

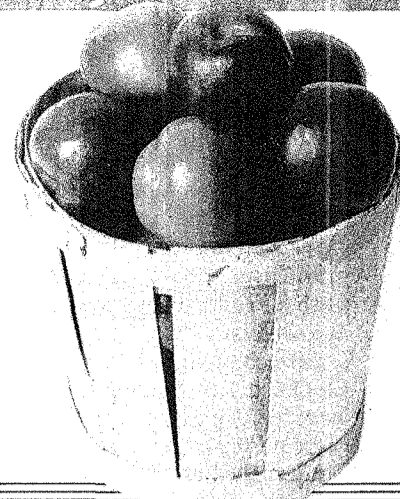
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Free Expo Friday

Health screenings, demonstrations, expert speakers and a meet and greet with the star of Ethel Merman's Broadway at the Gem Theatre are all part of the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers Senior Health & Living Expo, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

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

Birthday girl

Lenore Bartlett already has the outfit picked out to celebrate her special day. The Westland resident will be the guest of honor at celebration Saturday, Oct. 17, marking her 100th birthday.

The Westland resident was born on Oct. 16, 1909. She has a daughter, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and says she lived a long, healthy life and until breaking a hip last year. She lived in her own apartment and had continued to drive until she was 96 years old.

Employed as an office manager prior to retirement, Bartlett enjoyed reading and playing cards, especially bridge, when her health was better.

Pink Week

Events are taking place now through Sunday as part of the month-long Westland's Painting the Town Pink fund-raiser for the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

• Friday, Oct. 16: Stop by Biggby Coffee between 6 a.m. and noon, tell them you're there for Painting the Town Pink 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.

For a complete calendar of events or for more information, visit www.paintingthetownpink.org.



Lenore Bartlett

Napsha: Library aims to do better with less

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A loss of \$56,000 in state funding won't have a big impact on the Westland's William P. Faust Library. Director Cheryl Napsha didn't include any state aid in the current fiscal year budget.

"Our money comes mostly from local millage," said Napsha, noting \$1.7 million is currently generated through the local millage. "Libraries up north with no millage that are dependent on state aid are a lot more vulnerable."

Sources for the rest of the library's total \$2.18 million budget come from Tax Increment Financing Act

funds, the Downtown Development Authority, penal and local library fines and the Friends of the Library.

With decreased property values impacting what the .944 mill for the library will generate and other cuts in direct funding and programming from the Library of Michigan, the Westland library won't be financially unscathed. Millage generated local revenues for the library dropped \$240,000 for the current fiscal year.

Cuts to the state library will affect programs like the Michigan Electronic Library Catalog, or the MELCAT, system, inter-library loan programs and state provided data bases, such as Info Trac which provides access to online periodicals.

Napsha is philosophical about the funding cuts.

"I think given Michigan's economy, everyone has to step up, recognize they will lose funding and do our best," she said. "This might be a Westland philosophy that has trickled down to me, but we'll try to make it as painless as possible. The city has lost funding the last three years."

Attending meetings of city department heads, Napsha said Mayor William Wild has made it a priority to maintain city services despite decreased revenue. It's a philosophy shared by the Library Board, she said.

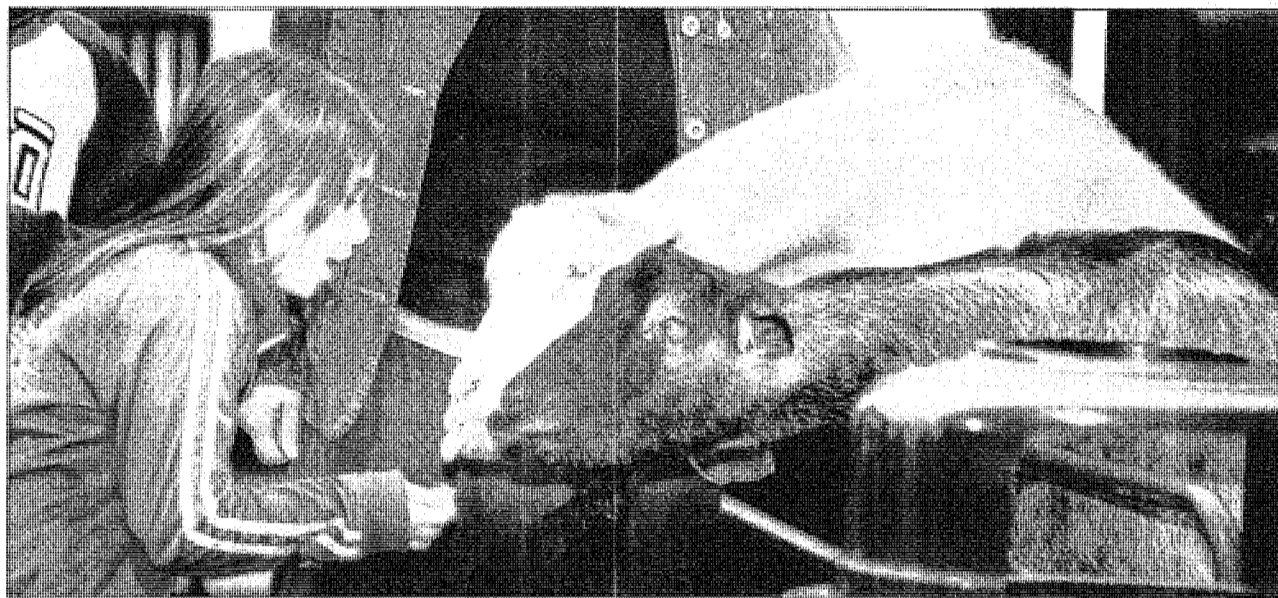
"I don't think people will notice too much. We've made great efforts to

offer quality services. We've expanded our hours," said Napsha. "We offer the job search lab. Westland is having a hard time and the library is trying to step up to meet those needs. It's easy to be good with money. We're striving to be better with less."

Maintaining service levels is something that Napsha said she feels very strongly about.

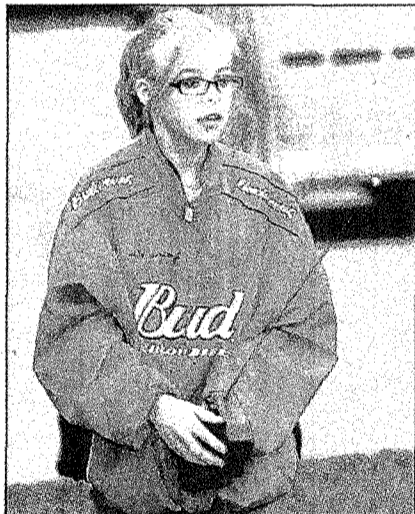
"I'm not from Michigan. In a way, I feel it is an honor to be part of this, to be here in this time when there are all these challenges," she said. "A big priority to me and the board is keeping the doors open no matter what - maintaining our hours."

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Emma O'Beirne got close to nature during Westland's annual Turn Off the Violence Night by feeding the goats in the petting farm.

Families dodge raindrops to Turn Off the Violence



Blair Saranas tries her hand at racing remote control cars.

It's become a mainstay of fall. An evening when parents and children turn off their TVs and spend an evening together.

And that was the case last Thursday, when families gathered at the Bailey Recreation Center for the city's annual Turn Off the Violence Night.

Rainy weather didn't put a damper on the event that has been attracting large crowds since it was started by



Hugo Garcia made himself a scary mask as part of the Turn Off the Violence activities.

the Westland Rotary Club 14 years ago. This year youngsters were treated to seeing exotic animals, doing crafts like making their own masks, clowns, games and entertainment.

There also was performances by Cirque Amongus, featuring child performers, and music by Under The Tree and a band performing Taylor Swift songs.

Committee plans for complete count

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not getting counted adds up. It's estimated that every person missing from the U.S. Census count next year will equate to \$1,000 lost in federal and state programs every year.

"We want to make sure we get our fair share of federal funding. It's important to get that money into our hands and the programs our citizens use," said Westland Planning Director Bruce Thompson, who is chairing the local Census Complete Count Committee. "It also affects congressional representation. We need to make sure that everyone is counted."

Census forms don't arrive until March, but local committee and census workers have already been laying the groundwork to get all Westland residents counted in the 2010 census.

"It takes about 10 minutes to complete. It's a very simplified form. The information is used by the census only. No one else gets the information," Thompson said. "People have a fear that the information will be used against them or feel uncomfortable."

In the last census, one in six households received a long questionnaire asking for detailed socioeconomic information. In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire. More detailed

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City adds online charging to pay bills

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For those who don't like to write checks, Westland residents have online options for paying their water bills.

The newest option is paying water bills with credit cards. The payment is made online and there is a \$4.95 charge added for using a credit card.

"Quite a few people do use charge accounts. Online is more convenient for people who like computers," Finance Director Steve Smith said.

For those who want to avoid the charge for using a credit card, the city also offers residents the option of an automatic payment program.

"You would still get a bill so that you know how much your bill was. About 1,000 people

'Quite a few people do use charge accounts. Online is more convenient for people who like computers.'

STEVE SMITH, finance director

do the automatic deduction," Smith said. "There is no charge for that. It is easy for them, easy for us. We've had no problem with that."

The city is working to add a third online option for residents — the ability to pay water bills using a debit card.

"There is no fee for that. You can already debit your taxes. It should be added for water bills by Christmas," Smith said.

For water billing purposes, Westland is divided into two sections and residents receive their bills every other month.

"Two or three years ago,

we went to remote reading devices. The radio reads pop into the laptop computer (as a city worker drives by) and are downloaded to create the water bills," Smith said. "It sounds simple, but it's not as easy as it sounds. There is a lot more to it."

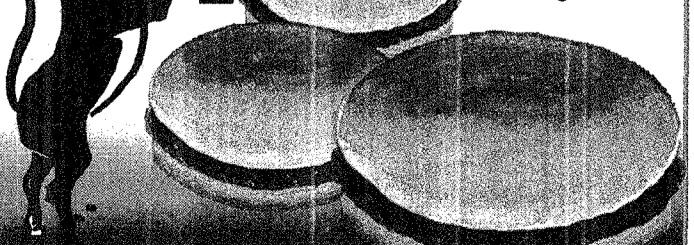
Westland residents can sign up to pay their water bills online at www.cityof-westland.com by clicking the online services tab at the top of the home page and then by selecting "make water payments."

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Bowling Fund-raiser

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its first annual Bowling Fund-raiser Sunday, Nov. 22, at Vision Lanes on Ford Road in Westland. The cost is \$20 for three games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. For further information or to register on-line, visit the Web site at glennwrestling.com. For more information, call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Bell ringers needed

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army will be holding a Bell Ringing Recruitment Day 2-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at the Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland.

People interested in being bell ringers should bring a valid driver's license or state ID card and Social Security card. Representatives from Human Resources will be there to process applications which will include a criminal background check of all applicants.

For more information, call the corps at (734) 722-5115.

No leaf pickup

The Westland Department of Public Service is reminding residents that the leaf collection program has been discontinued this year. Any leaves can be bagged in the brown yard waste bags and put out to the curb for collection by the garbage hauler.

Also chipping season ended on Oct. 2. Any branches you have left can be tied or bundled to be picked up by the garbage hauler. The bundles must be tied and can not exceed 50 pounds or four feet in length.

For more information or questions, call the Department of Public Service at 734 728-1770.

Trivia game

The Romanowski VFW at 28945 Joy Road, Westland, is going to do Trivia Saturday Oct. 24. The doors open at 6 p.m. with the Trivia game starting at 7 p.m. There will be pizza at half-time and prizes to the winners. There also will be Share the Wealth Drawings. The cost is \$20 for a table of four. To reserve a table, call (313) 278-3784.

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.

Film jobs

Interested in a job in the Michigan's film industry? You can learn more about it when noted film industry expert, Bob Brown, co-founder of Purple Rose Films, founder of Charity Island Pictures, and member of the Michigan Film Office Advisory Council, will explain new employment opportunities that the emerging Michigan Film Industry has to offer at a program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, Westland. For more information about the program, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

Market update

Get a rundown on the market from Andrew Gagne, an associate financial advisor, at Capital Market Outlook: Third Quarter Review, also at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, Westland.

Gagne will provide an overview of the third quarter and a preview of the fourth market and offer some common sense methods of making it through these tough markets. A question-and-answer session will follow.

**Truly good day**

Connie Leaym, a teacher at Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton certainly had "A Day Made Better" when staff from the Office Max Store 631 in Ann Arbor surprised her at school with more than \$1,000 worth of classroom supplies. Leaym was nominated for the award by Principal Julie Mytych. Posing with Leaym (third from left) were Ken Schaal (From left), Mytych, Merritt Ligrow, Shawn Empsom, Nathan Vonbroda.

Mom 2 Mom sale

St. Damian School will have a Mom 2 Mom Sale 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the school, 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman. Contact Bev Zwicker (313) 937-9566 for more information.

Warm Up America

For the ninth year, the Grange 389 and Joann's ETC of Westland will be doing "Warm Up America" 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Joann's ETC at 36577 Warren Road, Westland.

At these workshop, the group will make afghans and blankets for those in need. For more information, call Sandee at Joann's at (734) 467-8550 or Sharon Strebbling at (734) 748-0569 cell.

Project SALUTE

The William P. Faust Public Library and the Westland Rotary Club is presenting Project SALUTE at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Project SALUTE is a unique service project pioneered by University of Detroit Mercy School of Law to provide low-income veterans with the opportunity to learn about and receive free legal assistance with federal veteran disability and pension benefit claims.

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, Westland. For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

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 upcoming holiday season.

The food drive is being 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.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251 meets at 7 p.m. first Tuesday of each month at the AMVETS Post 171 on Merriman Road between Avondale and Palmer. All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

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.

CENSUS

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information will be collected annually by the census from a small percentage of the population through the American Community Survey.

Residents can get an advance look at the census questionnaire through the city Web site at <http://ci.westland.mi.us/>.

Part of the challenge in getting a complete count is reaching people who are hard to locate or may not be able to complete the census form without assistance.

"We are also working hard to reach folks who are homeless and seniors who are not physically able to fill out the form," Thompson said.

The U.S. Census Bureau has had a presence at recent local community events to promote the count and also used the Bailey Recreation Center as a testing center. The Complete Count Committee also is developing a strategy for getting Westland's large number of renters included in the count.

"We've had some committee meetings formulating a plan and we'll meet again later this month," Thompson said. "We want to work in tandem with the census office and other communities. We want to make sure all our residents get counted."

The census questionnaires are safe and it's important that they be filled out, said Christine Jaddou, a census bureau partnership specialist.

"There are no invasive questions," she said. "Bruce (Thompson) and others on the committee are working so hard. We have six months to go."

The next Complete Count Committee meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26, at Westland City Hall in the council chambers.

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HENRY FORD WYANDOTTE HOSPITAL

Walk raises money for lung cancer research

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Upbeat and optimistic, Garden City resident Mary Jo Grand is raising money for research to beat lung cancer in the midst of her own Stage 4 diagnosis.

The *University of Michigan Record* recently wrote about Grand, because she is involved with a special clinical study on lung cancer.

Grand, who said that she feels "great," is concentrating on making every day count by "giving back" to her community with a special fund-raiser, Sunday, Oct. 25, at Cheli's Chili Restaurant in Dearborn.

Dr. Gregory Kalemkerian, director of the Lung Cancer Research Program at U-M, gave Grand the opportunity to participate in a clinical trial for people with her type of cancer. Grand, development events manager with the Office of Development at the Comprehensive Cancer Center, decided to join the trial. She recently celebrated one year since her initial prognosis and is doing well. She was originally given about six months to live.

Grand is driven by the fact that lung cancer doesn't receive as much research money as other cancers.

"There is a stigma to lung cancer," she said.

People think that patients bring the cancer on themselves because they smoke. Grand quit years ago when her children were little, but still got lung cancer. She mentioned that actor Paul Newman and film director Walt Disney had lung cancer, also.

The Breathe Easy 5K Walk & Dine Event will benefit the U-M Lung Cancer Research Program. The walk takes place at 10 a.m. Oct.

25, starting at Cheli's Chili Restaurant in Dearborn.

Former Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios' restaurant will go smoke free for the day in honor of the event and Chelios will donate a portion of every diner's bill to the U-M Lung Cancer Research Program.

Grand's diagnosis with lung cancer has greatly affected the way she feels about the work that she did at the Comprehensive Cancer Center. Her work focused mainly on organizing events that raise funds for The Patient & Family Support Service Program.

Her daughter Amber expressed pride at her mom's determination.

Amber Grand, who is well-known in the area because she is a mainstay at events because of her vocal ability, said that she knew that her mother would take this disease head on.

"She has a great attitude," Amber said. "I just knew that she would be OK. She is tough."

Because Amber Grand has worked at Cheli's Chili for six years, it seemed like it was more than appropriate to hold the Breathe Easy event there.

Lung cancer patients don't always speak up due to the stigmatization surrounding this disease, she said. Lung cancer kills more people than breast, prostate, colon and pancreatic cancers combined. People who have never smoked in their lives get lung cancer.

The fund-raiser begins with registration at 10 a.m. The walk departs from the restaurant and follows the Rouge River Gateway Trail before returning to the restaurant. The registration fee is \$20. Children age 12 and under are free and do not need to register.



Amber Grand and her mother Mary Jo who is the inspiration for the upcoming Breathe Easy Walk and Dine fund-raiser. Mary Jo has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer.



The Grand family - Tom, son, Travis, Amber and Mary Jo.

The online fund-raising process simplifies registration and allows an opportunity to create a personal Web site to help raise money for the event. Just click on the Register Here button to begin on the www.breatheasy.kintera.org Web page. People who want to register by mail can click on the Mail in Registration Form link, or register the day of the event. Those who raise \$100 or more will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

Those unable to attend the walk but would like to

donate can.

Event sponsors include Orin Jewelers and Garden City Banners Nationwide, both of Garden City; the Great Escape Spa and Starbucks, Dearborn; Bikram Yoga, Farmington Hills; Ann Arbor Art Center, Ann Arbor; Steven Bernard Jewelers, Dearborn; Kroger, Westland; Thrifty Flowers, Dearborn; Tom Grand Painting Co., Garden City; and Affordable Custom Signs, Garden City.

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Library hosts legal program on veteran assistance

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland and the Westland Rotary have joined forces with the University of Detroit Mercy to bring Project SALUTE to Westland.

Project SALUTE is a service project pioneered by University of Detroit Mercy School of Law to provide low-income veterans with the opportunity to learn about and receive free legal assistance with federal veteran disability and pension benefit claims.

Project SALUTE provides law students with hands-on practical legal training and is developing a network of pro-bono attorneys statewide to assist veterans.

The local presentation will be 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Westland library, 6123 Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford in Westland. The library phone is (734) 326-6123.

Alesa Silver, event coordinator for Project SALUTE, said this is a presentation on the program, possibly leading to a full-scale clinic.

Those attending will learn about eligibility, benefits and "how Project SALUTE oper-

ates in hopes we can return to Westland and conduct our free veterans legal clinic," Silver said. Veterans are welcome to attend, although no legal advice will be offered Oct. 20.

"They can come to our other clinics. That's found on our Web site," Silver said.

Visit www.law.udmercy.edu to view the outreach of Project SALUTE or call (888) UDM LAW4 (836-5294).

Veterans can call that number to make an appointment at the downtown Detroit campus on Jefferson. Appointments are required, and service is for low-income veterans.

The schedule is full for the rest of 2009, so a full-scale Westland clinic would take place after the first of the year, Silver said.

"As a scheduler, it's a good problem," she said, adding that some venues host repeat visits, depending on needs. "We hope to be able to set up something on a regular basis."

Professor Tammy Kudialis of the UDM law school faculty is director of Project SALUTE. Three other faculty members also conduct the clinics, Silver said.

UDM also has an urban law clinic for low-income people age 50 and up.

Tail Wagger's holds vaccination clinic

Tail Wagger's USA, will be helping people with pets who are in need by hosting its second low-cost vaccination clinic noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at Westland Veterinary Hospital, 7610 N. Wayne Road across from Westland Shopping Center in Westland.

Pet owners are encouraged to bring all their unvaccinated animals to the clinic to receive the necessary, yearly vaccinations. Distemper, Rabies or Bordetella (for those that frequent dog parks or are boarded) will be offered for only \$12 each. If all three vaccines are needed a rate of \$30 will be charged. Owners wishing to have their pet Micro-chipped

and registered can do so for \$35 per pet.

No appointment is needed but people should call to let Tail Wagger's know if they'll be attending. Multiple veterinarians will be on hand so minimal wait time is expected. To reserve a spot, call (734) 560-4660 or send an e-mail to vaccinationclinic@yahoo.com.

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Robbery

1 An employee at Dollar General, 8208 N. Merriman, told police Oct. 12 that a man entered the store, walked behind her and put something into her back which she believed to be a handgun. The man demanded money, she said, so she emptied the cash register drawer into a bag. The man left with approximately \$200. The clerk said the man's face was covered and she was uncertain if she could identify him.

A witness, who owns an adjoining business, told police he was at rear of the complex cleaning his car when a man came to the rear of the building, got into a red Ford Explorer and drove away at a high rate of speed on Merriman.

A police dog tracked the suspect to the rear of the building.

Fraud

2 An elderly Westland woman told police she was defrauded of nearly \$3,000 Oct. 7 after wiring money to a caller who had identified himself as her grandson. The caller said he had been in an accident and was in jail. The woman said she was unsure if it was actually her grandson after speaking

with him but the caller claimed to have a cold and began coughing.

The phony grandson told the woman his attorney would call with more information, she said. About 15 minutes later, the second man called and instructed the woman to wire the money via Western Union, specifically at Rite Aid.

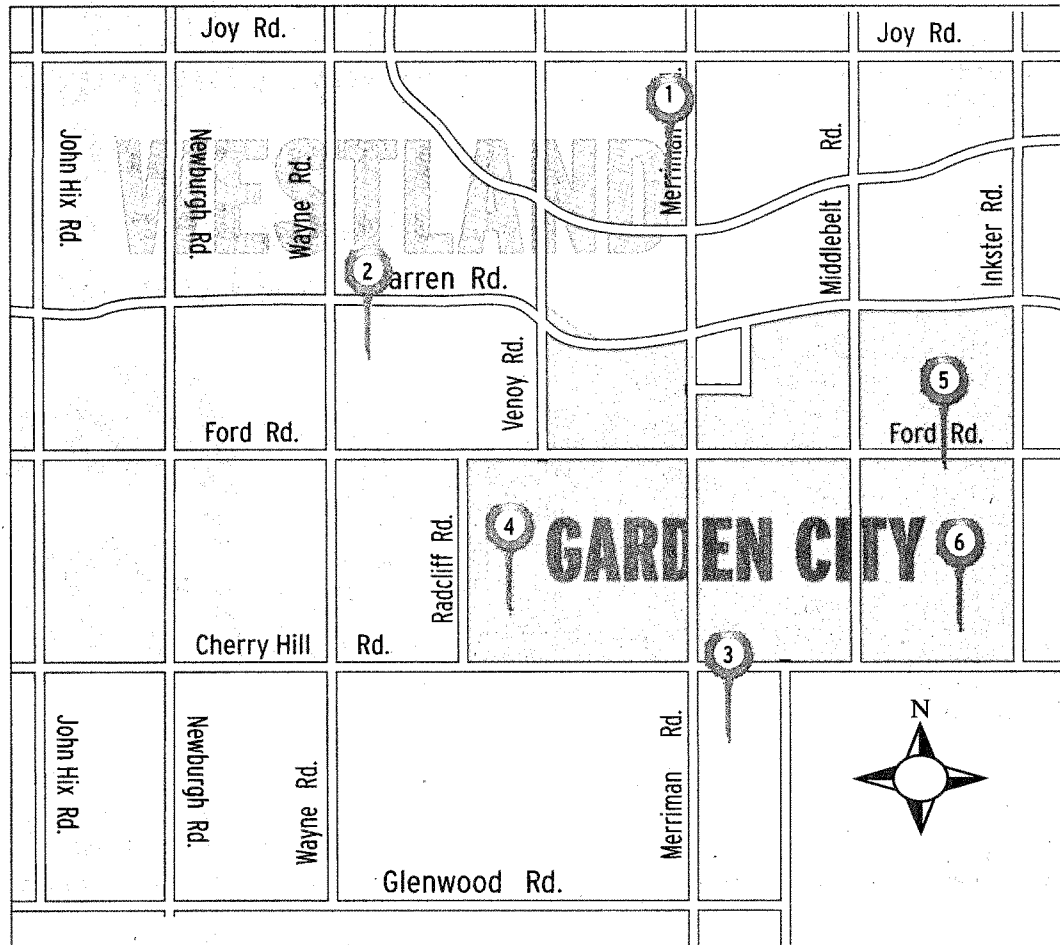
The woman told police she went as quickly as possible to Rite Aid, 35363 Ford, to wire \$2,800 to Canada along with a \$190 fee. She said she didn't want her grandson sitting in jail with a bad cold or having a permanent criminal record.

Later, the woman said she was able to contact her grandson who reported that he hadn't been in Canada or arrested.

Graffiti

3 Police were called to Taco Bell, 201 S. Merriman, early Oct. 12 after an employee found the glass in a side door had been broken allowing access to the building after closing.

Inside, a window in a second door had been smashed. Someone sprayed painted obscenities on the exterior walls and the drive through menu sign. The suspects had also accessed the roof, the officer noted, and sprayed num-



bers one of the ducts. Nothing was reported missing. The broken windows were valued at \$500.

Vandalism

A resident of an apartment in the 37000 block of Hixford

Place in the Willow Creek Apartments told police Oct. 9 that someone had scratched her vehicle, causing \$200 damage.

Larceny

On Oct. 5, a resident in the

32000 block of Genessee Court told police that a camcorder had been stolen from her home sometime in previous month. The camcorder was valued at \$400.

By LeAnne Rogers

Former funeral home operators charged

A Canton couple has been charged in connection with a pre-paid funeral fraud scheme.

Christopher and Nancy Ziomek, who once owned the Ziomek Funeral Home on Wayne Road in Livonia, were expected to be arraigned at 3 p.m. Wednesday in 16th District Court in Livonia after they were arrested Wednesday morning.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said Christopher and Nancy Ziomek have been charged with two counts of embezzlement greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison; three counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee greater than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000; a felony punishable by up to five years in prison; and funeral contracts-conversion, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Worthy said at a press conference this morning that an investigation by Detective Dean Langley of the Livonia Police Department revealed that more than 60 complainants in Wayne County were duped out of money for pre-paid funeral contracts.

Worthy said the defendants obtained more than \$230,000 from unwitting victims between 1998 and 2007.

"It is alleged that the money was placed in a Ziomek funeral home account and later spent by the Ziomeks for their own personal use," Worthy said.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Home invasion

4 Police are investigating a case involving three students from Garden City Middle School who reportedly threatened a fellow student who lives in the 130 block of Ross.

Allegedly, the suspects were upset with some kind of gossip spread by the student and paid a visit to his home about 3:30 p.m. Oct. 6.

The boy became afraid and ran to the basement to call his

parents.

The boys reportedly arrived at the home on Ross and demanded that the boy come outside so that they could "talk" to him.

When he refused, one student reportedly put his arm through a mail slot, causing the case to be listed as a home invasion.

According to the report, a school official also spoke to the students after his mother filed a police report.

Property damage

5 Someone broke the driver's side window on a 1995 delivery van parked at Shri Krishnam, 28638 Ford, sometime last week. According to the owner, the van had been locked.

Home invasion

6 An 86-year-old resident in the 100 block of Helen said that he awoke from his sleep when he heard noises about

2:30 a.m. Oct. 10 and saw a man standing inside his home.

The man left when the elderly gentleman yelled. Prior to the arrival of the police, another neighbor on Helen reported a similar situation.

Nothing was taken in both instances.

The suspect gained entry through a window.

Bike thefts

Two boys bikes were stolen

from a rear yard in the 6000 block of Helen after being parked there for just 15 minutes about 8 p.m. Oct. 11.

Suspended license

When police stopped the driver of a 2000 Chevy Impala about 9 a.m. Oct. 11, for disregarding a stop sign, they found that the driver, a 19-year-old Inkster man, had a suspended license.

By Sue Buck

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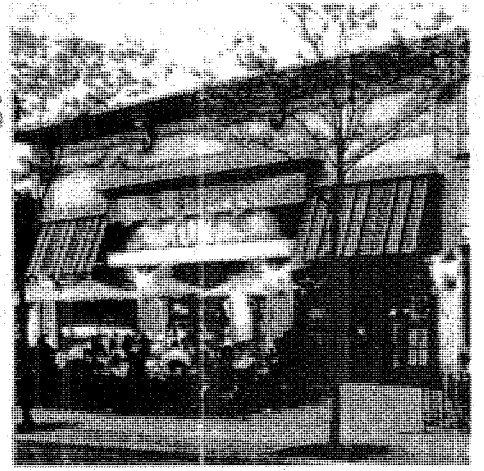
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Karen and Ed

"Thank You so much for all your help with our wedding reception at Fiamma Grille! You did an exceptional job-we couldn't have asked for a better coordinator! Thank you to everyone who helped out as well - everything from food/drinks to the service to the decor was superb. We still receive compliments on our reception today, weeks afterwards."

Sincerely
Kevin and Amy

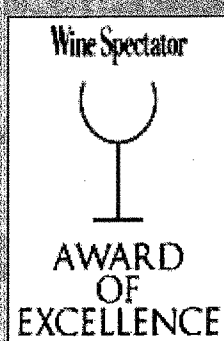
"I wanted to drop you a quick note to tell you what a wonderful job both John & Gayle did for my party. The food was beautifully executed and our server made sure everyone always had a full glass or cup."

Everyone had a great time. Especially me since I did not have to worry about the meal or service."

Thank You
Betty Jean

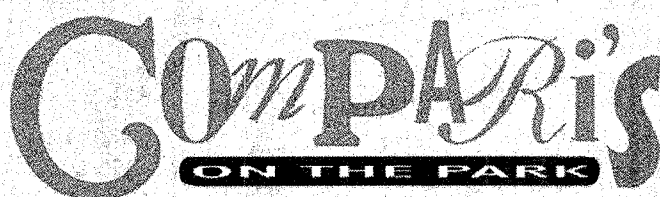


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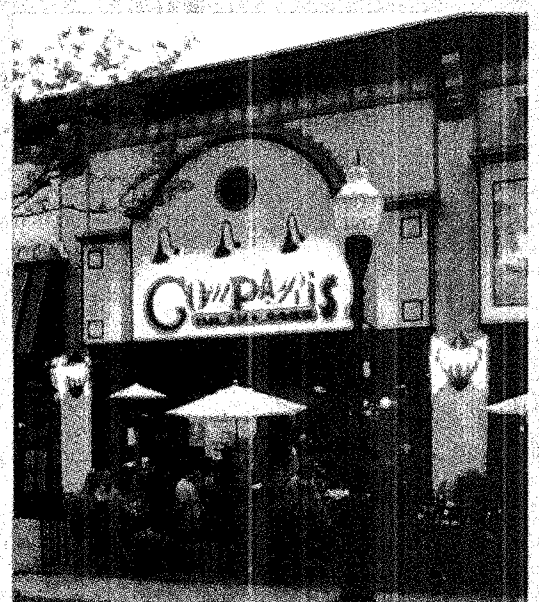


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OUR VIEWS

Our four picks for city council

Among candidates for Westland City Council, the three issues most often listed were blight, foreclosures and city finances.

And rightly so. Vacant storefronts and big box stores are like a pox on the landscape of the city's retail sector. Filling them has been next to impossible in this economic climate. Add to that the 244 foreclosure filings for homes in August and the state cutting the city's shared revenue close to \$500,000 this year.

Dealing with those issues requires experience, and, perhaps more than ever before, experience matters on City Council. That's why we're endorsing incumbent Dewey Reeves, Kenneth Mehl, Adam Hammons and Meriem Kadi in the Nov. 3 general election.

Reeves has done an excellent job on council. His appointment three years ago brought much needed representation of minorities in the city, especially residents in the southeastern section of the city. It also brought on board a councilman who is not afraid to speak his mind and ask the questions that need to be asked. He tells it like it is and won't shade the issues.

Mehl is a former councilman who served for 12 years and dealt with budgets in difficult times. And like Reeves, he's not afraid to ask the hard questions and demand answers. In fact, we believe Mehl will bring to the council what the city is losing with the departure of Cheryl Graunstadt - a voice for residents. He also devoted 30 years to making Westland a destination with the annual summer festival and is actively involved in creating a lasting tribute to the city's military veterans through the Westland Veterans Association.

Hammons and Kadi are newcomers to the council but are well-versed in the workings of the city.

Hammons has a clear understanding of city government through his work on the Westland Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He also is actively involved with the mayor's Foreclosure Task Force and Westland Mission Green.

Kadi, likewise, knows her way around city hall. She, too, serves on the Planning Commission and is a member of Westland Mission Green and the mayor's Youth and Task Force committees. She also has a passion for the William P. Faust Public Library, a jewel in the city's crown, and has committed her time and talent to raising money to support it through the Friends of the Westland Library.

It is hard to say how long Michigan's one-state depression will continue. Difficult decisions will have to be made. Westland residents need representatives who can make the tough financial decisions that need to be made now and in the next few years. Experience is critical as the city tackles those tough decisions.

That's why we urge residents to vote for Dewey Reeves, Kenneth Mehl, Adam Hammons and Meriem Kadi in the Nov. 3 general election. We believe they are the right candidates for the tough, unprecedented times.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

The feds say the worst is over with the recession. What do you think?

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



"No, because it's getting worse. People are more and more going into poverty."

Chris Houchen
Westland



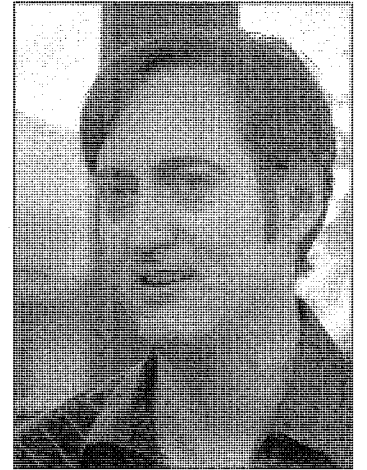
"It's hard to say. People are still unemployed. To recover from such a huge impact, it's going to take more than a year to comeback. We should be grateful for what we have."

Dawn Rudolph
Westland



"I don't think we've hit the bottom yet. I think we're getting close to leveling out. We've had a lot of false recovery like Cash for Clunkers."

Barry Little
Westland



"I think they're trying to give us hope, but the recession isn't over. Unfortunately, a lot of people are experiencing a depression and it's the worst it's been since 1929."

Michael LaPrairie
Lansing

LETTERS

Total view of candidates

This letter is in response to Mr. Matthew Shelton's letter dated Thursday, Oct. 8. I am sorry to inform Mr. Shelton that he has failed to take the "total viewpoint" of the term inexperience. It is not only Ms. Bryant who has no experience but Ms. Meriem Kadi, Adam Hammons, Mark Rodriguez, Sam Durante and Ms. Frederick-Wilson. Dewey Reeves is the only candidate who has current council experience. This means today. Mr. Mehl is a past council member and has not been on council for a number of years so therefore how much knowledge does he have concerning the new budget?

Mr. Shelton you have every right to be concerned, I am also, and the rest of Westland should be concerned but will they get out there and vote? I doubt it.

I am convinced it's a done deal as to who is elected. All you have to do is see who has the greatest number of signs out on the roadways and that's who wins in Westland. Oh, I almost forgot that you have to be on the planning board also to hop to City Council.

Mr. Shelton, I agree with you that we have a disaster in the making. The only thing I can do is to take a long hard look at these people and after all these years, I do know enough not to vote for anyone who has been endorsed by any of the local unions, etc. Watch the budget then if their people get elected.

Everyone should remember this when they go to the polls in November. You do not have to vote for four candidates, you can vote for only one or two, if you want to. This is how to beat the current mindset of Westland voting. Above all else get out the vote and tell your neighbors, friends, etc., to vote.

Karol Hudson
Westland

Council candidate quibbling

I agree with Matthew Shelton whose letter was published in last week's Observer, but disagree with other points expressed.

There is no doubt in my mind, and probably others, that Christine Cicirelli Bryant is running mainly on the name of her mother, currently a district court judge and a former mayor and city council member.

But, I and homemakers may be offended by the sexist put-down that the candidate has no real life management experience. As a teacher, she has had the educational training and experience not only to be organized but also identify problems, seek practical solutions and work with others in a professional setting. As a homemaker with a husband and two sons, she surely has abilities in budgeting, time management and meeting deadlines.

In fact, a national survey by major employers clearly showed that the main non-academic traits they want in new employees are those I listed above but creativity and ability to work with others in a group setting.

On another level, I differ with Mr. Shelton in that the candidate has no prior governmental experiences. I recall that one of the most effective governors in state history was George Romney who was the head of American Motors Company when he first campaigned for governor. On another level, former mayor Robert Thomas was effective for many terms although his only

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"governmental experience" was as a long-time public services employee.

Also, voters should be careful in putting too much emphasis on past experience. Look at what happened in recent years in the city of Detroit after voters twice supported a former state legislator.

What's needed in the upcoming election are candidates with a good sense of public service, real life experiences and a large dose of common sense.

Leonard Pogor
Westland

Look at past records

I would like to say kudos to Matthew Shelton for his letter in last Thursday's Observer about people running on a family name and being inexperienced. This subject was brought up two years ago (at the last election) by another Westland voter. It must have been a wake-up call at that time because she lost that election.

I don't believe she has been truly involved in our city government since she lost the last election (at least as far as I know.)

All we are asking is for the voters to look at past records and don't just vote on a person because of their name.

Again, thank you Mr. Shelton for explaining the reasons we shouldn't put the City into inexperienced hands.

Concerned Citizen,
Modena Seber-Kirby
Westland

Job well done

I attended the most recent City Council meeting and was not intending on saying anything, but I did anyway. I would like to share it for the people that could not be there.

I want to take the time to THANK Cheryl Graunstadt, Chuck Pickering, Bob Stottlemeyer and Courtney Conover for the great jobs they did for the city. I joked that something must have been in the water because in one week all of them announced they were leaving.

And to me, they will be missed. They all have done a wonderful job.

Bob is one of the best people you can meet. It is a pleasure to talk to him and his wife when she attends the meetings. He has put his heart and soul into Westland. He has worked hard for the veterans to raise money for them. I hope Mayor Wild and the City Council can honor him in some way so that people will remember him for his work.

Cheryl is an outspoken council member

who started out as a concerned citizen. What she has done for this city is something none of us will forget.

When I heard Courtney was leaving I was not happy. We talked all the time, she always made me feel welcome. When she was chosen as Deputy Mayor it was a great choice. Her and Scott are great for each other, and Scott stop losing your glasses.

Next, Chuck Pickering, what can I say. He has been a part of this city for as long as I can remember - Mayor, City Council - always there when something needed to be done. I got to work with him on the new playscape, it was great. I have thanked Chuck as I do every veteran. He is a Marine. Thank, you Chuck.

To all of you. Job well done. I thank you and wanted to say it before you leave.

To all the citizens in Westland, we have an election coming up. It is your duty to go and vote. DO NOT let our veterans feel like they served for no purpose. They have fought, and will fight, for your right to vote as well our freedom. So in November, please vote, and take the time to welcome home any and all veterans that you meet. Your vote DOES count.

Bud Somerville
Westland

Shining Swayze

Patrick Swayze was a shining star in Hollywood and will be missed by fans from around the world. His brave, public battle with pancreatic cancer provided hope for all those afflicted with this terrible disease.

For nearly two years he beat the odds stacked against him and brought awareness to the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States. In fact, 76 percent of patients die within the first year of diagnosis and the five-year survival rate is just 5 percent because there are no effective early detection tools or treatments for this disease. Despite these statistics, pancreatic cancer is the least funded among leading cancer killers in our country.

My connection with pancreatic cancer began 20 years ago when my grandmother (or busia), Helen Jagielski, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and died three short months later. Having worked in the cancer research field for many years now, I am appalled that the scientific state of pancreatic cancer today looks very similar to the way it look in 1989 when grandma was diagnosed. Having witnessed many of the tremendous accomplishments made in so many other forms of cancer, it is time for us to see advances in pancreatic cancer as well.

We must take action to ensure scientific progress is made to give pancreatic cancer patients a fighting chance. We need our members of Congress to co-sponsor The Pancreatic Cancer Research & Education Act so that we will have the necessary funding to make true progress against this disease. This is critical now more than ever because the number of pancreatic cancer patients is projected to increase by 12 percent in 2009 and by 55 percent by 2030.

I am a volunteer for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. I encourage everyone to get involved in the fight against pancreatic cancer. To learn how easy it is to make a difference, please visit www.panca.org or call (877) 272-6226.

Together, we can make a difference.

Christina H. Jagielski
Plymouth

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

• Election results

Well it's almost over! Should be interesting to see how this popularity contest pans out. My guess is Reeves and Cicirelli are given. The last 2 spots will be a toss up. Looks like Mehl really threw a monkey wrench into the mix for the status quo. The Good old boys now cannot think this election is a lay down. Actually I think the Mayor, state reps and senators should never endorse any candidate. They are suppose to represent all of us!

In my mind it comes down to 3 candidates - Mehl, Hammons and Kadi. Be glad to see it be over so we can go forward. Anyone wanting to take a guess on the outcome?

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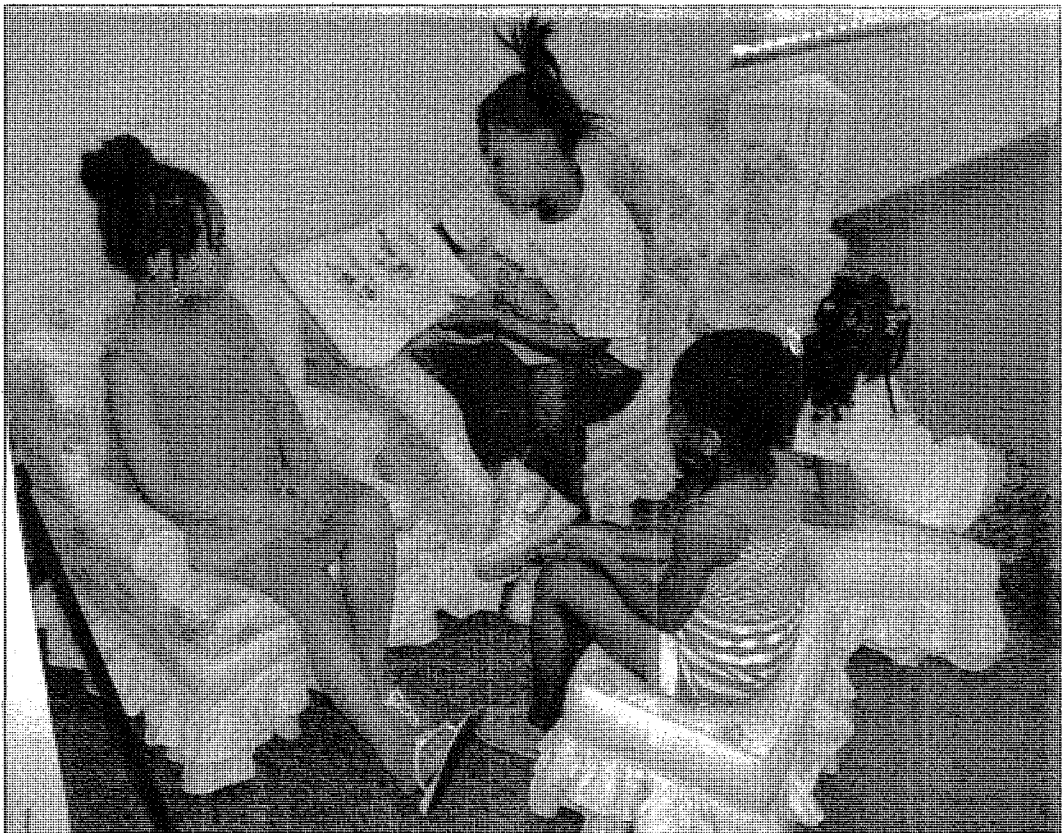
Halloween Festival
Children are invited to dress in their best non-scary costumes for the Wayne County Parks' Halloween Festival 2009 Saturday, Oct. 17, the Nankin Mills picnic area in Hines Park.



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HAPPY HAUNTING

If you're into spooky, scary and all things Halloween and decorate your house to, send us a photo to print in the paper. Whether it's cleverly decorated pumpkins, a setup right out of Hollywood or a kid-friendly display, send us a photo in a .jpg format by e-mail to smason@hometownlife.com.



Youngsters in Starfish Family Services' early childhood program will have books to read thanks to a literacy benefit at IKEA of Canton location throughout the month of October.

Halloween Walk
Come view the fall colors and discuss the shooting of Chief Tonquish that took place 190 years ago this month at a Halloween Walk at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.

Spooky pumpkin squeezers

Garden City residents Leigh Pierson and Gail Landino, who put a squeeze on their pumpkin in hopes of seeing the Great Pumpkin would appear, were surprised by the English Gardens Nursery logo pop out.

Halloween Parties
Costumes are optional for a Halloween party at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the gymnasium of the Maplewood Community Center.

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.'

Bowling with Monsters
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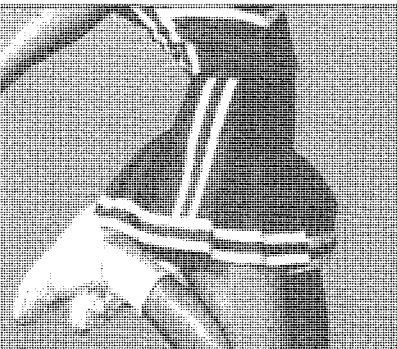
Haunted Halls
Bova VFW Post No. 9885 is sponsoring the fifth annual Haunted Halls dusk to midnight Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31 and dusk to 10 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 1.

Halloween Hike
For those of you looking for a different type of Halloween event, the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center offers a spook-free Halloween Hike on Friday, Oct. 23.

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.

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.

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Fund-raiser planned to help kids who lost their parents to cancer

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tom Rimatzki remembers Sam Tanana well. Rimatzki met Tanana when Tom's son, Hunter, and Tanana's son, Michael, played football for the Livonia Orioles. "We just kind of hit it off," Rimatzki said. "He would give you the shirt off his back and he always had a grin from ear to ear." The two watched their sons play football. Sam took photos of his son, and both men watched their sons grow and learn the game. Rimatzki lost touch with Sam, but the two men's sons continued to be friends, as both played for Livonia Churchill's freshman football team this year. Rimatzki learned this fall that Sam, 39, was ill with cancer, and also that Sam's wife and Michael's 32-year-old stepmother, Courtney, received the same devastating news. Both died within days of each other, Sam on Oct. 2, Courtney on Wednesday. Sam was diagnosed with terminal lung and liver cancer in April. Courtney was diagnosed with bone and lung cancer in

FUND-RAISER OCT. 18

What: Tanana Children's Cancer Benefit Car Show
When: Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18
Where: Maxwell's Art and Treasures, 32416 Industrial Road, Garden City, located in the industrial park east of Venoy, and north of Ford Road, on the corner of Industrial and Hubbard
Admission: \$25
For information: Call (734) 427-5300, ext. 7



Sam Tanana (left) stands with his son, Michael. Sam died of cancer Oct. 2. An old friend of Sam's, Tom Rimatzki, has organized a fund-raiser to help raise funds for Mike, who is a freshman at Livonia Churchill, and three other Tanana children.

August. It was learned recently that the couple's Dearborn Heights home had high levels of radon. The couple had three children, Adam, 7, Alyssa, 6, and Ashley, 4. Sam's son, Mike, lives with his mother, Laura Khalil, in Livonia. Rimatzki, who lost his wife to breast cancer nine years ago, understands the pain of losing a loved one to the disease. He wants to help the four Tanana children, so he has organized a car show fund-raiser Oct. 18. The Tanana Children's Cancer Benefit Car Show is scheduled noon to 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18, at Maxwell's Arts and Treasures, 32416 Industrial Road, Garden City, located in the industrial park east of Venoy, and north of Ford Road, on the corner of Industrial and Hubbard. The event features cars, music and food. Admission is \$25, with all donations going to the Tanana children. Rimatzki came up with the fund-raiser idea while talking with people at the Tamakazi Hot Road Shop, where Rimatzki works on cars as a hobby with family and friends. The shop is located near



A fund-raiser is scheduled on Sunday, Oct. 18 in Garden City to help raise money for children whose parents died of cancer within days of each other. Photographed here are Mike Tanana (top left), Courtney Tanana, Alyssa, Ashley and Adam. Courtney Tanana died Wednesday of cancer.

Maxwell's, which is owned by Laura George, wife of Doug George, an old boss and old friend of Rimatzki. Rimatzki is appreciative of the help from the Georges and sponsors, including Douglas Foods and Surround Audio Service. Rimatzki also appreciated Nancy and Ed Bosas of Livonia, who also helped Rimatzki organize the event and the silent auction. "I want to do this for all the kids," Rimatzki said. An account has been set up for the children at Bank of America. "I thought it could help them with their college." "I feel like I have a lot to give back, because people were so good to me," Rimatzki said. Rimatzki remembered many parents of his son's classmates

cooked dinner for him and helped console him after the loss of his wife. Rimatzki has since remarried. When his son told him that Sam was dying of cancer, Tom cried the following day on his way to work. Then he remembered how others reached out to him in a time of need. "God is telling me to do something about this," Rimatzki said. In recent weeks, Rimatzki spoke with several car clubs and hopes that he can get a good number of members there since the car show season is winding down with winter approaching. There are also several bands that have agreed to perform at the event, Rimatzki said. He's also organized a silent auction featuring prizes

ranging from University of Michigan football tickets to dental whitening sessions and other items. Rimatzki asks that anyone with a car they'd like to display at the show can attend. "Just show up at the door with \$25," he said. "We have a big parking lot." Anyone who wishes to donate can visit any Bank of America branch and deposit into a fund for the Tanana children in account number 3587. For more information on the event, call (734) 427-5300, ext. 7. To view a copy of the flyer, visit <http://maxwellsartandtreasures.com/Calendar/tabid/342/ctl/Details/Mid/641/ItemID/95/Default.aspx?selectEdate=10/18/2009>.

CITY OF WESTLAND GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2009

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates of the following offices will be voted upon: **Mayor - Vote for not more than one (1): William R. Wild - with the winner receiving a four (4) year term; City Council - Vote for not more than four (4), Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Sam Durante, Janet M. Frederick-Wilson, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Kenneth E. Mehl, Dewey K. Reeves, Mark A. Rodriguez - with the three (3) highest candidates receiving a four (4) year term and the fourth (4th) highest candidate receiving a two (2) year term.** A Wayne County Millage question will be on the ballot with a summary as follows: **Wayne County operating millage renewal proposal 0.9529 mills for ten more years from 2010 through 2019;** The City of Westland will have two (2) charter amendments on the ballot with a summary as follows: **Amend Sections 10.8 and 10.9(b) to allow a \$100 filing fee or nominating petitions with the sufficient number of qualified signatures in order to place a candidates name on the ballot and Amend Section 10.9(a) to concur with state law and have the current deadline to file for elective office as the twelfth Tuesday before the City Primary;** Garden City School District with a millage question on the ballot with a summary as follows: **School District of the City of Garden City Sinking Fund millage for building and site purposes 0.5 mill for 2 years;** Livonia Public School District will have two (2) millage questions on the ballot with a summary as follows: **Livonia Public Schools School District operating millage renewal proposal 18.4568 mills for 5 years (non-homesteaded property only) .63 mill for 5 years (principal residences, qualified agricultural property, qualified forest property, industrial personal property and commercial personal property) and Livonia Public Schools School District millage renewal proposal building and site sinking fund tax levy 1.12 mills for 5 years. (FULL TEXT OF ALL THE BALLOT PROPOSALS AND THE CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE WESTLAND CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 36601 FORD ROAD, WESTLAND, MI 48185 - TELEPHONE 734-467-3185.)**

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 23, 2008 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2010
Wayne County Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2010
Garden City Public Schools	June, 2002	18 mills	2012
Inkster School District	May, 2006	21 mills	(non-homestead only) 2015
Livonia Public School District	May, 2006	6 mills	(non homestead only) 2015
	February 2005	18.4568 mills	2010
	February 2005	.63 mills	(non homestead only) 2010
	February, 2005	1.12 mills	2009
Taylor School District	January 2008	18 mills	2013
Wayne - Westland	June, 1995	18 mills	(non homestead only) 2009
Community Schools	February, 2003	1 mill	2012
Detroit Zoological Park	Operating	0.1 mills	2017
City of Westland	Operating	6.4834 mills	
	Police & Fire Ret. Act 359	3.35 mills	
	Sanitation	0.0216 mills	
	Other	2.0 mills	
	General Fund	5.3716 mills	
	Library	11.8550 mills	
		0.9477 mills	

Dated August 12, 2009

RAYMOND WOJTOWICZ /s/ Treasurer

The places of voting for the General Election to be held on November 4, 2008, will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
1 & 19	Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson
2 & 32	Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
3 & 7	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
4 & 8	Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh
5 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
9	Jefferson School, 32150 Dorsey
10	Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
11 & 23	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
12 & 25 & 35	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
13 & 18	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
16	Holiday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17 & 37	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21 & 42	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
24	Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan
26 & 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27 & 36	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
28	Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
30 & 31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise St.
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

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Conference champs

Churchill reins in Mustangs for crown, 4-1

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was only fitting on Columbus Day that opponents are discovering the Livonia Churchill boys soccer team is going to be a tough "out" come tournament time.

The state-ranked Chargers improved their overall record to 16-0-1 with a dominating second-half performance Monday night en route to a 4-1 win over visiting Northville for the Kensington Conference championship.

With the win, Churchill, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, moved into the Kensington Lakes Activities Association title match against Walled Lake Northern (14-3-2), which advanced Monday with a 3-1 triumph over Grand Blanc for the Lakes Conference crown.

Northville (10-5-4) applied early pressure and nearly scored less than two minutes into the match when Churchill sophomore goalkeeper Bryan Bartig made back-to-back saves.

Bartig then came up with another key stop with 25:15 left in the first half when Northville senior Doug Beason's rebound attempt rammied off the right post as the score remained 0-0.

"Bartig's saves were game-changing because for the first 15 to 20 minutes, we were on our heels," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We needed a timeout to collect ourselves to go over some things, get organized and regroup. But I couldn't do anything about it. Thank God we were able to hold them to a goal and we got two goals off restarts."

In the 26th minute, Churchill senior forward Max Washko notched his 20th goal of the season and the 45th of his career when he headed the ball past Northville keeper Matt Van Houten on a sideline throw-in from teammate Adam Bedell.

Beason then answered for the Mustangs

with a goal in the 31st minute on a short pass up the middle from Fatai Alashe to make it 1-1.

Shortly after, Churchill went into the locker room up 2-1 when the 6-foot-6 Bedell perfectly timed a header off a corner kick from Erik Bird.

And during the final 40 minutes it was all Churchill as the KLAA South Division champ cashed in for two more goals — the first when Tim Devine steamed around the left side and dribbled past a Northville defender for a goal with 32:28 remaining; followed by Stephen Foster's drive to the upper left corner from 25 yards to seal the victory with 11:50 to go.

"The sign of a good team is to make adjustments, and we were able to do that," Friedrichs said. "We probably had 10 quality chances to their one the second half. It's a senior team that is smart. And the way we finished the game was special."

Churchill was able to put the clamps on the KLAA Central Division champs by double-teaming the speedy Beason, the Mustangs' main creator in the midfield.

"They (Churchill) put two men on him," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "They had one shadow him and put one behind."

"I thought their goalie (Bartig) was brilliant early. Had we created and scored on those one or two chances early, it maybe would have changed the outcome."

Klimes also gave credit to the newly crowned conference champs.

"We play two different brands of soccer," he said. "We like the passing game, while they're a totally different type of team that likes the long ball and dead-ball situations. It's not the prettiest style, but it's effective soccer and I congratulate them. Adam (Bedell) is a dominant player and (Washko) is a good player, too."



STEPHEN CANVRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Max Washko (left) and Northville's Nick Peper (14) go high for the header during Monday's Kensington Conference championship match.

GAME WRAPS

WWAC volleyball

• Garden City used a balanced hitting attack Monday to earn a 25-18, 25-19, 25-16 Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division volleyball victory over visiting Redford Union.

Kellyn O'Brady led the Cougars, now 13-9-3 overall and 6-0 in the WWAC's Red Division, with 12 kills.

"RU came in and we wanted to stop the two people that did the most damage last time, their number one outside and middle hitters," GC coach John Pace said. "We did a good job stopping their aggressive attacks. The middle is very smart and started hitting softer to holes in our defense — we adjusted and then she did. Overall, I thought the girls did a great job in our defensive efforts."

Setter Brittany Bejma added eight kills, while Stephanie Stevens and Samantha Zalewski added seven and five, respectively.

Bejma also finished with 24 assist-to-kills.

"Brittany had another great performance setting for us," Pace said. "She got her hands on everything. It didn't matter where the pass went — Britt worked hard for that win."

The Cougars' defense was sparked by Cassie Ford, Christina Dork and Lindsay Bunio.

"They do a great job as our defenders," Pace said. "Add how hard Kellyn and Steph are tying up the left side, and our defensive situation is getting better. When our effort is there, our defense is strong."

• On Monday, host Dearborn Heights Annapolis came away with a 25-13, 25-17, 18-25, 25-19 WWAC Red Division triumph over Redford Thurston.

Breanna Taylor and Rachel Smith paced the Eagles (2-8-2, 1-5) with 10 and nine kills, respectively.

Annapolis is 5-1 in the WWAC.

"We're still struggling with consistency issues," Thurston coach Scott Gray said. "We would serve receive well, but make a hitting error. The next play — pass poorly and not scramble well enough to get the ball over the net."

Other top performers for Thurston included Veronica Wheeler (five blocks, three kills); Sarah Schulz (15 assists, four kills, seven digs); Rachel Pebbles (14 digs); Molly Hochstein (10 digs); Rachel Wright (four digs); and Shae'Lon Nelson (three blocks, two kills).

"Overall we had 18 hitting errors, seven service errors and we were less than 70 percent for serve receive," Gray said. "In the end, not a consistent enough performance to beat a team like Annapolis."

County winner Kroll sets another record

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Record-breaking Sara Kroll is topping herself these days, which isn't an easy thing to do.

The Livonia Churchill High senior placed first overall in the girls 5-kilometer girls varsity run at Saturday's Wayne County Cross Country Championship held at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Kroll's school-record time of 17-minutes, 25.17-seconds easily outdistanced runner-up Hannah Meier of Grosse Pointe South (18:01.81) and third-place finisher Megan McPherson of Livonia Franklin (18:26.65), the latter whom also broke her own school mark.

But Kroll won the County race for the second consecutive year and beat her 2008 time by 36 seconds.

"How did I do it?" said Kroll, repeating a question. "By going out much harder and focusing

on my pace, by running my own race."

It says a lot about Kroll that she would rather talk about how the team did as a whole.

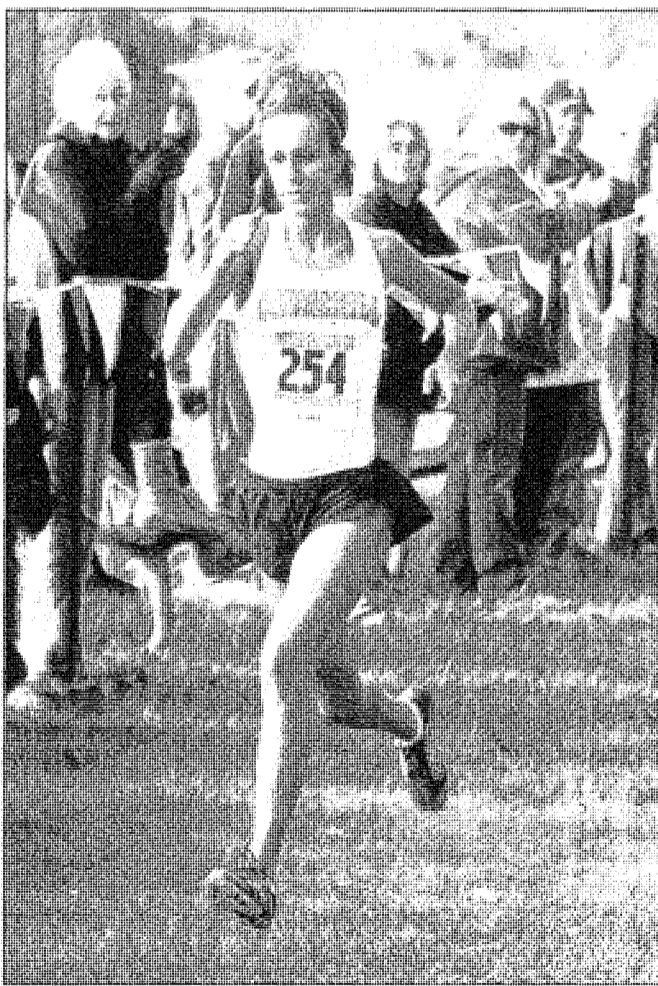
Churchill placed third with 76 points, just two points behind runner-up Salem, while Grosse Pointe South won the meet with 43 points.

"I thought our team did really well today," Kroll said. "... a lot of girls went out there and six of our seven girls won medals so I think it shows good things for the future."

Runners who placed in the top 35 were awarded medals. First-team recipients (top seven places) included Kroll, McPherson, Salem's Victoria Tripp (sixth) and Canton's Bianca Kubicki (seventh).

Chargers' coach Sue Tatro said it was good to see some of her runners earn personal bests, but she couldn't go for

Please see **KROLL, B3**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Sara Kroll comes on strong at the finish in 17:25.17 to break her own school record in Saturday's Wayne County Invitational held at Willow Metropark.

State of play: Area netters off to Midland

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The season has been extended another week for the Livonia Churchill boys tennis team.

The same thing can be said about Livonia Franklin's No. 1 singles player Stephen Payne, who is headed Friday to Midland after winning his flight at the Division 1 regional hosted by Dearborn High.

Churchill will be making its second straight state finals appearance. Last year, Churchill tied for 14th overall with two points.

The Chargers did it again this year by earning the minimum 18 points as an additional state qualifier by placing third



Payne

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MSU's Abron learning the ropes in rugged Big Ten

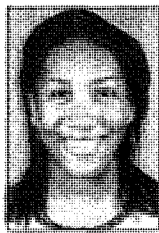
BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Life on the road is never easy in the Big Ten.

Michigan State sophomore Kyndra Abron will be the first one to attest to that.

The former Miss Volleyball from Livonia Churchill High had a team-high 10 kills in Friday's 3-0 loss at Wisconsin, but wound up with a goose egg in Sunday's straight-set defeat at Iowa.

"It was a tough weekend," said Abron, a 6-foot-2 outside hitter



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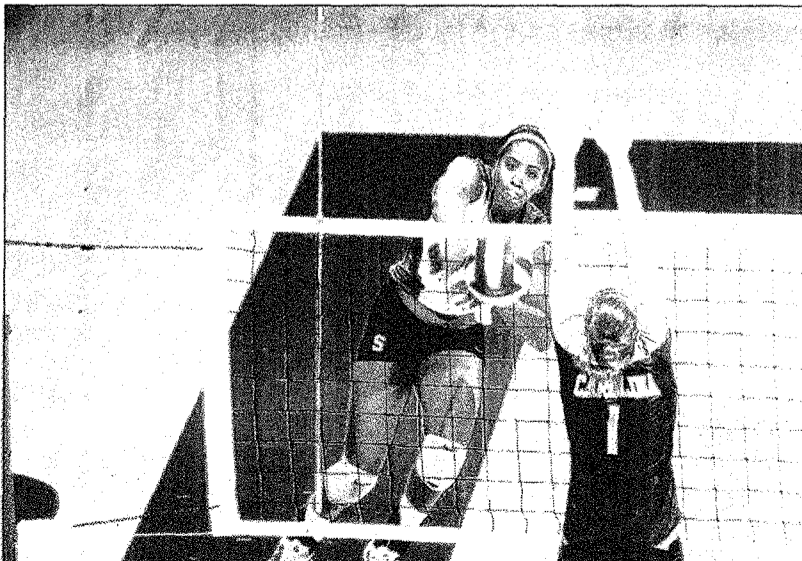
and middle blocker. "Wisconsin is one of the toughest places to play in the country. At Iowa, our libero (Allyson Karaba) got injured. She dislocated her finger and our passing and defense broke down."

"You can lose to anybody on any given day in the Big Ten. That's why you have to bring your 'A' game every match."

The improved play by Abron was a big reason why the Spartans got off to a 12-0 start, including a season-opening 3-2 upset win over No. 12-ranked Southern Cal in the opener at the MSU Classic.

Although 18th-ranked MSU has gone 2-4 since then — with all four losses on the road in the Big Ten

Please see **ABRON, B2**



MSU SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

Former Miss Volleyball Kyndra Abron, a Livonia Churchill High grad and sophomore at Michigan State, has excelled on the front row for the nationally-ranked Spartans, who play No. 1 Penn State this weekend.

Westland-Garden City Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Studio mixes pole dancing, fitness

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

We offer a variety of unique fitness regimens: Exclusive full pole dancing courses - Beginner's Basic 1 and 2, Intermediate and Advanced - designed for all sizes, shapes and abilities to tone, build upper body strength, endurance and flexibility; Zumba, a dance fitness phenomenon that incorporates Samba, Salsa, Hip Hop, Reggae, Cumbia and several other genres of dance in an explosive hour of a high energy workout; Polga, a mixture of Yoga and pole; Pole-n-Tone, our full Beginner Basic 1 course format in an intense 45-minute workout, and Hoops (Polahoop), 1960s craze of Hula Hooping, great for fun and toning. Coming soon: Pole-n-Burn, Pole-n-Sculpt, Aerial Silks, Trapeze and more.

NOTE: All pole oriented classes, sessions and parties are women only and no spectators allowed. Yes, gentlemen a Pole Course for Him will be scheduled soon. **Observer:** How did you decide to open your business?

Patricia Peltó began as one of the initial founding members of a company who created the first home "Pole Party" business. Pole Dance Factory, LLC was born due to many hostesses and guests wanting more in regards to pole dance instruction. Patricia worked with many personal trainers and created Beginners Basic 1 and 2, Intermediate and Advanced courses. (This BB1 course was offered through Garden City's Adult Ed program a few years ago). Demand has grown and we had to find a perfect location to accommodate many new students and the Pole-n-Tone fitness regimen. (The home studio could only fit two poles and we need five or more - soon to have 10). **Observer:** Why did you chose Garden City?

We found Garden City to be a perfect central location for the majority of our students from Detroit to Ann Arbor. Our Warren Road location, previously a dance studio, was in move-in condition. The owners of the facility are fantastic and had given tremendous assistance. Garden City officials were very easy to work with and the whole licensing aspect was processed in a timely and efficient manner. It took approximately three weeks from application filing to opening for business. **Observer:** What makes your business unique?

Our fitness and dance regimens are not found in typical fitness or health club facilities. Our regimens give a total mind and body workout. All of our students share an incredible bonding experience from class 1. **Observer:** How has it changed



Patricia Peltó, owner/founder, and daughter Kaylonda Peltó, co-owner (both on right) join their instructors in a toast to the new home of World of Fitness & Dance Studios in the Warren/Venoy Plaza in Garden City.



Co-owner Kaylonda Peltó shows off one of several poles at the World of Fitness & Dance Studios in Garden City.

since it opened?

We are becoming better known, had to add several classes to accommodate students. We keep researching for more interesting workout regimens.

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

Patricia's Mom is 82 and plays on the poles quite often. Matter of fact she does the Fireman spin and Sit-n-Spin beautifully. Of course her choice of music is Polkas. "Polka Pole" anyone?

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Despite the economy we have found business to be very good and to continue to grow. People want to stay or become fit and healthy. Women especially are recognizing how great they feel after any of our courses, sessions, parties or events. We host many bachelorette parties and find that bachelorettes are not cutting back when it comes to their special time. Pole Parties give them that extreme change from the typical festivities. **Observer:** Any advice for other business owners?

Always remember it is "All About Them" (the customer). **Observer:** What's in store for the future of your business?

Absolute business growth. The opening of more

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Store opened: This business initially began in 2004, and opened its first official studios in August 2009. Previously operated as a home based business.

Number of Employees: Currently no actual employees, we have several pole instructors whom have worked with us for the past years and are instructing at World of Fitness & Dance Studios as independent contractors. We welcome other certified instructors to lease space for their unique fitness & dance fortes.

Your Business Specialty: Our business specialty is helping women to lose weight, tone and release that inner diva through our specialty pole dance classes, sessions and parties.

Hours: Days Monday-Friday starting at 9 a.m., call for scheduling. Evenings 5-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Friday and Saturday eves are reserved for private parties and events. Specific classes and sessions can be scheduled via appointment for groups of 3 or more.

Business Web site: Online at www.poledancefactory.com or www.worldofpole.com

World of Fitness & Dance Studios locations - possible franchising. Pole-n-Tone, Pole-n-Burn and Pole-n-Sculpt licensing. The addition of Aerial silks, trapeze and more pole-oriented classes and sessions. To keep researching new and unique fitness regimens that is safe for all sizes, shapes and abilities.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

SPECIAL EVENTS

Shop for a Cause

Got out and shop till you drop at Macy's Saturday, Oct. 17, but be sure you have your \$5 shopping pass. Since 2006, Macy's Shop For A Cause Event has partnered with non-profit organizations to raise money for their ongoing charitable efforts. Eligible non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status sell the special Shopping Passes and get to keep the proceeds. In return, shoppers receive exclusive all-day savings storewide on a wide assortment of merchandise and an extra-special offer for selected departments. Come by Macy's and help celebrate a national day of support for the community. For more information, call (734) 458-5400.

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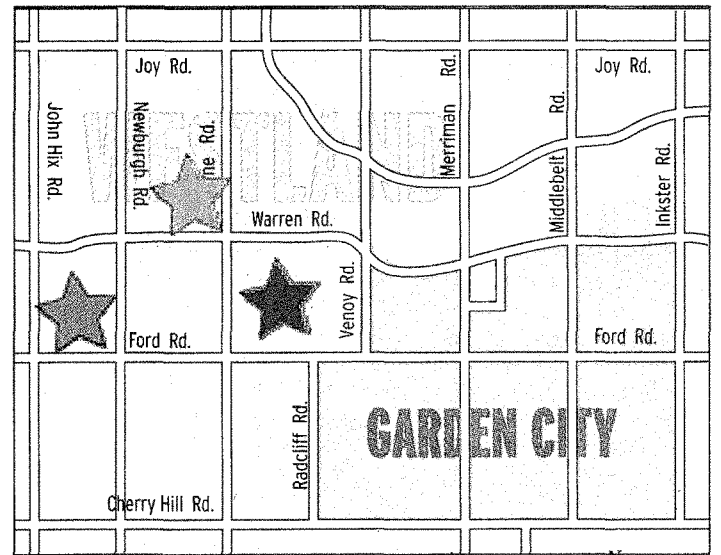
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Think pink

Stop by Biggy Coffee on Ford just west of Newburgh between 6 a.m. and noon Friday, Oct. 16, and tell them you're there for Westland's Painting the Town Pink and 10 percent will be donated to the fundraiser which benefits the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. For a complete calendar of events or for more information, visit the Web site at www.paintingthetownpink.org.

Sweepstakes

Time is running out to enter to win a trip to the 2010 South Beach Food and



Wine Festival in Miami, Florida. Enter at any Art Van Furniture location. One winner will be chosen to receive a trip for two that includes round-trip airfare and three days/two nights' deluxe hotel accommodations, \$200 in spending money and tickets to popular SoBe events, such as BubbleO or Grand Tasting. One entry per person. The deadline for entering is Sunday, Oct. 18. See stores for official rules. The local Art Van store is at 8300 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 425-9600.

Fall flavors

With the autumn leaves changing colors and temperatures cooling, Dunkin' Donuts is serving a harvest of foods and beverages celebrating the flavors of the season. The fall lineup features both new items and returning favorites guaranteed to help people on-the-go capture the spirit of fall, including the brand's very first low-fat muffin. Available now through Nov. 26, are the new low-fat apple caramel muffin, pumpkin coffee and latte, new pumpkin coffee Coolatta, pumpkin muffin, pumpkin donut, fall harvest donut topped with orange icing and a festive pumpkin sprinkle mix and fall Munchkins Donut Hole Treats. In addition, Dunkin' Donuts is celebrating Halloween by offering a limited time

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ONGOING

Oh, Papa Joe

Stop by Papa Joe's Bar & Grill at 34275 Ford at Wildwood in Westland for classic burgers, stacked sandwiches, salads, steak, seafood, or chicken. It's a laid-back, neighborhood bar and grill that features dollar beers and their famous fish fry on Fridays. For more information, call (734) 722-2884.

Dinner Theater

Enjoy dinner theater at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club. The Hawthorne Valley Dinner Theater in association with Ronald Otulakowski Productions is presenting "Over the River and Through the Woods" Saturdays now through Dec. 12. Cocktails (cash bar) are at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$29.99 and includes entree, soup, salad and dessert. Tax and gratuity included in the price. The show immediately follows dinner. For reservations, call (734) 422-3440. Hawthorne Valley is at 7300 Merriman east of Warren Road, Westland.

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New staff members

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Garden City Hospital is welcoming the following new Medical Staff members, which have expanded and supplemented the realm of services available to the public:

• Dr. Thimmiah Ramesh, Internal Medicine, with offices

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• Dr. Saiyeda N. Abbas, Emergency Medicine, at GCH Emergency Department, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

• Dr. Jeffrey G. Cramblett, Podiatry, with offices at 28477 West Seven Mile, Livonia.

• Dr. Jennifer A. Freij, Emergency Medicine, at GCH Emergency Department, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

• Dr. Amish J. Patel, Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation, with offices at 28455 Haggerty Road, Suite 200, Novi.

• Dr. Lawrence S. Singer,

Podiatry, with offices at 29055 Ford, Dearborn Heights.

For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, contact the Physician Referral service at 877-717-WELL.

Located in Garden City, Michigan, Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the community at large. For more information about Garden City Hospital, go online to www.gchosp.org.

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's Sports section

Contemporary abolitionist speaks at local church

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Twenty seven million people worldwide are enslaved, according to the California-based Not For Sale, a national campaign dedicated to ending human bondage.

Half of the victims of human trafficking are children. And according to the group's Web site "restaurants and fields, construction sites and brothels, suburbs and cities" are home to slaves both in the United States and abroad.

Some may even live in your own backyard. The Rev. Chris Momany wants to find them, free them and end the ages old practice that equates human beings with property.

"Human trafficking implies the manipulation of people in order to move them in and out of countries, and a lot of contemporary slavery fits this description. Yet the real issue is as old as ancient slavery — considering and holding people as property," Rev. Momany said.

"It happens in almost every part of the world, including the U.S. and Michigan. It takes different forms in different parts of the world, but it is not just something that happens in the other lands. Much of "trafficking" takes the form of sexual abuse and forced prostitution, but it also presents as debt bondage and forcing people — especially children — into civil wars around the world. Women and children are its primary victims."

ABOLITIONIST ROOTS

Rev. Momany, chaplain at Adrian University and Regional Coordinator for Not For Sale, will talk about the modern day abolitionist movement and its fight to end slavery at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Newburg United Methodist Church, located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. His presentation is a part



of the church's year-long 175th anniversary celebration and one of two programs this month that recognize Newburg's abolitionist heritage. A discussion this week focused on

the Underground Railroad and the church's founding pastor, Marcus Swift, who was an abolitionist.

Rev. Momany's talk is open to the public. He hopes listeners will take

the message to heart.

"I hope the Newburg folk will consider that this is happening in our state, as well as abroad, and I don't mean in some inner city," he said. "I

have a pastor friend who lives in a trendy lake-country resort area who protected two women held in house-keeping operations for hotels."

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

He'll have information on hand about pending legislation so listeners can take action by contacting their representatives and other political leaders. They also can become activists, learning to recognize forced labor, by joining the Not For Sale campaign. The group's Web site includes a slavery map that allows users to report and track incidents. It also offers specific suggestions for faith, business, student and other activities. It suggests that faith communities join an abolitionist church network, financially support an anti-slavery cause and start a related Bible study group.

"Not For Sale has helped to raise awareness, because this is such a strange and shocking reality," Rev. Momany said. "But we go beyond awareness, too. We sponsor after-care programs around the world that help people get back on their feet once they are free from abusers. We also work on legislative initiatives. The State of Michigan has anti-trafficking legislation ready for introduction in the House if we can get beyond obsession with budget."

David Batstone, a university professor, founded Not For Sale in 2006, after writing a book, *Not For Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade and How We Can Fight It*. The Campaign has more than 40 state and region directors in the U.S. and Canada who help inform and mobilize grassroots "Smart Activists" to abolish slavery in their own backyards.

For more about Not For Sale, visit www.notforsalecampaign.org. To contact Newburg United Methodist Church call (734) 422-0149.

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Halloween fun starts with classic horror at Redford Theatre

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Larry, Moe and Curly meet The Mummy. Can it get much spookier — or sillier — on Halloween?

The Redford Theatre will run a three Stooges Festival of six films Halloween weekend. The fun will start at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30 and repeat at 2 and 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, at the theater, 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit. The films include *We Want Our Mummy* (1939), *Spook Louder* (1943), *If A Body Meets A Body* (1945), *Mummies Dummies* (1948), *The Ghost Talks* (1949), and *Who Done It*, (1949).

"Everyone is just hooting and hollering and it's not just guys. It's a lot of women. My wife is a huge Stooges fan," said Edward Seward of Southfield, a member of the Motor City Theatre Organ Society, which owns and operates the Redford Theatre.

"It's all fun."

The fun starts this weekend with a costume contest and screening of two classic horror films, *Werewolf of London* and *House of Dracula* and continues Oct. 23-24 with silent films, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* and the Stan Laurel parody short subject *Dr. Pyckle and Mr. Pryde*. Tickets for shows are \$5.

The costume contest will start at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17. Seward said audience members may celebrate the season in costume at any of the shows this month, but prizes will be awarded only this weekend.

Tony O'Brien of Livonia, will play the organ this weekend and for the silent films Oct. 23-24.

"Tony is nationally known," Seward noted.

The screening on Friday, Oct. 16 features guest host Wolfman Mac of MyTV20's Chiller Drive-In. Treasures from Paul's Basement also will be on hand both Oct. 16 and 17 with classic horror movie posters, photos and other collectibles.

"He's in tune with what we're doing — old-fashioned horror," Seward said.

For more about classic films at the Redford Theatre, call (248) 521-5834 or visit redford-theatre.com

Check out these other Halloween activities:

Haunted

Farmington — The Haunted Winery runs 7:30 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday and 7-10 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, Oct. 16-18, 23-25 and 29-31, at 31505 Grand River Ave. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, 52 inches and under. (248) 477-8833

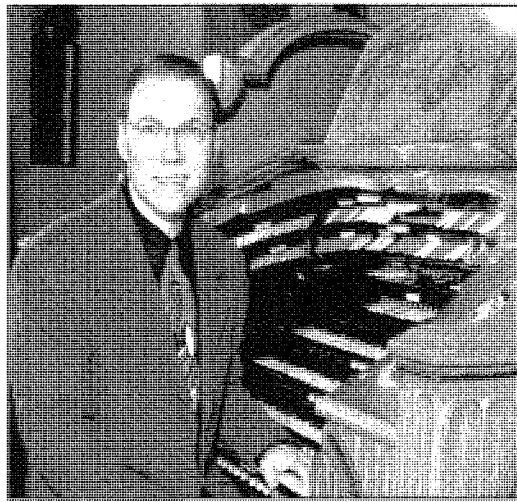
Western Wayne — Haunted Hideaways presents two local tours:

■ Beyond the Veil Tombstone Tour will visit several local cemeteries on Oct. 18, 25 and 31. Tickets are \$30. The Tombstone Tour leaves promptly at 1 p.m. from 39293 Plymouth Road, between Eckles and Newburgh, Livonia.

■ Michigan Ghost Tour explore haunted



See the "Werewolf of London" at the Redford Theatre Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17.



Tony O'Brien of Livonia will play organ for Redford Theatre's classic horror films this weekend, Oct. 16-17 and next weekend, Oct. 23-24.

areas in Livonia, Garden City, Canton, Westland and Plymouth where participants will conduct two mini investigations at alleged haunted locations. Tickets are \$30. Dates still available are Oct. 22, 23 and 29. Visit www.hauntedhideaways.com

Westland — Sponsored by VFW, Haunted Hallows, offers lots of spooky attractions, dusk to midnight, Friday and Saturday and dusk to 10 p.m., Sunday, at 6440 Hix, between Ford and Warren Roads. Admission is \$15. (734) 536-2651

Westland — Sponsored by the Westland Jaycees, the House of the Devil is open 7-10

p.m., weekdays and beginning at 7 p.m. weekends through Oct. 30, at 1645 Wayne Road. \$10 adults, \$5 age 12 and under. Friendly monster day, noon to 4 p.m., Oct. 18. (734) 226-0400

Hayride

Kensington Metropark — "Pick Your Pumpkin Hayrides," 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday this month, at the farm center in the park. Groups must register at least 10 days in advance for these group hayrides by calling the park office at (800) 477-3178. The park is located off I-96 in Milford.

Parties

Farmington Hills — 8 p.m.-midnight, Friday, Oct. 30, at the historic Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Live dance music, a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and a costume contest. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 per couple. The All Hallow's Eve Party is for ages 21 and over only. Call (248) 473-1848 for more information or to charge tickets by phone.

Garden City — The annual Family Halloween Party starts at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Garden City Middle School, 1851 Radcliff just south of Ford Road. Features costume contest, games, face painting and a special appearance by Ronald McDonald. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Admission is \$5. Adults admitted free. (734) 422-4448.

Kensington Metropark — "Fun on the Farm Halloween Party," 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 22,

at the farm center in the park. (248) 684-8632. Advance registration is not required, but there will be a fee for participating.

Pumpkins

Livonia — St. Matthew's Pumpkin Patch is open noon-6 p.m., Sunday-Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, through Oct. 31, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt. Buy pumpkins of all sizes, gourds, cornstalks and bales of straw. Proceeds support programs at the church. (734) 422-6038.

Livonia — Pumpkin Fest runs daily through Oct. 31 at The Wilson Barn, located at West Chicago and Middlebelt Roads. Buy pumpkins, corn stalks. Crafters inside and outside around the Barn, cider and doughnuts, hot dogs and more from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., weekends. The Haunted Barn is open 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Oct. 16-17-18-23-24-25-29-30. Children's Friendly Halloween Story Book Readings will take place at 2 p.m., Oct. 25 on the porch in the Family Picnic Area. For more information contact Jane at (734) 558-5506, Ricky at (734) 358-1733 or visit the Barn's web site www.wilsonbarn.com

Show

Westland — Science Spook-tacular "Fire & Ice Halloween Show," 6:15 p.m. or 7:45 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23, at the Melvin G. Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. \$5. (734) 266-9444.

Trick or Treat

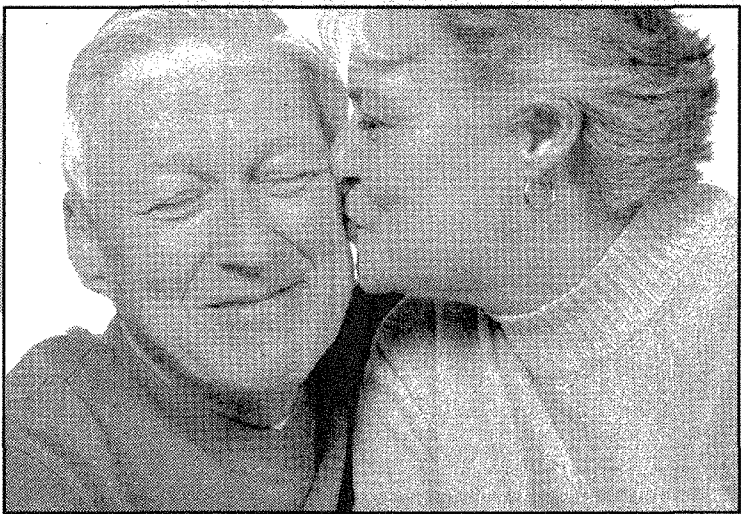
Livonia — Mt. Hope Congregational Church will host a "Trunk or Treat" 3-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18, in its parking lot at 30330 Schoolcraft. Children in costume will collect candy from decorated cars in the parking lot. There will be games and other activities. Every child will receive a prize. (734) 425-7280

Northville — Children, preschool through third grade, can trick or treat around Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold, Northville and visit a not-so-spooky house on site, 5:20 p.m., 5:40 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:20 p.m., 6:40 p.m., and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. Cost is \$7 per child. Tickets available at the parks and recreation office at 700 W. Baseline. Tickets will not be available for purchase on the day of the event.

Royal Oak — Zoo Boo runs 6-8 p.m., Oct. 16-18, 23-25, and 29-31 at The Detroit Zoo, located on Ten Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward. Elaborate pumpkin displays will line the treat trail, where greeters will pass out goodies to costume-clad children at 13 treat stations along the route. A trail of eerie fog and mysterious sounds will lead through a spooky graveyard to the Haunted Reptile House. Features Halloween-themed games, prizes, arts and crafts, a hay maze and a musical revue. Tickets are \$6 per person ages 2 and up. Buy advance tickets at www.detroitzoo.org or at booth #1 at the front of the zoo. (248) 541-5717

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Apple lovers can thank Mother Nature for cool weather last summer.

"Right now, we have almost all of the different varieties on our tables. We have six to seven out right now... Jonagolds and Cortlands, Empire, Jonamacs, Jonathan," said Terry Koetting, a teacher and group tour leader at Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill.

"Because it was such a cold summer everything ripened all at once. We grow 15 different varieties. A few of the earlier varieties have ripened and are gone."

Michigan is one of the largest producers of apples in the country, according to the Michigan Apple Committee, with 7.5 million trees in production and 950 family-operated farms covering 37,500 acres in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. It's the third largest producer of apples nationwide, with about 60 percent of its crop processed into other products. The state is the largest supplier of apple slices used in pies. And Michigan apples are a main source for applesauce, fresh-cut slices and apple cider.

Small family farmers, like Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill, are most prevalent in the Michigan apple industry. And longtime favorite varieties, such as Red Delicious, Golden Delicious and Gala, dominate their orchards.

Sandy Detlefs, who along with her husband, owns the historic Parshallville Grist Mill in Hartland Township, encourages her customers to sample some of the antique varieties she sells. A local doctor who grows apples as a hobby, keeps the mill supplied with a varied, constantly changing collection.

"These are the grandparents and great-grandparents of the apples everybody knows today," she said. "We have different varieties every week."

Some of the varieties offered this season include Spartan, Gideon, Akane, Spitzenburg, Gravenstein, Wealthy, Braeburn and Roxbury Russet, which is thought to be the oldest named variety in America.

"I don't think there's a better apple anywhere than those grown in Michigan," Detlefs said.

"The Michigan Apple Committee, a non-profit organization that promotes the state's apple-growing industry, conducted a series of focus groups between November last year and February this year to get a better grip on consumer taste preferences.

Two stood out. Jonagold, a sweet, firm and juicy apple used fresh or in baking, and Honeycrisp, a newer variety and all-around favorite.

FAVORITE VARIETY

"We do have the Honeycrisps," said Koetting said. "They are brand new across the country. They were developed at the University of Minnesota. To me they are the best, the sweetest, the crispiest... everything you'd want in an apple."

Michigan growers began replacing older varieties with Honeycrisp in 1991. According to the Michigan Apple Committee, the variety usually sells out by the end of October, but more plantings and a bumper crop this year have combined to boost overall production and extend the supply.

"Running out of this variety has been the one and only complaint we've heard about the Honeycrisp," said Denise Donohue, executive director of the Michigan Apple Committee. She's optimistic that the Honeycrisp will be available through December.

But Koetting said Honeycrisp season will likely end in a few weeks at Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill. When it does, customers will be able to buy other varieties.

"There are so many that are good multipurpose. A lot of people like to blend their apples for sauce and pies," she noted.

Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill, 10685 Warren Road, Plymouth is open 9 a.m.-7 p.m., daily through October and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 1-2. U-pick pumpkins are available on weekends and the mill sells cider and doughnuts, apples, pies, jams, jellies and honey. Visit the petting farm, take a wagon ride and listen to live music on weekends this month. The mill's Ann Arbor Road store, located between Napier and Gottfredson, in Plymouth, will be open 10 a.m.-6 p.m., through Nov. 26. (734) 455-2290 Fax: (734) 455-2362

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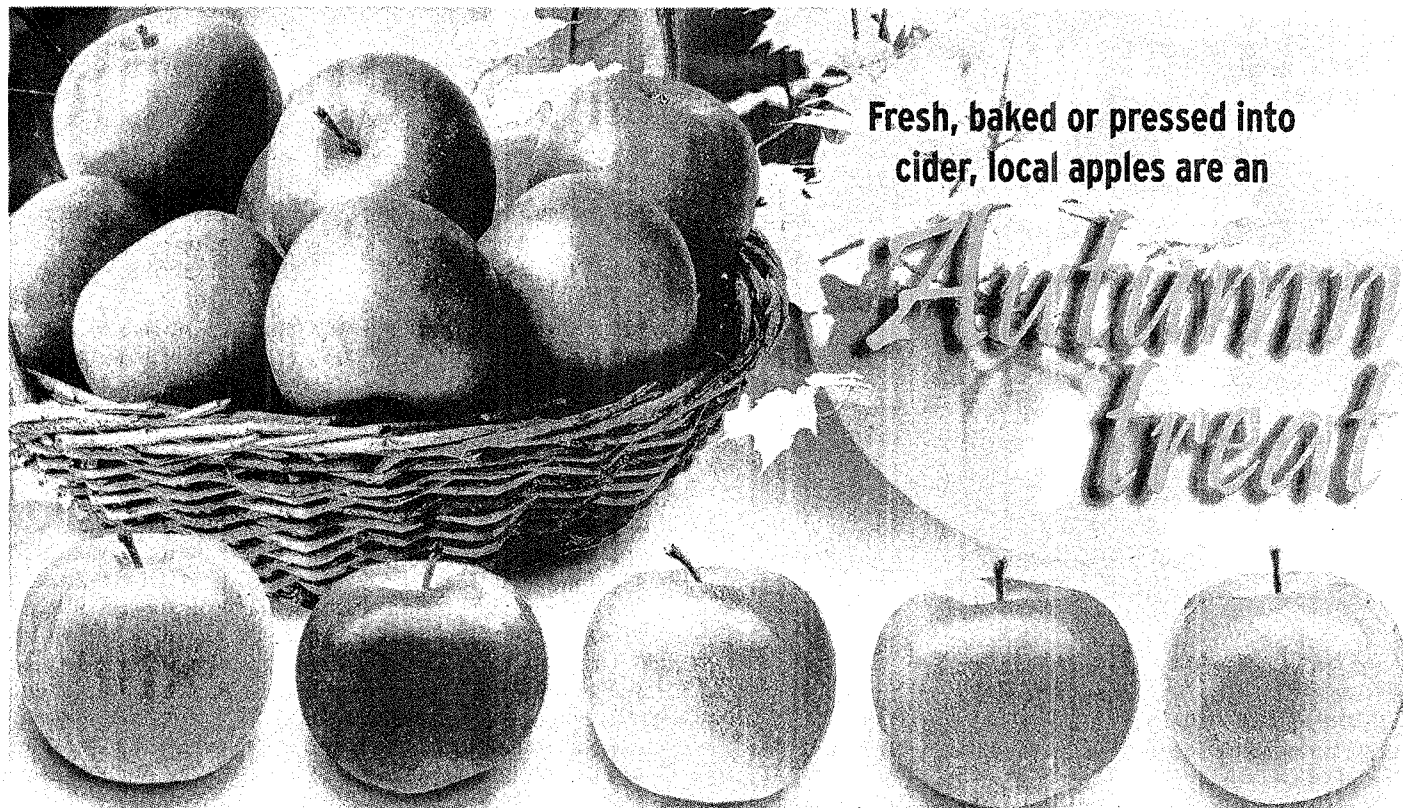
■ Franklin Cider Mill, 7450 Franklin Road, Franklin is open 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday. Unpasteurized cider is made with Honeycrisp apples. Michigan-grown apples and Hickory farm cheese and beef products are sold. Horse-drawn buggy rides. (248) 626-8261

■ Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill, 714, Baseline Road, Northville is open through Nov. 24. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily until November, when the mill closes at 7 p.m. Buy cider, doughnuts, apples, and fudge. Crafters sell their works on weekends. (248) 349-3181

■ Historic Parshallville Grist Mill, 8507 Parshallville Road, Hartland Township offers unpasteurized cider, doughnuts, apple pies and caramel apples. Michigan-made items, specialty jams, old-fashioned candies and gifts are available in the gift shop. (810) 629-9079

■ Ostbaum Orchards, 9252 Currie, Salem, is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday through October. Buy apples, baked goods, cherry concentrate, jack-o-lanterns, cider, Indian corn and more. Ostbaum Orchards also sells at Plymouth Farmer's Market, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturdays, in downtown Plymouth. (734) 560-2840

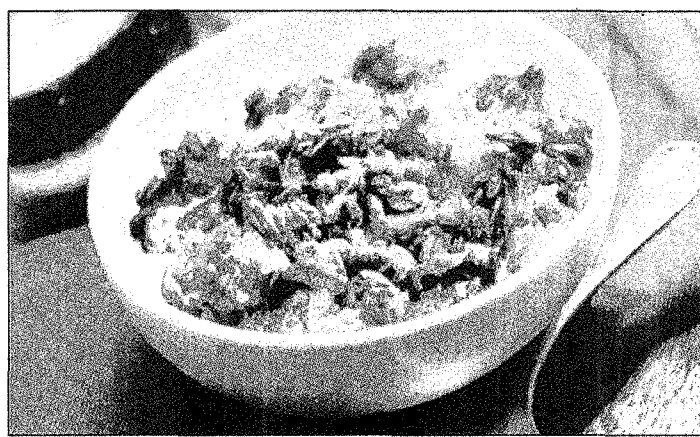
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Fresh, baked or pressed into cider, local apples are an

Autumn treat

Fuji	Ida Red	Jonagold	Braeburn	Northern Spy
Sweet, tart and an incredibly good keeper. Fuji stays crisp for weeks. Season begins in late October.	Tart, firm and juicy. Eat fresh or use in sauces, pies and desserts. Season begins in mid October.	Crisp and juicy with shades of tart and sweet in each apple. Usually large and aromatic. Good fresh or in baking. Season begins in early October.	Mildly sweet and crispy, best eaten fresh or baked; season begins in late October.	Tart, acidic properties that cook up well in applesauce, pie and other dishes. A hard apple that ripens late and stores well. Season begins early October.



Wake up to the wonderful smell of cinnamon and apples with this Easy Apple Breakfast Cobbler.

EASY APPLE BREAKFAST COBBLER

Courtesy of the Michigan Apple Committee

- 4 medium-sized Michigan apples - try Cortland, Gala, Ida Red, Johnathan, Northern Spy or Rome apples - cored, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon butter or trans fat free margarine, melted
- 2 cups low fat granola cereal

Place apples in a crock pot and stir in honey and cinnamon. Top apple mixture with granola and drizzle with butter.

Cover and cook on low 7-9 hours or on high 2-3 hours. Serve warm and top with low fat milk or vanilla yogurt if desired. Makes 4 servings. Nutrition information per serving (with margarine): 395 Calories; 7g Fat; 83g Carbohydrate; 5g Protein; 175mg Sodium; 0mg Cholesterol; 8g Fiber

TUNA APPLE PITAS

Courtesy of the Michigan Apple Committee

- 1 large or 2 small Michigan apples cored and chopped fine
- 2 small celery ribs, sliced
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1 (12 ounces) can albacore tuna in water, drained
- 1/2 teaspoon dill weed
- 1/2 cup reduced fat salad dressing or mayonnaise

- 3 wheat pita bread (approximately 6 1/2-inch diameter), cut in half
- Lettuce leaves

Place chopped apple, celery, lemon juice and onion in a medium bowl. Mix well. Add flaked tuna, dill weed and salad dressing. Mix thoroughly. Place lettuce leaf in each + of a pita pocket. Fill with tuna apple mixture and serve. Makes 6 servings. Nutrition facts per serving: 173 Calories; 8g Fat; 11g Carbohydrate; 14g Protein; 396mg Sodium; 30mg Cholesterol; 1.5g Fiber

CIDER GLAZED CHICKEN WITH EASY APPLE RAISIN STUFFING

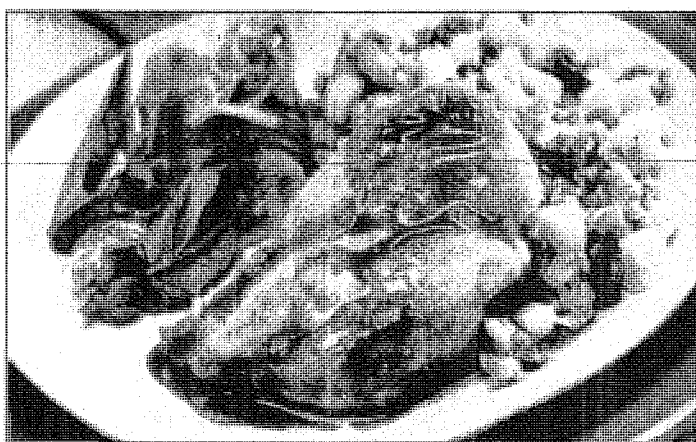
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- 1 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 4 (6 ounces each), boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup apple cider or juice
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Combine flour, salt and allspice in a resealable plastic bag. Add the chicken; seal and shake bag to coat chicken evenly.

Place oil in pan. Add chicken, and cook 4-5 minutes. Turn chicken over and add apple cider and vinegar to pan; cook 5 minutes or until chicken is done. Remove chicken from pan and drizzle with cider glaze.

Makes 4 servings. Nutrition facts per serving: 208 Calories; 5.5g Fat; 6g Carbohydrate; 35g Protein; 638mg Sodium; 90mg Cholesterol; 0g Fiber



Cider Glazed Chicken with Easy Apple Raisin Stuffing is an easy dinner your whole family will enjoy.

EASY APPLE RAISIN STUFFING

- 1 large Michigan apple - try Cortland, Empire, Gala, Ida Red, Jonagold, Jonathan, Paula Red or Rome - cored, and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 box whole wheat, chicken stuffing mix

Prepare stuffing mix according to package directions but add apple pieces and raisins to boiling water just before adding stuffing mix.

Makes 5 servings. Nutrition facts per serving: 178 Calories; 1.5g Fat; 39g Carbohydrate; 4g Protein; 431mg Sodium; 1mg Cholesterol; 2.5g Fiber

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RECIPES

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SWEETIE-LICIOUS MICHIGAN APPLE & CHERRY CRISP

Courtesy of the Michigan Apple Committee

- 4 1/2 cups of peeled Michigan Cortland or Ida Red apples sliced very thin
- 1 cup of frozen Michigan tart cherries
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon butter melted
- 1 teaspoon of lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon of real almond extract

Crumb Topping

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 sticks of softened real butter

Mix dry ingredients first. Combine flour mixture with butter with hands or pastry blender until crumbly

Mix apples, cherries, sugars, flour, butter, lime juice and almond together. Pour fruit mixture into a buttered 10 inch pie plate or a 9-by 9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle all of the crumb topping on fruit mixture covering fruit completely. Bake for 30-45 minutes in a pre-heated 375 degree oven. Or until knife slides easily through center fruit and crisp is light brown and bubbly.

Sneak an apple into every meal

The Michigan Apple Committee offers these tips for spicing up foods with apple:

BREAKFAST

Spread Michigan Apple slices with peanut butter then dip in your favorite cereal.

Add a chopped Michigan Apple to a box of quick bread mix.

Top a bowl of cooked whole oats with 1/2 Michigan apple, diced; 1 tablespoon chopped pecans; 1 tablespoon raisins and 2 tablespoons brown sugar.

Top whole grain French toast with unsweetened Michigan applesauce and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.

Add 1/2 cup Michigan applesauce and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon to your pancake batter before cooking.

Warm Michigan applesauce in the microwave and spread on a whole wheat toasted English muffin; add a sprinkle of cinnamon.

LUNCH AND DINNER

For a quick microwave applesauce, core and chop six Michigan apples into 1/2 inch chunks. Place apples in a microwavable bowl with 1/4 cup water. Cover and cook on high for 15 minutes. Stir and cook uncovered for approximately five more minutes. Mash apples and stir in 1-2 tablespoons sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon.

Mix up a quick fruit salad with 1 chopped Michigan apple, a small can of drained mandarin oranges and a sliced banana.

Mix 1 (16 ounce) bag of prepared coleslaw mix with 1 large Michigan apple, cored and finely diced; 1/4 teaspoon celery seed and 1/2 cup bottled low fat coleslaw dressing.

Toss Michigan apple slices into a crunchy salad of mixed greens. Top with low fat balsamic vinaigrette dressing.

For a quick ginger-apple sauce for pork or chicken, combine 1 cup apple cider with 1/2 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth in a small saucepan.

Bring to a boil and simmer uncovered for 15-20 minutes. Combine 4 tablespoons cold water with 1 tablespoon cornstarch. Slowly add mixture into broth using a whisk. Cook for two more minutes. Remove from heat and stir in 1 tablespoons apple cider vinegar, 1 teaspoon butter and 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger.

SNACKS

Add a finely chopped Michigan apple to a jar of prepared salsa. Serve with whole grain tortilla chips.

Top your scoop of low fat vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt with Michigan apple slices and 1-2 tablespoons of caramel topping or just a dash of cinnamon.

Serve Michigan apple wedges with 2 tablespoons of peanut butter or vanilla yogurt.

Make an apple parfait by layering chopped Michigan apples; plain or vanilla yogurt and low fat cinnamon granola in a tall glass.



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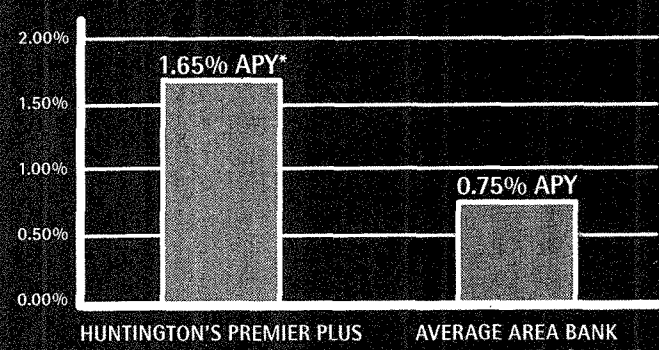
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