city's first ever Painting the Town Pink breast cancer fund-raiser.

"I'm a four-month survivor; my mom is a nine-year survivor," Spencer said.

They strung pink ribbons, decorated with flowers and stars and words of encouragement created by children in the Detroit area, on wire and secured them to the trees with the help of their husbands, children, friends and city officials.

"I would like to thank you all for not only joining us tonight, but supporting our cause — ending breast cancer forever," Ashlee Baracy said. "We are many steps closer to our vision of a world without breast cancer, but people are still dying from the disease and that is truly unacceptable."

A former Miss Michigan who made breast cancer awareness her platform, Baracy co-founded the month-long event with Jim and Jocelyn Kollar of Alleycat Designs and the breast cancer fund-raising Web site imaboobist.com. Throughout October, which is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, businesses and organizations in the community will be conducting events aimed at raising money for the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

"I was nervous, but excited about it," Kollar said. "This is very positive and just the beginning."

Restaurants like Famous Dave's, Leo's Coney Island, Buffalo Wild Wings, Texas Road House, Max & Erma's and Applebee's will be donating a percentage of sales on specific days during the month.

THIS WEEK'S PINK EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 4: Encore Dance Academy is conducting a Bottle Drive.

Monday, Oct. 5: Eat at Buffalo Wild Wings and 20 percent will be donated. A trivia contest, with cash prizes, starts at 6 p.m. Must bring pink pass.

Thursday, Oct. 8: Eat at Ram's Horn and 10 percent will be donated.

Throughout the month: Open a primary checking account at Flagstar Bank and it will deposit \$100 in your account and donate \$25 to Painting the Town Pink. Purchase Reista Soft Style Carpeting at Independent Carpet One and 1 percent will be donated.

Information, a calendar of events and a pink passes section to print out fliers for local restaurant fund-raising events as well as a complete list of sponsors can be found on the Painting the Town Pink Web site at www.paintingthetownpink.org.

In addition to good eating, money will be raised through a bottle and can drive by students at the Encore Dance Academy, and by opening new checking accounts at Flagstar Bank and buying Resist carpeting at Independent Carpet One.

There also will be a free concert, featuring Yankeeville and The Scott Martin Band, Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Performance Pavilion behind the William P. Faust Public Library.

The Kollars and Baracy came up with the idea of a fund-raiser residents could afford while supporting local business. They rounded up sponsoring businesses, including Garden City Hospital, Westland Rotary, Westland Jaycees, the Westland Chamber of Commerce and Co-Op Credit Union Services to name a few.

"The businesses have been



Sisters Joyce Bornholdt and Donna Prieskorn, both breast cancer survivors, string pink ribbons on wires that are wrapped around trees on the front lawn of Westland City Hall.



Ashlee Baracy, during the kickoff of Painting the Town Pink, tells supporters her mission is to eradicate breast cancer.

phenomenal," Kollar said. "Just about everyone I went to said yes. They made it easy work for me. Everything we received we got for free. The community came out in a big way."

Information can be found on the Painting the Town Pink Web site at www.paintingthetownpink.org.

While the money raised this



Geo Teubl, whose mother passed away from breast cancer, helps place pink ribbons on the trees on the lawn of Westland City Hall.

year is going for the Race for the Cure, Kollar and Baracy are looking into forming a foundation that among other

things could help with the education of children of parents who have breast cancer. They're working with Garden

City Hospital to help women who can't afford to pay for a mammogram.

"We're excited about the possibilities we can do with this," Kollar said.

Baracy told the crowd that hearing that her mother had breast cancer left her with an "empty, hopeless feeling that no one should ever have to experience." It also gave her a mission to eradicate the disease. She credited fund-raising events like Painting the Town Pink in providing money for research that created a treatment that saved her mother's life.

Spencer need only look at her mother to understand what fund-raising has done for the treatment of the disease. Maiorane is a two-time survivor. She was 38 years old when she was first diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a lumpectomy and treatment and was cancer-free for 16 years before the cancer returned.

"It came back, but it was a different cancer in the same breast," she said, adding that she has been cancer-free this time for nine years.

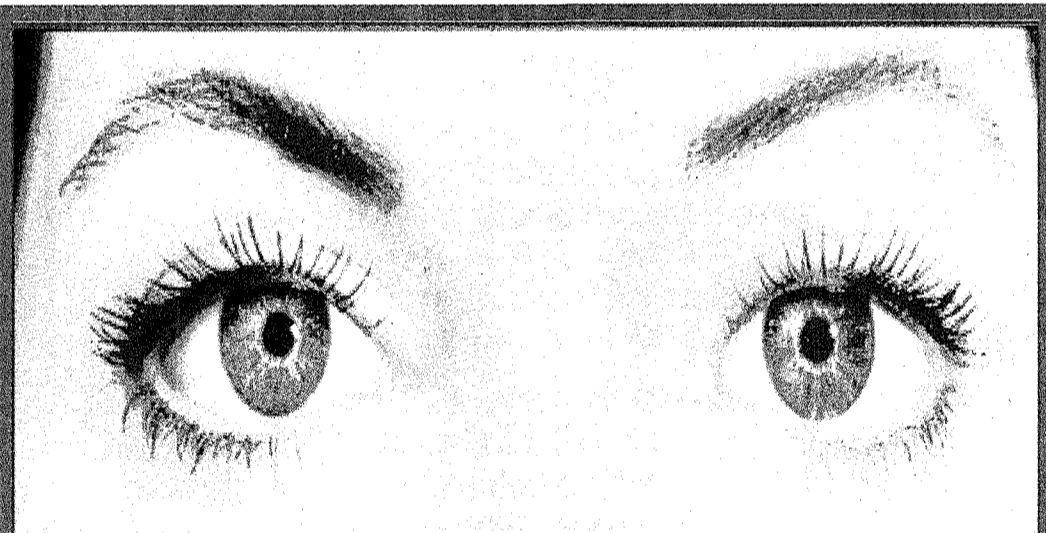
Because of a history of breast cancer in the family, her daughter had genetic testing, which came back negative for breast cancer. Four months ago, however, a mammogram and ultrasound turned up suspicious cells. An MRI confirmed they were precancerous cells.

"Because it was detected early, I didn't have to have radiation and chemo," Spencer said. "I had a lumpectomy, but then chose to have a mastectomy."

With the support of people like Maiorane and Spencer and an interest already being expressed to expand Painting the Town Pink to Garden City next year, Kollar is "excited about the possibilities we can do with this."

"I'm just hoping this thing explodes," he added.

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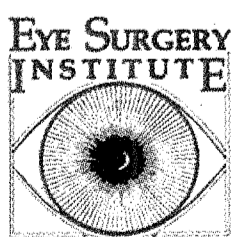


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Auto show poster contest offers students cash prizes

The 2010 North American International Auto Show, sponsored by NAIAS LLC, has launched its annual poster contest in connection with the January show.

The 22nd annual High School Poster Contest is open to all Michigan residents enrolled in grades 10-12. An independent panel of representatives from the local art community will judge the contest. This year, the NAIAS will choose winners in 16 categories.

"The poster contest is always a fun way to involve the next generation of automotive enthusiasts in our community and never fails to amaze us with the incredible young talent that comes from Michigan," said Doug Fox, chairman of the 2010 NAIAS. "We hope that this helps encourage a lifetime interest in not only the automotive industry but the art community as well."

Winning posters will be

displayed at the 2010 NAIAS and reproduced in the official NAIAS program, which is available to the public, corporate executives and automotive suppliers. Winning posters may also be displayed on the official NAIAS Web site at www.naias.com.

In 2009, the NAIAS had a record breaking 660 entries from 64 Michigan high schools. The contest was established to engage the creative minds of Michigan's students and encourage careers in automotive design while recognizing local artists for their talents.

Posters must be original artwork, 25 inches by 21 inches in size, two-dimensional and camera ready. The poster theme must be automotive related, and any mixed media suitable for reproduction as a poster is allowed, including computer-generated graphics. All subject matter must be in good taste.

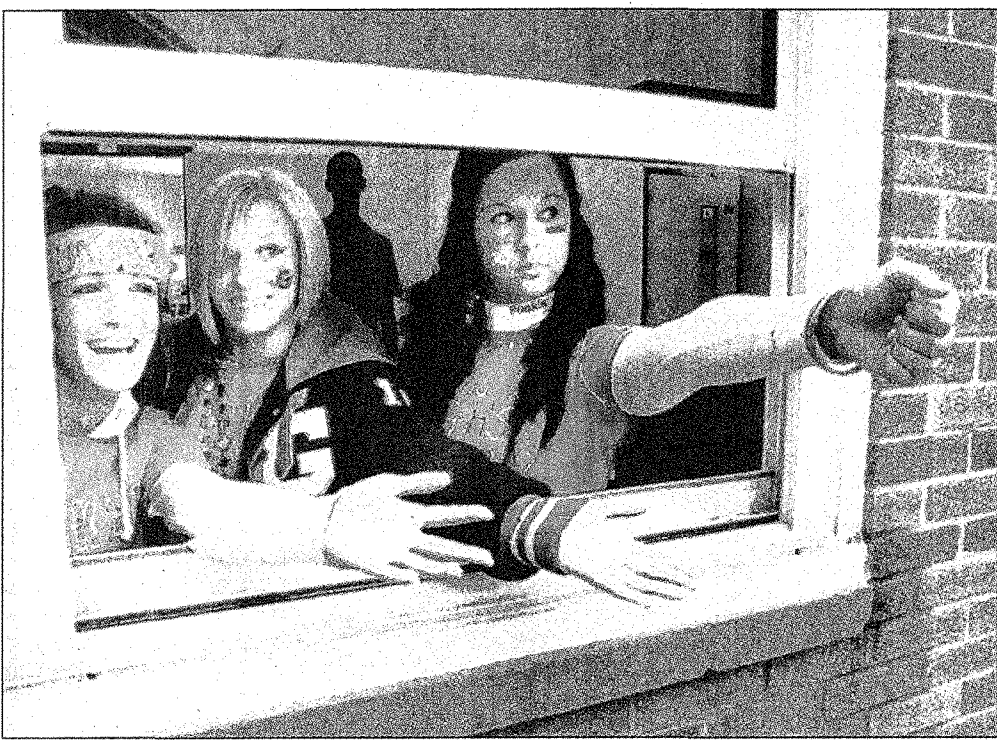
Posters also must contain

the wording North American International Auto Show 2010, Detroit, and Cobo Center."

The entry deadline is Nov. 18.

Prizes will be given out for the Chairmen's Award \$1,000; State Farm Insurance Award, \$1,000; Designer's Best Show - Digital, \$500; Designer's Best Show - Traditional, \$500; Best Theme, \$250; Best Use of Color, \$250; Most Creative, \$250; First Place 10th Grade Award, \$500; First Place 11th Grade Award, \$500; First Place 12th Grade Award \$500; Second Place 10th Grade Award, \$250; Second Place 11th Grade Award, \$250; Second Place 12th Grade Award, \$250; Third Place 10th Grade Award, \$100; Third Place 11th Grade Award, \$100; Third Place 12th Grade Award, \$100.

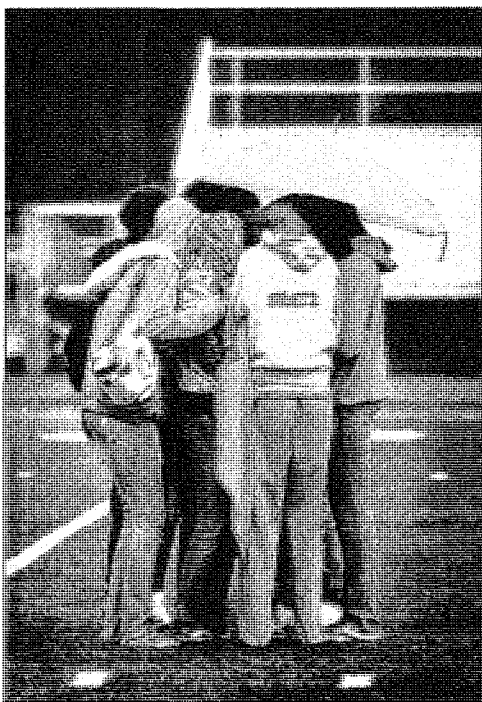
To view the official rules or for more information, visit the NAIAS Web site at www.naias.com or call Sandy Herp at (248) 283-5138 or contact her by e-mail at sherp@dada.org.



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Rainy day blues

Rain put a damper on preparations for Homecoming, forcing a cancellation of the outdoor pep assembly at John Glenn High School Friday afternoon. However, hope sprang eternal for junior class members Rachel Romanek, Megan Trantham and Katie Martin who leaned out a window to check the weather. The rain didn't affect the annual Homecoming parade and gridiron game the pit the John Glenn against Plymouth High School.



(Above) Denisha Glenn and Dennis Anderson, members of John Glenn's Step Team, practice for a performance at the pep assembly. (Pictured at left) John Glenn students huddle under an umbrella on the football field waiting for word that the event is cancelled.

Madonna offers continuing ed classes

Community members can explore their artistic side, develop healthy living habits, hone personal finance skills, learn updated Microsoft applications, or train for a new career through Madonna University's non-credit Continuing Education courses.

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- Estate Planning 101 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 10. Cost is \$19.

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- Girls Night Out - Art, Creativity & Fun 6-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, and Thursday, Nov. 5. The cost is \$27 and includes supplies.

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Halloween Parties

Costumes are optional for a Halloween party at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the gymnasium of the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman in Garden City. Sponsored by the Garden City Library, children in kindergarten through sixth-grade are invited to enjoy a night of squeals, squiggles and ghostly giggles. There will be magic, treats and prizes. The event is free, however, reservations are needed. Reserve a spot by calling the library at (734) 793-1830.

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with the Garden City Public Schools and the McDonald's of Garden City to host the annual Family Halloween Party at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, in the gymnasium of Garden City Middle School, 1851 Radcliff just south of Ford Road. A fun and safe way to celebrate Halloween, there will be a best costume contest, games, face painting and a special appearance by Ronald McDonald. Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$5, adults are free. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the Garden City elementary schools. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 422-4448.

Preteens can rock the night away at The Haunted Halloween Preteen Dance and Karaoke Night scheduled for 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at the Maplewood Community Center. The event is for the younger set - fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students. Have some Halloween fun, but watch out for the ghouls. There will be pizza, pop, munchies, dancing, karaoke, Dance Dance Revolution and Wii games. The music selection includes Hilary Duff, Ashlee Simpson, Black Eyed Peas and the High School Musical soundtrack among others. Tickets are \$10 each. Space is limited, so purchase tickets by Oct. 28 at the Maplewood Center.

Halloween science

The Westland Parks and Recreation and Mad Science of Detroit are sponsoring Science Spook-tacular 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:15-9:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, west of Wayne Road, Westland. See how science can be as creepy as it is cool. Watch as an eyeball floats above your head. See paper that bleeds and ghosts that disappear in a puff of fire. Find out how ghosts glow and how graveyards get that great spooky fog. As a special treat, find out how spiders spin their webbing and taste some special "Spider Web Candy Floss." All ages are welcome and the cost is \$5 per person. Pre-registration encouraged but not required. For more information, call Mad Science of Detroit at (734) 266-9444 or check out the Web site,

www.madscience.org/detroit.

Halloween Walk

For the younger set, it's a gentle Halloween when the Westland Parks and Recreation Department, Westland Civitan Club, Dads' Athletic Club of Westland and the Westland Breakfast Lions' Club conduct their annual Halloween Walk Friday-Saturday, Oct. 23-24, for the younger set, including toddlers and all ages. Come have a Halloween adventure in the Friendly Forest. Many special friends from area businesses, civic groups and other organizations will guide youngsters and their entire family through a great adventure. Meet the neighbors of the forest, including Little Bo Peep, the Friendly Troll, and many others. It's a non-scary, guided tour event created for younger children. Kids are encouraged to wear their costumes. Tours start every 10 minutes at the Bailey Recreation Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Tickets are available now at the Bailey Center and cost \$3 per person. Children under 12 months are free. The program runs rain or shine. If there is inclement weather, tours will take place inside the Bailey Center. For more information, call (734) 722-7620. Proceeds will benefit the Fun 4 All: Children's Recreation Scholarship Program.

Jaycees Haunted House

Don't miss the Westland Jaycees Haunted House that's located at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 Wayne Road, south of Ford. Ghouls, ghosts, and screams await you at this Halloween Haunted House. Scary and frightening action are yours to savor. Not for younger children, the haunted house is will be open 7-10 p.m. weekdays and 7 p.m. to whenever on weekends Oct. 2, 3-9, 10-17 and 23-30. Admission is \$10 adults and \$5 for children age 12. Bring two non-perishable food items and receive \$1 off and adult admission. Little ones will receive a free Glow Stik, Special Haunted House Friendly Monster Family Day for families with younger children is noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. For more information, call (734) 226-0400 or (734) 686-1962.

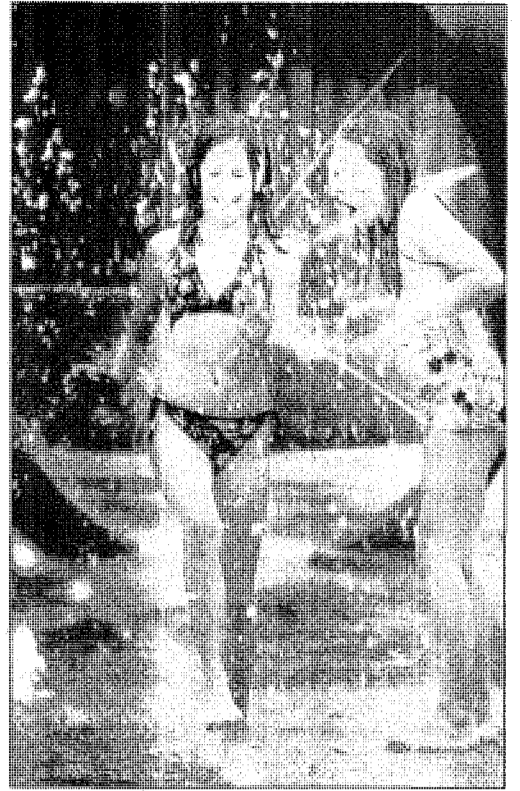
Bowling with Monsters

The Grange No. 389, Westland Parks and Recreation and Town-n-Country Bowling Lanes are sponsoring Bowling with the Monsters 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at Town-n-Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Cost is \$7 per person, and each child will receive one game of bowling, shoes, hot dog, drink, a visit from the monsters and more. For more information, call Jeff Goodfellow at (734) 673-4033 after 1 p.m. Pick up a registration form at the Bailey Recreation Center. The event will help raise funds for the third-grade dictionary program for Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

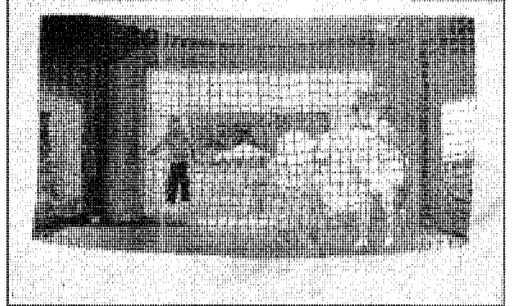


Let there be fun

Gloomy skies didn't put a damper on the grand opening of the Westland's newest kid attraction - the H2O splashground in Tattan Park - last weekend. Bucks of water poured down on happy youngsters who squeezed in one last day of water play before cooler weather arrived. The splashground was built with money from the city's Downtown Development Authority and compliments the Play Planet playscape built in the park last fall.



Kyrstin Elliott and Samantha Sayers enjoy the splashground's water jets.



For youngsters like Tamara Weening and Abby Organ, jumping in the inflatable was just as good as getting wet.

IN BRIEF

Recycle for cash

Drop off used ink jet cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras and similar items at City Hall. Garden City Charities, a group formed by city staff, sends the items off to be recycled by Cartridges for Kids and gets cash in return. Money raised by Garden City Charities benefits local organizations.

Shop Online

Help Garden City Schools support its staff and students whenever you shop at Amazon.com through the link on the school district web site. Simply follow the link above, or at the bottom of any page, to enter the Amazon.com site, and a portion of any resulting purchases will be returned to Garden City Schools.

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Accepting donations

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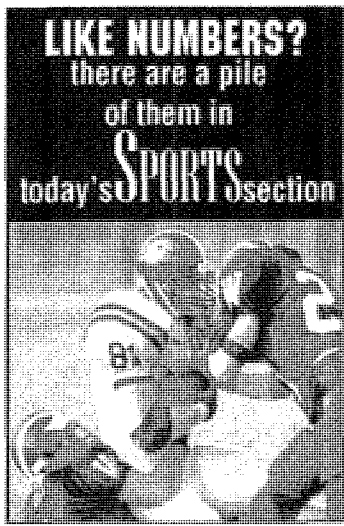
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Sysco stays put with expansion

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sysco — a company that sells, markets and distributes food products to schools, restaurants, health-care facilities and other entities — is expanding in Canton amid promises by officials to make infrastructure improvements near the site.

Sysco, which employs about 600 workers on the township's southeast side, had earlier considered moving out of state rather than enlarging its facility northwest of Van Born and Haggerty roads.

But the company plans to stay near the I-275 corridor — and indeed is nearing completion of an expansion — after township, county and state officials offered to resurface Van Born near Sysco's property and add a turn lane into the site to improve traffic safety.

The effort to accommodate Sysco's expansion comes as officials, concerned about losing more jobs in Michigan's beleaguered economy, lobbied successfully to retain the company and its local workforce.

"This is huge," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said. "It's good for

Canton, it's good for Wayne County and it's good for the state of Michigan."

The pending road project is expected to cost about \$850,000, the bulk of it coming from federal dollars funneled through the state.

Sean McCausland, executive vice president of Canton-based Sysco Detroit, said the improvements to Van Born Road will boost safety for motorists and some 200 trucks that each day bring in supplies and deliver products to customers such as Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland schools.

"This is huge from a safety perspective," he said.

Sysco is nearing completion of a 70,000-square-foot addition to its 375,000-square-foot facility, an expansion McCausland said was needed to help the company become more productive.

He said the expansion ultimately is expected to create "quite a few" new jobs, such as sales and warehouse positions, "but it's hard to put a number on it" right now.

Sysco carries more than 10,000 items, such as fresh meats, produce and frozen foods, that chefs need



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Having space to expand means that Sysco's trucks will continue to be based in Canton. This truck turns south on Haggerty Road from westbound Michigan Avenue.

to prepare meals at places such as schools, restaurants and health-care facilities, McCausland said.

The company has been at its Canton location since 1979, he said.

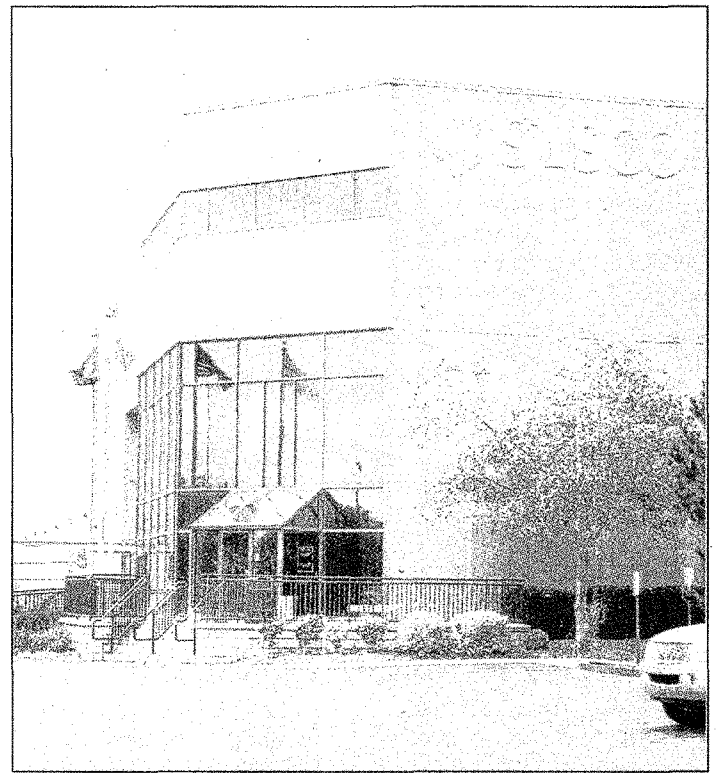
In a three-pronged government effort, Faas said the state is using federal dollars to pay the bulk of construction costs for Van Born Road improvements, but the county plans to provide oversight and inspection of the project. Canton is handling the bidding and administering the funding.

Township officials hope to approve bids as early as this month so that work can begin this year.

"We're also working against Mother Nature at this time of year," Faas said.

Due to an economic storm that has pummeled Michigan, local officials said it's important not only to strive to attract new businesses, but to retain those already here, such as Sysco.

"What's important right now is to keep what you have," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "They are a big



Sysco is expanding in Canton.

company and they could have chosen to leave, but they didn't. That's extremely significant and very important for our community."

Sysco has 170 locations and 400,000 customers in North America, according to its Web site, and its corporate headquarters is in Houston.

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Big bucks

Grab a canned good and head to Skateland West which is having a canned good food drive to help local families in need this up coming holiday season. The food drive starts Sunday

Oct. 4, and continues 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 \$1.50. Inline skate rental is \$5.

All canned goods will be donated to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. Skateland West is at 37550 Cherry Hill, just west of Newburgh, Westland.

Scrapbooking

A scrapbooking workshop will be held 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Ss. 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.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinochle and euchre games at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Halloween Walk

Dress your pet and be prepared for fun at the second annual Halloween Costume Walk for Pets and their owners.

2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, in the main pavilion of Garden City Park at Cherry Hill and Merriman. The event is co-sponsored by the Garden City office of Veterinary Centers of America. The fee is \$10 per pet in advance. Register at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood, west of Merriman. The fee is \$12 per pet the day of the event. For more information, call (734) 793-1850.

Fund-raiser

The Westland Veterans Association is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 in Westland. The dinner will be served from 4-8 p.m. and be followed by the music of Second Wind. There will be a

silent auction sponsored by the Rolling Thunder Chapter No. 3, and a special drawing for Camp Trotter, a camp for the children of veterans. Past, present and future veterans also will be honored.

Proceeds will benefit proposed Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information, call (734) 335-7943, (734) 595-0697 or (734) 535-9454.

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.post 251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

Preschool sign-ups

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

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.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Fine arts meeting

The Garden City fine Art Association will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, in the Community Room at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, Garden City. The guest speaker will be Lin Baum, a noted portrait artist from the area.

Baum has had exhibited extensively and traveled to five world conflict areas to paint and draw on site. She is a former appointee of the Wayne County Council for the Arts, as well as an instructor of portrait drawing and painting at Schoolcraft College. She will be presenting an informative DVD exhibit of her work.

Spaghetti dinner

Good Hope Lutheran Church will hold a spaghetti dinner and silent auction 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at the church, at 28680 Cherry Hill, west of Inkster in Garden City.

The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children age 4-11, and free for those 3 years. Tickets can be purchased at

the door. For more information, call (734) 427-3660.

Haunted tales

The Straight Farmhouse is welcoming Michigan Ghost Watchers for a special presentation, "Haunted Gettysburg," at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the farmhouse, 6221 Merriman. Call (734) 838-0650 for more information.

Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum and The Garden City Library will present "Dracula! The True Story Behind the Stories," featuring Maria-Elena Huncig, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Straight Farmhouse noon-3 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday and at the Garden City Public Library, 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Saturday.

Bowling fund-raiser

Garden City High School Project Graduation 2010 is holding a fund-raiser at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the Garden Lanes, 29145 Warren Road. The cost is \$25 for three

games, pizza and pop. There also will be 50/50 and basket raffles. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling Amy Bone at (734) 422-0435.

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The T-shirts re available from Margo Ciecierski at Garden City Hall or at the Downtown Development Authority office on Ford Road just east of Middlebelt. For more information, call Dan York at (734) 793-1669 or Ciecierski at (734) 793-1660, or visit the Web site at www.santalalandparade.com.

Mom to Mom sale

Garden City Middle School is holding a Super Anything and Everything Sale and a Mom to Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the school, 1851 Radcliff, Garden City. Proceeds will be donated to the eighth-grade trip to

Chicago. For more information, contact Mary Sawyer at (734) 765-2220 or by e-mail at ptsawyer33@yahoo.com.

Put on a shirt

Show your colors and your support for the Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade by purchasing an official Santaland Parade or Garden City Cougar T-shirt for only \$15.

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October Fest

Tickets are now on sale for the Maplewood Senior Center will hold an October Fest Dinner Dance 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the center on Maplewood west of Merriman. The cost is \$15 per person and includes a full dinner buffet, coffee, soft drinks,

beer and wine, Dennis Malec's international band and a floor show by Chris Ayotte impersonating Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and Neil Diamond.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Maplewood office.

Benefit cruise

The Russo family, long-time supporters of the Burger Center for Students with Autism, is hosting a Larionov Charity Wines wine tasting cruise aboard the Ovation Friday, Oct. 16.

The Ovation will depart from the Jefferson Beach Arena, 24400 Jefferson Ave., St. Claire Shores. Boarding will be at 7 p.m. and feature passed hors d'oeuvres and tasting of Igor Larionov Select wines. The boat will depart at 8:30 p.m. and return at 10:30 p.m. During the cruise, there will be a strolling dinner, complimenting Larionov wines and an open bar. There also will be entertainment by Kraig9House and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$175 per person and are available by contacting Colleen Polin at (734) 455-


9340 or by e-mail at Polinc@gcity.k12.mi.us or Mike McIntosh at (734) 727-5102 or Christina Bair at (734) 844-7182.

Constituent hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will hold office hours in several locations in October. The time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

Office hours for Thursday, Oct. 6, office hours are 9-10 a.m. at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 1-2 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Westland senior Friendship Center.

The congressman has two offices in Livonia and Milford the district to serve constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 and the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.



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PLYMOUTH
October 15, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Pioneer Middle School Cafeteria

CANTON
November 12, 2009
1 p.m.
St. John Neumann Church

November 17, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Discovery Middle School Cafeteria

December 15, 2009
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Bentley Elementary Cafeteria

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Auto dealer hosts Halloween party for kids

It's almost that time of year when ghosts, goblins, princesses and witches come out to play. Due to last year's enthusiastic turnout, Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury is holding its second annual Halloween Party for children. The community event will be 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, inside the dealership at 32000 Ford Road, Garden City.

Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury is celebrating its third anniversary by hosting the Halloween open house with trick-or-treating, costume prizes, activities and pumpkin giveaway for children. The purpose of the

event is to thank the community for their support of Metropolitan by providing a safe and entertaining venue for children to enjoy starting their Halloween early.

"Last years event was a day still often talked about, not only by those who attended, but by Metropolitan's employees" said Chris Conley, general manager at Metropolitan. "We decided, after last year's party, that this was an event that we had to do again. With all of last years' activities for the children, parents were able to check out the new models on our showroom floor and have their cars serviced during the

party."

Guests will be entered in drawings to win prizes, such as giant Halloween lawn decorations and festive piñatas. Children also will have the opportunity to take home a free pumpkin to carve for Halloween while supplies last. "We welcome everyone to stop by to enjoy the Halloween festivities and celebrate our anniversary here at Metropolitan," said Conley.

Later in the day, after trick-or-treating at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury, families are invited to the annual Family Halloween Party at 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Garden City Middle School, 1851 Radcliff just south of Ford Road. The event is being sponsored by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, Garden City Public Schools and the McDonald's of Garden City. Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$5, adults are free.

For more information about the event at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury, contact Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury at (888) 860-0007.

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

Monday, Oct. 5
Childbirth Education (4 of 6 classes) at 6 p.m. The six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours. There is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 to register.

Tuesday, Oct. 6
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving. Fee is \$30 per month. Call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (4 of 4 classes) at 9:30 a.m. A comprehensive series, participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee. Call (734) 458-3481 to register.

Have your blood pressure checked (free) and your cholesterol level (\$5) or Lipid panel (\$10), tested on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby from noon to 2 p.m. No registration is necessary. Call (734) 458-4330.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to

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help strengthen and define muscles, as well as increase flexibility. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Yoga (1 of 4 classes) at 4 p.m. Learn to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility. The four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. Call (734) 458-3242 to register.

Wednesday, Oct. 7
Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330.

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, from 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330.

CPR - Infant/Child at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Red Cross, the class provides hands-on CPR training to those who care for children. The class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center, 16701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. There is a \$40 fee. Call (734) 458-4330.

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

Diabetes Support Group at 2 and 6

p.m. Hear guest speakers and get involved with open discussions on new diabetes information by attending this group. Day and evening sessions are available. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month. Call (734) 458-4330.

Thursday, Oct. 8
American Red Cross Blood Drive 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Garden City Hospital will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Lower Level Classrooms of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, located on the hospital campus at 6245 Inkster Road. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (734) 458-4259. Walk-ins are always welcomed.

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Rita McKenzie appears as Ethel Merman in Ethel Merman's Broadway now playing at the Gem Theatre in Detroit

Senior Health & Living Expo set for Oct. 16

Health screenings, demonstrations, expert speakers and a meet and greet with Rita McKenzie, star of *Ethel Merman's Broadway* at the Gem Theater, are all part of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers* Senior Health & Living Expo on Friday, Oct. 16.

The free event will feature more than 40 exhibitors offering resources, demonstrations and information on health, finance, housing and more from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Building H, Farmington Hills. (Patrons will be shuttled by a classic trolley from the parking lot to Building H and parking is free.)

Experts in their field will provide presentations and/or demonstrations on topics such as income and tax strategies, when is the right time to make

a move (for older adults), stress management, massage therapy, yoga, dental care and nutrition.

The OCC Nursing School will provide free health screenings for expo patrons.

Expo patrons are invited to meet and greet McKenzie, star of *Ethel Merman's Broadway* at the Gem Theater beginning at noon. Stop at the Gem Theater booth for a chance to win free tickets to the show, now playing through Nov. 22.

Ethel Merman's Broadway recreates a theatrical era filled with charm, wit, personality and, most of all, wonderful music.

The expo is presented by the *O&E* and *Hometown Newspapers* in partnership with Oakland Community College, AM580 Motor City Favorites and V98.7 FM.

Look for a special section on the event in the Thursday, Oct. 8, edition of this newspaper.

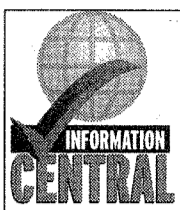
As the days start getting shorter and cooler, it's time to start getting ready for the fall and winter seasons. One area that should never be overlooked is your garden.

Special steps should be taken to ensure a well-kept future garden. Since Michigan is full of surprising weather, special care should be taken to keep your plants blooming all year. Don't know what to do with all of those leaves that soon will be falling on your lawn? Use them as mulch to protect those plants during the long cold months. Want some pretty new flowers to appear in the spring? Fall is the perfect time to plant bulbs like crocuses, daffodils and tulips. They're easy to plant and Mother Nature takes care of the rest.

The William P. Faust Public Library can help you keep your garden in tip-top shape all year long. Check out these titles for advice on what to do during autumn: Christine Allison's "365 Days of Gardening," Nancy Ondra's "Fallscaping," Ann Reilly's "Four Seasons Gardening," James Fizzell's "Month-by-Month Gardening in Michigan," Adrian Bloom's "Winter Garden Glory" and Susan Roth's "Four-Season Landscape."

Another great resource for gardening in Michigan is the Michigan State University Extension Office. There are tip sheets and other information regarding gardening and relevant topics. You can access their Web site at migarden.msu.edu. If you do not have a computer at home, the library offers Internet access.

The William P. Faust Public Library



is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighted Activities Facing the Mortgage Crisis Town Meeting: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6

Michigan Radio and Detroit Public Television have partnered with several local organizations, including the United Way, 2-1-1 and Lighthouse Oakland, to present a series of public town meetings to acquaint residents with the resources that are available to them, whether they are in danger of losing their homes, are presently in the foreclosure process, or have already lost their homes. Local experts, lenders and counselors will provide information on the current environment and be available for questions. Presenters are Jamele Hage, director, and Debbie Hostos, counselor, Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program. Stop by or call the library at (734) 326-6123 to reserve your seat.

Job Readiness Workshop - "The First Step to Your Success": 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7

If writing a resume is new to you and preparing for an interview is a first, then this day-long workshop is designed just for you. Join Preston Banks of Resume Solutions who will guide you through the resume process and personal presentation skills to keep your job search on track. Space is limited so sign up today by calling (734) 326-6123 or stopping by the library.

Adult Poetry Group: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, age 19 and up

Interested in reading, discussing, and writing poetry? Please join us for one of our sessions, whether you're a first-time writer or a serious

wordsmith. Sign up by inquiring at the Reference Desk.

Tax talks: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - How does it affect your 2009 taxes at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8.

Richards, tax professional. Learn about government benefits payments including: tax credit increases for some families with children, health insurance subsidies, energy credits, benefits for the unemployed, sales tax deduction for new vehicle purchases and much more. A question and answer session will follow. Stop by the library or call (734) 326-6123 to reserve your seat.

Celebrate National Reading Group Month: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12

Past and present members of reading groups, as well as those interested in learning more about them, are invited to an evening of fun at the library. Find out the latest information about authors, book discussions and learn about resources that may enhance your reading group experience. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to register.

Job Seekers Lab: Every Tuesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 5-8 p.m. and Friday 1-4 p.m.

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an email account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job related activity? Stop by the library where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Chess Night: Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Susan Hanson The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2687-Sunoco Station-7730 N. Wayne Rd.
Request for a non-conforming sign variance and a 23 sq. ft. price sign area variance from Ordinance 248 in order to replace the existing non-conforming sign panels with new digital message reader sign panels that would total 43 sq. ft. of price signage; whereas Section 15:3.6(b)(5) states that a non-conforming sign cannot be changed to any extent without bringing the sign into conformance with current Zoning Ordinance standards and Section 15:6.9(b) states that the price signage on a free-standing service station sign cannot exceed 20 feet.

Petition #2688-D. Lewis-31115 Merritt
Request for a 2' separation variance and a 0.5% lot coverage variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 7' x 14.6' sunroom addition to the rear of the home that would be located 8' from the detached garage and result in a 30.5% lot coverage; whereas Section 7:4.3(a) requires that detached accessory structures be located a minimum 10' behind the rear building line of the home and Section 7:4.2 allows a maximum lot coverage of 30% in the R-5 district.

Petition #2689-C. Shepard-2125 Alberta
Request for an 8' front yard setback variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct an 8' x 17' covered porch addition to the front of the home that would be located 17' from the front lot line; whereas Section 7:4.2 requires a minimum front yard setback of 25'.

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Abandoned vehicle auction: 10/10/09 10 am Sparks Auto and Towing 31797 Block Street, Garden City, MI

1.	1993	Cadillac	1G6KY529XP0819212
2.	1992	Chevrolet	1G0CCS1421N2201987
3.	1990	Ford	1FAPP6047LH150389
4.	1997	Mercury	1MECM5UU7VG630354
5.	1997	Pontiac	1G2NE52M1VC853523
6.	1995	Ford (cube)	1FDKE371185MB26484
7.	1994	Ford	1FDEE14N4RHA04100
8.	2000	Chrysler	2C3HD36J0YH199927
9.	1992	Mercury	2MECM75N4NX714793
10.	1999	Ford	1FAFP53S1XG220089
11.	1996	Toyota	4T1SK12E654634311
12.	1997	Pontiac	1G2NW12T8VC814635

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There's still time to do Roth IRA conversion

Q: Dear Rick: I am 75 and I took the minimum distribution as opposed to a Roth IRA conversion the first week of September. Is it too late to do a Roth conversion?

A: In your situation, you still have time to reverse the transaction and do a Roth IRA conversion. Since you took a distribution in September, you were within the 60-day rollover



Money Matters

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period which means that you can send the distribution back to your IRA carrier and that would negate the earlier distribution.

You still have to report the

distribution and the reinvestment on your 2009 tax return, but there would be a zero income tax affect. Once the money is within the IRA, then you can do the Roth conversion.

As I've mentioned many times in this column, there is no 2009 required minimum distribution. Therefore, as long as your adjusted gross income is less than \$100,000, any IRA

distribution, even for those over 70½, can qualify for a Roth IRA conversion.

Many people, not knowing that in 2009 they were not required to take a distribution from their IRA, took one anyway. Many of those people are past the 60-day rollover period and are questioning whether there are any options for them. The answer is yes. The IRS has

set forth some guidelines for reversing the IRA distribution as long as it is completed by Nov. 30.

If you are one of those seniors, I recommend that you contact your IRA custodian to make sure that you dot every "I" and cross every "T."

Remember that IRA custodians get busy this time of year, so if you want to reverse your

earlier required minimum distribution, now is the time to do it. Don't procrastinate.

Good luck!
Q: Dear Rick: I am new to the Detroit metropolitan area and will be here for the next year and a half. After that, I will be moving. I've seen some incredible prices for homes in the area. Does it make sense to buy a home if I'm only going to be here a year and a half? Currently, I live in an apartment, but I found a house where my payments would actually be less.

A: Despite housing prices being low, I would strongly discourage you from buying a house with only a year and a half time frame. There is no assurance that you will be able to sell the house or even get your asking price. In addition, to sell your house you may have to use the services of a Realtor, which will further reduce your sale proceeds.

There's more to the house than the monthly payments. There is also the maintenance. In an apartment, your maintenance charges are minimal. That's not the case with a home. In the year and a half that you live in the home, you can incur major expenses that you won't get back when you sell. As far as I am concerned, if you don't have a least a five-year time frame to own a house, it doesn't make sense. Therefore, continue to rent, as that is the best move financially for you.

Good luck!

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HOMETOWN LIFE



Spartans grind out 14-7 win over Novi

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Livonia Stevenson moved one step closer to capturing its first KLA Central Division football title Friday night with a 14-7 win over host Novi.

With both offenses having trouble with the wet ball, the running game became a major factor, as the two teams combined for 81 rushing attempts and just 21 pass attempts on the night.

"I think we made some mental mistakes," said Stevenson coach Tim Gabel, whose team is 4-2 overall and leads the KLA Central at 4-0. "We got bogged down a little bit."

Senior quarterback Brendan O'Hara hit Austin White with a 22-yard pass to Novi's 6-yard line to set up Stevenson's first touchdown. White rushed in over the right tackle on the next play with 46 seconds left in the half and junior Tyler Jarosz's extra point gave Stevenson a 7-0 lead.

"We've been playing good defense. Those kids are having

fun out there," Gabel said. "White showed how versatile he is."

Although the second half began with a misty downpour, the Wildcats moved to Stevenson's 20-yard line, but Novi senior quarterback Ricky Enright was hit behind the line of scrimmage and lost the ball.

Stevenson junior linebacker Duran Onwuemene recovered the fumble, starting a 77-yard drive that would put Stevenson out of reach from the Wildcats.

"We played four quarters tonight," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "They don't have enough experience (at this point)."

Novi senior quarterbacks Brandon Rydzewski and Jimmy Gurney were both sitting out with injuries, and Hartland injured his hand earlier in the game.

With Novi's defense focused on the Wolverine-bound White, senior Johnny Pauley rushed for 18- and 45-yard gains, setting up senior Mike Beyer for a 1-yard touchdown run. Beyer had the ball knocked loose as he crossed into the end zone, but it one-hopped

off the ground and back into his hands, eliminating any questions that the Spartans had a 14-0 lead following Jarosz's successful point-after.

Although much of the game was a grind for both teams, the fourth quarter featured one big play.

Novi senior QB Jim Pitcher had a second-and-15 at his own 17. Dropping back inside his own 10, he heaved a ball up the right line, landing perfectly in the outstretched arms of Kuhn near the mid-line, who ran the ball the length of the field unchallenged for an 83-yard touchdown.

The Spartans clinched the victory 15 straight rushing plays.

The Spartans had 222 yards rushing led by White's 133 on 28 carries. Pauley added 74 on 10 attempts. O'Hara was 5-of-12 for 53 yards.

Novi, meanwhile, gained just 53 yards on 29 rushes.

Total offensive yardage was 292-157 yards in favor of the Spartans, who will look to clinch the KLA Central title 7 p.m. this Friday at South Lyon East.



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Stevenson's Austin White, trying to break free from a Novi tackler, led the way with 128 yards on 33 carries in the Spartans' 14-7 win.

Grand theft: Pickoffs buoy Chiefs past Pats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Just like Canton clockwork. Another football season, another spot in the MHSAA playoffs.

Aided by two interceptions returns for touchdowns, Friday night's 28-7 win over visiting Livonia Franklin ensured as much as the Chiefs notched their sixth victory (the magic number to qualify).

Canton will be in the state tourney for the eighth time in nine seasons.

Chiefs' coach Tim Baechler, however, knows there is a lot of work ahead even for a team that's 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the strong KLA South Division.

"We've got one goal down and we've got at least a share of the South Division championship," Baechler said. "We still want to seal the deal."

"Livonia Churchill's better than people think they are, and they lit us up on the scoreboard last year so we really have to take them seriously."

Another Livonia team gave Canton all it could handle, despite the final score.

The Chiefs could only score on their first and last drives, both by slashing junior running back Davion Stackhouse (14 carries, 96 yards).

"Nobody's held them to 14 offensive points this season," said Patriots' head coach Chris Kelbert, whose team dropped to 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the South. "Defensively, those guys played their hearts out. That's one of the things we had to tighten up from last week into this week and I think they did a great job."

Canton did come out of the blocks on Homecoming Night at Plymouth-Canton



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Franklin's Antoine Banks scored Franklin's lone TD on this play as he eludes Canton tacklers Ryan Powell (5) and Alex Dixon (32).

Educational Park, to the tune of 51 yards in 14 plays and nearly eight minutes.

Capping off the drive was a two-yard touchdown run by junior running back Davion Stackhouse with 4:13 left in the first quarter.

But Franklin righted the ship defensively and still trailed 7-0 with halftime approaching.

Canton quarterback Kevin Delapaz (0-for-5 passing) tried to get his team moving with less than two minutes

to go, until he got hit by a freight train called senior lineman Nate Coleman (6-3, 305).

Coleman literally threw Delapaz for a

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Rockets win on 'miracle' play

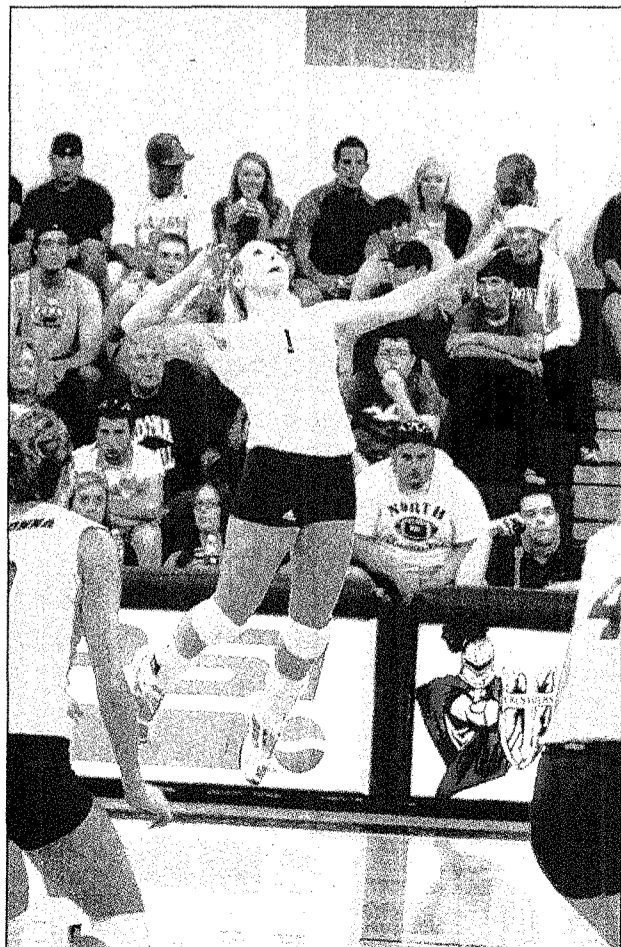
BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tony Wilton's You Tube moment may be coming to the World Wide Web sometime soon.

The senior backup wide receiver alertly scooped up a blocked field goal attempt as time expired and raced 33 yards unimpeded to give host Westland John Glenn an improbable 33-28 KLA South Division football win over visiting Plymouth.

Ryan Lopez's attempt with eight seconds remaining was smothered and blocked by two onrushing Plymouth defenders, but Wilton,

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MU SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

Livonia Franklin grad Liz Dempsey has blossomed during her junior year for the ninth-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team.

Dempsey catalyst in Madonna streak

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

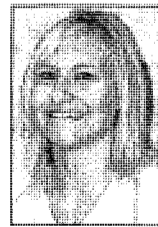
If the Madonna University women's volleyball team were to receive a mid-term grade, there's no doubt they're well ahead of the curve.

The Crusaders, ranked ninth in the latest NAIA National poll, are off to a 19-1 start following their convincing 25-15, 25-20, 25-12 victory Thursday night at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

MU improved to 7-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with the victory, and it sets up a first-place showdown beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday at home against Indiana Tech (11-7, 4-0).

Madonna's 23rd-year coach Jerry Abraham has a good idea what kind of grade to hand out to his 2009 class.

"Right now we're about a B-plus," said Abraham, who has guided MU to 12 consecutive WHAC titles. "We're not an 'A,'



Dempsey

that's for sure. We have a big test Tuesday with Indiana Tech and it should be a great game. If we could get by them, then we'd probably be an 'A-minus.'"

Outside hitter Liz Dempsey, a 5-foot-8 junior from Livonia Franklin, led the Crusaders with a team-high 15 kills to go along with 12 digs.

Dempsey saw limited time as a freshman after missing a month with an ankle injury. Last year she appeared in all 42 matches and played a role as a back row defensive specialist with 127 digs.

"You hope it's because of how much work you put and it's confidence," Dempsey said. "The game is so fast. It's a dif-

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SIDELINES

Soccer rainouts

Due to heavy rains overnight and more rain in the forecast, the Madonna University women's soccer match against Davenport scheduled for Friday (Oct. 2) and the men's match slated for Saturday (Oct. 3) — both scheduled for Livonia's Greenmead Field — have been postponed.

The games will be made up at a date in the near future.

Collegiate note

Freshman forward Alyssa Mira (Livonia Churchill) ranks second in goals (5) and points (12) as the No. 4-ranked Grand Valley State University women's soccer team is off to a 9-0-1 start, including a 5-0 record in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Mira, who has started seven games, notched a pair of goals in a 4-1 victory over previously ranked Tampa (Aug. 30). She added another multi-point game with two goals and an assist in a 8-2 triumph over Missouri-St. Louis (Sept. 4).

Charity hoop game

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (CCOC) and Wright & Filippis Inc., will sponsor a charity basketball game Thursday, Oct. 8, to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) at Shrine High School, located at 3500 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak.

The game, starting at 6 p.m., features the Amputee Spartans, sponsored by Wright & Filippis, and the All-Star Saints, sponsored by the CCOC.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Halftime activities will include a 50-50 drawing and a silent auction.

Tickets will be available at the door with suggested donations \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors, children and youths (11-18). Children under 10 are free.

For tickets or more information, call Richard Shebib of the COCC at (734) 422-0278; or Brad Shebib of Wright & Filippis at (248) 829-8327. You can also e-mail paschabooks@sbcglobal.net; or bshebib@wright-filippis.com.

Learn to Skate

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its eight-week Learn to Skate (Fall Session II) beginning the week of Nov. 2 through the week of Jan. 14, 2010, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (one half-mile south of Five and just west of Farmington Road).

The fee is \$62 for residents and \$76 for non-residents for the following classes (all on Mondays): Ages 4-and-up: 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. or 6:25 p.m.; boys hockey skills: 6:25 p.m.; and 3-year-olds only, 5 p.m.

(Limited free skate rental is available and no equipment is need for boys hockey skills).

Walk-in registration for residents will be 6:30-8 p.m. and non-residents, 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

For more information, or to inquire about private skating lessons, call (734) 266-2412.

MIRACLE

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the placeholder, picked up the ball behind the line of scrimmage.

He then heard the cries from Glenn special teams coach Aaron Lada, who called out to Wilton from the sidelines.

"I saw two (Plymouth) guys dive in there, it went off somebody's chest, I picked it up and I was standing here with the ball," said Wilton, who scored his first-ever TD. "I didn't hear any whistle and I thought nothing of it. Then I heard somebody say 'run.' There were (Glenn) guys in front of me and they (Plymouth) all ran off the field. They thought the game was over."

The win improved Glenn's overall record to 5-1 and leaves the Rockets at 3-1 in the KLAAs South Division.

The crushing defeat leaves Plymouth at 3-2 and 2-2.

Wildcats coach Mike Sawchuk was furious on how the final play unfolded.

"They (the officials) blew the whistle and the clock stopped — everybody stopped," he said. "They wouldn't give me an explanation."

"But I'm so proud of my kids. It's something that's a protest in my eyes, and we won the game. We played our tails off and they (Glenn) should not be happy with the win."

Wilton's You Tube moment overshadowed the brilliant individual efforts by Glenn's senior tailback Jereny Langford and Plymouth junior quarterback Victor Hicks.

Langford, who came into the game with 1,133 yards in five games, rushed for a game-high 315 yards on 35 carries, and threw a 52-yard fourth-quarter TD pass to Davarius Jenkins with 9:29 left to play to pull Glenn within one, 28-27 (following the missed extra point).

Ironically, the 6-foot-1, 190-pound Langford had a pair of TD runs of 80 and 49 yards called back because of holding calls.

Meanwhile, Hicks completed 10-of-12 passes for 265 yards and rushed 14 times for another 84 yards as the Wildcats bolted out to a 28-14 halftime lead.

"Our defensive players are coached well and they're good tacklers, but he (Hicks) made us miss," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "We had guys there and he'd put moves on us that were unbelievable. Number five (Hicks) is a good player and that team has some major weapons."

Glenn led 7-0 when Langford scored off a trap play from 97 yards out with 9:03 left in the first quarter, but Plymouth answered on Hicks' 8-yard run followed by his 47-yard TD pass to Brennen Beyer.

In the second quarter, Hicks hit Jacob Morris with scoring passes of 13 and 18 yards, while Langford countered for Glenn with an 80-yard burst around left end.

Glenn then marched 70-yards in 15 plays to start the third quarter with Langford carrying 11 times out of the single-back "Wildcat" formation. Steven Murphy's 2-yard TD run capped the eight-minute drive to cut the deficit to 28-21 with 3:55 left.

Plymouth's Kyle Brindza, who missed 41-yard field goal attempt to end the half, also came up empty on a 27-yard attempt to end the third period.

After Langford's 52-yard scoring pass with 9:29 remaining in the game cut the Plymouth lead to 28-27, the Rockets failed on the extra point.

But they got the ball back with 1:39 left after Donnell Brewer recovered a costly Plymouth fumble at midfield.

Glenn QB Steve Kulikowski then hit Edwin Silva with a key 43-yard pass and the Rockets got all the way down to the Plymouth 7 — helped by a pass interference call — with less than a minute to go.

That set up Wilton's heroics and Hardin may have summed up the final play best.

"That was weird," the Glenn coach said.

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Churchill romps to 8-0 victory

Max Washko scored three times and added one assist, while Jeff Thomas contributed a goal and four assists as state-ranked Livonia Churchill improved to 13-0-1 overall and 7-0-1 in the KLAAs South Division with an 8-0 boys soccer win Thursday over visiting Wayne Memorial.

Stephen Foster added a goal and two assists for the Chargers, who invoked the eight-goal mercy rule at halftime against the Zebras for the second time this year.

Other Churchill goal scorers includes Tyler Varney, Joel Mancewicz and Tim Devine.

The loss drops Wayne to 0-12 overall and 0-8 in the KLAAs South.

Churchill will travel Tuesday to face second place Canton (9-5-3, 7-1) with the KLAAs South Division crown on the line.

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KLAA SOCCER

Goals by John Littlefield, Chad Russell, Michael Joesue and Brian Maxwell carried Walled Lake Central (5-5-4) to the KLAAs crossover win Friday at Livonia Franklin (2-11).

Dillon Debeliso had a goal and assist for the Patriots, who trailed 3-1 at halftime. Zach Miller had Franklin's other goal.

Avery Baerlin made 10 saves in goal for Franklin.

"We moved the ball well, but out touch and passing was off," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We held onto the ball too long and we got caught where we overcommitted."

PLYMOUTH 3, JOHN GLENN 0: Senior captain Vinh Nguyen's two goals sparked the Wildcats (8-5-1, 6-1-1) to the KLAAs South Division triumph Thursday

afternoon at Westland John Glenn (4-8, 3-5).

It was 0-0 at intermission as Glenn goalkeeper Zach Redden saved a penalty kick.

Glenn then lost key senior midfielder Nelson Kenne to a back injury in the second half.

"It's a big loss and it makes a big difference (without Kenne), but we had our chances," Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada said. "We're playing our style very well. I'm impressed the way we're coming along."

CANTON 9, FRANKLIN 1: Mitch Posuniak, Daniel Ovesea and Nathan Bergeson each collected two goals Wednesday as the Chiefs (9-5-3, 7-1) rolled to a KLAAs South Division mercy rule victory over host Livonia Franklin (2-10, 1-7).

Chad Tweedy's rebound shot proved to be the lone goal for the Patriots, who were outscored 6-1 in the second half.

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13-yard loss back to the Canton 20-yard line and the quarterback was somewhat shaken up as he came off the field.

Still with time for a game-tying march, Canton senior defensive back Arron Boudreaux stepped up to exact some revenge for the hard hit on his teammate.

Boudreaux absolutely hammered senior tailback Mike Baumgardner for no gain on first down. Then came the play that Baechler called the biggest one of the night.

Franklin senior quarterback Mike Beasley (5-of-14, 62 yards) dropped back to pass and fired the ball over the middle where Boudreaux stepped in front of the Pats' intended receiver and raced untouched down the right

sidelines for a 30-yard interception return to make it 14-0 with 30 seconds to play in the half.

"All I wanted to do was prevent them from scoring," Boudreaux said. "And when I saw that the quarterback threw it, I just broke on the ball and picked it. Then all I thought about scoring."

According to Baechler, "That was huge for our momentum, that was absolutely the biggest play of the game, there's no question."

The Chiefs did it again about five minutes into the third.

Franklin moved the ball into Canton territory and junior quarterback Brent Marzion tried to convert a pass on third-and-eight.

But Canton junior Josh Nolen intercepted the ball and raced all the way home for a 65-yard touchdown.

The third of four extra points

by freshman Connor Shennan gave the Chiefs a 21-point cushion.

"You can't beat a team like that and give them 14 points on those two interceptions," Kelbert said. "Those hurt us big-time."

The Patriots finally got on the scoreboard with 1:15 left in the third.

A 56-yard drive was culminated on a 3-yard rollout pass from Beasley to senior Antoine Banks at the goal-line. Banks bounced off a hard hit into the end zone.

That was all the scoring until Canton put seven more on the board in the final two minutes.

Much like the first drive, the Chiefs mixed and matched with consistent runs by senior Ron Gaudi (8-44), Delapaz and Stackhouse — who burst through the line for the 26-yard TD with 1:10 remaining.

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Senior softball kings

Doc's Sports Retreat of Livonia, a 70-and-over senior softball team from the tri-county area, went five-for-five in tournaments entered during the 2009 season en route to a 24-3 record. After winning the Senior Softball USA Eastern Division title in Raleigh, N.C., Doc's qualified for the SSUSA East-West one-game elimination championship game later this month in Phoenix, Ariz. Doc's also added the Softball Players Association (SPA) national title in Dalton, Ga. as well as the SPA tourney crown to start the season in Cleveland, Ohio. They also captured the SSUSA title in Schaumburg, Ill. and the Senior Softball World Series championship in Canton. Members of Doc's include (bottom, from left): SPA administrator Ridge Hooks, manager Ed Eidt, Wixom; Bernie Miller, Livonia; Bill Hudson, Oregonia (Ohio); Jerry DiPaola, White Lake; Roy Simms, Shelby Township; Ron Idziak, Shelby Township; (middle, from left): equipment manager David Hornshaw, Mike Malack, Northville; Jim Wisdom, Algonac; Bill McNew, Swartz Creek; Max Sherman, Lapeer; (top row, from left) Larry Carpenter, Mount Clemens; Sam Lopiccolo, St. Clair Shores; Al Gomez, Northville; and Bob Delgaw, Alto. Not pictured are Al Thomas (Clio) and Fred Knapp (Shelby Township).

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This event was made possible by the Young Academic and Athletic Association (YAAA).

NEIGHBORS



Denise Ilitch will speak at the annual October meeting of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle in Canton.



Joan Noricks is a founding member of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

Philanthropist to speak at women's group annual meeting

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

If you've ever sat on a local fund-raising committee, Denise Ilitch's name probably came up as a good person to call for help.

Her far-reaching reputation of donating to charitable organizations landed her the guest speaking position at a fund-raising event that also is intended to build awareness of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

The group's annual meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton and Ilitch has agreed to talk about her philanthropic experience. The public is invited to attend.

An attorney, Ilitch is owner and publisher of *Ambassador* magazine and president of Ilitch Enterprises. The daughter of Mike and Marian Ilitch, founders of the Little Caesars empire and owners of the Detroit Red Wings and

Detroit Tigers, is known for her philanthropy. "I feel that we are all so blessed with so much that it is important to give back," Ilitch says. "We all have gifts and resources for which to give."

Women should volunteer their time and use other resources if they don't have the money to donate to charities, Ilitch says: "Women generally are very giving and really excel on the side of listening. I always encourage women to be strong financial donors as well. It's all about what resources you have and what you can give and it is all important."

Ilitch says at the meeting she will talk about the quality of success and how that relates to various topics, such as business ties, philanthropic goals and providing services to the community.

MAKING AN IMPACT

Betty Bloch, Giving Hope, Women's Giving

Circle special events chairwoman, said Ilitch is a "fine example of a woman who is not only savvy at business, but who is philanthropic."

We don't all have the "resources of a Denise Ilitch, but if we pool our funds we are hoping to make an impact in the community," said Loren Wadington, past president, co-founder and board member of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

That pooling together of resources to help others is what Giving Hope is all about.

"With Plymouth and Canton being such young communities, the residents are beginning to build their wealth and together we are learning how to be good citizens and give back to our communities," Wadington said.

SOCIAL EVENT

Joan Noricks, also a founding member of

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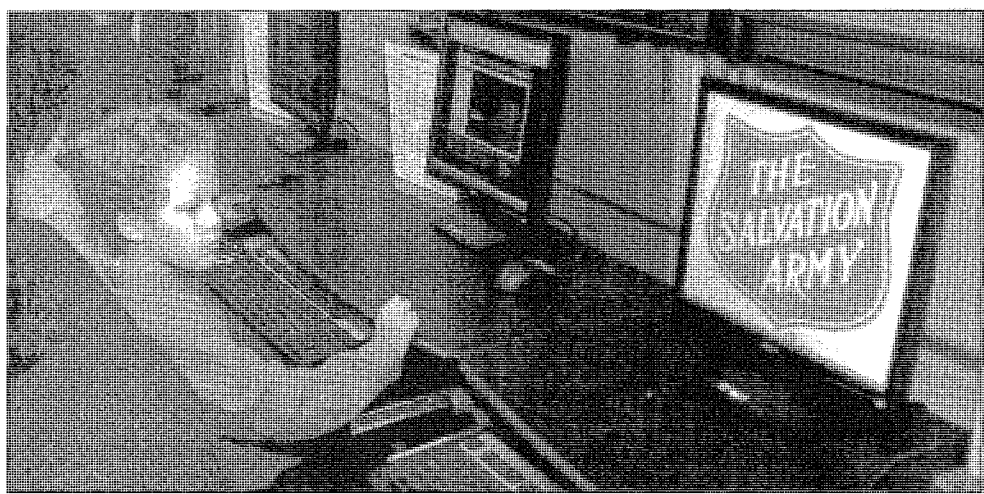
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Logan Rose sits at a computer in the Salvation Army media center.

Salvation Army celebrates new media center

There were a few delays with book delivery, but the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army held a grand opening celebration for its new media center last week.

A \$25,000 grant from Target funded the center, which held a "soft" opening in June and was used by summer camp students for the past few months.

"The new multimedia center has definitely played

a role in getting kids into the (after-school) program," says Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries. Students learn computer skills, which aids their academic achievement.

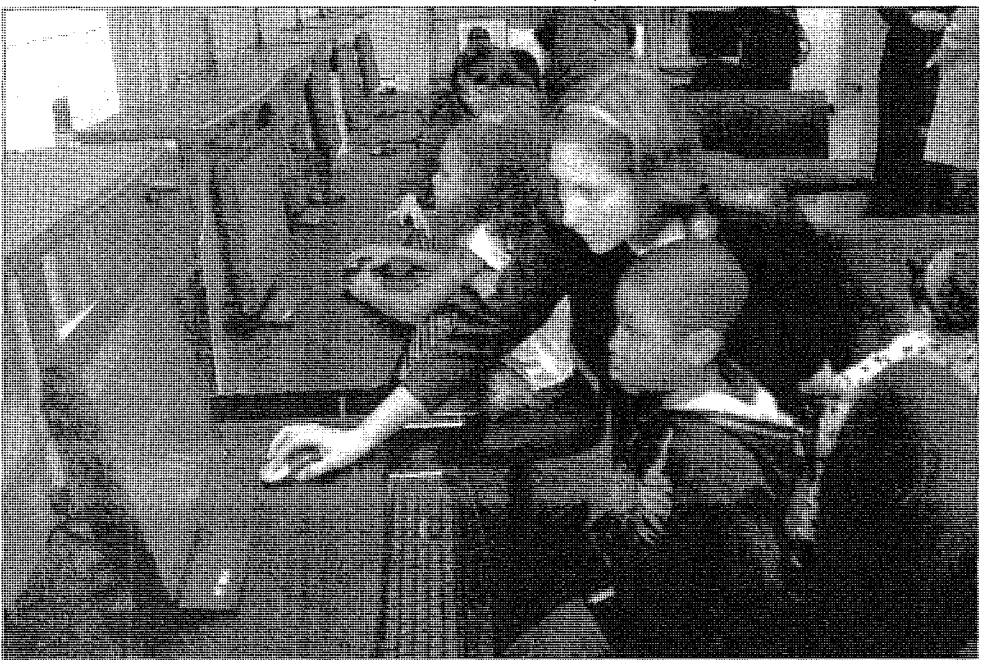
According to Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with wife Joanna, books arrived last week and are being logged. He said the media center is open 10 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday for community, with later afternoon hours for students in the after-school program.

People can use Wii, "watch ESPN for an hour if they want," he said.

With 10 desktop computers, the center can accommodate about 15 people at a time.

The corps center is located on Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland.



Salvation Army Captain Joanna Rose helps Zion Jackson.



Hooper, the Detroit Pistons mascot, will make an appearance at a basketball game between the Amputee Spartans and All-Star Saints, in Royal Oak.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Visual Arts Association of Livonia's fall art exhibition, "Artistic Expressions," runs 8 a.m.-7 p.m. daily through Oct. 29 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia.

The exhibition is judged by a professional artist, but not juried. Awards will be announced at the group's Oct. 17 meeting at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Richard Rubenfield, art history professor from Eastern Michigan University, will be the guest speaker at the meeting, which will start at 7 p.m. He'll talk about portraits in a presentation called "What's in a Face."

He'll contrast traditional examples with works in different media.

Admission is free. For more information or for a catalog of Visual Arts Association of Livonia art class, call (734) 838-1204.

Basketball for charity

Richard Shebib of Farmington Hills offered his son, Brad an unusual challenge that will play out on the basketball court this week in Royal Oak.

Shebib, who heads the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit, will pit his assemblage of high school hoopsters, All-Star Saints, against his son's players, Amputee Spartans, in a game that will raise money for the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

The younger Shebib, a Waterford resident, is a physical therapist for Wright & Filippis, sponsor of Amputee Spartans. He also coaches the team of amputees, who wear prosthetic devices.

Wright & Filippis and the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches are sponsoring the game, which will start at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8, at Shrine High School, 3500 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak. Suggested donation at the door is

\$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors, teens and children, 11 and up. Children 10 and under are admitted free.

"We did this last year for Children's Hospital. This year we decided to try to do it for veterans," said Shebib, who owns Pascha Gifts and Books, in Livonia. Both he and his son attend the Antiochian Orthodox basilica of St. Mary, in Livonia.

"I have to keep challenging my son," he said, with a laugh.

Shebib admits that his team of 11th and 12th graders from various Orthodox parishes hasn't had much time to practice. For them, the game is a community service project. His son's team has played basketball "for years," Shebib said.

"They'd play games against hospitals (staff) in the community...Providence, Beaumont.

I kept going to a few of his games and it was interesting watching amputees play basketball. I said, what do you think about hooking up with my team and we'll do charities outside of the hospitals? His eyes opened wide. He always likes to try and beat me."

Shebib said an Amputee Spartans win may be "predictable," but that his much younger group will "give them a battle."

"I don't play basketball. I'm an armchair player, but I coach soccer," he said. "But it's really about having some fun and we have Hooper coming. It should be enjoyable, entertaining and it's for a good work."

The Detroit Pistons Basketball mascot will make an appearance during the game.

Shebib also is looking for a troupe of cheerleaders willing to make some noise at the match. Interested groups can call him at (734) 422-0278

- Sharon Dargay

GIVING

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Giving Hope, said she hopes Ilitch will talk about the criteria she uses when deciding what charities will get funding. "This is a combination of a great social occasion, appropriate topics and usually good wine and not necessarily in that order," Noricks said.

An "eclectic mix of women come together" at the Giving Hope events, she added. "It's a very rewarding experience working with lots of high-energy women," Noricks says. "It really is about bringing women together. We're looking to draw from the regional base to come and hear Denise and learn a little about Giving Hope."

Event sponsorships are still available and begin at \$200.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$5 if purchased from a Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle member, Bloch said.

Giving Hope, Woman's Giving Circle can be reached at www.givinghopewg@gmail.com or by calling the Canton Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

Group pools money to improve local community

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is all about filling unmet needs in the community.

The young organization also established an endowment for future needs and teaches women about philanthropy.

"It's not about just giving money, but giving your time and other resources," said Betty Bloch, Giving Hope special events coordinator.

The group was established in 2006 and is affiliated with the Canton Community Foundation.

"At the time, we wanted to create a group of women philanthropists," said Joan Noricks, Canton Community Foundation president and co-founder of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle. "The notion of Giving Circle is to pool women's money together where we can make a larger impact. Our primary mission is supporting issues around women and their families."

The organization has given \$12,000 to community groups.

Giving Hope has four general membership meetings annually, in fall, winter, spring and summer. And at each meeting, there's a tradition called pass the purse, where members are encouraged to donate money that goes toward granting funds.

Giving Hope has 66 members who have donated \$1,000 each and "multiple other women who are patrons or supporters who have donated" in some way, Noricks said.

Grant recipients include First Step, Elder Law Center and a Girl Scouts national drive to address self-esteem, education and the need for girls to take care of themselves.

For more information about Giving Hope, contact the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

- Diane Andreassi

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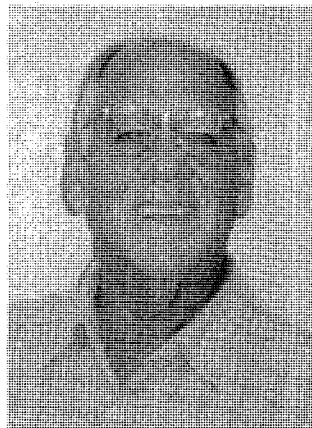
"My life ended at my front door, but this gave me my life back," said Roberts. "You saved my life."

David Welch sought to read without hand magnifiers and drive with confidence. The doctor prescribed one pair for driving and another for reading. "No other specialists helped me like Dr. Smith," said Welch, moved to tears by seeing better.

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David Welch with driving glasses

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The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Got a photo of your graduating class? Send it along, too, as a jpg attachment.

Birmingham High School Class of 1953 and 1954

55th reunion weekend, Oct. 9-10, at Centerpointe Marriott, in Pontiac. Call Denise Baldwin at (248) 540-4078 for details.

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Detroit Redford Classes of 1954-1955

5 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth; \$45 per person. See www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com for details. Class of '54 contact Doug King at dking000@ameritech.net. Class of '55 contact, Mary Morris Hunter at m.morris.rhs55@wowway.com

Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit St. Thomas

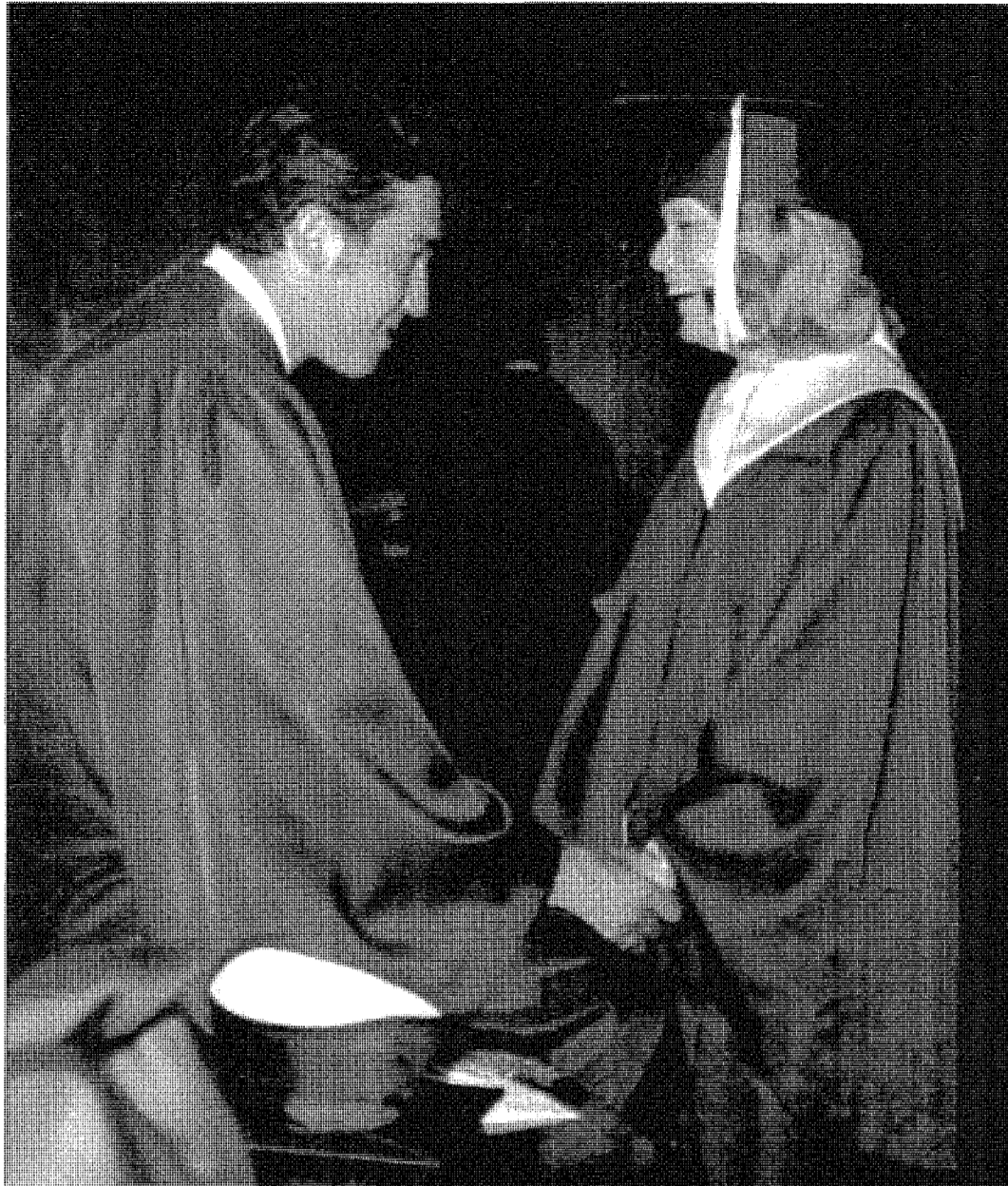
Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

Farmington High School Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblenn@aol.com.

Fordson High School Class of 1984

25-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 28, Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$65 per person and includes dinner, dancing/DJ, and full bar. A photographer will be on-site taking and selling group and individ-



Steve Micklea and Linda Krause celebrate at graduation in 1969 from John Glenn High School, Westland. Graduates in a photo published last week were incorrectly identified as the couple. The JGHS 40th class reunion is set for Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10.

ual photos. Invitations will be mailed out in October.

E-mail Michele (Tonna) Belczak at michelebel@sbcglobal.net or Melanie (Monaghan) Scharboneau at mscharboneau@yahoo.com to provide current mailing address.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

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

Garden City West

Class of 1979

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, <http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979>, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to gcv79reunion@yahoo.com.

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24, 2010; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle,

Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com

Ladywood Class of 1984

25th reunion, Dec. 26; for information e-mail to Sara Czarnecki Levitsky at saralevitsky@comcast.net

Livonia Bentley Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor

class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

Classes of '78, '79, '80

Combo-Class Reunion Friday, Nov. 27, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 before Nov. 1 and \$60 after. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event includes food, live music and an open bar. Visit www.bentleyclassof1979.com. Contact bentleyclassof78@yahoo.com or call John at (734) 358-3272.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

40th high school reunion, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Nov. 14, at Lyon Oaks Banquet Center, 52251 Pontiac Trail, Wixom. No tickets will be sold at the door. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at klivingstone@nu-core.com.

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1979

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885, 995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at lisannefalk@comcast.net

Oak Park High School Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4, 2010; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Redford Union Class of 1989

20 year reunion Saturday, Oct. 24 at Warren Valley Golf Club. For information or to register call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com

St. Mary of Redford Class of 1969

40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to mcoulter@gr-lakes.com.

Westland John Glenn Class of 1969

40th Reunion Weekend, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10. Friday activities: 6:45 p.m. football game JGHS vs. WMHS; 7:30-11:00 p.m. social mixer at Hilton Garden Inn, near airport. Saturday activities: 10:30 a.m. tour of John Glenn High School, 6 p.m.-midnight reunion dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information, contact jghs69@aol.com; Facebook JGHS Class of 1969 or Sandra Shepherd Legg at (313) 273-7950. Some events walk-in, some require advance registration at JGHS69@aol.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Farmington Garden Club

Cheryl English, Advanced Master Gardener, will explain how and why native species provide beautiful fall colors at the club's next meeting, noon, Monday, Oct. 5, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills. She will also show her pottery. Guests are welcome. For more information call (248) 473-0822.

At English Gardens

■ Get an overview of different spring bulbs and tips on planting them, 7 p.m., Oct. 7.

■ Learn to make a fall floral arrangement 7 p.m., Oct. 8. Fee is \$19.99. Register at the store or online.

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■ Decorate your porch or patio with a container of seasonal, cold-tolerant flowers. The store will provide materials and instructions at 7 p.m., Oct. 15. The fee is \$24.99. Register online or in the store.

■ Find out what it takes to prepare your garden for winter at 7 p.m., Oct. 21.

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Future 2 Casper Gallery
Location: 210 W. 11 Mile, Royal Oak
Details: Permanent exhibit of works by Casper Milquetoast
Contact: (586) 838-0072, www.thefuturegallery.com

Lemberg Gallery
Location: 23241 Woodward, Ferndale
Time/Date: "Kandyland," works by Beverly Fishman through October.
Contact: (248) 591-6623; www.lemberggallery.com

Paramount Gallery
Location: 22635 Woodward, Ferndale
Time/Dates: "Lost Weekend" by abstract expressionist James Homer Brown. Exhibit runs through Nov. 9
Contact: www.theparamountgallery.com

Park West Gallery
Location: 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
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Susanne Hilberry Gallery
Location: 700 Livernois, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com

BENEFIT

MAMA's Coffeehouse
Location: Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward at Lone Pine, in Bloomfield Hills
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 17
Details: Fund-raiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Stewart Francke, Josh White Jr, Matt Watroba and Floyd King & the Bushwackers; new benefit CD for LLS will be available for sale at the concert, along with refreshments. Admission is \$15 general admission, \$13 for students and seniors
Contact: www.mamascoffeehouse.org

Royal Oak Music Theatre
Location: On Fourth between Lafayette and Washington in downtown Royal Oak
Time/Date: 9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23
Details: Bone Bash benefit for Arthritis Foundation with That 80's Band and DJ Julio, 21+ only, tickets \$25, \$30 and \$100
Contact: (800) 919-6272; www.royaloakmusictheatre.com

COMEDY

The Future 2 Casper Gallery
Location: 210 W. 11 Mile, between Main and Washington in downtown Royal Oak
Time/Date: Fourth Friday of the month
Details: Improv, comedy sketches with Miguel's Basement and guest performers. \$6 admission
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Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Time/Dates: Shows at 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., Wednesdays, admission \$5; shows at 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m. Thursdays, admission \$10; shows 8 p.m., 10 p.m., 11:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, admission \$15 for early shows and \$5 for late show; 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., Sundays, admission \$10 for early show and \$5 for second and third shows. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is at 10 p.m., Wednesday
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Celebrity fashion show

Longtime hosts of the Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion, Rich Fisher and Doris Biscoe, will step up to the mic again this year for the event, which raises funds for Burger School for Students with Autism. A craft show boutique opens at 9 a.m., followed by lunch at noon, raffles and the celebrity fashion show, Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tickets are \$45. Call Miriam at (734) 981-6003.

JD's House of Comedy
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Time/Dates: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Time/Dates: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; Shane Mauss, Oct. 8 and 10; John Heffron, Oct. 15 and 17; Joe Deviot, Oct. 22 and 24; Scott Angrave, Oct. 29 and 31; J. Chris Newberg, Nov. 5 and 7; Kathleen Madigan, Nov. 12 and 14; Justin Schlegel, Nov. 19 and 21; Mike Green, Nov. 27 and 28
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Royal Oak Music Theatre
Location: Fourth street between Washington and Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak
Time/Dates: Michael Ian Black and Michael Showalter, Sunday, Oct. 11, \$25 in advance and \$30 day of the show; Patton Oswalt, Oct. 16, \$29.50 in advance and \$32 at the door; Bob Saget, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, \$39.50-\$49.50; and The Best of Second City, 7 p.m. Dec. 18-19, \$22 in advance, \$25 day of the show.
Contact: (800) 919-6272; www.royaloakmusictheatre.com

CONCERTS

First United Methodist Church
Location: 22331 Woodward, Ferndale
Time/Date: workshop, 3-5 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17
Details: Don Ross, the only person to win the National Fingerstyle Championship twice, will be in concert, presented by the Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society. Tickets for the concert are \$20 per person, \$15 for seniors and students; guitar workshop costs \$40; combined concert and workshop ticket is \$50. Available online at www.fingerstyle.org or at the door

Contact: (248) 646-4030

Future 2 Casper Gallery
Location: 210 W. 11 Mile, between Main and Washington in downtown Royal Oak
Times/Dates: Most shows start at 6 p.m.
Details: Singer songwriter night with Dan Kennedy and guests, first Thursday of the month; new arts and acoustic rock, first Friday; Ravindra Kharmal and guests, first Saturday; rock and DJ, second Thursday; arts and Americana with Micheal Psychich, the Thumpers and Rachael Taylor, second Friday; acoustic with Eric Hartley and friends, third Thursday; arts and punk rock with The Barefoot Girls, Jeremy Loizos and DJ Greed, third Friday; arts and modern music with Liam Stockwell and friends, third Saturday; Night of the Living Dead with DJ Greed, DJ Pony or DJ Casper, fourth Thursday; arts and jazz with The Lounge Catz and guests, fourth Saturday; coffee and DJ, midnight-4 a.m., Friday and Saturday; "Relax on the Spikes" with DJ Casper, 6 p.m.-midnight, Monday. Admission is \$6
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Magic Bag
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Time/Dates: The Mega 80's, Oct. 9, 17; Domestic Problems, Oct. 10; Portugal. The Man, with Hockey and Drug Rug, Oct. 13; Greensky Bluegrass with covert Operations, Oct. 16; Fran Healy and Andy Dunlop, Oct. 22; Fifth Way with Arazi and Ghosts of August, Oct. 23; Mason Jennings with Crash Kings, Oct. 24
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Oakland Community College
Location: Royal Oak campus, corner Washington and Lincoln
Time/Dates: Bluegrass series, 7:30 p.m.; The Grascals, Oct. 16; Daily and Vincent, Nov. 13; Russell Moore, Jan. 22, 2010; Nothin' Fancy, April 23, 2010; J. D. Crowe & the New South, May 14, 2010

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Royal Oak Music Theatre
Location: 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak
Time/Dates: Colbie Caillat with Howie Day, Oct. 9; Thievery Corporation, Wednesday, Oct. 21; Broken Lizard Live with the stars and creators of "Supertroopers," "Beerfest," Oct. 24; Gov't Mule with Jackie Greene, Oct. 25; Railroad Earth, Saturday, Oct. 31; Train with Uncle Kracker, Tuesday, Nov. 3; Skinny Puppy, Wednesday, Nov. 11; Blue October with Bobby Ray and B.o.B., Friday, Nov. 13; Straight No Chaser, Dec. 6
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Contact: (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org

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Five15 Media Mojo More
Location: 515 S. Washington, Royal Oak
Time/Dates: Friday midnight movies: "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" Oct. 9; "Showgirls," Oct. 16; "Xanadu," Oct. 23; "Gentlemen Prefer

Blondes," Oct. 30
Contact: (248) 515-2551

Magic Bag
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Time/Dates: "The Hangover," Oct. 8, 14-15 and 21; Doors open at 8 p.m.; movies start at 9:30 p.m.
Details: \$2 admission
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Main Art Theatre
Location: 118 North Main Street, Royal Oak
Details: "Capitalism: A Love Story," "It Might Get Loud," "A Detroit Thing" runs 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8 only; "Rosemary's Baby" is the midnight show Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10
Contact: (248) 263-2111, landmark-theatres.com

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

AJ's Music Cafe
Location: 240 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Time/Dates: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday
Details: Open mic; \$4 purchase required to participate
Contact: (248) 399-3946

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Location: 515 S. Washington, Royal Oak
Time/Dates: Doors open 6:30 p.m., Drag Queen Bingo begins 8 p.m., first and second Saturday of the month; age 18 and over.
Contact: (248) 515-2551

Four Green Fields
Location: 30919 Woodward, at 13 Mile, Royal Oak
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Contact: (248) 288-2088

Future 2 Casper Gallery
Location: 210 W. 11 Mile, between Main and Washington in downtown Royal Oak
Times/Dates: Comic art and poetry, 6 p.m., second Saturday of the month, \$6; open mic poetry or rap battle, 6 p.m.-midnight, Tuesdays, \$6; open mic, 6 p.m.-midnight, Sundays, \$6; games night, 6 p.m.-midnight, Wednesdays, \$4; novels, 2-6 p.m., Saturdays, \$4; comics books, 2-6 p.m., Sunday and Wednesday, \$4
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Women take time to share breast cancer stories

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

Every month needs to be breast cancer awareness month.

That's the message local women want to spread. It's time not only in October, but every month to put one hand on top of the head and use the other hand to feel for lumps. Self-exam is a proven way to detect breast cancer. According to the latest research, 98 percent of breast cancers are curable if diagnosed at an early stage.

Around town women are sharing their stories in hopes of preventing another death from the disease.

Mariam Searcy's grandmother died of breast cancer when Mariam was young but it wasn't until retiring as a Detroit Police lieutenant in 1998 that she volunteered as an American Cancer Society speaker to tell women about the importance of mammograms. The experience led her to open the All About Women's Health Boutique in Livonia. The store specializes in products for breast cancer patients and survivors. She is giving away at least 200 breast prostheses (\$300-\$400 value) to uninsured survivors during the month.

On Oct. 27, the name of one woman will be drawn to become Queen for Day. Breast cancer patients and survivors are invited to enter for the chance to receive a package from Secret Rituals Day, membership to Fit Zone for Women, mastectomy bras, human hair wig, certificates from Cookies by Design and Cardwell Florist in Livonia, a shopping experience at PJAZZ Collections Boutique in Eastpointe, and season tickets to Detroit Repertory Theatre.

From 1-4 p.m., on Oct. 11, Mamie Smith of Troy will sign copies of her book, *Unfolding of a Rose*, about her daughter's battle and death from breast cancer.

"I'm extremely excited about the breast form giveaway because of economic conditions," said Searcy who takes part in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Belle Isle on Saturday, Oct. 10. "We are always doing whatever we can. Breast cancer is always a concern. I am extremely diligent about my self exams and yearly mammogram."

TELLING MOM'S STORY

Laurie Abney's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 36 after she found a lump through self-exam. Abney



Miriam Searcy and Kelly Freeman own All About Women's Health Boutique.



Searcy will donate breast prostheses to women unable to afford them.

was especially forthright with her story during a fund-raiser at The Q Hair Studio in Plymouth's Old Village on Sept. 25. The Stage 2 cancer returned five years later in her mother's lymph nodes. Two years later cancer was discovered in the Plymouth woman's brain. It has been an ongoing struggle for Patricia Gohl who survived a mastectomy, brain surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation. The cancer returned to her brain in May 2008 and this time was inoperable. Physicians at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital used Cyberknife radiation technology. The recent celebration of Gohl's 50th birthday was a particularly joyful one.

It's about getting the word out," said

Abney, a stylist at Q Studio. "There are so many fund-raisers. We wanted another avenue to spread the word. Telling my mother's story should help other women."

Plymouth Jewelry & Gifts, Station 885, Mill Street Gourmet Pastries, and Hermann's Olde Town Grill in Plymouth along with Chatter's Pub in Westland were just a few of the sponsors who contributed to the success of the Q studio fund-raiser to benefit the Susan G. Komen For the Cure, an organization dedicated to eradicating breast cancer. For \$50 guests were able to choose three services that included manicures, pedicures, hairstyling and makeup. Those who missed the fun event can still help fight breast cancer. Twenty percent of product sales through Nov. 9 go to Komen if customers bring in or mention this article.

"We wanted to have a Diva Night and give back to the community," said Kimberley Meyers who co-owns the studio with Tammy Cuppetilli. "We chose a night out with the girls to find a cure for it, to help any way we can."

CREATING AWARENESS

Bridget Stang of Canton wanted to participate in the fund-raiser the minute she learned about the event.

"My aunt passed away of breast cancer recently" said Stang, a Q Studio client. "I know the stats and figures. It could be your mom, niece, sister. My dad's mother died of breast cancer."

Stylist Vickie Froman has had quite a few clients with breast cancer and one woman who died from the disease.

"It's a great benefit because too many suffer from it," said Froman whose aunt died from breast cancer. "I wanted to help other people."

Stylist Jackie Hobson worked at a salon that styled wigs for cancer patients before coming to Q Studio.

"It's important to keep creating awareness," said Hobson of Westland. "Breast cancer affects men too. We want to get the word out about getting checked for it especially if you have a family history. We may be able to save a life. Young people are getting it. I'm 27 and worry. It's important to do a self-exam at home too. Early detection is the key."

For more information about Q Studio's promotion to raise money for Susan G. Komen For the Cure, call (734) 927-6690.

All About Women's Health Boutique is at 31209 Plymouth, east of Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 762-9324.

Walkers make strides against breast cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Bonnie Jobe didn't realize the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walks were around the corner. She's been so busy serving on the auction committee for the American Cancer Society's major fund-raiser Nov. 7, the Bloomfield Hills woman forgot to register.

The Cattle Baron's Ball raises money for all cancers unlike the Making Strides walks devoted strictly to breast cancer.

Jobe lost her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to breast cancer. A mammogram she had 18 years ago detected a tumor that turned out to be benign leaving her vigilant about annual breast cancer screening.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, Jobe joins thousands of walkers 8-10 a.m., in Belle Isle Park in Detroit. A second walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor. For more information, visit www.cancer.org/stridesonline.

SEEK INFORMATION

"My tumor was found on a mammogram, but my mother's was not, so it's important for people to do self-exams. Tell people men have breast cancer too, and the importance of self-exam and just to get all the information you can. Use Web sites, register for e-mails, newsletters, and it's not just for patients but the families," said Jobe, an exercise physiologist and health educator at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

Earlier in the week Jobe was warning students in her classes about the risks for cancer.

"Today I talked about body fat percentage, keeping weight down. If you have abdominal fat it can lead to cancer and heart disease. High fiber, low fat diets are important to prevention of cancer and exercising, and

to get their checkups. Visit reminder/service sites like www.myhealthtreminder.org and register," said Jobe. "An online reminder is really good for people. My doctor sends me a card."

HELP OTHERS

Jobe suggests participating in the walks as one more way to stay healthy and prevent diseases such as breast cancer.

"Doing something charitable for a feeling of well being can make them feel good while helping others," said Jobe. "There are so many things they can participate in or help. You don't have to buy a ticket, they can just volunteer to help."

Liz Yockey hopes thousands of area residents choose the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Belle Isle for which she is manager. Last year 10,000 walkers raised \$750,000. The American Cancer Society has spent \$388 million on breast cancer research since 1971.

"The money from the walk goes to education, research advocacy, services like Road to Recovery, a free transportation program. Volunteers drive cancer patients to treatment for free. The alternative is not to go to treatment. Reach to Recovery offers support to newly diagnosed who are matched with a trained volunteer with the same diagnosis and treatment and can tell them 'I went through the exact same thing and I made it.'"

"We've come so far in breast cancer research. Nearly 98 percent survive when detected early. A woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes and one in eight will be diagnosed in their lifetime, more than 3,000 diagnosed with breast cancer this year in Michigan."

For more information about the October walks or the Nov. 7 Cattle Baron's Ball at Oakland University in Rochester, call (800) 227-2345.

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Gout and conditions like gout are a good example. An attack of gout can come on without warning and the crystals of gout may soon dissolve leaving no proof of their presence. However, the effects of the gout's inflammation can remain for days. Tests for gout could return with no evidence for the presence of the condition. Injury could give in the same story. While an x-ray or CT scan will reveal a fracture, injury within the bone requires an MRI for confirmation.

Physicians are reluctant to order an MRI or other tests such as an EMG (electromyogram) or nerve conduction studies on every patient with unexplained arm pain. These tests are expensive and often are uncomfortable for the patient. Furthermore, the results may reveal changes from the normal that are irrelevant to the patient's pain.

Throughout these investigations, the physician also has the difficult job of reassuring the patient that lack of progress does not mean nothing is being done.

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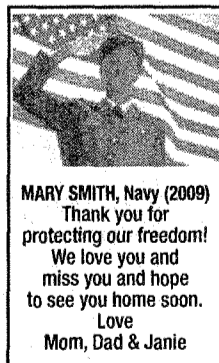
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