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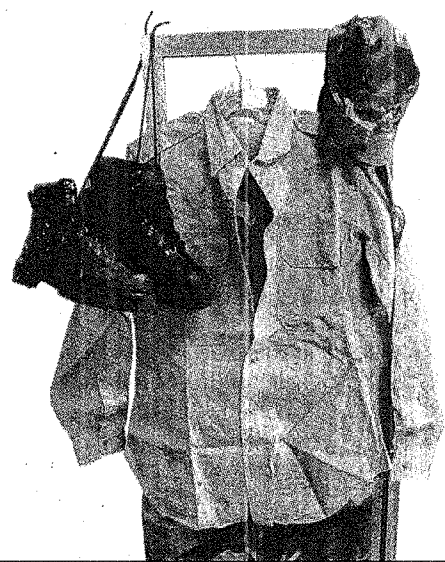
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Appraisal clinic

There are still slots available at the Appraisal Clinic sponsored by the Westland Historic Village Park and DuMouchelle Galleries beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Bailey Recreation Center. The cost is \$10 per item for a verbal appraisal with a limit of three items per person. Appraisal items must be able to be brought into the recreation center.

Walk-ins will be accepted at the end of the scheduled appraisals, but in past events there was a full schedule of appointments.

Call (734) 522-3918 for an estimated time of appraisal.

Candy check

Parents of Westland's ghosts, goblins and other characters can bring their candy to the 18th District Court from 6:30-10 p.m. Halloween night, Saturday, October 31, for a free candy check before the kids gobble up treats.

The courthouse is at 36675 Ford, directly behind the police station.

For more information, call (734) 595-8720.

Season ends

Still hankering for a round of golf. Best play by Sunday, Nov. 1. That's when the Westland Municipal Golf Courses will close the outdoor course for the season. Have no fear, you can still practice your swing on one of its three indoor golf simulators. State-of-the-art graphics and the newest software lets people "realistically" golf all year round.

The golf course is on Merriman south for Cherry Hill. For more information, call (734) 721-6660.

Potluck

Join the Westland Democratic Club for a Halloween Potluck at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, at Venoy between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, Westland. Setup is at 6 p.m. People planning to attend should call Cheryl LeBlanc at (734) 729-0667 or Gail Anderson at (734) 458-1991 with information about the dish they will be bringing.

The club meets on the last Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Mike Short, treasurer, at (734) 788-1550 or send an e-mail to WestlandDemClub@robinwood.com.

W-W gets 'A' for managing finances

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's not often a school district gets a letter grade for financial management, but that's what the Wayne-Westland Community Schools has received from its auditors.

"We would have to give the district's audit process an A grade," said Jeff Higgins of Plante Moran, the district's auditing firm. "Our opinion is a state-

ment on the financial position of the district and our opinion is an unqualified or clean opinion, the highest assurance we can provide."

Higgins along with auditor Nathan Troyer went before the school board Monday evening to present the results of an audit of the 2008-2009 budget year and to talk about the effect the state's budget crisis is having on the school district.

For the sixth straight year, the dis-

trict's general fund balance decreased from \$13 million in 2008 to \$10.6 million. The general fund had revenues of \$115 million and expenditures of \$115.9 million.

According to Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin, local tax revenue dropped by \$170,000 and interest income was down \$115,000, a reflection on declining funding.

On the expenditure side, health care costs were down \$700,00, due in part

to the district's self insured program and workman's compensation, a 13 percent drop in utilities and a cut in outside contracting by \$250,000.

According to Troyer, the school district receives 91 percent of its revenue from the state. The problems with the state's economy, future proration of school aid payments and future retirement fund contributions create

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Sign of the times: Demand for surplus food increasing

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Volunteers Mike Derowski (left), Dave Bothell, Shirley Jones and Billy Brooks load bags of food for distribution at the monthly federal surplus food commodity program at the Dorsey Community Center.

Thirty minutes into the monthly federal surplus food distribution, the line of people wound out the doors of the Dorsey Community Center, down the steps and along the sidewalk.

"Each month it's more people. I know the numbers are increasing - it's a sign of the economy," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis. "Until a few months ago, once we opened the building, there was no one standing in line outside."

When Inglis arrived for work at 8:30 a.m., she said people were already lined up for the food distribution, which didn't begin until 10 a.m.

"There isn't such a line later. They are afraid we will run out of food. We have run out of food in the past, but not often," said Inglis. "If the staff sees we are running out of food, we can contact Wayne County for more food. If we have better quality turkey or roasts, we

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W-W halts projects to await committee report

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has put several sinking fund projects on hold while it waits to see what the recommendation on school closings will be from its 21st Century Schools Committee.

Superintendent Greg Baracy made the announcement Monday, saying that it affects projects that have yet to be started, including media centers for elementary schools like Madison in Westland where work was scheduled to start after the first of the year.

"The only way to sustain educational excellence is to be as efficient as we can be and utilize the resources we have available," Baracy said.

"We can no longer afford to operate buildings at 50 percent. We have to restructure ourselves."

The committee has the task of coming up with a plan that accommodates a loss of enrollment and a continuing decline in revenue. The committee, which has been working on a plan since July, last week heard reports from subcommittees which have been investigating different way to deliver an educational program.

The tentative proposal is to close seven elementary schools and create 10 kindergarten-fourth-grade schools, two fifth-sixth-grade schools, two middle schools and two high schools. Instead of having schools in which student population

divide up between middle schools and high schools, youngsters would stay with their classmates from kindergarten through 12th-grade under the proposal.

The subcommittees are now looking at the configuration and how the district can be split up to accommodate. No determination has been made on which schools would be recommended for closing.

"They're doing a lot, they want to preserve the district's educational excellence," he said. "I believe we can become a better school district, I believe we can be more efficient."

Baracy thanked the committee, made up of parents, residents of the community, employees and administrators, for their work. Members have

devoted a lot of time to do research and it's apparent they want to preserve Wayne-Westland's educational excellence, he said.

"They have a lot of work to do, they recognize that this is about the kids and about educational excellence," he added.

The goal is to resent a completed plan to the school board in December for its consideration. Implementation would be at the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

More information about the 21st Century Schools Committee, including video presentations, minutes and agendas, can be found on the district's Web site at www.wwcsd.net.

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Hearing delayed in Chatters Bar murder case

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A preliminary examination for a Livonia man charged with murdering his wife outside a Westland bar where she worked has been delayed a second time.

The hearing in 18th District Court for George Williams, 33, has been adjourned until Nov. 12.

Earlier, Williams had waived his right to preliminary examination within 14 days of his arraignment, which had allowed the delays to be granted.

Held without bond since his arrest, Williams is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Sarah Williams, 28, a barmaid at Chatters Bar and

Grill, 7640 N. Wayne Road.

Shortly after finishing her shift in the early hours of Sept. 27, Sarah Williams was found in the bar parking lot suffering severe head, facial and internal injuries. She was unconscious and died later at an area hospital.

Sarah Williams had been strangled and suffered multiple blunt trauma, the autopsy showed, the latter injuries caused by being struck by a vehicle.

The couple left Chatters when Sarah Williams' shift ended, police said, George Williams having arrived separately.

The couple was reported to have been arguing about ending their marriage, according to police.

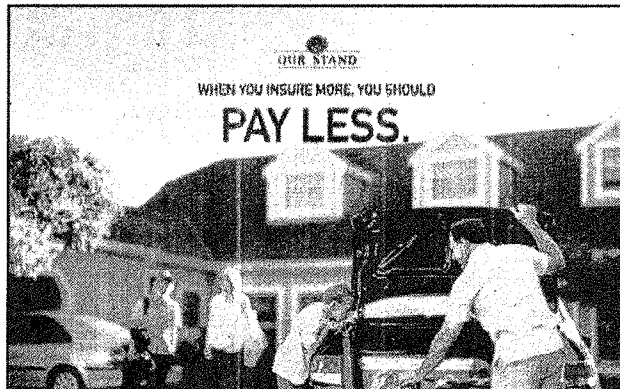
Other bar employees were still inside Chatters when a relative of George Williams called police after finding Sarah Williams injured in the parking lot.

The family member told police he had been contacted by George Williams and came to the bar. George Williams had fled and was later arrested in Toledo and returned to Westland after he waived his extradition.

The couple had been married for one year and had no children.

Sarah Williams had a daughter from a previous relationship and had also cared for her younger sister after their mother died five years ago.

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AUDIT

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financial uncertainties for the district going forward.

Troyer said the district will pay 16.54 percent or \$13,757, of an employee's salary to the state retirement system this year and that percentage will continue to rise. He added that the district will also see health care costs increase.

"The district doesn't receive 18 percent of its revenue until

after the end of the budget year, that's cause for financial difficulties for the district," he said. "There's also been a decrease in the fund balance over the last six years. The fund balance decrease is a statewide trend."

The district has seen its fund balance drop yearly since 2003 when it hit a high of \$23.1 million. The auditors estimate that by the end of the current budget year, that balance will be \$3.7 million, roughly \$600,000 more than what it had on hand in 1996.

That \$10.2 million represents

9.08 percent of expenditures and would allow the district to operate for 16 school days or 33 calendar days. That's well under the statewide average of 13.35 percent.

Troyer complimented the district for being "proactive and having a strict budgetary process."

"The structural composition of your budget is dictated by Lansing," he said. "Steps have been taken purposely, that's why you have a fund balance."

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Hearing delayed in Harvey Street stand-off

A preliminary examination for a man charged with a August shooting that resulted in stand-off with Westland police has been delayed.

Harvey Street resident Ducquang Nguyen, 23, was scheduled to appear in 18th District Court Thursday but the hearing was adjourned until Nov. 12 to allow a mental competency examination to be completed.

Held in lieu of a \$1 million

cash bond, Nguyen is charged with 14 felonies, including two counts of assault with intent to murder, two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and felony firearm.

The incident happened in the early hours of Aug. 4 when a man fired a shotgun through the rear doorwall of a home on Parent. Officers who responded to calls from

neighbors reported being fired upon several times and shots were also being fired inside the man's home.

Eventually, police fired tear gas and sight and sound distraction devices into the home. After getting no response, officers entered the home and located the suspect in a bedroom suffering from a self-inflicted knife wound.

- By LeAnne Rogers

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



CITY OF GARDEN CITY Notice of Election

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that the City General Election will be held in the City of Garden City on,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Candidates for the following offices are to be voted upon:

Mayor
City Council

The following proposals will also be voted on:

(Proposition O)
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

To renew the millage authorized in 2000, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2008 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2010 through 2019), and proceeds used to continue existing County services, including programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals, juvenile court and related services, public health, recreation, County parks, job training, senior citizen services, and programs for meeting medical needs of the poor, the disabled, and the aged? This renewal is projected to generate \$43,495,573 in 2010.

YES NO

**MILLAGE PROPOSAL
BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the School District of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 0.5 mill (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 2 years, 2009 and 2010, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2009 is approximately \$366,300?

YES NO

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of August 12, 2009 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

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted	Increases	Years	Increases Effective
County of Wayne	08/08/2000	1 mill		2009	
Wayne County Jail	08/06/2002	1 mill			2011
Wayne County Parks	08/08/2000	0.25 mills		2010	

OTHER TAXING AUTHORITIES

Schoolcraft Comm College	10/07/1985	.05 mills Unlimited			
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY

City of Garden City	05/03/2005	2.1498 mills		2005 thru 2019	
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GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

Garden City Schools	06/11/2001	3.1 mills		2005 thru (not to exceed 30 years)	
	06/10/2002	18 mills		2012 Non-homestead only	
	06/10/2002	2 mills		2005 thru 2012	

From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following polling places:

Precinct 1	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precincts 2 and 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precincts 3 and 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 6	Garden City Middle School 1851 Radcliff
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8	Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

All polling places are handicapper accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at 734-793-1620 prior to Election Day. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's Office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 2, 2009, to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN

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may run out of that. We would still give them other items."

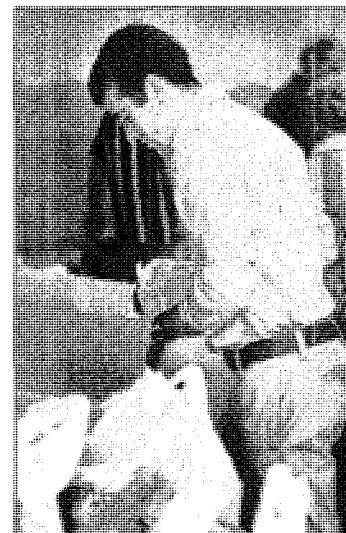
Retired and a widow for 32 years, Joan Suess said she'd been using the food commodities program for five or six years.

"This is definitely helpful. I get things I can't afford to buy myself - it's a help for all of us seniors," said Suess, who had been in line for about 40 minutes. "The lines have gotten longer. There are a lot of younger people, too - look at all these foreclosed houses."

Jewel Lutz has been using the food commodities program since January and brings along her friend Anna Pettiford.

"I'm trying to keep the utilities on - the lights and heat. A lot more people are coming," said Lutz. "The handicapped people should have a different day to come - the people with oxygen and other handicaps."

Lutz and Pettiford had been in line for 45 minutes - by that time they were inside the gym and still a number of people away from the sign-in table.



Harrison Gilbert was helping distribute federal surplus foods at the Dorsey Community Center last week. People were lined up at least 90 minutes before the monthly distribution got underway.

"It's faster this month," said Lutz.

The food available varies somewhat each month. For October, the food available included cheese, green beans, macaroni, orange juice, pears, tomato sauce and a whole frozen chicken.

"There is always good meat - protein. Fresh produce would be good but I don't know how they would handle that," said Lutz. "There are so many people unemployed. I try to provide for myself and be independent. It's not possible in this economy."

At the back of the line on the community center steps was first-time commodities client April, who didn't want her last

name used. "I saw about this at hometownlife.com. I'm in Section 8 housing. I just started working at McDonald's - I hadn't worked in a year," said April, who has two children. "My mom was laid off three weeks ago. I'm trying to support two houses. Now that I'm working, Section 8 rent will go up and my gas bills are so high."

The October commodities distribution served 238 households with 398 people through the Dorsey Center - the program serves Westland residents north of Michigan Avenue. A separate site serves residents south of Michigan Avenue with residents in Taylor Towers and Greenwood Villa getting their food at those building.

Along with the number of people using the food commodities program increasing, Inglis said that the zip codes of the clients are also expanding.

"There are definitely people from all over Westland. There has definitely been a change in the addresses extending north and west in the city," said Inglis. "It was predominately residents from Norwayne before."

The federal surplus food program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. Eligibility for the food commodities is based on income. For more information, call the Dorsey Center surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

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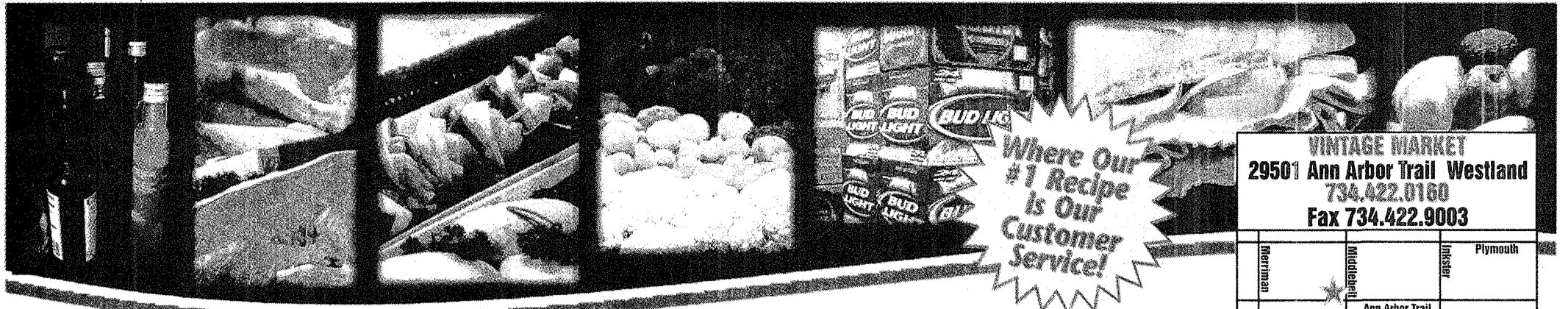
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EDUCATION

Culinary arts students show skills at lunch, dinners

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Chef Tony Paquette knows where to find good food - right in his kitchen at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

That's where students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' culinary arts program are learning to make everything from a roasted fresh pig to stuffed red, yellow and green peppers. Toss in a stuffed pork loin, butternut squash soup and assorted desserts and a few other things and you have the meal served last Wednesday night as the kickoff of the culinary arts program's Wednesday Dinner Buffet.

But what bothers Paquette is that not a lot of people know about it, or about the lunches served in Cafe Marquette.

"It's a secret here and I don't want it to be a secret any more," said Paquette. "We're open for business and we want people to come in."

This semester, the center's culinary arts program has 94 high school students in day classes and 60 in the adult evening program and has people on a waiting list for the next semester. Paquette has even received e-mailed resumes from people wanting to "interview"

for the class.

Interest in the culinary arts is booming and with good reason.

"While Michigan has been hard hit with job losses, in our field, there's still a need for trained workers," said Paquette. "People are contacting us now to secure positions in classes for January."

Students like Mareli Santiago of Westland got the job of leading a team of students in preparing the orzo and roasted pepper salad for the dinner buffet, while Cayla Viar was in charge of the fresh fruit trays. Paquette, better known around the district as Chef Tony, had an assignment for each and every student he gathered around his grill Tuesday to show how the pig would be roasted.

This is the second year Paquette has kicked off the dinner buffet with a pig roast. Last year he was able to use a grill provided by Hickory Barbecue to roast a 100-pound pig. This year he used his own portable grill and ordered a 60-pound fresh pig.

On average between 80 and 100 people show up for the dinner buffets. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6.95 for kids up to age 10. According to Paquette, those people who know the "secret" start lining up in advance of the cafe's 4:45 p.m.



Students in the culinary arts program got a look at the fresh pig that was roasted and served at the kickoff of the weekly dinner buffets at Cafe Marquette in the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Listening to instructor Chef Tony Paquette are Talia Lewis (front row, from left), Dominique Nestor, Mareli Santiago, Anthony Chenevers (back row, from left), Derrick White, Cayla Viar, Allie Coleman and Megan Maynor.

opening.

"We can hold up to 150 people, but serve between 80 and 100," he said. "We'll seat people up to 6:15, but it's a buffet so by that time things might be picked over."

But Paquette also wants to

CAFE MARQUETTE

What: Themed Wednesday Dinner Buffet

Where: Cafe Marquette inside the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, 36455 Marquette west of Wayne Road, Westland

When: 4:45-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays - Autumn Harvest, Oct. 28; Thanksgiving Buffet, Nov. 11; Taste of Italy, Nov. 18; Caribbean Nights, Dec. 2, and Christmas Wassail, Dec. 9.

Cost: \$10 for adults, \$6.95 for chil-

dren up to age 10

Information: Call (734) 419-2100 or go online to the Cafe Marquette Web site at www.wccsd.net/fctc, click Skip Intro and click on Cafe Marquette in the left side of the page. You can also sign up for e-mails at cafe@wccsd.net.

What: The cafe also is open for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The luncheon menus also are available on the cafe Web site.

get more people in at lunch and after six weeks of testing, the restaurant is offering Cafe Marquette Express. For \$5.99, people can get an entree, beverage, salad and small dessert ready to go - start to finish - in 20 minutes. The entrees are lasagna, chicken pot pie, chicken croissant sandwich with fries, chicken salad with fresh fruit and a vegetable quiche.

"None of the sandwiches are frozen, these are all freshly made," said Paquette. "We need to get the business people in, but they don't have an hour to sit and eat. This is a training facility, it takes 45 minutes to eat normally."

Paquette said his toughest

critic is his wife, who "gave us her highest praise" for the chicken pot pies.

"She said they're the best I've ever made," he said.

Paquette is excited about the new school. He has "a great group of students who already are showing potential." The students have mastered team building skills need for the food industry.

"When they leave here, they'll be prepared to attend culinary schools," he said. "They're hot. There's 1 to a 1 1/2-year wait for college programs. Some of our kids are able to articulate with colleges. It's well worth it to take our classes, if they're going on to culinary schools."

With the dinner buffet up and running, Paquette is now looking to his third annual Thanksgiving fund-raiser luncheon. For a minimum donation of \$10, he invites people to will enjoy a Thanksgiving feast prepared and served by students. The money raised will be given to The Family Resource Center to provide Thanksgiving dinners for families that might otherwise go hungry.

The first year, the donations only event was able to help 30 families. Last year, the benefit was able to provide meals for 46 families or 184 people.

"It's amazing to me, that's why we keep doing it," he said. "There's even more of a need this year. We need to do as many as we can."

This year's benefit will be Nov. 12.

It's only a part of the students' community service. They also will bake apple pies for those Thanksgiving dinners as well as another 100 apple pies to take to Focus: HOPE where they will help pack food boxes for the needy.

"We are a part of the community," said Paquette. "It goes hand in hand with being a part of the school district and the community."

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Winning ways

The Wayne Memorial High School JROTC State Champion Drill Team continued its winning ways Saturday, Oct. 17, by winning the Commander's Cup at the Anchor Bay Drill Competition. The event featured teams from the greater Detroit and Grand Rapids area. Cadet Lt. Col. Stephen McNamara led

the Zebras to victory, and was named the top drill commander for the event.

The results were:

- Varsity Armed Squad led by Stephen McNamara - First Place.
- Varsity Unarmed Squad led by Hannah Plumley - First Place.
- LET 1 Unarmed Squad led by Seleaha Davis - First Place
- Varsity Color Guard led by

Jacquelyn Odien - First Place.

- LET 1 Color Guard led by Lillian Reid - First Place.
- Armed Exhibition led by Roger Tanner - First Place.
- Unarmed Exhibition led by Mintoria Battle - Second Place

The results in the Individual Knockout Drill Competition were:

- Armed Varsity: Tad Lloyd, third; Mintoria Battle, sixth;

Karli Hampton, seventh, and Chelsea Draper, 10th.

- LET 1: Danielle Horner, fourth; Alicia Patterson, sixth, and Bryan Miller, seventh.

The Zebra Battalion was in Jackson on Saturday, Oct. 24, for the Jackson Raider Competition.

"Raider Commander Tad Lloyd assures us of a victory," JROTC instructor Steven E. LaHaine, retired U.S. Army

first sergeant.

Spooktacular

Wayne Memorial High School will present "Spooktacular!" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Stockmeyer Auditorium.

The concert will feature each of the band/orchestra concert ensembles in music of a dark, spooky and humorous nature. The marching band

will also present their fall performance show, Phantom of the Piano Studio.

Wayne High students will be dressed in costumes and invite the audience to do the same. This is a free concert and is a great night out for the whole family.

Stockmeyer Auditorium is on Glenwood at the east end of the high school campus in Wayne.

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Local man faces future after swimming accident

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a beautiful August day at the Marshbanks house in Canton.

Dad Tim, who'd been laid off for a year from Ford, had finally found a new job. The family had sold its home. The weather was nice, there were friends and family gathered and the makings of a barbecue dinner were being put together.

It was a perfect August day. Until ...

While his parents were putting the touches on preparations, 22-year-old Josh Marshbanks decided he was going to take a dip in the family pool. A female friend decided to join them. Trish Marshbanks remembers what happened next like it was yesterday.

"She came running back in, screaming for us to call 911," Trish recalled. "I went out looking to see if Josh was pulling a prank."

It was no prank. In the pool, Trish Marshbanks saw Josh's friend cradling Josh's 6-foot-7 body. She looked into her son's eyes, which she says were just blank.

"My first reaction was, 'This can't be happening,'" Trish said.

But it was. Josh had dived into the pool and hit the bottom, injuring his spinal cord and fracturing his C5 vertebrae.

Emergency medical responders tried reviving Josh, then transported him to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti. He was placed on life support, with machines doing his breathing for him. Within 24 hours, doctors fused three vertebrae and for three weeks he fought complications such as fever and pneumonia.

And for 11 weeks, while the immediate family fought the battle, they were joined by their "other" family, friends of Josh's and co-workers at Wright Asset Management in Plymouth, where Trish works.

"That waiting room at St. Joe's ... I made one phone call and that waiting room was filled," Trish recalled. "We were stepping over kids and people and family that just needed to be there."

Watching the Marshbanks' go through it was like watching one of their own, according to Janet Durante, who works with Trish at Wright.

"It was devastating for everyone," Durante said. "When it's one of your own ... we're like a family here. We're all very close, so it's like our second family. For someone in that family of ours to be hurt so badly ... we just put ourselves in Trish's place and thought how we would feel."

Trish said the outpouring of support has "been phenomenal."

"I wouldn't wish what we've gone through on my worst enemy ... to go out and see your 22-year-old who was healthy five minutes ago with just a blank stare on his face," Trish said. "I always knew I was blessed with friends ... I don't think a heart can hold all that."

Since the accident, Josh has fought back. He's paralyzed from about the armpits down, with some movement in his upper body but no feeling below the waist. Still, using a motorized wheelchair, the Marshbanks brought Josh home Friday.

Now his friends are organizing a fund-raiser to help defray what are projected to be astronomical medical expenses. The fund-raiser takes place 5-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at the Italian

American Banquet Hall in Livonia. It'll feature a buffet dinner, music, live and silent auctions.

"We wanted to do something for Trish and her family," Durante said. "We all love (Trish) dearly and we wanted to help. We've had wonderful response, all kinds of donations for the auction, cash donations. It started a little slowly, but it's really picked up."

Trish said the accident hasn't changed her son's outlook all that much.

"He has always had, and thankfully still has, such a great outlook on life," Trish said. "He's still Josh, and that hasn't changed. He still wants to do the things he did before. He might have to find a different way to do it, but he's ready to do that."

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JOURNEY FOR JOSH

- **What:** Josh Marshbanks fund-raising benefit
- **When:** 5-10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30
- **Where:** Italian American Banquet Hall, 39200 W. Five Mile, Livonia
- **Why:** Proceeds to help defray medical costs associated with Josh's injury, suffered when he

fractured a vertebrae diving into his family pool

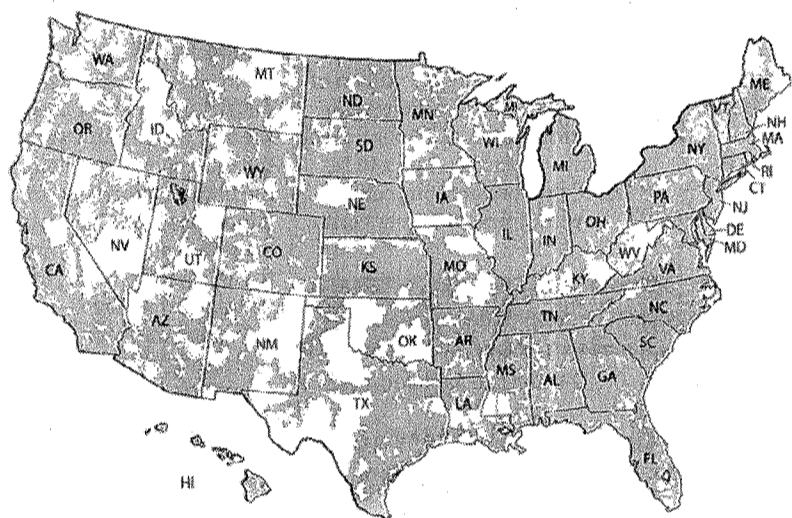
- **Features:** Buffet dinner, music, live and silent auctions
- **Cost:** \$25 per ticket, purchased in advance
- **Information:** Call Janet Durante, (734-451-2600; Diane Stetz, (313) 271-8018



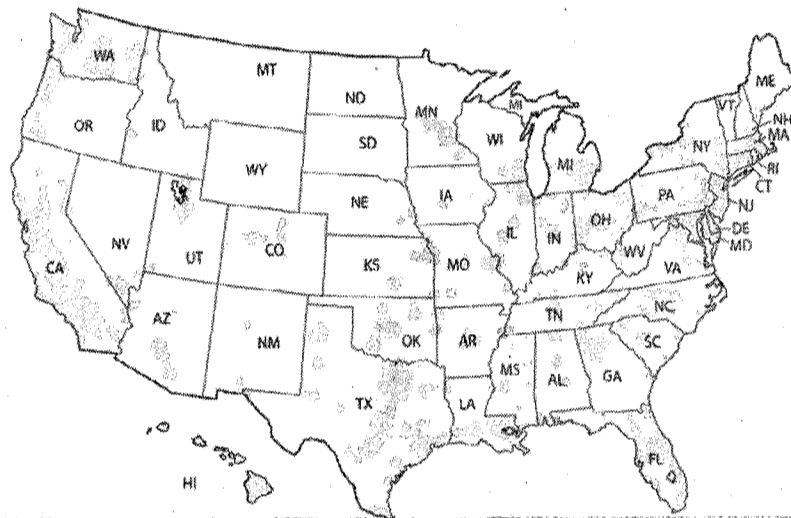
Josh Marshbanks was injured in August in an accident in his Canton swimming pool.

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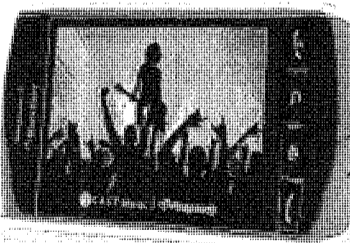
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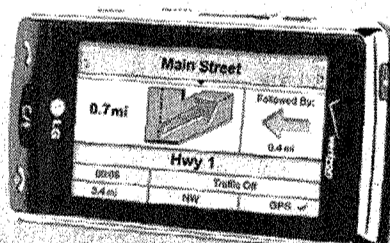


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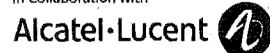
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AROUND WESTLAND

Bowling benefit

The Plymouth-Westland Grange will hold a bowling benefit for Autism 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at Town 'n' Country Lanes on Wayne Road at Avondale in Westland. The event is for both adults and children. The cost is \$7. To pre-register, call Jeff at (734) 673-4033 or send an e-mail to plymouthwestland.grange@ymail.com.

Church Fair

"Snow Fashioned Christmas," the theme of the 63rd church Fair at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square, will be held 9 a.m. to

8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5-6.

The fair will feature the Christmas Shop with many handmade items for decorating your home or for gifts, the Candy Booth with homemade candies and sweets, and the country store with home canned vegetables, jellies and pickles. The boutique offers handmade quilts, sweaters, blankets and much more. Other shops with unique goods are the Specialties Shop, the Secret Closet, Attic Treasures, Book Store, Men's Booth and the Variety Shop.

In addition, meals will be served. Lunch (soup, salad, sandwiches, cake and beverage) will be served both from

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Dinner will be served both days from 5-7 p.m. On Thursday, dinner will feature turkey or ham, and on Friday it will feature turkey dinner or Swiss steak. Cost for meals is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children age 3-11.

Raffle tickets will be available for a quilt made by the church's quilters, a wooden bird house made by a church member and a doll house made by church members. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The Coffee Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and some goodies before and after you shop.

Constituent hours

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

Office hours for Tuesday, Nov. 3, are 9-10 a.m. at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 1-2 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Westland senior Friendship Center. The Thursday, Nov. 5, office hours are 9-10 a.m. 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon at the Northville Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Van Buren September Days Senior Center.

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

Voters face 2 LPS tax proposals

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia school district residents will vote Nov. 3 on two millage proposals, both renewals.

One is for operations; the other is for the sinking fund, which pays for building repairs. School officials say the millages are needed to maintain programs and buildings. The owner of a home costing \$150,000 would pay about \$132 annually for five years, if the millages are approved.

John Hiltz, chairman of a citizens committee supporting the millage and president of the Livonia-based engineering company Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Inc., said great schools equal a great community.

"I'm a business owner, I'm a parent and I have a residence," he said. "People are worried about a decline in property values; that's exactly why I want to pass this millage."

OPPOSITIONS SPEAK OUT

Though there's no organized opposition, some residents say they will vote against the millage proposals because they think the school board inappropriately used sinking funds to pay for a privately-run soccer complex and because the school district is too top-heavy with overpaid administrators.

Marjorie Roach, a school board member from 1980-92, said she has voted for every school millage for the past 50 years, but will be voting no on both millages this time.

"I don't feel the district has been prudent in the way they are spending their money (in this economy)," she said.

Roach said the school district should not be using \$1 million of its current sinking fund revenue to turn the former Cooper School site into a soccer complex to be leased by a private company.

Loyd Romick, a frequent critic

of the board, agreed. He said he, too, will vote no on both millages.

"The intent (of the sinking fund) is to repair and upkeep various buildings, not build soccer domes," Romick said, adding the district may be meeting the letter of the sinking fund law, but not the intent.

Romick said he would consider supporting a sinking fund millage in the future if the ballot language were tightened up to prevent uses like the soccer dome.

He said the district, which will receive \$50,000 to \$75,000 annually in rent from the company, is converting sinking fund dollars into general fund dollars. "That's not what the money is for, especially when we have buildings with windows smashed out," he said, referring to boarded-up windows in closed Hull School.

ADMINISTRATORS RESPOND

But Supt. Randy Liepa and Donna McDowell, the district's administrator of communications, said the soccer complex was an honorable and responsible use of sinking fund money.

Cooper School was built on a former landfill and had to be closed in 1991 because of contamination. The school was later torn down, and the district has been working since about 1997 to find a positive reuse for the site. Over the years, three different developers have come up with three different plans for the site. Those plans all fell through, primarily because of problems obtaining financing as the economy declined, Liepa said.

"You're hearing from critics," Liepa said. "But I can assure you people in that neighborhood are jumping up and down (for joy)."

CABINET CUTS

Roach and Romick said the district needs to cut positions at the top, where employees make the most money, rather than at the bottom, where it normally eliminates jobs. They said they want to send a strong message to the board by voting down the operational millage.

"Unless they start to get some real strong indication from the community, I don't think any-

thing's going to change," Roach said.

But Liepa said the district has gone from 15 cabinet members when he took over as superintendent in 1994 down to eight. He said his salary of \$150,000 is less than the majority of superintendents in Oakland County and the national average of \$155,634, according to a recent newspaper article.

Liepa and McDowell said that no matter how the school board decides to spend its revenue, not everyone will agree. But, they said, there are better ways to make a point than by voting down a millage.

"People have a right to their opinion," McDowell said. "But our kids are going to get hurt."

The operating millage generates about \$30 million a year, 20 percent of the district's general fund budget. The sinking fund generates about \$6 million annually.

Liepa said if the operating millage were to be voted down, the state would subtract \$30 million from the money it sends to the district in per-pupil funding for each school year.

"Thirty million is huge for us," he said, adding it's the equivalent of 350-400 teachers.

Hiltz said voting down the millages would be short-sighted because a drop in property values will mean a drop in city services as well. He said people who disagree with school board members should vote their consciences at school board elections, not millage elections.

"This isn't about supporting the board," he said. "This is about supporting the district and the district affects the community. I believe some would... destroy it (the district) just to prove a point."

But Roach said turning down the millages wouldn't destroy the district because the board has more opportunities to bring the proposals back before voters before they would have to stop collecting them.

"They don't seem to get it," she said. "They don't seem to understand there is a limit to what the public can afford."

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The Contract Documents for this project are on file and may be examined on and after 1:00 PM, **October 26, 2009**, at the following locations: the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150; area offices of McGraw-Hill Construction/ReproMAX, 36060 Industrial Road, Livonia, MI 48150; Reed Construction Data at www.reedpr.com; the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), 43636 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204; Construction News Service of Michigan at www.michiganconstruction.net; and City of Westland, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185.

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Questions can be directed to Kevin Buford, DPS Director, at 734-467-3241.

William Gabriel
Westland City Controller

Publish: October 25, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment, and programs, which will be used to record and tabulate voted ballots for the City General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan.

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Date: October 28, 2009
Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Allyson M. Bettis
City Clerk
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Publish: October 25, 2009

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Board of Canvassers Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2009

This is your official notification of a Board of Canvassers meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2009 AT 1:00 P.M. in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan to consider the following:

- Approval of the November 7, 2007 Board Minutes.
- Canvass and certify results of the City General Election of November 3, 2009.
- Adjournment.

Allyson M. Bettis
City Clerk-Treasurer

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 20 10/19/09**

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer
178: Appr. minutes of 10/5/09.
-Appr. Salvation Army to "Ring the Bell" on various dates Wayne & Warren Rds.
-Traffic Control Order 2009-04: Remove outward "NO PARKING" signs on Dayton Ct.
-Adopted Prep. Land Div. Res. PID 015-99-0011-702, w. of Wayne Rd., n. of Warren Rd.
179: Appr. rev. site plan for proposed building & site renovations, 1203 S. Wayne Rd w/contingencies.
180: Appr. rev. site plan for proposed ATM, 31311 Cherry Hill w/contingencies.
181: Appr. checklist: \$2,576,460.75 & Prepaid: \$1,048,980.58.

Mtg. adj. at 7:55 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout Eileen DeHart
Council President City Clerk, CMC

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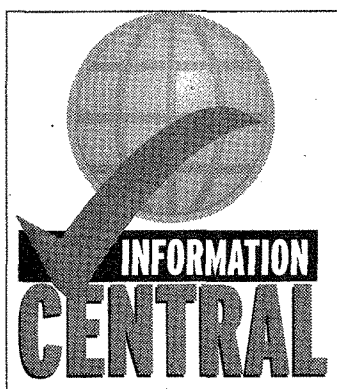
National Novel Writing Month: It's coming

Have you got a novel running through your head, but no excuse to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard)? Well, NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month), the Westland Public Library and Biggy Coffee at 37644 Ford Road are here to inspire you, technologize you, and give you the energy to follow through during the month of November.

National Novel Writing Month (www.nanowrimo.org) is an organization which has specialized in the "inspiring you" part. As they have been doing this for over 10 years, you can bet they've gotten pretty good at it, too. If you sign up to participate at NaNoWriMo's Web site, you get access to all kinds of great features: tons of advice and daily inspiration; an automatic word counter (after you copy n' paste it in); a network of writers in your area; a personal profile, akin to Facebook or MySpace (except for novel writers), and much, much more.

If you aren't tech-savvy, don't use that as an excuse not to write your novel. The Westland Public Library has easy directions and lots of great, personal help to get you rolling. You can also borrow a laptop at the Westland Public Library 6-9 p.m. Tuesday evenings and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday afternoons during November. These times will also serve as impromptu "meet and commiserate and develop" sessions. Make sure to bring a Michigan license or state ID (to check out the laptop) and flash drive (to save your work).

If you claim you are too tired, that's where Biggy Coffee steps in. When you stop in to Biggy to get your novel rolling (and coffee or tea or pastry), be sure to sign in at the counter and get your name entered in an end of the month drawing for gift cards that will help you pursue



your Great American Novel.

The Westland Public Library has plenty of writing resources to help you move your story along, including inspirational memoirs like Stephen King's "On Writing" and Janet Evanovich's "How I Write: Secrets of a Bestselling Author" and great how-to guides like The Complete Idiot's Guide's "Writing a Novel" and "Writing for Young Adults" and the Teach Yourself "Writing Crime Fiction."

If you have any questions about this program or how to locate the resources listed above, feel free to call the Westland Public Library at (734) 326-6123 and ask for the Reference Desk or stop in to see us at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford Roads. Our Web site is www.westlandlibrary.org.

Highlighted Activities

Fiction Writing Group: 7 p.m. Oct. 27, ages 18 and up

If you would like help developing your fiction or enjoy reading new and exciting fiction, please join us for one of our sessions. Two new stories will be covered each month by the group. Check with the Reference Desk for this month's stories

or send an e-mail to andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org

Jobs in the Michigan Film Industry:

7 p.m. Oct. 28
Learn how you can get involved in movies being made in Michigan. 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. Call or stop by the library to reserve your seat.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club: 7 p.m. Oct. 28

Join us for a discussion of Terry Pratchett's "Making Money." Reprived confidence trickster Moist von Lipwig turns his attention to the Royal Mint in this Discworld adventure. It seems that the aristocratic families who run the mint are running it into the ground, and benevolent despot Lord Vetinari thinks Moist can do better. Despite his fondness for money, Moist doesn't want the job, but since he has recently become the guardian of the mint's majority shareholder (an elderly terrier) and snubbing Vetinari's offer would activate an Assassins Guild contract, he reluctantly accepts. Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk.

Fantasy Football Mid-Season Get-

Together: 7 p.m. Oct. 29, teens and adults.

Join the library fantasy footballers as we hand out mid-season prizes and listen to a special, football speaker (TBA). Snacks and refreshments.

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

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

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

Chess Night: Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.
Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Earth Angels
Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare. For more information, go online to www.earthangelsontour.org or send an e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net.

TOPS meetings
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 869 Westland is looking to meet new members at Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland. The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and

older. Weigh-ins are at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Come see what TOPS can do for you. Call Brenda at (734) 729-3833

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.

Craft shows
The St. Dunstan's Annual Fall Craft and Vendor Show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. There will be more than 40 tables of crafters/vendors. Cash-and-carry items will be available. Admission is only \$1 which includes a free raffle ticket for the door prizes. Bake sale, snacks and food will be available for purchase throughout the show. There also will be hourly 50/50 drawings for a cash prize in addition to the door prize raffle of items donated by all the vendors and crafters). All proceeds will be donated to the newly created St. Dunstan School Scholarship Fund. St. Dunstan is at 1515 Belton St., south of Ford, west of Inkster Road in Garden City. For more information or table availability, e-mail Sheryl at vendor-show@gmail.com.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Rocky's Coney Grill & Family Dining offers enticing specials and free Thanksgiving Dinner!

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

Two years after opening, Rocky's Coney Grill & Family dining continues to be Westland's premiere restaurant for great food and family-friendly dining.

With the holiday season approaching fast, owners Rocky and Rosie Gjoka are eager to give back to the communities that continue to support them.

The couple is excited to invite everyone to join them for a free Turkey Dinner on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 25, from 4-7 p.m. Dinner includes complimentary coffee and dessert.

"In 2007, we served more than 500 guests Thanksgiving dinner with help from Father Jack of St. Mary's Church in Wayne, people from the City of Westland and the entire staff here at Rocky's," the couple said. "We were amazed with the outcome and are happy to be able to support our communities any way we can."

Staying connected to the Wayne and Westland communities is extremely important to Rocky and Rosie, who regularly host numerous fundraising events for schools, religious and sports groups. Throughout each year, the restaurant picks numerous school groups, such as baseball, cheerleading or football, and donates a percentage of their daily sales on a set day. They invite community groups and organizations to bring their fundraising needs or project for future consideration.

Family dining at affordable prices

On top of generous fundraising efforts to the local community, the restaurant also offers the best menu in town with prices that are hard to beat.

Located at 1622 S. Wayne Road just north of Palmer Road in Westland, Rocky's Coney Grill & Family Dining has been serving up specialty American, Greek and Italian cuisine since April 2007.

Formerly the popular Daly's Restaurant since the 1950s, Rocky admired the restaurant that he visited frequently as a child with his grandfather. Pursuing his lifelong dream of owning his own business, Rocky transformed the location into a family

dining restaurant.

"My parents owned a restaurant on the east side for many years when I was growing up," Rocky said. "I've got the restaurant business in my blood."

The real family recipes and generous portions are what make Rocky's Coney Grill & Family Dining unique.

The cozy diner features comfortable booths and bar seating, three flat screen TVs and a wonderful staff with smiling faces. As a courtesy to nonsmoking customers, Saturdays and Sundays are smoke-free in the dining area.

The restaurant's extensive menu has something to satisfy any customer, with a huge variety of homemade dishes. Everything from the 4-egg omelets, French toast and pancakes to the enormous reubens, clubs and stuffed cabbage dinners which are homemade.

There are also several menu items for vegetarians, including veggie stir fry, a veggie pita, omelets, salads and soups. For a healthy option, Rocky's will also cook with olive oil upon request.

Rocky and Rosie take time to get to know their customers, with many that come in regularly.

"Everything is clean, the food is wholesome and delicious and the service is great," said Denny Idrizi, a regular customer.

Canton resident Tony Castle, who visits the restaurant almost daily on his way to see his grandchildren nearby, said he "wholeheartedly agrees" with Denny.

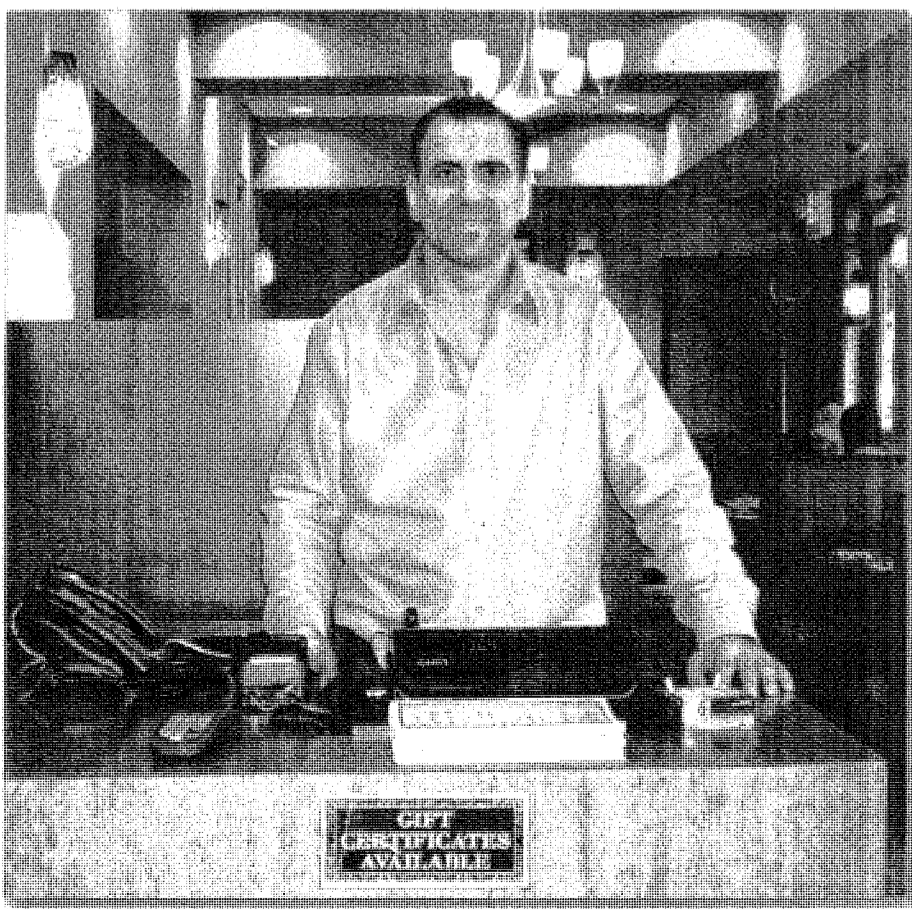
During these hard economic times, Rocky's is offering new daily specials at more affordable prices. Guests can come for breakfast starting at \$1.99, lunch starting at \$4.99 and dinner starting at \$6.50 with soup, salad or coleslaw, fresh bread and dessert included.

Whether you're in the mood for a Coney dog and fries, slab of ribs, homemade spinach pie, Italian-style mostaccioli or just a coffee and slice of pie, Rocky's Coney Grill & Family Dining can satisfy any appetite.

Rocky's Coney Grill & Family Dining is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Contact Rocky and Rosie at 734-727-0640 or at 734-727-0641.

Rocky's is hiring!
Inquire within for details.



Rocky, his wife Rosie and the staff at Rocky's Coney Grill & Family Dining wish to welcome friends old and new.

Breakfast Specials

Monday-Sunday, 6-11 a.m.

2 eggs, meat, hash browns & toast... <i>Your choice of sausage, ham or bacon</i>	\$1.99
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- Coney dog, fries and pop

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HOMETOWN LIFE

Patriots prevail, 19-8, await post-season fate - B4

Playoff-bound Spartans run by Churchill, 42-10

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was firm footing on a slick field Friday night as playoff-bound Livonia Stevenson rolled to a 42-10 football win over rival Livonia Churchill.

The Spartans racked up 420 yards rushing to earn their seventh straight victory after starting the season 0-2.

There was little hangover, at least on the offensive side of the ball for the Spartans, who were coming off an upset 36-27 win the previous week in the Kensington Conference championship game over Canton.

"Our offense had a good week of practice, but the team overall did not," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "Maybe after last week we were in the letdown mode, but it was important initially that we got some points early. It's hard to have a super, intense effort week-after-week."

"Our defense has led us all year, but tonight we were good in all the other phases. We made all our extra points, made good punts and we covered kick-offs well."

Stevenson was led by senior Austin White, who rushed for a game-high 211 yards on 19 carries. He was complemented in the backfield by speedy senior Johnny Pauley, who added 128 yards on the ground in only 10 attempts, scored on its first



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Johnny Pauley (with ball) high steps through Churchill tacklers Anthony Frezzell (24) and Kevin Mozurkewich (34) during Friday's regular season finale.

Please see SPARTANS, B4

SIDELINES

Selection Sunday

Fox Sports Detroit will air the MHSAA Football Playoffs selection show beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25.

The 30-minute program, hosted by FSN's Mickey York and Trevor Thompson, will provide a rundown of the 256 teams that have qualified for the MHSAA Playoffs, as well as their first round matchups and game sites.

The show will air again that evening at 10:30.

The qualifiers and pairings will also be posted to the MHSAA Website at the conclusion of the program.

College volleyball

Westland's Liz Dempsey led the way with 18 kills and 13 digs as the Madonna University women's volleyball team overcame a slow start Thursday night to beat visiting Cornerstone, 3-1, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match.

The sophomore from Livonia Franklin helped the 18th-ranked Crusaders earn an 18-25, 25-19, 25-12, 25-19 triumph over the Golden Eagles.

MU, which improved to 27-3 overall and 11-1 in the WHAC, also got 13 kills from senior Mary McGinnis and 48 assist-to-kills from senior setter Inta Grinvalds.

Sophomore Amanda Koszela paced the defense with 17 digs, while junior Anna Gatt (Livonia Churchill) and Grinvalds added 12 apiece.

Alicia TerHaar sparked Cornerstone (20-16, 5-6) with 15 kills.

MU has little time to enjoy the win as the Royal Blue and Gold hosts the annual Crusader Classic starting at 3 today against Embury-Riddle (Fla.).

In a Michigan Community College Athletic Association match Thursday, host Macomb CC downed Schoolcraft College in three straight, 25-22, 25-23, 25-17.

The loss drops the Lady Ocelots to 20-14 overall and 8-5 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference.

Macomb is 27-5 and 8-2.

Both teams have already clinched berths in the MCCA and NJCAA District tournaments.

Women's soccer

Two early goals carried Davenport University to a 2-1 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer victory over host Madonna University at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

Goals by Britteny Willis (third minute) and Daniella Bugli (eighth minute) proved to be difference as the Panthers improved to 6-6-1 overall and 5-3-1 in the WHAC.

MU's Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin) scored her ninth goal of the season from Lauren Hess (Livonia Ladywood) in the 60th minute, but the Crusaders couldn't put the equalizer past Davenport goalkeeper Catherine Howard, who made a total of 11 saves.

Working OT

Guerin's goal keeps Churchill afloat, 1-0

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill walked the gang plank in Wednesday's Division 1 district boys soccer semifinal.

The Chargers, enjoying their most productive season since reaching the state Class A finals in 1990, averted a painful execution Wednesday night by pulling out a 1-0 victory over rival Livonia Stevenson at Northville.

Churchill, now 19-0-1 overall, advanced to Saturday's district championship match against 14-4-4 Salem. See www.hometownlife.com for more details.

Ian Guerin's laser shot from 15 yards out with 2:25 left in the first 15-minute overtime proved to be the difference.

The senior midfielder sent a long pass to the deep left corner where teammate Joel Mancewicz outmaneuvered a Stevenson defender for the ball.

Mancewicz then dribbled parallel toward the net and found Guerin streaking toward the goal. The senior midfielder made little mistake, drilling a shot past Spartan goalkeeper Conner

Burton, who had little chance for the save.

"My position is to win the dirty balls that come from the outside," Guerin said. "The defense thought it (the ball) might be going out of bounds, so I crashed the net. It was off my right foot, the one shot I like to take."

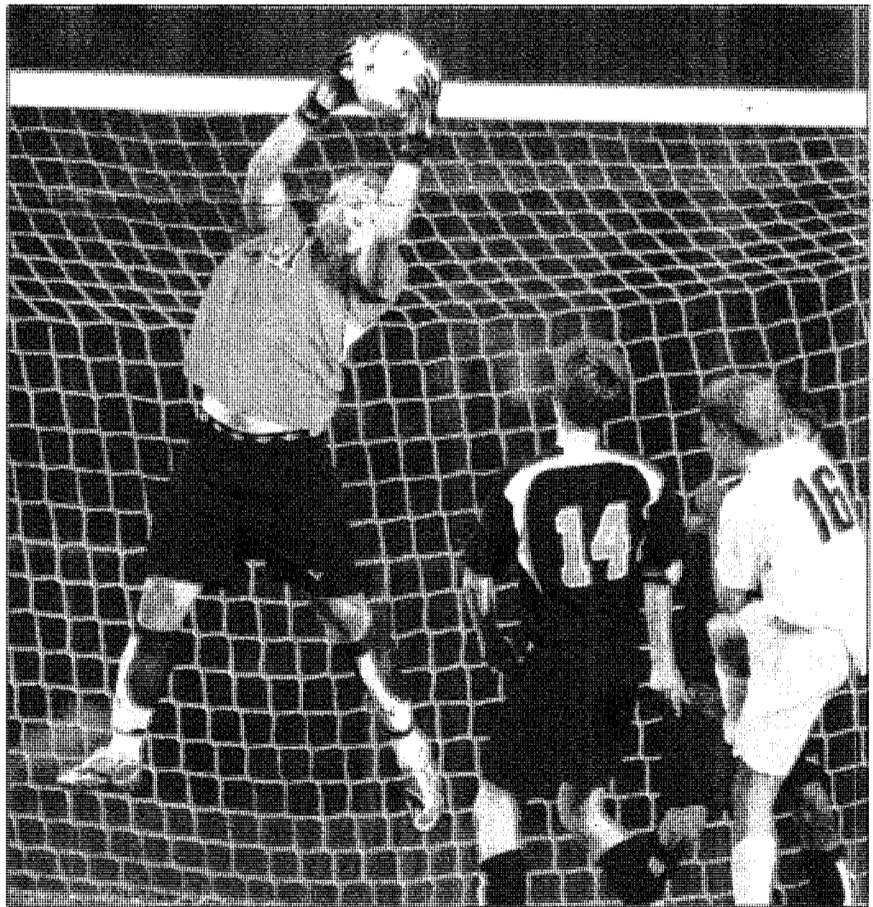
The victory, however, did not come without a cost for the Chargers, who have allowed only six goals all season.

Just 1:49 into the second half, Churchill lost one of its main offensive weapons when leading scorer Max Washko, a senior forward with 25 goals on the season, went down with an ankle injury.

Washko did not return after being taken off the field in a cart and the effects of his absence were felt instantly.

"Max was in severe pain," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We had three sophomores in there at a time and we looked inexperienced. But it was a poor job on my part on what to do without him."

Please see CHURCHILL, B2



KIRTHMON DOZIER | GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Churchill goalkeeper Bryan Bartig goes high for the save with Stevenson's Reilly Mullett (16) on the doorstep along with Churchill defender Jacob Kobylarz (14).

Glenn wins minus star, 30-29

Westland John Glenn was missing a big hole in its lineup Friday night, but the Rockets found a way to plug it.

With senior running back Jeremy Langford's 2,020 season-high rushing yards sidelined with a punctured lung, the Rockets were able to pick up the slack and beat visiting Walled Lake Western in a thriller, 30-29.

Glenn, which enters the postseason with an 8-1 record, got a 31-yard field goal from freshman kicker Alex Isaevski with 4:50 left in the final quarter to earn the victory. The game-winning score was set up by Steven Kulikowski's 60-yard pass to Davarius Jenkins.

The Rockets then held off a late Western drive.

Quarterback Sam Welch rushed for 44 yards as the Warriors drove down to the Glenn 3, only to come up empty when Jenkins blocked a 20-yard field goal attempt with only two seconds remaining to preserve the win.

The Rockets had a total of 393 total yards, including 293 on the ground as 6-foot, 200-pound senior Kamal Ayler finished with 172 yards on 20 attempts.

He scored on touchdown runs of 45 and 63 yards, along with a two-point conversion.

Steven Murphy added 91 yards on seven carries and scored a pair of key second-half TDs. The senior fullback had a 1-yard TD run followed by the two-point conversion with only 36 seconds left in the first half to cap an eight-play, 61-yard drive as Glenn trailed 22-14.

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Murphy then faked a punt and ran it in from 61 yards out with 3:26 remaining in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 29-27 (following Isaevski's point-after).

Western, which was limited to 271 yards, got a two-point safety in the first quarter followed by Derrick Russell's 9-yard TD run (the PAT was blocked by Glenn's Darnell Brewer).

In the second period, Welch connected on a pair of TD passes of 37 and 45 yards to Ryan Servello, who converted both extra points.

Welch was 6-of-13 passing for 157 yards as the Warriors end the season at 3-6 overall.

W.L. CENTRAL 49, WAYNE 13: Six different players scored touchdowns Friday as host Walled Lake Central (8-1) downed Wayne Memorial (3-6).

The Vikings, bound for the playoffs, jumped out to a 28-0 first-quarter lead and never looked back.

Central racked up a total of 367 total yards - all on the ground.

Offensive contributions came from Sam Pearlstein (5-for-87, TD); Chris Koziara (6-for-84, TD); B.J. Buckner (4-for-56, two TDs); Jeremy Kucera (6-for-32, TD); and Devin Gabriel, 2-for-27, TD).

Shane Daykin added a 71-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the third period.

Wayne tallied its only points in the second quarter on a 94-yard kickoff return by Zakk Hardyniec followed by a 5-yard TD run from senior quarterback Nick Mills.

Mills was 7-for-19 passing for 52 yards. The Zebras rushed for only 79 for a total of 131.

Rock-solid: Salem seizes Kensington

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The girls cross country banner draped on the wall inside the Salem gymnasium has been blank for quite some time.

No more. The Rocks brought home their first-ever conference or league title under coach Dave Gerlach by capturing the KLAA Kensington crown held Thursday afternoon at Kensington Metropark's Possum Hollow course.

The Rocks, who took fifth in the same meet a year ago, placed five runners in the top 16 while staving off a strong effort by Northville (63) and defending champion Livonia Churchill (66). Novi was fourth in the 12-school field with 87.

"To my knowledge, this is our first conference or league title," said Dave Gerlach, now in his 15th year as Salem's coach. "I'm



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so proud of them. They've been a coach's dream and have done everything I've asked. And because they've been so coachable, they've been able to reap the benefits."

Junior Victoria Tripp, who covered the challenging 5-kilometer course in 19 minutes, 29 seconds, placed fifth to lead the Rocks.

Also scoring for Salem was senior Jordyn Moore, 10th (19:50); freshman Shannon Flynn, 11th (19:51); sophomore Kelly Kerwin, 13th (19:54); and junior Kara Booms, 16th (20:07).

"All year our motto has been: 'Pack and Pace,'" Gerlach said. "As far as today, they ran the race strategy to a 'T.' We wanted

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THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Monday, Oct. 26 Catholic League Championships at Madonna University, 5 & 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27 Clarenceville, Luth. Westland at Huron Valley Quad, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29 Ferndale at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m. (City Championship at John Glenn) Wayne vs. Luth. Westland, 9 a.m. John Glenn vs. Huron Valley, 9 a.m. John Glenn vs. Wayne, 10 a.m. Huron Valley vs. Luth. Westland, 10 a.m. Wayne vs. Huron Valley, 11 a.m. Luth. Westland vs. John Glenn, 11 a.m. BOYS SOCCER REGIONAL DRAWS DIVISION 1 at LIVONIA STEVENSON Wednesday, Oct. 28: Northville district champ vs. Southgate Anderson district champ, 5 p.m.; Walled Lake Northern district champ vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford district champ, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 at Holt, Jackson or Saline vs. Portage Central regional champion). DIVISION 4 at JACKSON CHRISTIAN Tuesday, Oct. 27: Allen Park Inter-City Baptist district champ vs. Kalamazoo Christian district champ, 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28: Lansing Christian district champ vs. Ann Arbor Greenhills district

champ, 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31: Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 at Troy Athens vs. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian regional champion.) BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, Oct. 27 MIAC Meet at Spencer Park, 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 (MHSAA Regionals) Div. 3 Regional at Holly, 9 a.m. Div. 4 at Willow Metropark 10 a.m. GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Thursday, Oct. 29 Ladywood vs. Grosse Ile at Livonia Comm. Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 KLAAS South Meet at John Glenn, noon. KLAAS Central Meet at Novi, noon. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Oct. 27 Aquinas College at Madonna, 7 p.m. Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Oct. 28 Kellogg CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m. Madonna vs. Davenport at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 at Concordia, 2:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Oct. 28 Madonna at Cornerstone, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 Madonna at Concordia, noon.

Ahead of the pack

Novi boys run away with Kensington crown

BY JEFF THEISEN GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Novi used a pack-running philosophy to near perfection in winning the KLAAS Kensington Conference boys cross country title Thursday at Kensington Metropark.

Novi placed all five scoring runners in the top 13 to score 34 points during Thursday's meet at Possum Hollow course.

Wildcat senior Mike Blaszczyk was also the overall winner, finishing in 16:07 on the challenging 5,000-meter course. He went to the lead early and held off Northville's Frank Griffiths (16:10) down the stretch.

"My plan was to out a little faster, I learned my lesson at Oakland County (meet)," Blaszczyk said. "If you got to run with the top guys, you've got to go fast in the first mile. I tried to punch it in and relax and stay focused in the second mile, and take it home. "It was a good race, perfect weather. I love this."

Rounding out the scoring for Novi were Joe Schubring,

fifth (16:38); Dan Egner, sixth (16:39); Brett Giampa, ninth (16:44); and Geoff Giese, 13th (16:50).

"We ran with our strength - our depth," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "They know each other's strengths and weaknesses. If they're weak in a certain spot, there's another fellow there to pick them up. If they're strong in another spot, then another just goes for the ride and gets pulled through."

Three teams were extremely bunched up for the next three spots.

Plymouth won out with 63, followed by Canton (66) and Northville (67). The top four teams put plenty of distance on South Lyon with 139 points for fifth.

"I respect those guys - Northville, Plymouth and Canton," Smith said. "On any given day it could be them, but today it was us. It's a good way to kick of the next week for regionals."

Plymouth's Joe Porcari finished third (16:30), while teammate Matt Neumann took sixth (16:36).

Also cracking the top 15 for the Wildcats were Warren Buzzard in 11th (16:46) and Derek Gielarowski in 14th (16:53).

Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz thought his team didn't have its best day, but things are looking good toward the end of the year. "I thought we might be up a lower in there with overall score, but overall we had a pretty good day," he said. "It just shows how many good teams from the state are in this one area."

"I kind of had a feeling maybe we had a little bit of an off day today. We haven't had one all year, so this is kind of our one off meet. I'm feeling pretty confident now that we got this one out of the way."

Rounding out the rest of the team scores were Livonia Churchill (193), Livonia Stevenson (208), Salem (223), South Lyon East (236), Livonia Franklin (262), Westland John Glenn (360) and Wayne Memorial (385).

See complete meet results.

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to run controlled, yet aggressive the first mile. We wanted to run our race, and then go after it at the two-mile (mark).

"I thought Kelly Kerwin really stepped up today. She's had some decent races. We knew we had to have our fourth and fifth runners step up to win a meet like this."

Northville placed three in the top 10 led by Gina McNamara (fourth), Erin Dunne (seventh) and Katie VanderVoort (ninth).

Alex Rodriguez and Alexander Drayback finished 18th and 25th, respectively, for the Mustangs.

McNamara is sophomore, while the other four are freshmen.

"Personally we ran better than I thought," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "We wanted to finish third or better. We lost when we raced Salem and Novi before, but we've improved a ton since then. And we've never before beaten Churchill."

"The girls ran amazing and I feel we have a solid five now."

Churchill got a repeat first-place finish from senior Sara Kroll, who broke the 18-minute barrier with a time of 17:54. But the Chargers did not place any others in the top 10.

"We knew we had a shot the way the girls have been running," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "We figured it would be a four-team race. Churchill was ranked ninth (in Division 1) and we were 12th. And after seeing the results (this year), we knew it was feasible."

Kroll won going away for her second straight individual title.

"It actually went by pretty fast," said Kroll, who bettered her first-place time of 18:43 from a year ago. "I tried to go out a little more conservative because I knew this was the hilliest course that we run on. I thought my plan went relatively well. I'm happy with my time. It's almost a 40 second (personal record) for this course."

"I like the cooler weather better. This is definitely where I want to be. I'm thrilled with the way I've been running so far this year."

Livonia Franklin junior Megan McPherson (18:47) earned runner-up honors, while Novi's Jackie Mullins (19:09) placed third.

"Megan ran an outstanding race, very smart on a tough course," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "She is setting herself up well for the regional and state meets."

Others in the top 10 included Canton's Bianca Kubicki (sixth) and Novi's Brooke McMahan (eighth).

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Ocelot men boot Jackson CC

All the way up to sixth now in the latest NJCAA Division I poll, the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team took care of business Wednesday with a 5-0 win over visiting Jackson Community College.

Ryan Lemasters and Ognen Stamenkovic each had a goal and assist for the victorious Ocelots, who improved to 13-1-1 overall and 7-0 in the Michigan CC Athletic Association.

Other Schoolcraft goal scorers included Yaya Toure, the game-winner in the third minute; Khalid Suleiman (Westland John Glenn) and George Chomakov. Other assists went to Bim Ogunyemi, Gavin Kelly and Nate Sergison (Livonia Stevenson).

Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill), who played the first 75 minutes in goal, combined with Ian McDonald-Wilkins for the shutout.

The loss drops Jackson CC to 5-7-2 overall and 3-5 in the MCCA.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Schoolcraft's scheduled game Saturday at Cuyahoga CC (Ohio) has been cancelled. The Ocelots return to action 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 at home against Kellogg CC.

MU men draw, 0-0

On Wednesday, the Madonna University men's soccer team left Cornerstone University with a scoreless draw in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match played in Grand Rapids.

MU, now 2-6-3 overall and 2-4-2 in the WHAC, played the final 81 minutes a man short after Mark Pikula was handed a red card.

Senior Steve Besk (Northville) made five saves in net for the Crusaders compared to three for the Golden Knights' Dan Kerstan.

Cornerstone is 8-6-1 overall and 6-3-1 in the conference.

KLAAS KENSINGTON CONFERENCE CROSS COUNTRY MEET RESULTS Oct. 22 at Kensington Metropark BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 34 points; 2. Plymouth, 63; 3. Canton, 66; 4. Northville, 67; 5. South Lyon, 139; 6. Livonia Churchill, 193; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 208; 8. Salem, 223; 9. South Lyon East, 236; 10. Livonia Franklin, 262; 11. Westland John Glenn, 360; 12. Wayne Memorial, 385. Individual winner: Mike Blaszczyk (Novi), 16 minutes, 07 seconds (5,000 meters).

TEAM-BY-TEAM FINISHERS Novi (34): 1. Mike Blaszczyk, 16:07; 5. Joe Schubring, 16:38; 6. Dan Egner, 16:39; 9. Brett Giampa, 16:44; 13. Geoff Giese, 16:50; 17. Alex Minghine, 17:04; 29. Chase Conrad, 17:28.

Plymouth (63): 2. Frank Griffiths, 16:10; 10. Matt Sierra, 16:44; 15. Trent Johnson, 16:55; 18. Chad Cini, 17:11; 22. Geoff Giese, 17:17; 24. Christian Guenther, 17:23; 35. Kevin Lerner, 17:42.

South Lyon (139): 16. Blake Yard, 16:58; 21. Jacob Uratchko, 17:16; 28. Andy Stone, 17:28; 32. Robbie Kullie, 17:37; 42. Jordan Schaefer, 17:53; 44. Chase Briscois, 18:00; 45. Taylor Cutajar, 18:00.

Churchill (193): 25. Quinn Osgood, 17:24; 37. Ryan Wise, 17:44; 38. Tom Winkle, 17:50; 43. Cody Rossler, 17:54; 49. Stephen Charnley, 18:06; 58. Sam Yurgil, 18:26; 64. Mark Freyberg, 18:42.

Stevenson (208): 23. Joe Urso, 17:17; 36. Matt Williams, 17:43; 46. John Lynch, 18:01; 47. Andrew Longhi, 18:03; 56. Ryan Petrul, 18:21; 60. Adam Chludzinski, 18:34; 67. Colin Andridge, 18:48.

Area runners sparkle in Free Press events

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There were some noteworthy performances turned in Sunday by area runners at the Detroit Free Press/Flagstar Marathon.

Lutheran High Westland graduate Angela Matthews, an assistant cross country coach at Southfield Christian High School, set a course record in the women's half-marathon. Matthews, a member of the Front Line Racing team,

covered the 13.1-mile course through the streets of Detroit and downtown Windsor, Ontario in 1 hour, 18 minutes and 51 seconds.

The former Concordia University (Neb.) runner captured the race by over seven minutes and finished ninth overall (male or female) in a field of nearly 7,000.

Meanwhile, Schoolcraft College captured the University-College Division and was the first women's team overall in the 5-person mara-

thon relay with combined time of 3:13.25, averaging 7:24 per mile on the 26.2-mile course.

Members of the Lady Ocelots, who were 15th overall out of a field of 613 male, female and mixed teams, included Lauren Ahearn (Plymouth), Courtney Plummer (Garden City), Stacey Richardson (Westland John Glenn), Jamie Wick (Pinckney) and Katie Fenech (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child).

In the men's 5-kilometer race, Schoolcraft's Nathan

Robinson (eight kills); and Lauren Baker (six kills).

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Novi eludes Spartans' volleyball upset bid

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Central.

Churchill clips Wildcats

Seniors Sarah Suppelsa and Cierra Yetts collected 20 and 17 kills, respectively, leading KLAAS South Division champion Livonia Churchill past stubborn Plymouth in four games, 25-17, 25-19, 24-26, 25-13. "All four were good, competitive games," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier, whose state-ranked team is 41-4 overall and 10-0 in the KLAAS Central. "Plymouth put up a big right side and it gave us some fits. We had to adjust around that."

Other contributions for the Chargers came from Darcy

DeRoo (six kills), Taylor Kerr (41 digs), Nicole Kempinski (29 digs), Cory Urbats (30 assists, 13 digs) and Erin Menard (four kills, five blocks).

Plymouth falls to 22-10-1 overall and 5-5 in the KLAAS South.

Glenn topples Patriots

Brooke Zywick collected 36 digs Thursday as Westland John Glenn notched its 20th victory of the season with 25-18, 25-17, 25-23 KLAAS South triumph at Livonia Franklin.

Katie Down added 15 digs for the Rockets, who improved to 20-12-1 overall and 5-5 in the KLAAS South.

Offensive leaders included Halie Baker (nine kills, five blocks, 13 digs); Brittani

Robinson (eight kills); and Lauren Baker (six kills).

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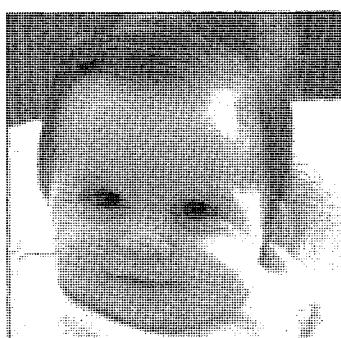
MILESTONES

Melaragni-Considine

Ingrid and Mike Melaragni of Livonia and Judy and Barry Considine of Redford Township are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Julia Melaragni and Robert Considine.

The bride-to-be graduated from Ladywood Catholic High School and the groom from Thurston High School. They are both graduates of Michigan State University.

A late fall wedding is planned.



Kendall Eve Gani

Kendall Eve Gani was born July 14, 2009, at Oakwood Hospital, in Dearborn. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches.

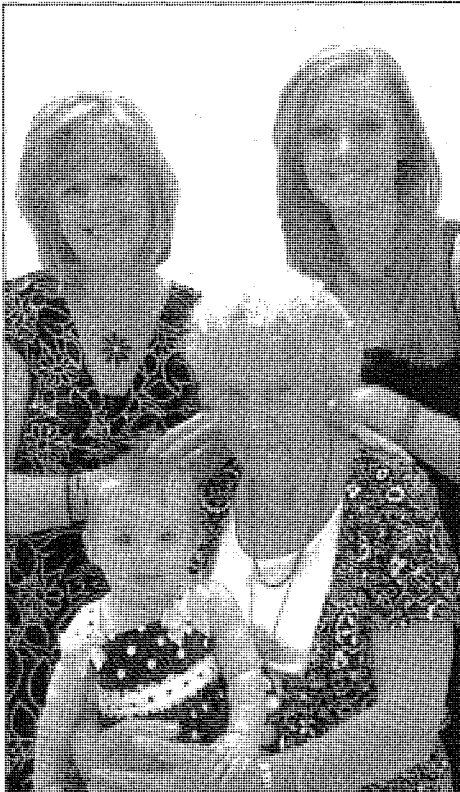
Proud parents are Christian and Meghin Gani of Novi.

Grandparents are Ed Wojtowicz of Livonia, Audeen Wojtowicz of Livonia, and Bob and Sylvia Gani of Raleigh, N.C.

Great-grandmother is Cathy Wojtowicz of Livonia.

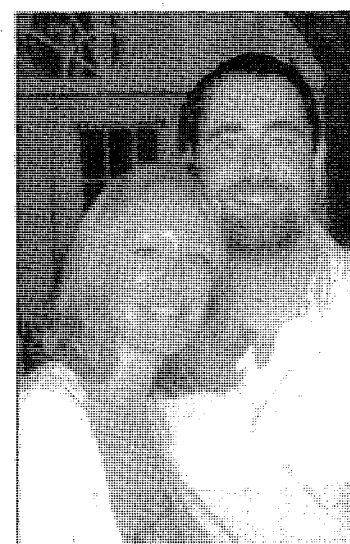
Four generations

Great-grandmother Jean Fox of Canton holds great-granddaughter, Madisyn Grace Bowman, stand behind them. Alexandra and her daughter live in Junction City, Kan., where her husband is stationed as a medic in the U.S. Army.



Wedding anniversary

Helen and Ed Taylor of Westland will celebrate 62 years of marriage on Nov. 15.



White-Duval

Gail White, of Farmington Hills and Charles and Jacqui White, of Bloomfield, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie, to Joshua Duval, son of Gary and Joann Duval of Glens Falls, N.Y.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of North Farmington High School in Farmington Hills. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture in 2003 from Lawrence Technological University, Southfield. Stephanie is currently employed at Poole and Poole Architecture in Richmond, Va., as an architectural draftsman.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Glens Falls High School in Glens Falls, N.Y. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in finance in 2001 from Syracuse University. He will graduate from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2011 with a Masters in Business Administration. Joshua is currently employed at Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond as a financial analyst.

A June 2011 wedding in Richmond, Va., is planned at The Louis Ginter Botanical Gardens.



Sadowski-Fabbri

Shannon Sadowski of Clarkston and Jason Fabbri of Plymouth announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Al and Jody LaLonde of Clarkston and Joe Sadowski of Wyandotte, is a 2005 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is employed by Genisys Credit Union as an assistant manager.

Her fiancé, son of Karen Fabbri of Pinckney and Don Fabbri of Plymouth, is a 2005 Grand Valley State University graduate. He is employed by HHA Services of St. Clair Shores.

A summer 2010 wedding is planned in Clarkston.

Barker-Cislo

Jennifer Lynn Cislo of Belleville and Craig Daniel Barker of Northville were married June 27, 2009 in Britton. The Rev. Amy Mayo-Moyle officiated.

The bride, daughter of Clyde and Linda Cislo of Milan, graduated in 1996 from Milan High School. She earned an undergraduate degree in 2000 from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in 2007 from Spring Arbor University. She teaches sixth grade in Monroe Public Schools.

The groom, son of Daniel and Virginia Barker of Livonia, graduated in 1996 from Adlai E. Stevenson High School, in Livonia. He earned an undergraduate degree in 2000 from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in 2004 from Marygrove College. He teaches history in Livonia Public Schools.

The bride's attendants were: Janel Tucker, friend of the bride, Matron of Honor; Jodi Westrick, cousin of the bride and Jennifer Barker, sister of the groom, bridesmaids; Emily Cislo and Madelyn Cislo, both nieces of the bride, acolytes; Caroline Cislo, niece of the bride, flower girl; and Emma Barker, niece of the groom, Bible bearer.

The groom's attendants were David Wallace, friend



of the groom, best man; Geoffrey Zmyslowski, friend of the groom and Brian "Rocky" Barker, brother of the groom, groomsmen; Benjamin Cislo, nephew and Godson of the bride, ring bearer; and Geoffrey Cislo, brother of the bride, Andrew

Cislo, brother of bride and Eric Muraszewski, cousin of the groom, ushers.

A reception was held at The Michigan League, Ann Arbor.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to California's and Oregon's coast.

They reside in Northville.

GARDEN CALENDAR

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

At English Gardens

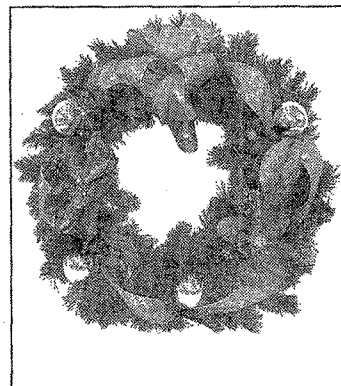
• Learn about the Christmas season's hottest colors and decorating trends at a holiday decorating preview, 7 p.m., Oct. 28.

• Make a pumpkin centerpiece at 7 p.m., Oct. 29. Fee is \$19.99. Register online or in the store.

• English Gardens Annual Holiday Open House, Sunday,

Nov. 1, features the unveiling of its professionally decorated theme trees, photos with Santa, and caroling. Free photos with Santa will be taken 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

• Make a holiday wreath, 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5; fee is \$24.99. The store will supply everything needed to create a beautiful 24-inch holiday wreath. Choose from a design in red and gold, or red and ivory. Participation is limited. Sign up in the store or on-line at www.englishgardens.com.



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MARGARET AULT

Age 90, October 19, 2009. Beloved wife of Forrest; dearest mother of Marcia Waters, Eran Deran, Forrest II (Anne) and Heather Webb (Richard); loving grandmother of Rebecca (Larry) Smith, Sarah (Bradley) Imhoff, Audrey (Mark) Ullrich, Hannah (Tim) Clough, Ashley and Rick Webb; great grandmother to Cara and Kelsey Smith, Morgan and Gretchen Ullrich, Phineas and Thurston Imhoff. She is also survived by Lena Uptigrove, Laura Ann Roberts and many nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held Friday at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

SARAH L. BILSKI

Of St. Clair Shores; October 15, 2009; Age 31. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (586) 777-0555 www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

BETTY J. KRAUSS

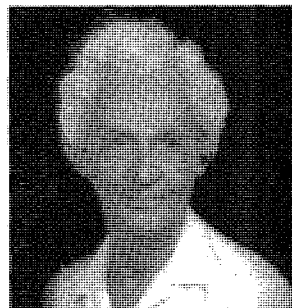
Age 72, October 19, 2009. Loving mother of Philip "Happy" (Jennifer) and Craig (Masami) Krauss. Dear grandmother of Philip "Trey", Adrian, Jimmy, Allen and Renee. Beloved sister of Joy Kinun and Jerry Parks and the late Bill Wood and the late Bob Parks. Betty was a member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church and retired from the Ford Motor Company. Visitation was Friday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile, Livonia; and Saturday visitation at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia until her funeral. Burial at Lenawee Hills, Tecumseh. Memorials may be made to the church or the American Cancer Society in her honor.

MATILDA A. LACONIS

Age 95, of Farmington, Michigan. October 17, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington.

RICHARD C. MILLER

80, of Flat Rock MI, joined his loving mother, Mildred Ballard, wife, Martha Jean Miller and his brother Robin (Butch) Miller on October 18, 2009. Dearest brother to Joan (Robert) Avery and loving father to Gene (Doreen) Miller, Jill (Curtis) Oxendine-Collins and Gene (Jill) Stewart. Adorned grandfather of Stephanie Oxendine, Rebecca Collins and Haley Miller. Memorial services held at the VFW Hall at 1055 S. Wayne Rd. on October 26 from 1-3pm.



ELIZABETH RUTH CHAPIN

October 18, 2009. Age 87 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Gordon. Dear mother of Clark (Karen) and Ann (Bruce) Cavender. Loving grandmother of Bill Chapin and Robert (Susan) Cavender. Also survived by sister Marilyn Adams. Elizabeth was active for many years in the Portage Yacht Club, Plymouth Historical Society, Plymouth Study Group, Plymouth Library, Tri-County Braille Assn., and Risen Christ Lutheran Church. Memorial Gathering will be held Monday October 26, 2009 10 AM until 11 AM Memorial Service at Risen Christ 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 West Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth No flowers please. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society or Risen Christ Lutheran Church. To share a memory with the family please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

JAMES "WARREN" GARLAND

Of Clinton Township; October 18, 2009; Age 68. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (586) 777-0555 www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

JOHN LYNCH HANLEY III

Age 69, of Fowlerville, died October 15, 2009 in Howell. He was born Dec. 19, 1939 in Detroit to John L. and Eleanor (Carland) Hanley Jr. He was a 1958 Graduate of Clarenceville High School. He married Barbara (Harrington) in 1983. He worked for Consumer's energy as a welder for 30 years. He was a Charter Member of 2 Ham Radio Clubs, Member of the Emergency Management team of Iosco County for several years thru the 90's, Member and sat on the Board of Directors at Iosco County Sportsmen's Club, life member of NRA and an accomplished Drummer. He is survived by his wife: Barbara sons: John L. IV of Sterling Heights, Patrick Charles of Victoria British Columbia, Michael Andrew of Garden City, 4 Grandchildren: Jason, Breanne, Alyssa, and Brandon. Visitation was held on Monday October 19 at 1-8PM. Services were held Tuesday October 20, 2009 at 11AM at Niblack Funeral Home, Dillingham Liverance Chapel, Fowlerville with Pastor Tom Tarpley officiating. Interment will be at Highland Cemetery. www.niblackfuneralhome.com

WILMA M. NEWMAN

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ARBUTUS "BOOTS" ROSE MUNCH

Age 96, died of natural causes on October 14, 2009 in Englewood, FL. Born July 22, 1913 in Plymouth, MI to Lottie (Ogden) Williams and John G. Williams, Boot resided in Plymouth until 1998 when she moved to Florida. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Munch; daughters, Freda (Killingworth) Bailey and Jo Ann (Killingworth) Williams; brother, Gilbert Williams; and granddaughter, Debra Bailey. She is survived by daughters Connie (Killingworth) Strautz of Dexter, MI; and Wanda (Killingworth) Shrank of Englewood, FL; three nieces, 36 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. There will be a graveside memorial service at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth, MI on October 30, 2009, at 11:00am.

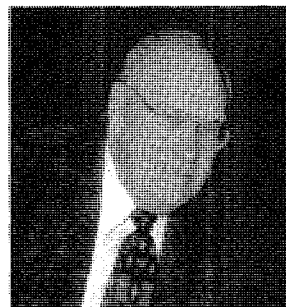
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PHYLLIS ANN QUARTUCCIO

October 17, 2009 Age 84 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Dear mother of Michael (Connie), Josephine (Jimmie) Schewe, Larry (Julie). Grandmother to Michael (Judy), Doug (Leslee), Jennifer Schewe, Anthony, and Leslie (Anthony) Keller. Great grandmother of Eric, Bradley, Tyler, Hayley, Brett, Cameron, Colin, Tori, Taylor, Bryson, Jacob, and Aubrey. Memorial service was held Wednesday 1pm from The Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with a gathering from 11am-1pm. Cremation rights were accorded. Family requests memorials to St. Jude Hospitals. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com



JAMES E. ROACHE

October 22, 2009, age 85, of Livonia. Loving husband of Joyce for 60 years. Devoted father of Carroll James (Jeanette), Timothy (the late Susan), Daniel (Susan) and Kathleen (Thomas) Jarvis. Grandfather of Keri, Robert, Sarah, Stephen, Samuel, Jacob and the late Ronald. Great-grandfather of Nichole, Steven, James and Kristin. Brother of Barbara, Rosalie, Thomas and Patrick. Family will receive friends Sunday 2-8pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral Service will be Monday, 11:00am at the funeral home.

JOSEPH CLYDE ROBERTS

Age 89. October 17, 2009 of Dearborn. Beloved husband of Norma. Loving father of Marjorie Roberts, Mary Beth (Edward) Fest and Jeffery Roberts. Also survived by two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Visitation was held Wednesday at Henry Ford Village Chapel. Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Voran Funeral Home. Obituary/guestbook at: www.voranfuneralhome.com

MARYBETH DEAN WILSON

Born December 8, 1926. She was a devoted wife and mother, an enthusiastic home-maker, gardener and world traveler. She was a charter member of the Osage branch of the Women's National Garden Association, a member of the Village Club of Bloomfield, St Dunstan's Theater Guild and a member of the Republican Party of Oakland County. Marybeth volunteered at Beaumont Hospital. She is survived by her husband Ira Wilson II, three children Ira "Trip" Wilson III, Spring Wilson Clarke and Scott Dean Wilson and five grand children Kristen and Brittany Wilson, Ashton and Jayme Clarke and Eric Wilson and her sister Helen Dean Ross. There will be a private family service and burial at the Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to any charity of your choice.



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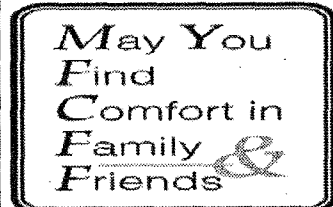
Age 74, October 21, 2009. Beloved wife of Paul. Dear mother of Paula (Charles) Meyers, Thomas (Teresa), Gerald (Ilona) and Jeffrey. Grandmother of Beth Ann (Kyle) Fuller, Kellie Meyers, Lauren, Shane, Skyler, Hannah and Tristan Zigman. Sister of Robert Fretter, Rita Henson, George Fretter and the late Fritz Fretter. Services were held. Arrangements by Santeu and Son Funeral Home. Memorials suggested to Angela Hospice.

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Economy scaring you? Get creative with your costumes

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you plan to pinch pennies on a costume this Halloween, you're not alone.

According to the National Retail Federation, consumers will spend approximately \$20 on costumes and will shell out an average \$56 — down \$10 from last year — on all Halloween trappings. Young adults will spend nearly \$20 less on ghoulish garb and decor.

"With part-time jobs more scarce and parents unable to help out financially, many young adults have been impacted substantially by the economy," stated Phil Rist, executive vice president for Strategic Initiatives, BIGresearch, the firm that conducted the spending survey for the national retailers group.

"The overriding theme for Americans' Halloween celebrations this year will be, 'How creative can I be, and how little can I spend?'"

Karla Lukasik hears that mantra every year in the Salvation Army Thrift Store that she manages in Livonia.

"Our customers are very clever and creative. They are looking to create their costumes through what we have in the store. Sometimes it's just filling in. They already have parts and they come in for the rest," she said.

And although Christmas decor has begun to supplant Halloween items on a few shelves in the store, more of



Karla Lukasik suggests a Bride of Frankenstein look with an inexpensive gown from Salvation Army Thrift Store. Add a little ghoulish makeup, add a goofy feather hat or give yourself a vertical 'do and you're ready to party.

the spooky stuff will arrive with other merchandise this week.

ONE OF A KIND

"Between clothing and bric-a-brac we put out at least 5,000 items a day, Monday through Friday," Lukasik said. "It's a treasure hunt every day."

Brian Cochrane, who oversees the six Salvation Army shops in Western Wayne County, sees at least one man every year "who lost a bet or his wife or girlfriend egged him on" in search of the perfect women's dress for Halloween.

"When they come in together with their buddies, we always have one of our

sales girls help them pick what would be their size," he said.

LOW COST

A quick scan through one shelf and two shopping carts turned up a grass hula skirt for 99 cents, partially-trimmed masks at two for 99 cents, plastic hats, glitter wings and accessories at more than half off their original price.

"The closer we get to Halloween, the bigger the discount," Lukasik noted. "There's a lot of last-minute trying to put a costume together. We'll definitely help people throw something together."

"One that comes to mind is a woman who decided she would be a tourist. So she came in and found a tacky, tropical print button-down shirt. She found rope-style sandals, a Polaroid box-style camera that you wear around your neck and she found some really wild sunglasses. I even found her some globe earrings."



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salvation Army Thrift Store employee Lauren Alder shows off clothing for a 1980s girl costume. The bonus? You can wear the pieces separately after Halloween, too ... if you dare.

She and her staff created these costumes from clothing on hand:

- Overalls and new flannel shirt for a farmer look, \$14.
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- Housecoat, furry slippers and shower cap or curlers make for a scary look at around \$7.

Secrets from theater costumers

If you're looking for Halloween costume fodder, check out your linen closet.

"Old tablecloths make lovely angels and ghosts," says Patti Wachtel, costumer for Rosedale Players in Redford. "Make a robe for a shepherd. Princesses look good in old lacy table cloths."

"I used to do this for Joanne Fabrics. I'd sit at a table and make kids' costumes without sewing. I'd show how to make up things. I'm pretty creative because I had little boys."

Her sons are, too. One of them went trick or treating as

road kill one year in a costume that consisted of a painted-on tire, lots of stuffed animals and a good deal of fake blood.

Another year, "he took a box and covered it with black silk and ran the straps from his Boy Scout backpack through it." He cut the bottom off the box, eased himself into it — after dressing up as a vampire — and carted his own "coffin" along with him.

Last year Wachtel made a Tootsie Roll by folding and sewing one side of fleece fabric. She simply gathered the top and added lettering.

"Another cute one is if you want to be a crayon. Take a sheet out of the color you want it to be," and sew it the same way you'd make a Tootsie Roll. Add electrical tape lettering and make a pointy hat from triangular felt.

Don't let a lack of sewing skills hold you back.

"I use a lot of stick-on Velcro, the cheap kind from the dollar store," she said.

Another idea: Glue a print of a famous painting, such as the Mona Lisa, to cardboard, cut out the face and you become the painting.


Barbara Bloom, president of Spotlights Players in Canton, offered a simple-to-assemble costume suggestion: "I was a road one year."

She wore a black shirt and black pants with yellow tape placed down the center. "Little pieces of paper" and stuffed animals gave the illusion of litter and road kill on the highway.

— By Sharon Dargay

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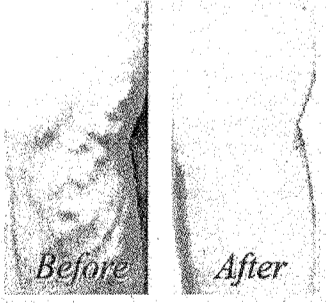
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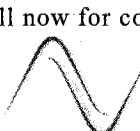


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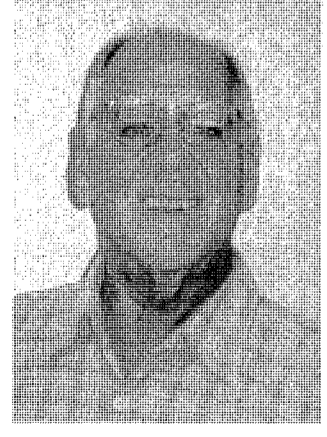
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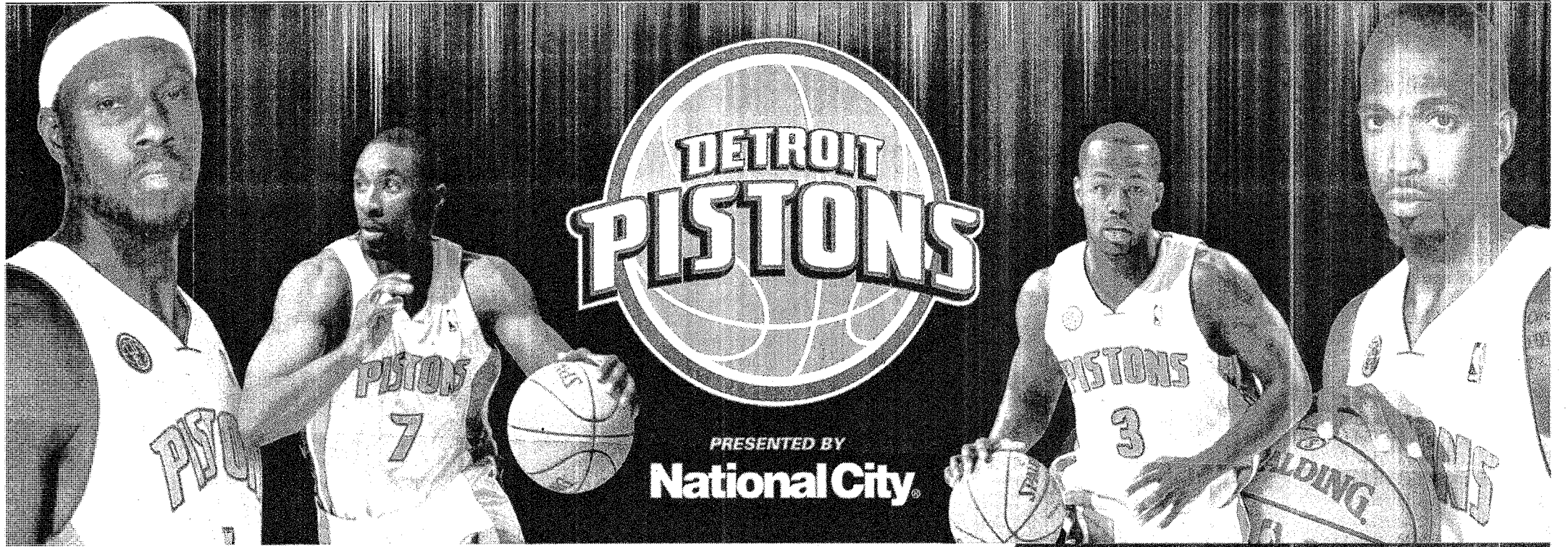
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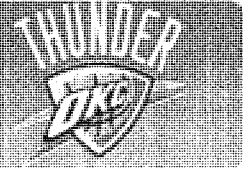
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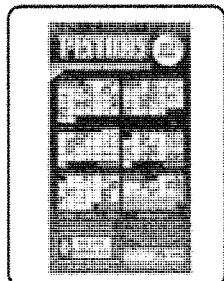
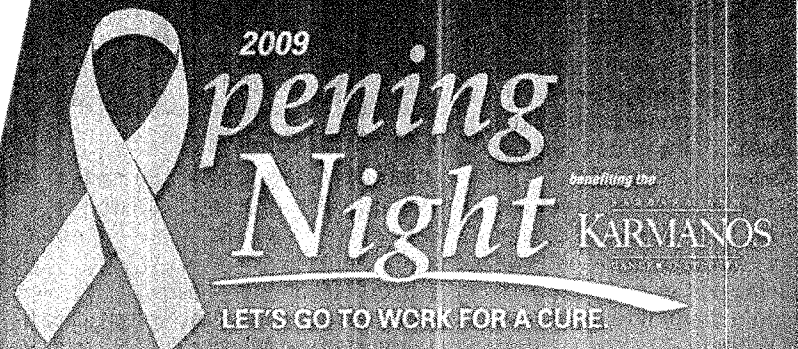
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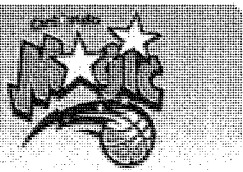
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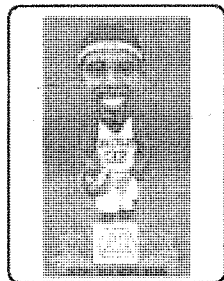


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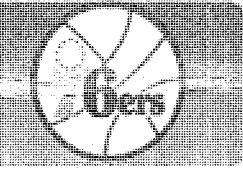


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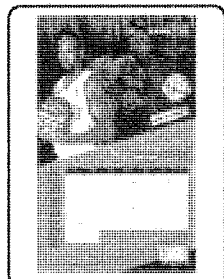
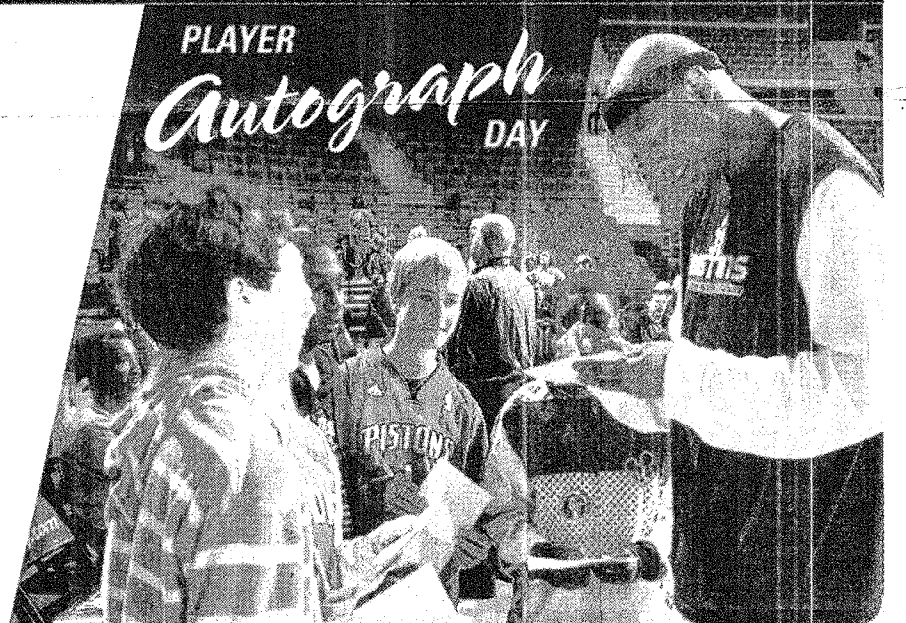
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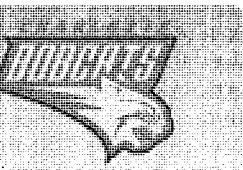
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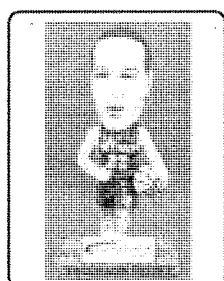
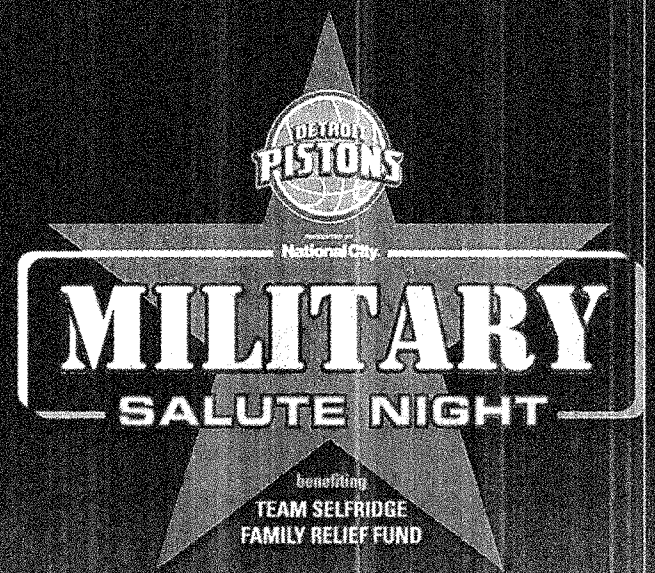
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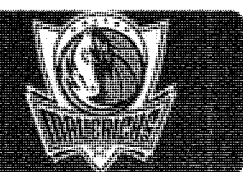
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SPARTANS

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three Stevenson scored on its first three possessions of the opening quarter to take a 21-3 lead - Mike Beyer on a 28-yard touchdown run; Pauley on a 6-yard run (following a blocked punt by Jordan El-Sabeh); and White on an electrifying 80-yard run around end.

Also in the first quarter, Churchill put together a 13-play, 69-yard drive that resulted in a 25-yard field goal by Matt Andrzejewski with 57 seconds left in the same quarter to make get Churchill on the board.

"It took awhile to adjust to how fast they were playing and we've been a team that has been struggling, and unfortunately it took us 21 points to catch up to the pace of the game," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "I thought our effort and execution was there, but our offense couldn't finish and we couldn't get our defense off the field."

"That's a good team that's won seven in a row. They've bought into the coach's system and they've been able to build it around a great player (White)."

Churchill cut the lead to 21-10 just seven seconds into the second quarter when Steven Klisz, who led the Chargers with 216 of their 283 total yards, hit junior Dean Bokuniewicz on a 28-yard scoring pass.

"Churchill executed - credit



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Dean Bokuniewicz (5) makes the grab and tries to elude Stevenson defenders Jon Gudeman (bottom), Dan McCarthy (52) and Duran Onwuemene.

them," Gabel said. "Their quarterback (Klisz) threw well - the kid Bokuniewicz was open, and they got it to him."

Stevenson answered on an 11-play, 66-yard drive capped by junior quarterback Brendan O'Hara's 1-yard sneak to put the Spartans back up, 28-10.

As the rain splattered down during the second half before letting up late in the game,

the Spartans tacked on two more TDs in the final period as Pauley scored on a 30-yard run followed by Leroy Glover's 2-yard run.

Klisz, a junior, had 100 yards rushing on 17 attempts and completed 8-of-17 passes for 116 yards and two interceptions.

Bryan Koessler and Duran Onwuemene picked off

Churchill passes in the final quarter.

The Spartans had 481 yards in total offense to Churchill's 283.

Churchill ends the season at 2-7 overall, while Stevenson awaits its playoff fate Sunday night when the MHSAA pairings are announced.

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Patriots prevail, 19-8, await postseason fate

BY DAN STRAWSER
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

The stakes were similar for the Hartland and Livonia Franklin football teams entering Friday night's final regular season game.

At 4-4, both squads were looking to finish on a high note and possibly get into the playoffs.

It was the Patriots who came out winners, holding the Eagles' offense at bay in a 19-8 victory and harboring hopes of making the postseason as a 5-4 at-large for the third straight year.

"This is five winning seasons in a row and that's a big deal for us," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "Both teams came in with the same record. One was going to have a losing season and one was going to have a winning season."

Hartland was never able to get in a rhythm offensively. The Eagles punted on seven of nine possessions, the other two resulting in an interception and the lone touchdown.

"(Franklin) played good defense," Hartland coach Marcus Dukes said. "We made some mistakes, too. That makes it difficult to drive down the field. The kids battled hard and gave it what they had."

"We had hoped to get a 'W' and end on a good note. The kids battled tonight. It would've been easy for them to throw in the towel, but they didn't and that speaks to their character."

Franklin did the majority of its damage on the ground, rushing for 295 yards on 47 carries.

Senior Michael Baumgardner was the workhorse, gaining 131

yards and two touchdowns on 18 attempts.

He put the Patriots on the scoreboard in the second quarter with a 2-yard run. Travis Matthey came on to attempt the extra point, but it was a bad snap and he threw an incomplete pass.

Franklin senior Robert Ringe scored on a 5-yard run in the third quarter and Baumgardner capped the scoring with his second touchdown with 6:06 left in the fourth quarter.

Hartland quarterback Dan Richmond completed a couple key passes, the biggest a 23-yarder to Jesse Lashbrook, to put the Eagles in scoring position on their next drive.

Senior Matt Kenwell did the rest of the work and was rewarded with a one-yard TD run with 2:33 left in the game.

Richmond connected with Max Nystrand for the two-point conversion, but time was running out for the Eagles.

Franklin recovered Hartland's onside kick and were able to salt the game away with a couple of first downs.

The Patriots had 342 total yards as Brandon Tower added 77 yards rushing on nine attempts. Quarterback Mike Beasley was 4-of-6 for 47 yards.

Franklin had no turnovers and Ryan Parkin came up with a second-quarter interception.

"It's disappointing to lose the last game you're going to play in high school," said Kenwell, who led the Eagles with 87 yards rushing in 16 carries. "We just made little mistakes and they did a good job of making plays when we did."

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Trojans' comeback nips Cougars, 16-15

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

That 1-3 start was so long ago it probably seems like a different season altogether for the Trojans of Livonia Clarenceville.

Coach Ryan Irish's squad completed a sterling last half of the season Friday night by earning a hard-fought 17-16 victory on the road against offensive-minded and play-off-bound Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Backed by a game plan to thwart the Cougars' explosive double-wing attack, the Trojans were able to keep the hosts off the board during the entire second half.

"To get a win on the road

against a quality opponent like Annapolis says a lot about our kids," said Irish whose squad finished the season 5-4 overall, including a first-place 3-1 standing in Metro Conference play. "To be able to end the season the way we did, you have to give a lot of credit to the kids for staying with it and battling hard the whole way."

The Trojans got off to a rocky start as they saw the Cougars (6-3) take the opening kick-off and promptly score a touchdown and two-point conversion with barely two minutes run off the clock.

Not to be denied, Irish's squad came storming back as senior Levonte Brooks took a screen pass from quarterback Lenny Smith and slithered his

way through the Annapolis defense en route to a 76-yard touchdown completion. The extra point trimmed the deficit to 8-7.

Early in the second period, the Cougars again struck for a six-pointer and two-pointer, only to see the Trojans respond with another big play of their own.

This time Benjamin Watts was on the receiving end of a Smith aerial and took the pigskin 84 yards for a TD. With the extra point tacked on, the Trojans settled for a 16-14 deficit at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Trojans moved the ball all the way down to the Cougars' 4-yard line only to see the drive stall.

But in came place-kicker Phil Strachan, a soccer player who made no mistake on his 21-yard field goal try that moved the Trojans in front and gave them a lead they would not relinquish.

"After that first half we just shut them down defensively," Irish said. "They are an explosive team averaging over 30 points a game, but we just made them do things they don't like to do."

Irish praised the efforts of his entire defense and, in particular, Watts and sophomore end Sean Cummings.

On the offensive side, Smith threw for 205 yards and two touchdowns. Brooks led the ground attack with 115 yards on 17 carries.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WYAA girls volleyball

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is currently accepting registration for girls volleyball (ages 8-17) from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays, at the WYAA's Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

The WYAA has a fund-raiser to offset the cost of the program. Participants will also be given one raffle ticket for each \$5 of paid registration fees. These extra tickets can be used to enter the WYAA drawing or sold to recover the cost of registration.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org.

Learn to Skate II

The City of Livonia Department

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

The fee is \$62 for residents and \$76 for non-residents for the following classes (all on Mondays):

Ages 4-and-up: 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. or 6:25; boys hockey skills: 6:25 p.m.; and 3-year-olds only, 5 p.m.

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

Walk-in registration for residents will be 6:30-8 p.m. and non-residents, 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Livonia Community Recreation

Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

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

Men's hoop league

A managers meeting for returning teams in the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation men's basketball league will be at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

A meeting for new teams will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 at the LCRC.

The fee for the league is \$400 (plus non-resident and officials fees per game). The league is scheduled to start

Jan. 4, 2010.

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

Livonia Turkey Trot

The fourth annual Livonia Turkey Trot, sponsored by the city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, will be Saturday, Nov. 7, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

Registration will be at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The fee is \$10 (adults) and \$5 (children ages 3-17). Included in the fee is a T-shirt, drink and snack. (T-shirt not guaranteed if registering the day of the event). For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Flanery's goal puts Warriors into finals

BOYS SOCCER

Lutheran High Westland tallied only one goal, but it was the one the Warriors needed to stay alive in the Division 4 state boys soccer tournament.

In Thursday's district semifinal, Gage Flanery scored the game-winner as the Warriors ousted host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 1-0.

Freshman goalkeeper Nick Andrzejewski made 10 saves to post his fourth shutout of the season as the Warriors improved to 10-6-3 overall.

The victory moves Lutheran Westland into Saturday's district championship match against Plymouth Christian Academy, which ousted Westland Huron Valley Lutheran in the other semifinal. (Game time is 1 p.m. at Inter-City.)

With the loss, Inter-City ends its season at 9-11-1 overall.

LUTHERAN NORTH 1, CLARENCEVILLE 0: In a Division 3 district semifinal Thursday - the third meeting this season between Metro Conference foes - Macomb Lutheran North emerged the victor over Livonia Clarenceville (13-5-2) in a match played at Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day. James Lett, who crashed the net,

tallied the game-winner by banging home second-half rebound during a three-shoot sequence for the Mustangs, who face the 19-4 Yellowjackets in Saturday's district final. (Game time is 4 p.m. at Country Day.)

Clarenceville's best scoring chance came early in the first half by Garet Hintzman.

"We did not get much after that," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "Lutheran North played well defensively - you had to be pretty impressed. It was not our best game, but they did a nice job taking away certain players."

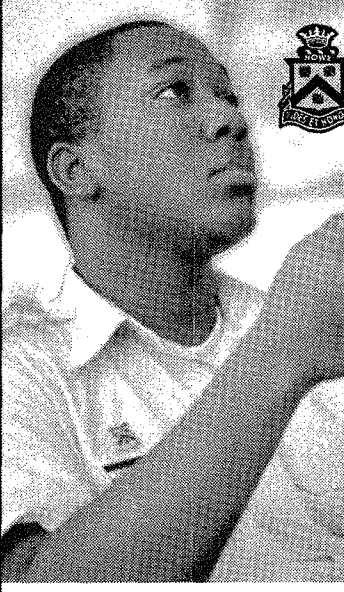
Clarenceville goalkeeper Dan Schiffman made eight saves in the setback.

"We had a great season and have nothing to be ashamed of," Johnson said.

PLY. CHRISTIAN 7, HURON VALLEY 0: Six different players scored Thursday as Plymouth Christian Academy (9-9-1) advanced in the Division 4 district tourney against Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Seniors Don Mullett, Jordan Machonga and Matt Zandee combined for four of the Eagles' seven goals.

Goalkeeper Jordan Allen notched his third shutout of the season.



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Tail Waggers USA rolls a strike for animals Benefit on tap

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Aunt Jean Polka is dancing for joy in heaven. "She's totally high fiving me," says niece Laura Zain, of Livonia, who founded the Tail Waggers Bowl, an annual fund-raiser for animals, in memory of her aunt.

"We have a huge passion for animals in our home. My aunt used to say if she had \$100,000 she'd donate it all to animal welfare. She had a bar in Detroit and used to feed every stray around. Her biggest concern was 'what will happen to the animals when I die?'"

When she did die, at age 52 of a massive aneurysm, Zain adopted her aunt's "bar hound" and called an animal welfare group to round up the strays.

Zain also created what she initially thought would be a one-time bowling event to raise money for animals and fulfill her aunt's long-time dream.

"Sixty two people showed up. The following year people started calling the bowling center."

Within five years, Tail Waggers USA and its annual bowling event had raised \$100,000 — the amount Aunt Jean had always dreamed about.

"Now here we are with our 20th anniversary year," Zain said. "I never thought we'd be here 20 years. I'm overwhelmed by that. But I feel like there is no stopping us now."

"We have our mission and we've never changed. What makes us unique is that we're raising money to give back to community, to people who need help with their animals."

Tail Waggers USA runs a pet food assistance program for pet owners who can't afford to feed their animals.

"We have various food bar-



Laura Zain, founder of Tail Waggers USA in Livonia, with furry friends at last year's bowling event.



rels throughout the city, even into Washtenaw County. There's no process for asking for food. We hope people will be honest (about their need) but they don't have to fill out forms."

The group sponsors low-cost spay, neuter and vaccination clinics and maintains an emergency assistance fund for pets in crisis. Calls for emergency assistance come from individuals, families, rescue organizations and veterinarians on behalf of their patients.

"I've never liked thought of putting a dog to sleep because

of lack of funds. It breaks my heart," said Zain, a single mom with three sons, two dogs and several cats at home.

"We've always kept that as a concept, to help people pay for (vet) services. It could be something like a dog went blind because of bad cataracts or was in an accident and injured. Maybe it's cancer treatment. We fix a lot of knees and legs. The majority of our calls are from good pet ownership families. Their dog (or cat) has a catastrophe or crisis."

Zain tells the story of a Livonia family whose dog suffered from a painful paw. One veterinarian suggested amputating the dog's leg or putting the pooch to sleep. The family called Zain and asked for help. Tail Waggers paid for \$800 worth of diagnostic tests at a veterinary specialist. The tests revealed a cancerous tumor on one toe. The toe was amputated and the dog — with leg intact — survived.

"We don't have limitations on what we spend. We've spent \$60 on this and \$4,000 on

that. It's whatever it takes to keep these animals with their families."

The bowling event has helped to keep the organization's coffers in the black. In previous years, the one-day fund-raiser has earned from \$27,000-\$52,000.

"It's crazy ... it's from bowling," said Zain, who maintains a day job with an Ann Arbor-based nonprofit.

Although Tail Waggers Bowl is the organization's signature event, it also runs "Comedy for a Cause," held at Joey's in Livonia; and Woofstock, which combined music and dancing in Commerce Township.

Zain hopes to add a fashion show fund-raiser in spring 2010.

A spaghetti dinner Nov. 14 at the Bailey Center in Westland isn't just about good pasta, but it's also aimed at helping the family of 7-month-old Avery Klemola cope with the financial fall-out of their daughter's cancer treatment.

"My mom has home day care and provides care for Avery. So we've known them for quite a while," said Laurie Kidd of Livonia. She and her sister, Rhonda Silcox of Garden City, are coordinating the spaghetti dinner benefit for Sheila and Shawn Klemola, their baby daughter and two sons.

Although the family has health insurance, Sheila is not working while her daughter is undergoing treatment.

"Their income has been

drastically cut. We want to raise whatever we can to help them," Kidd said.

Tickets for the spaghetti dinner are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 14. Children under 2 are free.

The benefit dinner and raffle will be held 4-9 p.m., at the Bailey Center, 3665 Ford Road, Westland.

To donate goods, services or gift certificates for the raffle, call Silcox at (734) 576-3578 or e-mail to dnr@wowway.com. Or call Kidd at (734) 891-3616 or Laurie6467@aol.com.

Can't attend the fund-raisers? Donations will be accepted for the "Avery Klemola Fund" in care of Kidd, at 9065 Cardwell, Livonia, MI 48150.

20TH TAIL WAGGER'S BOWL

What: Tail Waggers USA signature fund-raising event for animal welfare

When: 9:30 a.m. (for kids), 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 8 p.m., bowling times, Nov. 7

Where: Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: \$25 admission includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, anniversary T-shirt and lunch or dinner. At the kids-only session, youngsters can take an oath to become "Pet Cadets." They'll receive cards with a telephone number they can call if they see an act of animal cruelty. Animals will be on hand at the event

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and veterans in need.

The surrendered candy will be shipped overseas to military troops in Iraq, along with hand written letters from the community.

The event helps the Livonia Goodfellows in its mission to provide assistance to those in need and promotes great oral hygiene by offering an alternative to Halloween Candy consumption.

Last year Masri Orthodontics collected 500 pounds of candy and donated \$500 to the Livonia Goodfellows.



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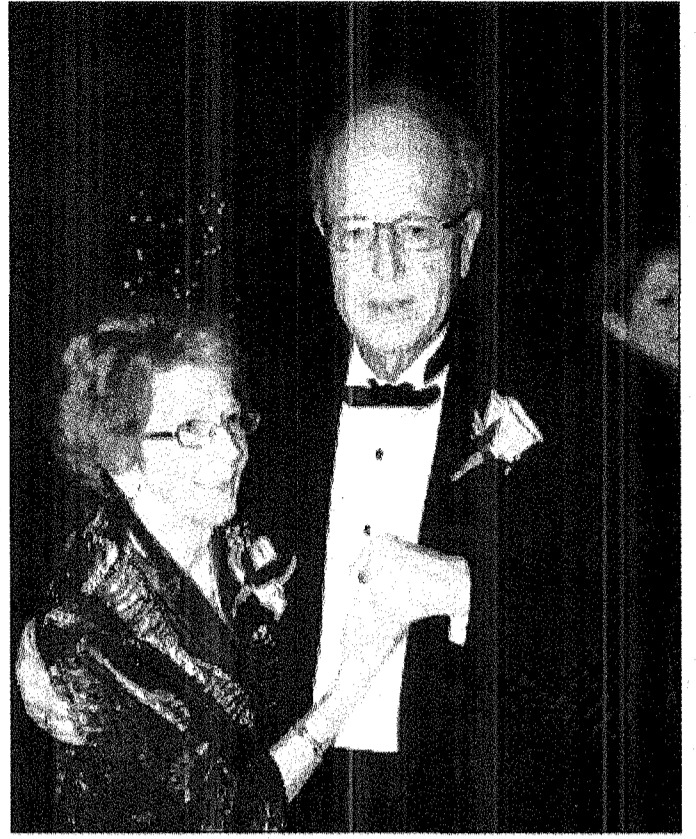
St. Mary Mercy's 17th Annual Gala earlier this month raised more than \$200,000 for the hospital's Graduate Medical Education Program. More than 600 guests attended the "Golden Anniversary" event at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, in Livonia.

"The support of our generous sponsors truly makes a difference to this hospital and the communities we serve," said Sara Stauffer, director of development, in a statement. "The proceeds from this year's event will assist in building a vital component of St. Mary Mercy's residency program — clinical research."

The program, slated to begin in summer 2010, includes medical student education, residency, research and training programs. It will designate St. Mary Mercy as a training hospital.



David Mendelson and his mom, Phyllis, dance up a storm at the St. Mary Mercy Hospital's gala.



Bill and Bridget Phillips enjoy the music at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's recent gala.

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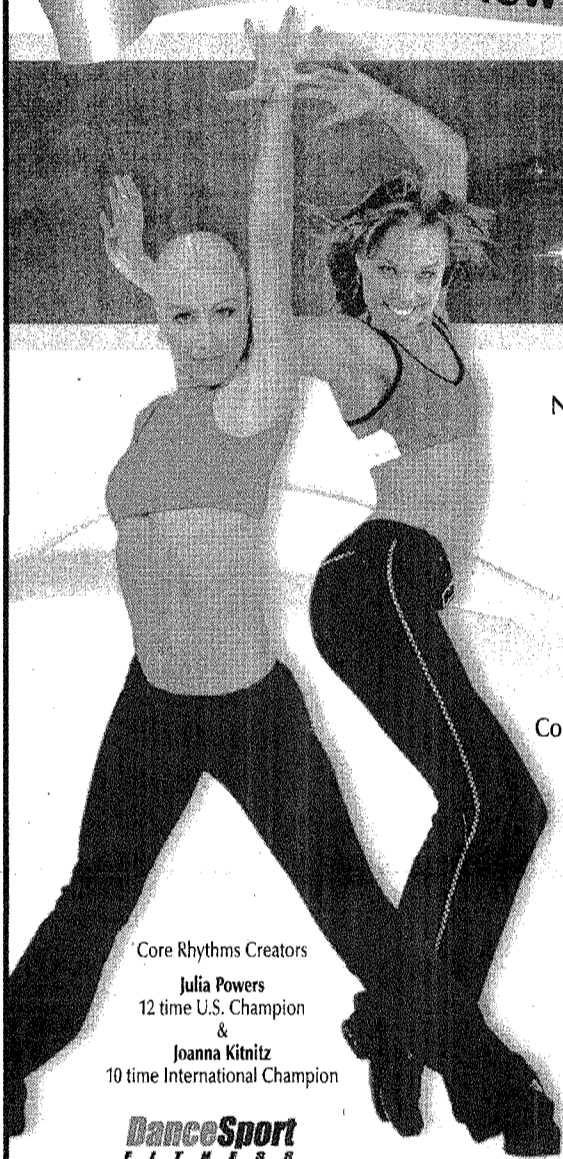
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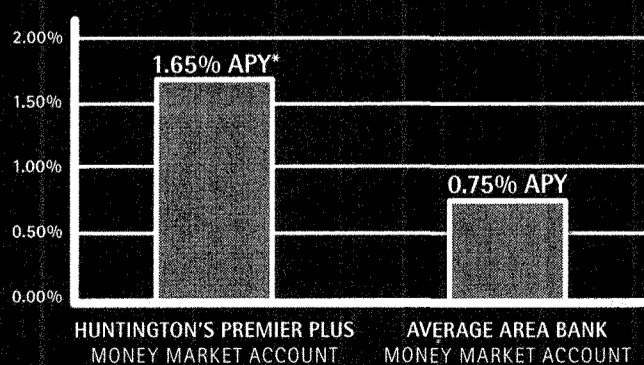
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