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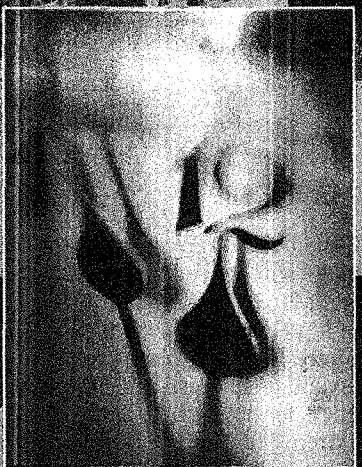
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## AROUND TOWN

### Candy check

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

District Court is at 36675 Ford Road, directly behind the Westland Police Station.

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

Also on Halloween, the Bailey Recreation Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Guest speaker

The Hope 4 Healing Hearts support group will host "When Life Becomes a Crisis ... All Is Not Lost," a free presentation by C. Leslie Charles, an award-winning certified speaking professional.

The program will be 7-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.

Charles offers practical ideas laced with inspirational anecdotes and examples in her speeches. She is the author of seven books, including the critically acclaimed *Why Is Everyone So Cranky?*, now in revision. Her background includes hardship, poverty and loss, including the death of her 21-year-old son Robbie, killed in a work accident in 1984.

Hope 4 Healing Hearts is a group support program for adults that have loved ones in prison. For more information, call Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or send an e-mail to [bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com](mailto:bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com). A free-will offering will be accepted.

### Tax help

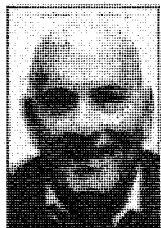
If you need help with your taxes, the Internal Revenue Service is offering a free Solution Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at 477 Michigan Ave., 20th floor, Detroit, MI 48226. Detroit is one of only five cities selected for the program.

Foreclosure, bankruptcy, payment plans, penalties, past-due tax returns and other complex tax issues can be a challenge for taxpayers. Many of these issues require contact with specific IRS departments and tax experts. Solution Saturday brings together IRS employees from across the agency to work face-to-face with taxpayers to address unique tax problems or issues.

Taxpayers are encouraged to schedule appointments as soon as possible by calling (313) 628-3120.

"We need to stay in touch with taxpayers and keep the lines of communication open for people who need tax help," IRS Wage and Investment Commissioner Rick Byrd said. "Solution Saturday will be another way taxpayers can get access to the help they need to solve their unique issues."

People can also get help from the IRS Web site at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov), or call (800) TAX-1040.



Stocchi



Hayton

## 2 file as write-ins in mayor's race

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two write-in candidates have filed to challenge incumbent William Wild, who is unopposed on the Nov. 3 ballot, in his bid for re-election as Westland mayor.

Jeffrey Hayton and Angelo Stocchi each filed to be a write-in candidate prior to deadline Friday. Under state election law,

write-in candidates must have filed an affidavit — votes cast for anyone else are invalid.

Hayton, 39, had been employed as business manager for the Michigan State Fairgrounds until it was closed. He recently completed his master's degree in business administration and is working on a master's degree in public administration at Eastern Michigan University.

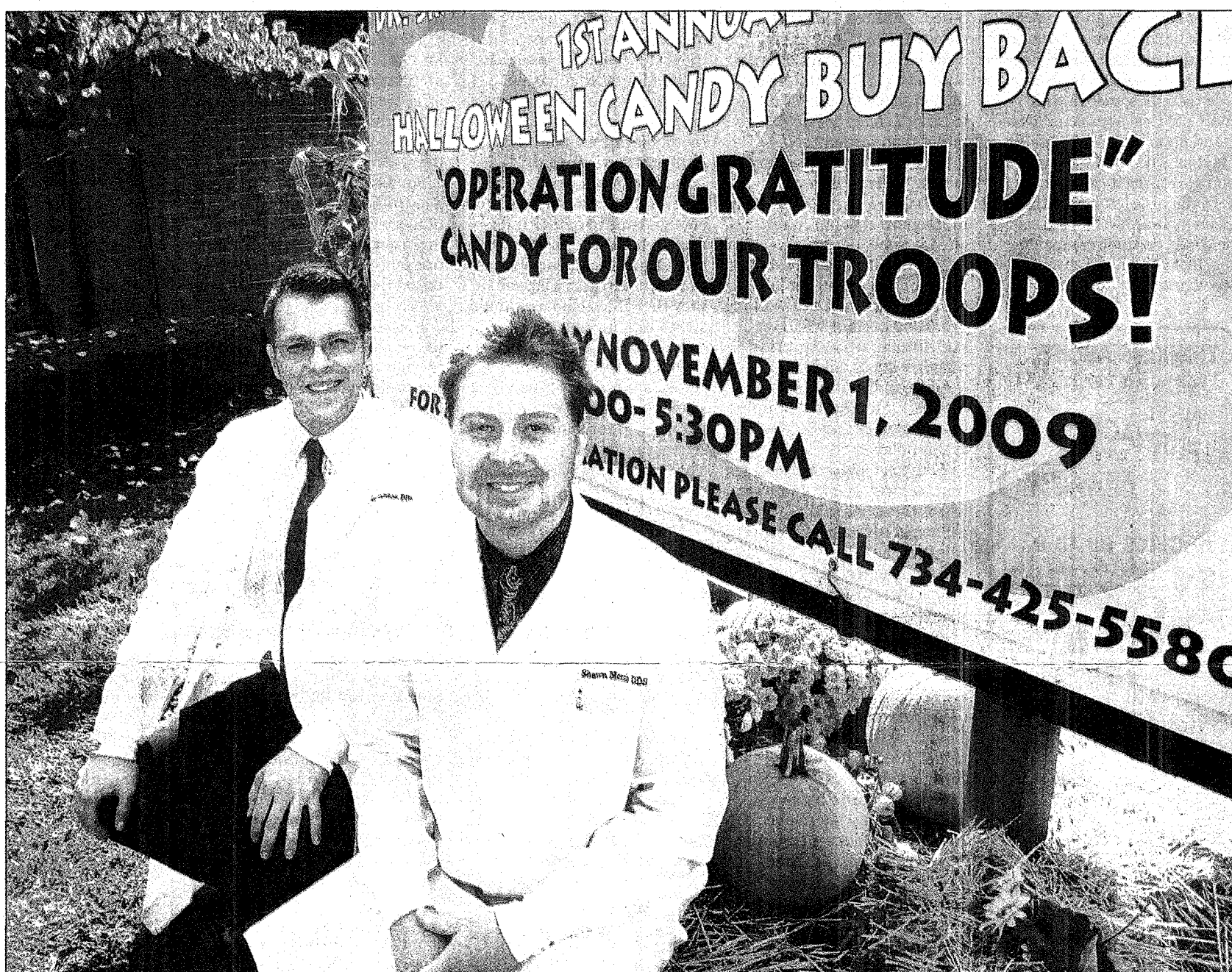
"I'm not real happy with the way the city is going. We're losing a lot of residents and we have a lot of vacant homes," said Hayton, who is married with two children. "We lost 6,000-7,000 residents in the last 10 years. We've lost 2,000 students from Wayne-Westland schools — that's \$16 million in lost revenue."

If elected mayor, Hayton said he would put more focus

on bringing more people to Westland, unlike the current administration, which is focusing on attracting smaller businesses.

"We have Canton next door with a population that is going up. They have more businesses. We are losing people who are going further west," he said. "We need to focus on more retail businesses

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Westland dentists Daniel Simmons (left) and Shawn Morris are offering youngsters \$1 per pound of unopened Halloween candy in effort to save their teeth from damage. The candy then will be shipped overseas to U.S. troops.

## Dentists swap cash and goodies for Halloween candy

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You might think a candy-laden holiday like Halloween would be a dream come true for the dental industry but two local dentists are offering to take most of those sweets off the hands of trick-or-treaters.

Westland dentists Shawn Morris and Daniel Simmons are offering kids \$1 in cash per pound of unopened

Halloween candy turned in at their office, 32363 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Farmington Road, from 3-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1. The collected candy will be shipped to U.S. military troops overseas via Operation Gratitude.

"With Halloween on Saturday and this on Sunday, it couldn't have worked out better," said Lisa Witter, financial coordinator for the dental practice.

Youngsters who trade in their candy — a maximum of five pounds per child and total 1,000 pounds for the event — will receive a new Firefly glow-in-the-dark toothbrush and a gooey bag of gifts. The youngsters will also be entered in a raffle to win one of three Nano iPods.

Along with reducing damage to young teeth, the candy collection also will benefit U.S. troops.

"It's kind of like saying that 'We

remember that you're there.' It's something they can enjoy and remember home with the candy," Witter said.

"The troops can also give the candy to kids (where they are stationed). It's good PR. I would hope they take care of themselves (when it comes to candy consumption)," said Morris, who like Simmons did a residency at

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## Salvation Army signs up bell ringers

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the holiday season approaches, the Salvation Army has the help wanted sign out for both paid and unpaid workers to help with fund-raising efforts.

No musical ability is required for applicants wanting to work as bell ringers collecting donations through the annual Red Kettle Christmas Campaign.

"We're always looking for people. We usually hire 40-60 people. By the last two or three weeks, it gets so cold that people drop off," said Capt. Derek Rose, who is Wayne-Westland Salvation Army corps officer with his wife Joanna. "We have a solid 15 people by the end of the year."

About 40 people turned out for a bell ringer hiring day Friday. Applications are being taken at the corps headquarters, 2300 Venoy in Westland weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two forms of identifications must be presented when an application is being filled out. Rose said that most commonly people use a driver's license and Social Security card. It takes about 10 days for the application including a background check, to be processed.

The bell ringers are assigned to 15 locations around Westland and Wayne — outside Westland Shopping Center, grocery stores and other retail locations. The kettles are manned 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, beginning Nov. 13.

In addition, bell ringers also will be collecting funds at Wayne and Warren roads near Westland Shopping Center 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 19, with a third date of Saturday, Dec. 5 or Dec. 12.

Paid bell ringers receive \$7.40 per hour and can work up to 40 hours a week.

"We do have people who volunteer as bell ringers — more than 200 people. We have a wide variety of people who do it. We're looking for volunteers," Rose said.

The Red Kettle campaign, first started in San Francisco in 1891, has traditionally been the Salvation Army's most prominent fund-raiser. Locally,

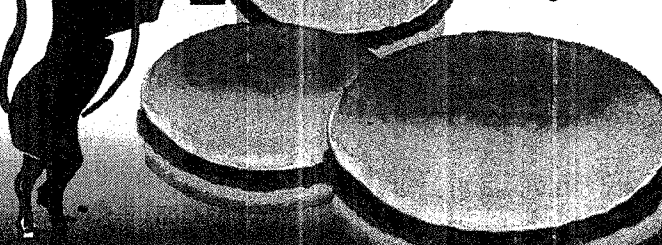
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**AROUND WESTLAND**

**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.

**Bowling fund-raiser**

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

glennwrestling.com. For more information, call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

**No leaf pickup**

The Westland Department of Public Service is reminding residents that the leaf collection program has been discontinued this year. Any leaves can be bagged in the brown yard waste bags and put out to the curb for collection by the garbage hauler. Also chipping season ended on Oct. 2. Any branches you have left can be tied or bundled to be picked up by the garbage hauler. The bundles must be tied and can not exceed 50 pounds or four feet in length.

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

**CANDIDATES**

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on Ford Road between Garden City and Canton.

Hayton didn't file to run for mayor early enough to appear on the ballot, he said, because he hadn't realized that Wild was unopposed in the election.

"I thought someone with more political experience would stand up to him (Wild)," said Hayton, who cited his business and government experience.

In the time left before the election Tuesday, Hayton said he would do some campaigning, including his Web site www.voteforhayton.com.

Retired from Ford Motor Co., Stocchi, 72, has never run for office before, but said he is a student of politics and gets aggravated with what is happening.

"I wanted to see if I could do anything. He (Wild) is unopposed. I wanted a another name in there — my name won't be on the ballot," Stocchi said. "I've got some different thoughts than he does. I'd like to bring in factories for jobs rather than restaurants."

With the current economy, Stocchi said city officials should take a pay cut like many in the general public have already done.

"You have to do the best with what you've got and not hurt the people who are still working by raising taxes or whatever," said Stocchi, who is married with five adult children.

Active in the Masons over the years, Stocchi said he didn't have any other goals, if elected at this point.

"You don't know until you get your feet wet. You've got to see what's there," he said. Stocchi isn't actively campaigning, he said.

"I campaign at the gym to the people there," Stocchi said with a laugh.

The names of write-in candidates don't appear on the ballot and election workers are legally prohibited from telling voters at the polls about any write-in candidates. Under state law, that could be considered campaigning for those candidates. As result, voters can only get names of write-in candidates from the city clerk's office or through campaigning.

In addition to the mayoral race, general election voters also will fill four council seats, consider a Wayne County millage renewal and decide two city charter amendments relating to candidate filings.

There are also school board candidates and school millage questions, depending on the district.

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**Livonia Schools to discuss possible cuts**

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What if the state doesn't find revenue to rescind cuts to schools, forcing Livonia Public Schools to slash \$10 million from this year's budget?

That's what the Livonia school board will discuss during a committee of the whole meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9.

"The state is broke," Trustee Steve King said Monday at the school board's first meeting since Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced surprise cuts in per-pupil funding last week. "What are we going to do as a board?"

He said parents need to know what their children's education will look like if the funding is not restored.

Trustee Patrice Mang agreed, adding the board needs to take "a tough look in the mirror" and decide which cuts would impact student learning the least.

"We're going to have to have what-if discussions," she said.

But Trustee Robert Freeman said such discussions are premature. He said someone at the state level will cave in the political fight that has put Michigan's public school students in the middle. "Certainly the sky is falling, but it's not Armageddon," he said.

Supt. Randy Liepa said administrators would have enough time to gather information for a meeting Nov. 9 after King, Mang and Vice President Gregory Oke said they thought the board should start talking about possible reductions.

On Oct. 19, Granholm vetoed a portion of the public school budget, cutting \$316 per student to Livonia this school year in 20(j) funding. That was on top of \$165-per-

**LPS puts out call to action**

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education and Livonia PTSA Council are asking residents to e-mail, write and call Gov. Jennifer Granholm and state lawmakers protesting \$10 million in cuts to Livonia Public Schools this school year.

"Lansing needs to stop using our children as political pawns in their budget process," said Lynda L. Scheel, president of the school board, and Heidy Nance, president of the PTSA Council, in a joint press release about the call to action.

They said the district is four months into its budget year. "Public education is not a business where we just close the doors and everyone goes home," the joint release says about the campaign titled, "Shout about LPS Funding

Cuts." Residents shouldn't worry about the wording of their e-mails, letters or phone calls, school board Trustee Daniel Lessard said at Monday night's school board meeting. "Even if they don't get it right, get it there," he said.

The school district Web site (www.livoniapublicschools.org) has a petition that can be downloaded and circulated for signatures. The petitions can be turned into local schools or the board office, and they will be forwarded to Lansing.

Following is contact information for key elected officials:

Gov. Jennifer Granholm — phone: (517) 373-3400, fax: (517) 335-6863, web: http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-21995-

65331--00.html Speaker of the House Andy Dillon — phone: (517) 373-0857, fax: (517-373-5976), e-mail: andydillon@house.mi.gov

Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop — phone: (517) 373-2417, fax: (517) 373-2694, e-mail: senmbishop@senate.michigan.gov

Sen. Glenn Anderson — e-mail: SenGAnderson@senate.michigan.gov

Rep. John Walsh — e-mail: JohnWalsh@house.mi.gov

Rep. Richard LeBlanc — e-mail: richardleblanc@house.mi.gov

Further information on the campaign will be updated on a regular basis at www.livoniapublicschools.org.

— By Karen Smith

student cuts that had already been announced.

Three days later, she cut another \$127 per student for all districts. That cut will take effect in the Dec. 20 school aid payment unless legislators agree to raise taxes within 30 days.

For Livonia, the cuts total \$10 million, the equivalent of more than 100 teachers or more than the district spends per year on its entire transportation department. Livonia has a \$160 million budget.

In the meantime, Liepa urged parents to continue contacting state lawmakers with the message, "Do not play politics with our children."

The superintendent said he hopes a supplemental appropriations bill is approved to

cover both of last week's cuts. Both state Rep. John Walsh and state Sen. Glenn Anderson attended the Livonia school board meeting Monday.

Walsh said state income is down 23 percent this year and is projected to be down another 20 percent next year because of people losing their jobs and businesses closing. He said other state budgets, like human services, were cut as much as 30 percent, compared with the school aid budget, which was cut 3 percent. "There's very little room to move," he said.

He said lawmakers are looking at freezing the earned income tax credit, among other revenue generators.

Walsh said he favors using additional federal stimulus

money to offset the school cuts this year since school districts are already four months into their budget years. He said most superintendents would rather have use of that money now and then plan ahead for next year. "It's really a question of when do you want to take your pain," he said.

Anderson told the board he is disappointed and concerned by the series of recent blows dealt to K-12 education funding, which he called unimaginable and devastating to Livonia Public Schools. He said he will continue to work with Liepa, Walsh and members of the Legislature on both sides of the aisle to mitigate the funding cuts.

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**Sock drive to benefit those in need**

There's nothing like a warm pair of socks to help keep away the cold.

In an effort to assist those in need, the City of Westland is partnering with the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for a sock drive. Donations of new unused socks can be dropped off at

Westland City Hall, 36606 Ford, during business hours Monday, Nov. 16, through Friday, Dec. 4.

The sock drive was inspired by the story, "The Tale of Christmas Stockings," written by Nancy Spinelle, a Westland resident.

Mayor William Wild has asked local school PTA rep-

resentatives to coordinate the collection of socks within their building during the month of November. Spinelle has agreed to go to schools within the district, upon their request, to read her story to the children.

In addition, students and parents are invited to enjoy Westland's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 16, on the front steps of City Hall where Spinelle will read "The Tale of Christmas Stockings" live. New socks will be accepted at the ceremony.

All socks collected will be donated to the Westland Salvation Army which will distribute them to local families in need.

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Rose said money collected in the Red Kettles provide 40 percent of the corps budget.

"Our goal is \$160,000 just for Christmas — \$135,000 from the kettles and \$25,000

from mail donations," said Rose, adding the Red Kettle goal last year was \$130,000 with \$10,000 through mailed donations.

The Wayne-Westland Corps services Wayne and Westland along with Inkster, Romulus and New Boston.

The funds raised help support people in poverty who

turn to the Salvation Army for food and toys at Christmas, utility and homeless assistance, senior and child care, drug abuse treatment and many other social service needs.

"Fund-raising is definitely going to be harder this year, but the Salvation Army is a Christian organization," said

Rose. "We pray and use what God wants us to have whether it's more or less."

For more information about bell ringing for the Red Kettle Campaign or other Salvation Army programs, call (734) 722-3660 or go online to www.salmich.org.

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**DENTISTS**  
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the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor.  
Morris and Simmons bought the practice in 2006 — it had been in operation since 1963. Morris continues to work two days each month as a dentist at the VA Hospital.  
"So, I see both ends of it. We had a Eagle Scout who had surplus items and donated them to the hospital," Morris said.  
Neither Witter or Morris had a guess about how many kids would give up their Halloween candy for cash.  
"We sent a letter to all our patient families with kids 3-12 years old — 175 families got the letter," Witter said. "Some of our office staff have kids in day care and passed out the flier. It's word of mouth — we have no idea how many kids we'll get."  
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**CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**  
On Thursday, November 12, various items of the City Westland, Special Investigations Unit will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:  
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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE 09-001**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 110, Public Acts of 2006, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at **6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2009** at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135.  
**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed variance from Section 154.037 subsection D that requires fences to be 4 feet in height from the rear line of the house to the front line of the house.  
**The subject property location is 29146 Sheridan, between Middlebelt Road and Central Avenue.**  
A variance is requested to allow construction of a 6 foot privacy fence on the side of the dwelling.  
**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that the variance application and site plan may be examined at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.  
David L. Harvey  
City Manager  
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# Dinner benefit to help GC infant stricken with cancer

Friends and neighbors are organizing a benefit dinner and raffle to support a Garden City family whose eight-month-old baby recently was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

Sheila Klemola has taken a leave of absence from her job at Blue Cross Blue Shield to care for her infant daughter, Avery. Her husband Shawn, continues to work his job at Dunham's to support the family which includes Avery's two older brothers, Austin and Ben.

"Anytime a major illness occurs in a family, it is a great financial strain," said Rhonda Silcox, one of the organizers of the benefit. "For the Klemolas, we are trying to alleviate some of their worries, so that they can concentrate on Avery's progress, and not have to focus on the issues that arise from losing half of their income."

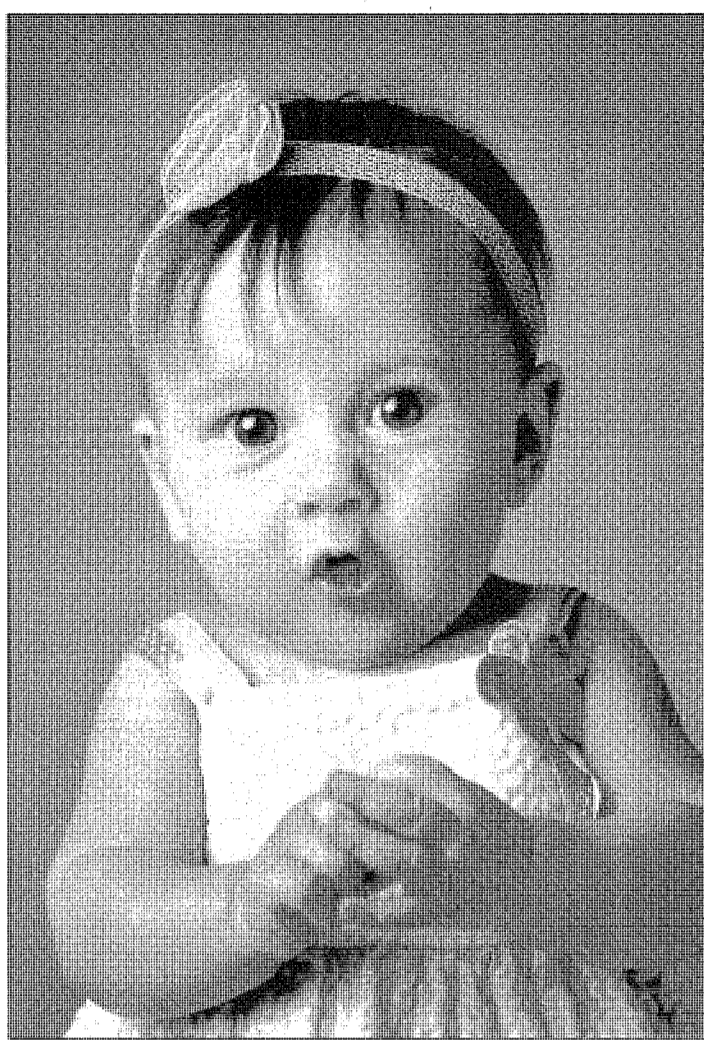
The spaghetti dinner benefit will be 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Bailey Center on Ford Road, west of Wayne Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 kids under 14 years and free for toddlers age two and under. Carry-out will also be available at \$8 for spaghetti, roll, salad and a drink.

In addition to the dinner and many raffle prizes, there will be clowns, face painting and games for the kids.

"We are looking for help from the entire community to help this family keep their spirits up and their household operating on one income," Silcox said. "So far dozens of volunteers and business owner have stepped forward to donate raffle items, and help organize the benefit dinner."

Avery is currently undergoing an aggressive clinical trial of chemotherapy in the hopes of shrinking the tumor to an operable size.

"She has had her first round of chemo and is doing pretty good," said Sheila Klemola. "She has been sleeping a lot



Avery Klemola

and they're controlling her pain with two pain medicines. I am just so proud of her. She is so young to endure this, and she staying strong and in pretty good spirits. I hope that everyone will please keep praying for my baby."

Doctors have diagnosed Avery with a stage 4 non-rhabdomyosarcoma cancer. PET and CAT scans have shown two lesions on her lungs. The infant has a port to receive chemotherapy four days every 21 days in hopes of shrinking the tumor on my neck so it can be surgically removed. Non-rhabdomyosarcoma is a soft tissue sarcoma that accounts for about 4 percent of all cancers occurring in childhood.

People interested in mak-

ing donations of goods, services or gift certificates for the raffle or to help in any way can contact Rhonda Silcox at (734) 576-3578 or by e-mail at [dnr@wowway.com](mailto:dnr@wowway.com). Donations to the family can be made directly to the family in the name of Avery or Shawn Klemola at TCF bank. People also can also go online to [www.myhelpinghand.org](http://www.myhelpinghand.org) then, click on Lend Your Hand tab and donate thru Paypal or through the Paypal link on her Facebook fan page.

To read more about Avery's day to day life as she fights her battle with cancer, or to leave good wishes or prayers, people can search Avery Klemola on facebook and become a friend.

## She helps granddaughter with \$100 gift

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sandra Bedwell was sitting on a bench with her great-granddaughter recently when some people approached to talk with her over the backyard fence.

The visitors weren't there for a neighborly chat - representatives of Co-op Services Credit Union presented Bedwell, a Westland resident, with a \$100 bill. It was part of Project 100, a program in which the credit union gave \$100 bills to 100 people selected at random.

"I was very surprised, no one gives you \$100 for nothing. They said they were giving me \$100 to use as I wanted to help someone," said Bedwell. "I gave it to my granddaughter so she could go to Ohio to get married."

Based in Livonia, Co-op Credit Union developed Project 100 to promote the positive aspects of giving in local communities. The recipients are encouraged to continue the effort of giving back.

"We wanted to create a spark that could continue to grow and it appears to be working," said Lisa Fawcett, marketing director for Co-op Services Credit Union. "In fact, I received an e-mail just the other day from a young woman that heard about the project and just wanted to help out. She didn't know how but felt that she needed to do her part to give back. It's truly exciting."

Co-op Services Credit Union has eight full-service



Westland resident Sandra Bedwell shows off the \$100 bill she received from Co-op Services Credit Union. Bedwell was selected at random as part of Project 100 which will give 100 people \$100 which they are encouraged to use to help another person.

branches located in the metro Detroit area. Project 100 has also has Web site [www.whatisproject100.com](http://www.whatisproject100.com) to serve as an educational resource on volunteering and giving back.

For Bedwell, the \$100 will help granddaughter Brittany Owen, who turns 22 on Halloween, with plans to marry Ernest Parsley when he is home on leave from the

Army. "He is in Germany now, but is supposed to go to Afghanistan after this. We thought he would be home in August, so I gave my granddaughter the \$100 to get married," said Bedwell. "Instead, he is coming home this month."

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## Association holds Halloween nature walk

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Enjoy the fall colors and learn about local history Saturday at a Halloween Walk sponsored by the Holliday Nature Preserve Association.

The walk will feature a discussion about the shooting of Chief Tonquish. It happened 190 years ago this month: A stolen loaf of freshly baked bread, an armed posse in pursuit, the death of a great Potawatomi chief along a creek that now bears his name in a nature preserve that may hold his bones.

"We do a walk each year, but we've not really combined history and nature before," said Marty Johnson, who edits the HNP news and runs their Web site. "We did do a hike four or five years ago with the Westland Historical Society. It's Halloween and the 190th anniversary of Chief Tonquish's death, so it was a good time to do it."

The Halloween Walk begins at 10 a.m. at the Holliday Nature Preserve Cowan entrance, on Central City Parkway west of Wayne Road. The program is free and everyone is welcome.

The walk will last about one hour and will cover about a half mile on mostly level ground, Johnson said, adding the area of the walk had once been a road leading to a parking area. The event will be held rain or shine, so participants should dress accordingly and wear sturdy shoes.

"There is also a part along the Tonquish (Creek) that isn't level," Johnson said. "It is scenic and very pretty this time of year."

Holliday Nature Preserve walks draw 5-15 people, he said, so adding the historical element is an effort to attract more people to the walk.

"A lot of people don't realize that five minutes from the Westland mall they can see deer, wildlife and great color,"

Johnson said. "They don't know what a treasure the preserve is and that it's in their backyard. It's really the only nature preserve in Wayne County. The other Wayne County parks are set up for recreation with playgrounds. The point here is to get away from the crowds."

Light refreshments will be served at the program.

HNP consists of volunteers dedicated to the William P. Holliday Forest & Wildlife Preserve. The group seeks to nurture a greater appreciation of this 500-plus acre local natural resource by hosting walks and working to improve the experience of visitors through maintenance projects conducted in partnership with Wayne County Parks. This is one of three walks scheduled by the group through December.

More information about the walk and the HNP can be found on the group's Web site at [hnpa.org](http://hnpa.org).

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## East/West shirt sales help Stanley family

For more than five years, Judy Nichols and Sue Pichla have been selling East/West clothing, keeping a rivalry between the two former Garden City high schools alive.

Originally used as a fundraiser to support several extracurricular sports programs at Garden City Middle School, it also helped finance Project Graduation at Garden City High School.

This year, the two women have found a new beneficiary of their Wildcats fund-raising — 20-month-old Leiryn Stanley.

"Leiryn is a toddler from Garden City who is currently going through chemotherapy for cancer," Nichols said. "Due to the family hardships, we thought that this was the best way to donate our proceeds."

The Garden City toddler was diagnosed with stage 4

cancer and has been undergoing treatment at Children's Mott Hospital in Ann Arbor. Leiryn's father, Charles Stanley, who is attending Eastern Michigan University to become a teacher, recently gave up one of his two jobs to take care of the family. Her mother Carrie schedules all of Leiryn's treatments.

The women are taking orders for short-sleeved and long-sleeved T-shirts, sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts for Garden City East and Garden City West high schools.

The clothing is in the two high schools' colors and with a logo of the schools' mascots. Available are long- and short-sleeved T-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies. The cost for T-shirts is \$14 for S-XL, \$15 for 2X or \$16 for 3X; long-sleeved T-shirts are priced at \$16 (S-XL), \$17 (2X) and \$18 (3X).

Sweatshirts sell for \$22 (S-XL), \$23 (2X) and \$24 (3X). Hooded sweatshirts cost at \$27 (S-XL), \$28 (2X) and \$29 (3X).

Prepaid orders — make checks payable to Wildcats — can be mailed to Sue Pichla, 32635 Dover, Garden City, MI 48135. Be sure to include a name, address, phone number and a list of items, including styles, sizes and quantities.

Orders must be placed by Nov. 18 to insure a December delivery. There is an extra charge for home delivery.

"This is a very special fundraiser," Nichols said. "Leiryn's parents are both graduates of Garden City High School, they have four young children, and had to take a leave from their jobs to help care for the baby."

For more information, contact Pichla at (734) 421-2934 or by e-mail at [Spichla@aol.com](mailto:Spichla@aol.com).

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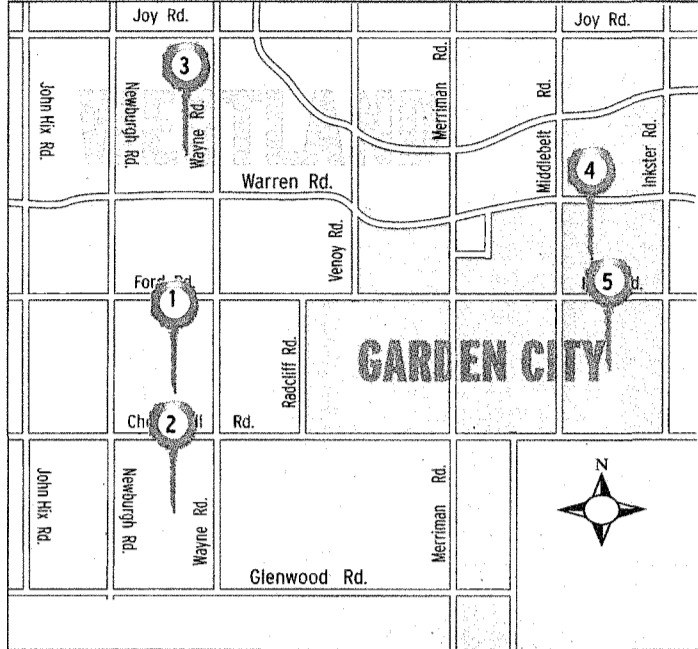
## Resident loses \$350 in phone scam

**Fraud**  
A resident in the 1100 block of Abby told police Oct. 25 that he had been scammed out of \$350. The man said he had received a call from a man who claimed to work for an insurance company. The resident said the man told him he had \$1 million coming, but first needed to send out two wire transfers. It was never made clear why the resident was getting \$1 million but the caller promised \$125,000 in cash would be delivered once the wire transfers were completed.

**WESTLAND COP CALLS**  
The caller refused to identify the insurance company by name or provide a telephone number, the resident told police. He said he was instructed to send two Western Union wire transfers — \$200 to Jamaica and \$150 to Texas. Although he didn't know the name of the recipient, the resident said he sent both money orders. The cash was to be delivered but the resident said the caller had never got his address.

The resident, 84, told a neighbor about what had transpired and was told to call police. While the resident was making a police report, the suspect called again on his cell phone. The officer answered and pretended to the resident. He said the suspect told him to wire additional money to get the cash payment. When the officer said he didn't have the money, he reported the suspect told him to do the best he could and not to tell anyone about what was happening.

**Break-in**  
An Xbox game system, a laptop computer, a pearl necklace and a pair of orange and black Air Jordans valued



at \$2,000 were reported stolen along with \$40 in cash from an apartment at Pointe West, 36515 Palmer, Oct. 25. The resident reported finding the front door of the apartment had been forced open.

**Retail fraud**  
Police were called to Best Buy, 35100 Central City Parkway, Oct. 25 after an employee reported stopping a man who had shoplifted a 32-inch television valued at \$750. The employee said he recognized the Dearborn Heights man from two prior television thefts and decided to follow him.

After the suspect picked up a television and walked out without paying, the employee said he told the man to put the television down and the man had complied. The man then shoved the employee and ran when asked to come back into the store, the worker said.

The employee followed the suspect and flagged down the officer as he arrived, pointing out the suspect's hiding

spot among some trees. The Dearborn Heights man was arrested for retail fraud. A second Dearborn Heights man had driven the suspect to the store. He told police that the suspect was there to steal a television which he was going to buy from him. The second man was released without charges.

The officer noted that the Dearborn Heights man was also a suspect in a television theft at Target and had a long criminal history.

**Vehicle recovered**

An Inkster man was arrested for possessing a stolen vehicle Oct. 25 after being stopped for speeding in the 30000 block of Avondale. The man, who had no driver's license or photo identification, gave the officer a false name. The Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck had been reported stolen in Ann Arbor.

Once the man's true identity was established, he was also held for driving with two license suspensions and four warrants.

By LeAnne Rogers

## Thieves take beer, cigarettes from 2 stores

**Retail fraud**  
A man left the 7-Eleven store at 2202 Merriman about 9:45 a.m. without paying for a 15-pack of Bud Light. He fled through the parking lot and east on Pardo.

**GARDEN CITY COP CALLS**  
At the 7-Eleven store at 29331 Warren Road, a man stole three boxes of cigarettes about 2 a.m. Oct. 25 and entered a vehicle which was waiting for him. He was last seen wearing a black zippered hoodie and had a tattoo on the left side of his neck.

A man ran off without paying for six, one-dozen bouquets of roses valued at \$9.99 each from the floral department at Kroger on Middlebelt about noon Oct. 21.

The clerk asked if he wanted them wrapped and when she turned to wait on another customer he fled to a car that was waiting for him in the fire lane.

The clerk was able to record the license plate number of the car which was later found to belong to a Westland man.

The suspect is described as white, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, with a stocky build and about 40 years old. He had dark hair and dark facial hair and wore a black and grey coat.

The police arrested a man about 12:30 p.m. Oct. 18 who was wearing a Lansing tether after he tried to steal several razors from the Kmart store at 29600 Ford Road.

Loss prevention officers first saw the man put the razors in a hand basket and then saw him stuff the razors up his sleeves.

The parolee said that he sells the razors for \$5 a piece at Detroit party stores.

In another retail fraud case, police arrested a 48-

year-old Inkster man about 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17 after he tried to leave Kmart without paying for two 22-inch flat screen TVs.

**Credit card fraud**

A 17-year-old Wayne man, who said that he was robbed at gunpoint in Wayne, told police about 9 p.m. Oct. 14 that the suspect later tried to use his credit card unsuccessfully at a clothing store in Garden City. The \$300 purchase was rejected, he said.

**Minors in possession**

A 19-year-old man and a 17-year-old woman, both Garden City residents were arrested as minors in possession of alcohol about 2 a.m. Oct. 23 at Marquette and Central. The man also was in possession of .3 grams of marijuana.

The police had been called to the area on a report of "a large fight," and K9 Deuce located a marijuana cigarette under the driver's seat during the investigation.

**Drunk driving**

The police arrested a woman about 4:30 p.m. Oct. 17 after finding her asleep and slumped over the wheel of her 2001 Ford Focus. An almost empty vodka bottle was beside her. She registered a .24 blood alcohol level.

Garden City Police arrested a 20-year-old Dearborn Heights man about 2:30 a.m. Oct. 27 after they discovered he was drunk and in possession of marijuana. They found a marijuana blunt in his car.

The police observed him speeding in his 1998 Ford F150 pickup on westbound Ford at Wildwood.

A 20-year-old Westland woman was arrested after police stopped her for speed-

ing in the Merriman and Block area at 6 a.m. Oct. 24. She was driving 50 mph in a 25 mph zone. She also disregarded a stop sign at east-bound block at Merriman.

She registered a .19 blood alcohol level.

A resident in the 29000 block of Bock called police about 6:45 a.m. Oct. 24 after she saw a man parked there for more than an hour.

When the police arrived, they found the 22-year-old Inkster man slumped over with his chin to his chest. It took awhile for the man to regain his composure, police said.

He admitted to drinking four-six beers with the last beer consumed about 4 a.m. He was arrested after he registered .105 blood alcohol, well over the limit of .08.

**Larceny**

A Devon, Pa., man, who stopped at the Kroger store at 5866 Middlebelt, said that someone took his company-owned laptop with accessories about 8 p.m. Oct. 21 after he failed to lock his 1998 BMW.

**Home invasion**

A homeowner in the 6850 block of Gilman said that when he returned home about 10 a.m. Oct. 20, he found that someone took a light fixture and a Comcast HD box and modem.

The resident said that someone entered through an unlocked family room window. An outer screen was found lying on the ground. The thief also left a pair of pliers on a chair.

A witness said that he saw a strange F150 pickup truck parked in the driveway for about two hours.

By Sue Buck

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# 'Aliens' turn out for Garden City Hospital benefit

Every where you looked there were aliens ... and with good reason. They're bound to show up when you throw a party that's "Out of this World."

That was the theme of the Garden City Hospital Foundation's annual fall gala, held Friday at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Guests enjoyed the music of the Sunset Boulevard Band, food stations and made their best offer on 75 items in a silent auction during the 18th annual fund-raiser, known for its creative decorations and themes.

A major fund-raising event for the hospital, proceeds will go toward new endoscopy suites.

Organizers of this year's gala hoped to make a big dent in the \$130,366 the hospital needs to pay for new suites



David and Laura Kehler from Livonia came as alien supporters with an alien on board.

which will be moved into some of the old surgery rooms on the third floor of the hospital.

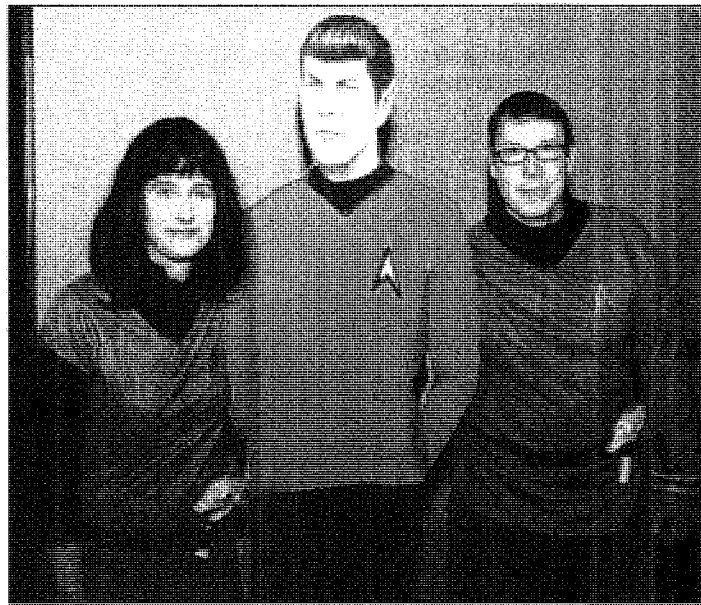
The suites will gain more room and more privacy in their new location. Outpatient infusion services will move to the former endoscopy department after the new suites are built.



Volunteer Lori Igrisan, a volunteer from Redford, admires the costumes of Dan and Nicole Newhouse of Westland.



Vicki and Ed Kemp from Garden City were among party goers at the fall fund-raiser.



Volunteers Steve and Susan Patterson from Livonia are ready to be beamed aboard with Spock at the fund-raiser.



Julie Carrigan of Plymouth, Cathy MacShara of Commerce Township and Sue Methner of Livonia share a laugh with Yoda, the Jedi master.



Detroit Demolition football player Shannan Schlusler of Redford.

## Walking the walk

### Celebrities of all sizes shine in suburban league fashion show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Trinity Irby shined as bright as the media celebrities in the Redford Suburban League Fashion Show Wednesday at Burton Manor in Livonia.

Her black and silver dress sparkled as she made her way down the runway with Nicholas Bair, Emily Cobb and Ian Stammersky. The children were from Burger School for Students with Autism which receives proceeds from the event. In addition to selling more than 350 tickets at \$45 each, the League raised \$6,300 from raffle tickets and over \$3,000 on the craft boutique for the Garden City school, which serves students from throughout western Wayne County.

Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia provided the children's outfits, the Dress Barn in Farmington and Men's Wearhouse in Novi, the men's and women's fall fashions.

Joining the students were Burger teachers Theresa Cook, Joe DeMarsh, and Joey Szyplu, and Nicholas's mother Christina Bair.

Cynthia Jamieson only heard positive feedback

about the show. The Redford woman coordinated the celebrity models.

"Everyone loved the clothes," said Jamieson.

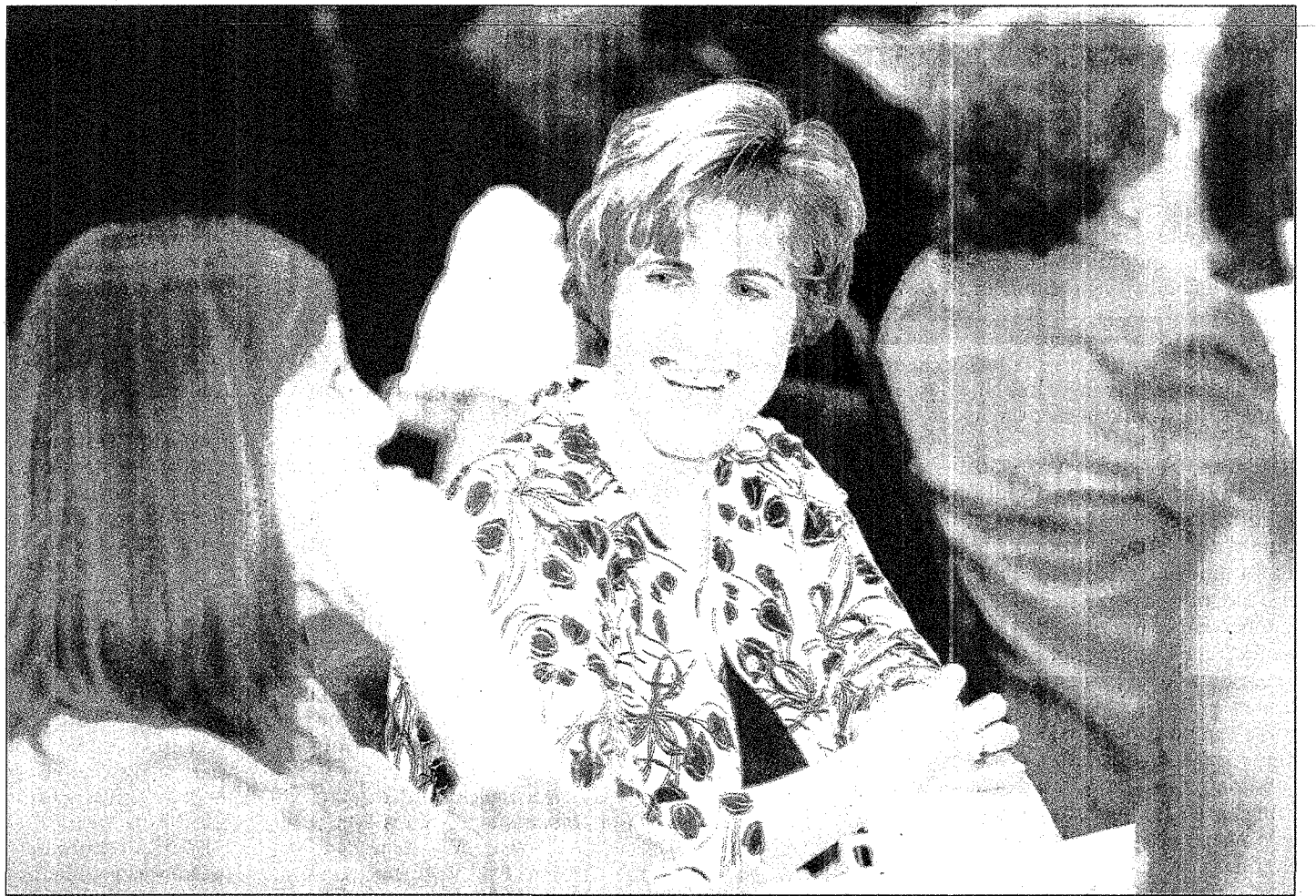
Four volunteers from Lasting Impressions in Garden City designed hairstyles for female models. The smoldering eyes were made up by Danell Ledin of Canton, resident Chanel artist at Parisian and Sue Beydoun, regional artist.

Celebrities Jim Madaus, meteorologist for WWJ TV-CBS 62; traffic reporter Jo-Jo Shutty-MacGregor, WWJ Newsradio 950 and her sister Sharon Shutty-Wright, WMAQ TV Chicago NBC-5; Audrey Sommers, Catholic Television Network and a Livonia resident; and Joe Gagnon, Appliance Doctor columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* were among the models.

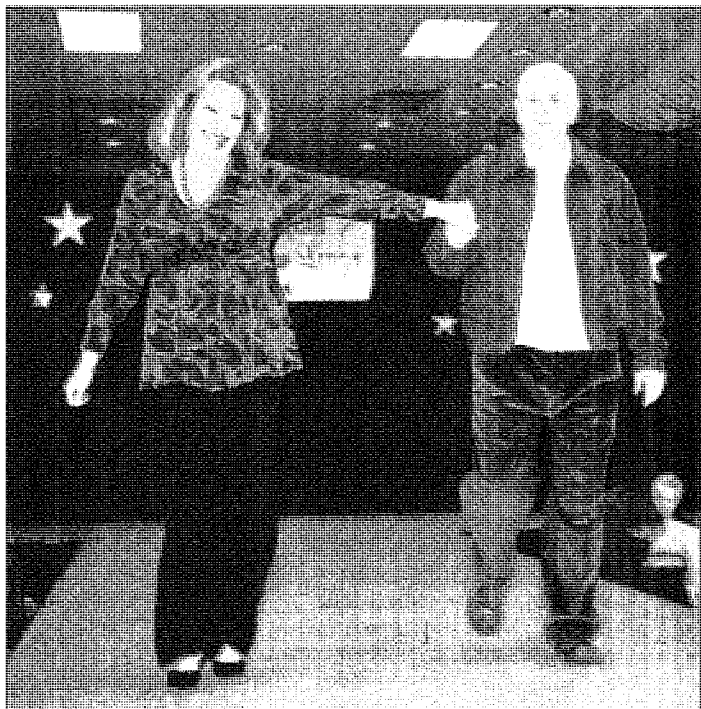
The 36th Fall Festival of Fashion also featured crowd-pleasers Doris Biscoe and Rich Fisher once again as hosts.

Cook, a speech and language pathologist at Burger, admitted to being nervous. She usually sits in the audience so she never fully understood the impact of the experience on student models.

Autism is a neurological



Allison Hollis, speech therapist, and Lynn Sossi, assistant director, at Burger School for Students with Autism, share a laugh during lunch.



Audrey Sommers from Catholic Television Network and Joe Gagnon, *Observer & Eccentric* columnist, walk the runway.

disorder that causes social, behavioral and communication challenges. Proceeds will go to purchase communication devices which give

nonverbal students and those with limited verbal skills the ability to tell a teacher when they need a drink of water or to go to the bathroom.



Sheila Sigro, Mrs. Michigan International 1993, (left) and Laura Welling Abney, Miss Michigan 1998, strut the catwalk at the Redford Suburban League Fashion Show Wednesday at Burton Manor in Livonia.

"It's a real challenge for Ian to try something different," said Cook. "This is a big thing with our students. The unknown is scary. He wanted to tell me it was the best day of his life. He liked the fact he was a model. It was exciting and fun. He said he learned trying something new can change your life forever."

Trinity's favorite part was getting dressed up.

"The first thing Trinity

wanted to do this morning when she walked into the classroom she wanted to show her teacher how she walked down the runway. How proud Trinity was of herself. This was a great experience for me. I was stretching my own comfort level. I was scared. If I'm scared just imagine these students. They did very well with everything and it helped them with their self esteem."

## OUR VIEWS

# Yes on 2 LPS tax proposals

Residents of Livonia school district, which includes a portion of northern Westland, will vote on two tax proposals Nov. 3. We encourage them to vote YES on both.

One is for operations — .63 mills for primary residences and 18.4568 mills for all other property, including businesses. The other is for the sinking fund — 1.12 mills for all property. The sinking fund is used mostly for building repairs. Both are renewals for five years each.

Some in the community say the school district is top-heavy with administrators and the board inappropriately approved the use of sinking fund money to build a soccer complex for use by a private company, among other criticisms. However, the operational millage generates about \$30 million a year, 20 percent of the district's general fund budget. That's about 350-400 teachers.

The current operational millage expires in 2010; the sinking fund millage expires this year. The sinking fund generates about \$6 million annually for maintaining the district's schools, which average 40 years old.

Some say the board may have followed the letter of the law, but not the intent, in approving \$1 million of its current sinking fund for developing the former Cooper School site into a soccer complex to be leased by a private company.

We supported the decision because it was a positive reuse of the property, a former landfill later found to be contaminated. We believe the school district is fortunate to have an interested lessee in this economy, especially given the property's history.

We don't think it makes sense to turn down the sinking fund proposal because of disagreement over the soccer complex decision. The district's buildings are worth \$500 million, and they need to be maintained. The longer needed repairs are put off, the more costly they will be to complete.

Critics say the district doesn't properly manage its resources and that's why they will vote against the two millage proposals. But unnecessary special elections and deferred building maintenance are also a waste of the district's resources.

## Vote Yes on charter issues

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, Westland voters will be asked to approve two charter amendments. The first would allow city candidates to pay \$100 in lieu of filing a nominating petition for an election. The second would change the city's filing deadline to 12 weeks prior to the election.

Neither one is an earth-shattering change to the city charter. They're more like housekeeping issues, changes that should be made to update the document.

Letting candidates pay \$100 instead of gathering signatures to get a spot on the ballot is a good idea. Currently, the City Charter requires candidates to file nominating petitions signed by a minimum/maximum number of registered voters. The minimum is 1 percent up to a maximum of 4 percent of the votes cast in the city at the last election for Secretary of State. With the amendment, they could gather the signatures or pay the filing fee.

We see no problem with the change. The filing fee in lieu of petitions is already available to candidates in school board elections. It makes filing easier for both the candidate and city clerk who must verify signatures. Something like this would have made it easier on candidates this year. An early filing deadline left them scrambling to gather the needed number of signatures - between 266 and 1,063 - to have their names appear on the ballot.

And that's what the second ballot addresses, the change in the deadline for filing petitions. Candidates this year lost five weeks for gathering signatures when it was discovered the city charter wasn't in agreement with state election law.

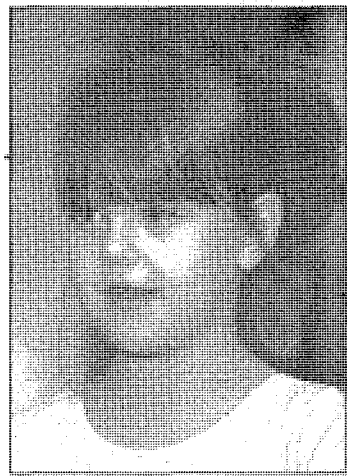
Currently the deadline for filing for elective office in the city is seven weeks before the primary election date. However, state law sets the deadline as the 12th Tuesday before the primary election. The amendment would bring the charter in line with that law.

We urge residents to take the time to vote YES on the two amendments. They are changes whose time has come.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What do you plan to be for Halloween?

We asked this question at Dance Express at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.



"I'm going to be Snow White."

Alyssa Roy  
Westland



"I'm going to be a devil."

Robin Groves  
Garden City



"I'm going to be a princess ... Cinderella."

Jill Patterson  
Garden City



"I'm going to be the Statue of Liberty, I have a squishy torch and crown."

Lucy Demers  
Garden City

## LETTERS

### Bryant is experienced

I agree with letters recently written about the importance of the upcoming election and voting. Everyone must vote, if they want to see their candidate elected. I am very disappointed to see that negative attacks toward candidates seems to be the focus. Our city does not need to run negative attacks to get your favorite candidate elected.

The negative information I've read about Mrs. Bryant is inaccurate to say the least. So, if you are not sure about what you are putting in print you should call and get the correct facts. I have seen Mrs. Bryant at many events in our city as far back as when her mother was on council. If I am not mistaken, for all the years that Judge Cicirelli was our mayor, the charter would not allow an appointment for Mrs. Bryant to our boards or commissions. So, give her credit for helping our city move forward without needing kudos along the way for participation.

As I have talked and researched the backgrounds of our candidates, I have learned that Mrs. Bryant has worked since she was 16 years old and has always excelled as a leader in her jobs, even at a young age. Mrs. Bryant taught at a Christian schools for eight years before receiving her degree. This meant that not only did she work while being a "homemaker," but she also finished her schooling while doing all this, and now is teaching right here in our backyards with Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

So not only does she have real life management experience but she also knows what it is like to work hard and stay dedicated to succeeding despite the odds against her.

I'm not sure why it is such a problem for some people that Mrs. Bryant is related to Sandra Cicirelli. Many modern women keep their maiden names. So many of our skills we learn from birth to adulthood come from our parents. Judge Cicirelli did a great job for our city and I am excited to know that much of that experience and dedication will still be around, if Mrs. Bryant is elected. She is endorsed by several retiring council members, so Mrs. Bryant will have great sources to turn to for appropriate advice, if necessary.

This gives me comfort in her abilities. I am not so comfortable about several of the other candidates, however.

Donna Osborn  
Westland

### Bryant is dedicated

I want to say up-front that I am Christine Cicirelli Bryant's neighbor and friends. We were neighbors before we were friends. I have read the unfair attacks in the letters to the editor.

Before Christine worked for the Wayne-Westland schools, she was a preschool teacher for seven years. She also taught upper elementary and middle school grades at a church school for one year. She has a lot of teaching experience.

Now that the only woman on the city council is retiring, we need another woman on council. Christine is a very hard worker. She worked part time, went to college and took care of her family all at the same time. She has a college degree and is a public school teacher. She has plenty of teaching experience.

Westland would be lucky to have such a dedicated and hard worker on its council. If elected, Christine Cicirelli Bryant would represent Westland families well.

Allison Hutton  
Westland

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### False advertising

I was stunned and extremely angry when I read my October issue of the Act cent Shopper Stopper Saturday Oct. 24. The last page had a full size ad for Meriem Kadi falsely stating: "The only candidate serving the community for over 10+ years."

Council candidate Ken Mehl has more community involvement than ALL the candidates!! Ken Mehl's Westland community involvement includes: Past member, Westland Dad's Club; Westland Youth Athletic Association; council member for 12 years, including six years as council president; Westland Planning Commission member for six years, including three years as chairman; Westland Festival Committee member for more than 30 years, 10 as chairman; chaired the committee that brought the Vietnam Moving Wall to Westland in 2006; chairman of the Westland Veterans Association; trustee of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Romanowski Post 6896, Westland.

I believe that adds up to well over "10+ years."

Another candidate not having as many years of Westland Community involvement as Ken Mehl still has more than Kadi's "10+" years.

Kadi's ad states in very small print that the ad was paid for by "Family and Friends of Meriem Kadi." Did she approve this before it went to print? Is she not reading what her committee is putting in print for the public? Is this what we can expect if she makes it on council?

Kadi is not the only candidate with falsehoods. Adam Hammons keeps touting his experience. The fact is he was an alternate for only a month and a half on the Zoning Board of Appeals. What experience is that?

I'm tired of the lies that some candidates say and put in print. What happened to just telling the truth.

Renee Wrybkowski  
Westland

### Vote yes for LPS tax requests

As former Livonia school board trustees with a combined service of 27 years, we were distressed by what we read in the *Observer* article about the upcoming millage proposals on the Nov. 3 ballot and by the discussion of the Cooper School property.

With regard to the Cooper School site, it has been considered a toxic wasteland for 18 years. When the current board voted to approve upgrading the site so it could be used for a soccer dome, it was necessary to do so by Sept. 30 to avoid losing a grant of approximately \$1 million from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to clean up this property. Those living near Cooper have

had to wait a long, long time for this problem to be corrected.

The more important issue is the renewal of the millages. If they are rejected, it would have a devastating effect on our schools and on our whole community.

Rejecting the operating millage would cost the district \$30 million, which represents 20 percent of LPS operating costs. It is equivalent to the salaries and expenses of almost 300 of the total 1,100 teachers we have in Livonia Public Schools. Severe layoffs and program cut-backs would be inevitable and our schools would be crippled. Our kids don't deserve this.

The Sinking Fund millage, if rejected, would cost an additional \$6 million. If these funds (which can only be used for repairs and renovation of buildings and sites) are not available, it would mean our facilities could deteriorate significantly. An emergency roof repair might then force dipping into operating funds, which could mean further layoffs of teachers and staff.

Gov. Granholm's line-item veto of the public school budget bill on Monday, Oct. 19, was the latest bombshell for our schools, making the situation even more dire. The *Detroit Free Press* on Oct. 20 wrote:

"Hardest hit by Granholm's veto would be the Livonia and Dearborn school districts, each losing \$4.9 million in state aid — on top of the \$165-per-pupil reduction affecting all Michigan districts approved by the Legislature earlier this month."

Renewing the Livonia Public School millages will NOT increase current tax rates. They are critically important for our community and our children. Please vote to renew these millages in the Nov. 3 election.

Pat Tancill  
Carol Strom  
former trustees  
Livonia Public Schools

### Vote no on millages

Disaster has become the common talking point during the debate over the sinking and operating mileages for LPS. In other words, vote yes or all is lost. I disagree.

There is a reason that Mr. Liepa scheduled the millage vote this early — because he knew people were angry enough at his waste to vote it down. So he gave himself enough time to go back to the voters two more times.

A no vote would send two powerful messages. First, rewrite the sinking fund request so that the money can only be spent on school buildings. No more \$1 million soccer domes.

Second, all district employees will need to make concessions (that means teachers, administrators and AFSCME), and we can no longer be a job fund for the friends and family of the administrators and board members. Do we really need 43 employees making \$100,000 in this economy?

The only way Mr. Liepa and the board of education members will give up on the intolerable waste in this district is if we withhold the money until they are forced to do so.

That is why I am asking you to join me in voting no on both millage requests.

Lloyd A. Romick  
Livonia

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# Motor City, motor style

## a2z Racer Gear appeals to car buffs and beyond

BY WENSZY VON BUSKIRK  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

To Patrick Parke, car-themed clothing seemed a natural fit for Detroit. That's why the Bloomfield Hills businessman brought a2z Racer Gear to town.

"The catchphrase I like to use is 'Motor City, motor style,'" Parke said.

Parke, of Bloomfield Hills, is the exclusive Michigan rep for a2z Racer Gear, a retro apparel line inspired by racing legends Steve McQueen and Carroll Shelby.

Parke discovered a2z Racer Gear three years ago while traveling through Napa Valley, when he complimented a stranger on his jacket.

It turned out the man was the coat's creator himself, Norm Silverman, a vintage car buff and long-time clothing manufacturer.

"We started talking and I said 'you need to bring this stuff to Detroit for the Dream Cruise,'" Parke explained. "He didn't know anything about the Cruise, he's a California guy, but he called me a month or two later."

Silverman developed a2z Racer Gear in 2004 along with internationally-known race car driver Tony Adamowicz, and the pair secured licensing rights to use Shelby and McQueen's endorsements on their clothing and accessories.

The company's signature item is a replica of the white racing jacket McQueen made famous in the 1971 movie *Le Mans*. Adamowicz, whose storied racing career included a third place finish in the 1971 24 Hours of Le Mans, appeared in the film.

a2z Racer Gear also has a full line of products celebrating Shelby,



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patrick Parke wears a2z Racer Gear's signature 'Le Mans' jacket, modeled after the racing coat Steve McQueen wore in the 1971 movie of the same name. \$350 in leather, \$125 in cotton.

a record-setting driver and influential automobile designer, known in part for his custom Ford Mustang Shelby Cobra.

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Offerings include a Team Shelby stadium jacket (\$200), tees and caps with the Shelby Cobra logo (\$20-\$30), hip suede driving shoes in brown, black, blue and red (\$99), and a luggage set designed to fit Shelby Mustangs.

The company recently introduced a line of trendy graphic tees by classic car artist Nicolas Hunziker. All the products have a vintage feel influenced by the early '70s.

Primarily for men, a2z Racer Gear is popular with car culture enthusiasts and McQueen fans, and rugged enough to be worn racing or working on cars.

But Parke confessed he's not a gear head himself.

"I'm a moderate car enthusiast. It's not my passion, I just like the look of this stuff," Parke said. "It's got a real style aspect to it."

### HIGH FASHION CROWD

Parke has sold the line at three Woodward Dream Cruises and two Autoramas. He also participated in Birmingham's Day on the Town where he ran into Joe Paris, a Troy-based clothing designer who appeared on last year's *Project Runway*. The chance meeting led to Parke sponsoring a booth at Paris' Fashion In Detroit event, staged earlier this month at the Detroit Zoo. The move, which targeted the high fashion crowd, was part of Parke's goal to broaden his customer base.

"If you just appeal to car enthusiasts then you've limited your market," he said. "I'd like to get it in front of a younger audience. It seems like a lot of kids and young adults have really taken to it."

a2z Racer Gear is available at Street Legal Customs in Royal Oak and Auto Europe in Birmingham, both on Woodward Ave., as well as through Patrick Parke's Lathrup Village office by appointment. You can also find it online at [www.a2zracergear.com](http://www.a2zracergear.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). For 10 percent off purchases, contact Parke at (248) 225-6007 or [patrickparke@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickparke@yahoo.com).

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### Parisian Beauty Bash

**LIVONIA** - Parisian Laurel Park Place hosts the makeover event of the season 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. Learn make-up secrets from professional artists for your freshest look this fall. Your \$20 reservation fee is credited toward your purchase and includes consultation and makeover with a professional make-up artist, deluxe samples, drawing for a gift basket, gifts with purchases and more. With a cosmetic purchase of \$125 or more, receive a free tote filled with goodies. Seating is limited. R.S.V.P. at (734) 953-7500.

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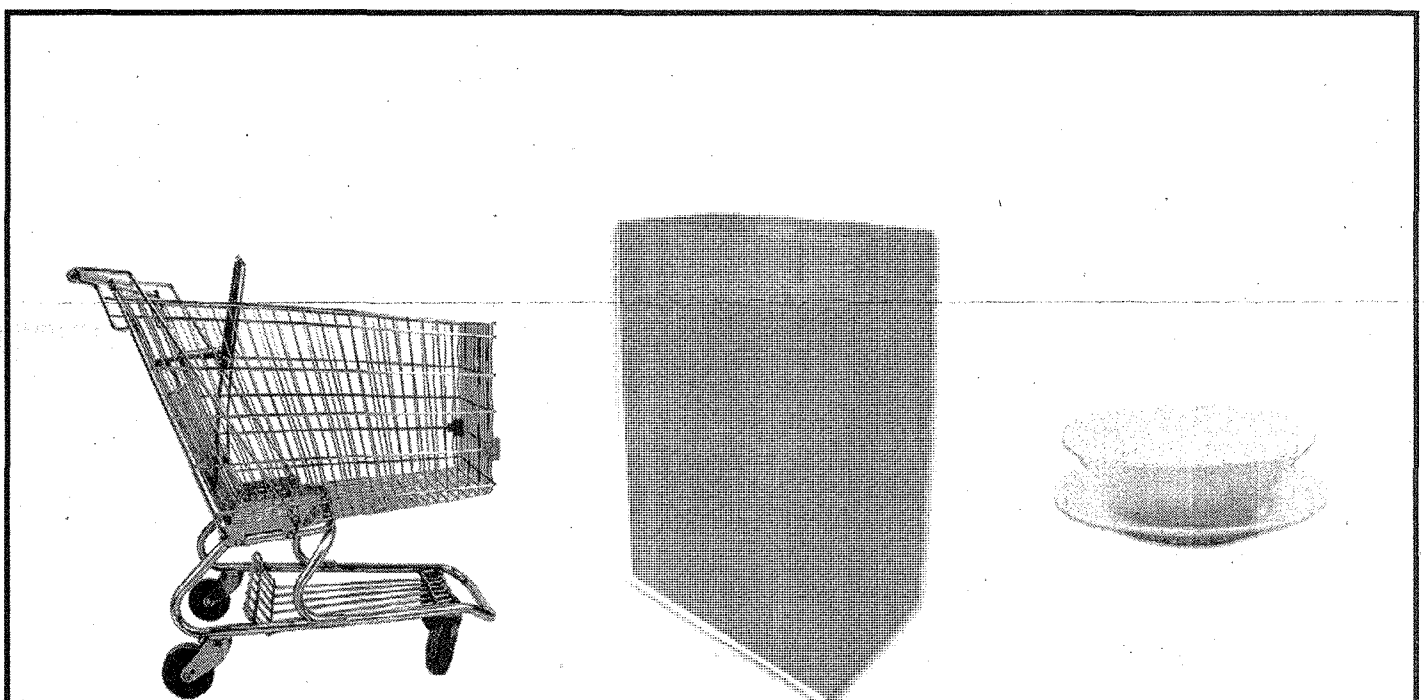
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Runners, walkers and bicyclists will get to enjoy the Wayne County Lightfest as part of the light show's opening events.

## Sign up now for annual Lightfest Fun Run/Walk

Time is running out to sign up for the 13th annual Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Runners and walkers will have an opportunity to travel the Lightfest display route on foot beginning at 7 p.m. Bicycling enthusiasts will have a chance to bike through the Lights at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Participants will be among the first to view the wonder-

ful displays, which include an enchanting Celebration of Lights arch, Cecil Magic Dragon, a large waving polar bear with cubs, an animated Old Glory, animated snowflake arches and more.

There will be post race food for both events, along with free long sleeve T-shirts and glow necklaces. Registration prior to October 31 is \$18. After that, the fee is \$20 in advance for adults and \$25 on race day. High school students and

younger pay \$12.

Both events will take place in the Hines Park-Merriman Hollow area at Merriman and Hines Drive in Westland. Registration forms are available online at [www.waynecountyparks.org](http://www.waynecountyparks.org) or can be picked up at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland or Total Runner store in Southgate.

For more information, call the Wayne County Parks events at (734) 261-1990.

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at [smaison@hometownlife.com](mailto:smaison@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

**Details:** 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.

**Contact:** [www.earthangelsontour.org](http://www.earthangelsontour.org) or by e-mail to [eangel1986@comcast.net](mailto:eangel1986@comcast.net)

#### TOPS 869 meetings

**Time/date:** Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**Location:** Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** The group is for people age 18 and older.

**Contact:** The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

#### American Legion Post 251

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

**Location:** 1217 Merriman Road, between Avondale and Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge

are welcome to join.

**Contact:** [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607

#### St. Dunstan craft show

**Time/date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

**Location:** St. Dunstan Church, 1515 Belton St., south of Ford, west of Inkster Road in Garden City

**Details:** 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.

**Contact:** Sheryll at [vendorshow@gmail.com](mailto:vendorshow@gmail.com)

#### Fish Dial-A-Ride

**Location:** Garden City, Livonia and Westland

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive.

**Contact:** Call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

#### Higher Rock Cafe

**Time/date:** 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

**Location:** Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live

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bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

**Contact:** [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660

### ORGANIZATIONS

#### Friends of Eloise

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)

**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

**Contact:** Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

#### Writing Group

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

**Location:** Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

**Details:** The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

**Contact:** [www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org) or send an e-mail to [shep@yaho.com](mailto:shep@yaho.com)

#### TOPS M128

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Mondays

**Location:** Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland

**Contact:** Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

#### Garden City Democratic Club

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June)

**Location:** Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

**Contact:** Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344

#### Citizens for Peace

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month

**Location:** Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

**Details:** The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

**Contact:** Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

#### In Harmony

**Time/date:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays

**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** For men interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting

**Contact:** call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal

#### Veteran's Haven

**Location:** Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.

**Details:** Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

**Contact:** (734) 728-0527

#### Silver Strings Dulcimer

**Time/date:** 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

**Details:** Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass.

**Contact:** (734) 482-2902, <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>

#### Garden City Kiwanis

**Time/date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

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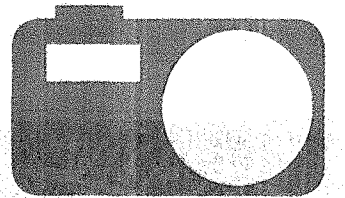


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## Churchill girls eye title test

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill will be making a return trip for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association volleyball championship.

That's because the state-ranked Chargers posted six straight victories Saturday, capped by a convincing 25-19, 25-10 win over Novi in the Kensington Conference finals hosted by Wayne Memorial.

Churchill, now 47-4 overall, will travel Thursday to face the Lakes Conference champion White Lake Lakeland, 29-11-3, in a rematch of last year's final. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

"We played well all day and had an exceptional match against Novi," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier, whose team is the defending KLAA champion. "The kids really competed and I'm really proud of them."

In pool play, Churchill downed Livonia Stevenson (25-15, 25-15), Westland John Glenn (25-22, 25-8) and South Lyon East (25-7, 25-6).

The Chargers then eliminated John Glenn in the quarterfinals, 25-17, 25-12, and Stevenson again in the semifinals, 25-17, 25-12.

Junior setter Cory Urbats was the catalyst with 136 total assist-to-kills on the day, while Taylor Kerr paced the defense with 74 digs and added six ace serves.

Other contributions came from Sarah Suppelsa (70 kills, 13 digs); Cierra Yettes (44 kills, eight digs); and Darcy DeRoo (15 kills, 13 digs, nine assists).

Kara and Nicole Kempinski, along with Kristi Walter, combined for a total of 85 digs and 11 aces.

"Those three played three defense and did a lot of the dirty work," Grenier said.

### Stevenson goes 3-3

Livonia Stevenson, splitting a total of six matches,

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem players celebrate as Churchill's Tim Devine (15) comes to the realization that the game and season are over as the Rocks upended the state's top-ranked team in Division 1 for their first loss, 3-2.

## 'Say it ain't so'

### Salem spoils top-ranked Chargers' dream season, 3-2

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Urging his players to be on target with their passing, Salem boys soccer coach Ed McCarthy shouted, "Get it and connect," early in Saturday's Division 1 district final against top-ranked Livonia Churchill.

His message also connected because, within seconds, his team had done the unthinkable — twice — with back-to-back goals in 36 seconds to shock the undefeated Chargers and spark the Rocks to a 3-2 victory at Northville.

When one last-second header in front of Salem senior goalkeeper Sasa Miskovic drifted over the top of the goal, the Rocks flew out onto the pitch to leap into each others arms.

Nearly were several Churchill players prone on their backs, with their hands on their heads in disbelief.

The win enabled the Rocks (15-4-4) to repeat as district champions and earn a spot in Wednesday's regional semifinal at Livonia Stevenson.

"This was a very crazy game, lots of emotion," McCarthy said. "I've never seen a district final that had this many goals and had two penalty shots called in it. It was an exciting game."

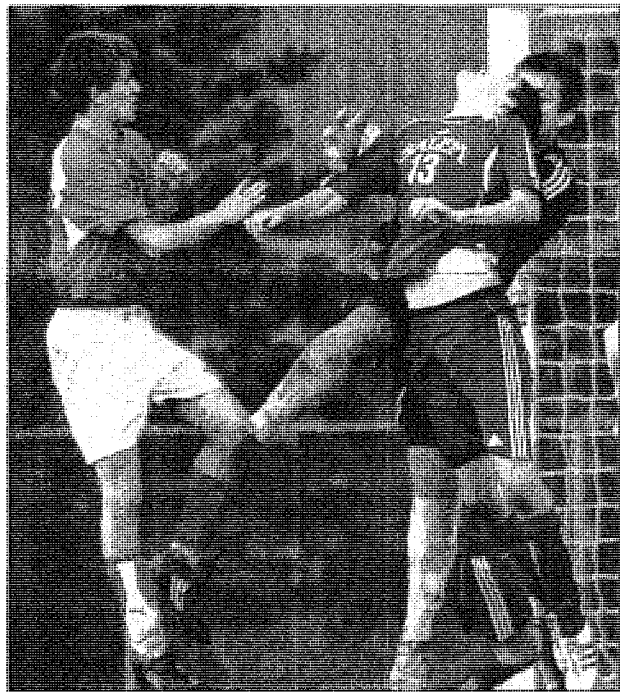
Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said a recent trend of starting slowly in contests finally caught up to the team (19-1-1).

"The last two weeks, we've been really struggling the first 10 minutes," he said. "We gave up six goals all year, and in the last three or four games we should have given up a goal in the first 10 minutes."

"Today, same story, but Salem's a good enough team where they capitalized on their chances."

The wild first half ended with

Please see **CHARGERS, B2**



Churchill defender Jacob Kobylarz (left) collides with Salem's Alex Tramel (14) as the ball (partially hidden) gets past Chargers' goalkeeper Bryan Bartig in Saturday's Division 1 district final.

## Glenn faces talented Jungaleers

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland John Glenn's first trip to the football state playoffs since 2004 will have a slightly different twist due to a surprising draw.

Despite an 8-1 regular-season record, the Rockets will be going on the road for their Division 1, Region 4, District 1 first-round opener.

Making their 17th playoff appearance in school history, Glenn will take on a formidable 8-1 Detroit Southeastern team beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday at Detroit Renaissance.

The winner will face either Dearborn Fordson (9-0) or Detroit Cass Tech (5-3) in the district final. If Fordson wins, Glenn will be on the road again. Meanwhile, another 9-0 team

(Sterling Heights Stevenson) is lurking in the third round.

"I was a little bit surprised," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said of his first-round matchup. "Originally I thought we'd end up where (Livonia) Franklin was (Region 2, District 2), or they'd be where we were."

"You never know. You see all the different possibilities, but we really didn't stress what would happen."

Southeastern is coming a season-ending 19-13 win over Birmingham Brother Rice after forfeiting a victory in Week 8 when it was discovered the Jungaleers used an ineligible player, costing them a spot in the Detroit Public School League championship game.

Please see **GLENN, B2**



JOHN HEIDER | GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Westland John Glenn senior running back Jeremy Langford has 2,020 yards rushing in just eight games entering the playoffs.

## Underdog Pats await stingy CC

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At least on paper, it looks like a colossal mismatch.

Undefeated Novi-Detroit Catholic Central enters Saturday's Division 1, Region 2, District 2 first-round playoff

**FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS**  
game ag-  
ainst  
5-4 Livonia Franklin with five shutouts.

The Shamrocks, who captured the Catholic League title last Saturday against Orchard Lake St. Mary, 7-0, boast a vaunted defense that has allowed a meager total of 23 points.

And CC coach Tom Mach knows how to win state championships.

In 34 years, he has led his Shamrocks to 10 titles, including three in a row in 2001-03.

"One game at a time," Mach told the *Novi News*. "We can't look past Franklin. They're in the playoffs. That means they're a serious threat."

Franklin coach Chris

Please see **PATS, B2**

## Solid offensive line jells for Spartans

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Unheralded and unsung, the key to Livonia Stevenson's seven-game winning streak has been the maturation of its offensive line.

The 7-2 Spartans enter Friday's Division 1, Region 2, District 2 first-round football state playoff game against an all-too familiar opponent — 6-3

Northville.

The Mustangs earned a postseason spot with a 23-14 victory last Friday in the regular season finale over Walled Lake Northern.

On Sept. 25, Stevenson blanked the Mustangs, 31-0, in a KLAA Central Division game.

Ironically, the last time the Mustangs toppled the Spartans was 2004, which just happens to be the last time the

Mustangs made a playoff appearance.

"It looks like they tweaked some things, but a lot of the personnel is similar for both teams," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "Offensively, they'll run a multiple formation out of the 'I' and work into a spread team from that."

"Defensively, they'll use a 3-3-5 (alignment), which is the modern odd-man

Please see **SPARTANS, B2**

## SIDELINES

### MU spikers upset

Despite 19 kills from Mary McGinnis and 18 from Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week Liz Dempsey, the Madonna University volleyball team suffered a blow to its WHAC title hopes Tuesday night as visiting Aquinas College earned a 3-2 victory.

Mollie Lounds and Chelsea Phillips each had 20 kills as Aquinas rallied for a 23-25, 18-25, 25-22, 25-22, 15-11 win over the 20th-ranked Crusaders.

MU, which falls to 30-5 overall and 11-2 in the WHAC, also got 14 kills from Karie Altman and 62 assists from Inta Grinvalds.

Amanda Koszela had a team-high 18 digs, while Megan Fricke added 10.

Indiana Tech (23-8, 12-2) now has a two-game lead on MU in the conference standings.

### Westland bowler first

Brianne Schmansky of Westland captured the girls division title of the Metro Detroit USBC Association Junior Masters held Sunday at Country Lanes in Farmington.

Schmansky downed defending champion Aleksandra Hudak of Taylor, 257-206, to avenge a loss to Hudak in last year's event.

She also defeated Kristen Marcis in a roll-off, 203-190, for the top seed after leading the qualifying with 1,100.

Schmansky earned a \$200 scholarship for her efforts.

In the boys division, Livonia's Daniel Jordan reached the stepladder finals, narrowly beating Nicholas Cooper of Davisburg, 203-202, before losing to eventual runner-up Matthew Papis of Sterling Heights, 214-204. Jordan earned a \$150 scholarship.

### Collegiate notes

• Grand Valley State junior Megan Macerati (Livonia Churchill) earned runner-up individual honors as she helped the Lakers to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference women's cross country championship Saturday hosted by Saginaw Valley State.

Macerati averaged 5:47 per mile in posting a 4-kilometer time of 21:33.1 as Grand Valley took five of the first six places en route to the title.

Team runner-up Ferris State (67 points) got a first-place finish from junior Tina Muir, who was clocked in 21:20.2.

Grand Valley also captured the men's title with 21 points, followed by Saginaw Valley and Hillsdale College with 53 and 90, respectively.

Hillsdale senior Timothy Howse (Churchill) took 15th overall in 25:35.1 in the 8-kilometer race.

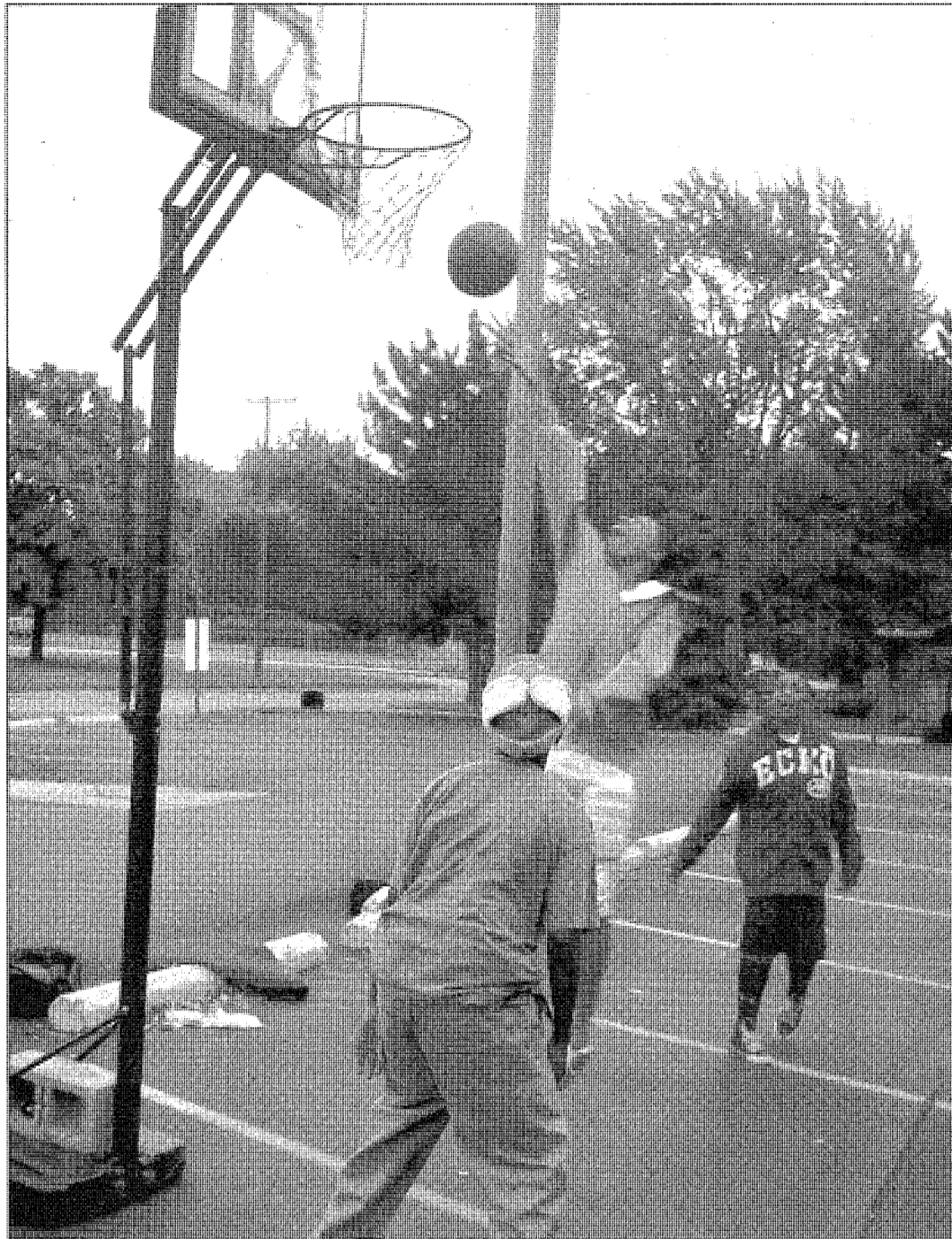
• Despite 102 yards rushing and two touchdowns from Pat Clagdens (Stevenson), the Olivet College football team fell to 0-8 overall and 0-4 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with a 42-23 setback Saturday at Alma College.







# Basketball brings neighborhood kids closer to church



Teens and youngsters play basketball in the parking lot at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Redford.

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A group of friends in Redford with nowhere to play basketball learned a lot about the Bible and the sermon didn't come in church.

Redford's Aldersgate United Methodist Church Rev. Jeff Nelson sent what he considers God's message by putting up a basketball hoop in the church parking lot on Beech Daly between Plymouth and West Chicago.

"The Methodist church as a whole is in a decline in membership and wondering why people are no longer interested in what we are doing and I think we haven't shown an interest in what the people in the neighborhoods are doing," Rev. Nelson says. "It doesn't take much to say, 'What can we do to be in service with you.' It's a cool thing for a predominantly white church in a changing neighborhood. We want to be a neighborhood church whether they want to worship here or not."

The boys who wanted to play basketball often had to find a ride to the State Fair Grounds on Eight Mile and a long way from home. The hoop at the church means, "we have somewhere to play basketball in our community," explains Mike Grissett, 18.

"I really thank them for doing it," Grissett says.

Nelson says he's already seen the "fruit" of giving some 25 kids a place to play b-ball and shoot hoops.

"It's making our church a better place, by offering hospitality and it gives the boys an opportunity to be leaders in the neighborhood," Rev. Nelson says.

Grissett has lived in the church neighborhood for 10 years and played on a basketball league until he was too old to be eligible. The guys took the game to a home that abuts the church, but, every time a car passed, the game stopped.

## REACHING OUT

Rev. Nelson, who became a pastor at the church in July, invited the kids to roll the hoop into the church parking lot.

"The church is in a neighborhood with a lot of families with a lot of kids who are just kind of hanging around with not a lot of places to go and not a lot of things to do," Rev. Nelson says.

"The congregation has wondered how we can reach out to these kids. There's a lot of concern that young people aren't coming to church and if they are in the parking lot we are trying to connect with them outside our door.

"It's given me a great opportunity to say, 'My name is Pastor Jeff,' find out their names and ask them their story. Early on it was hard to make that relationship with the kids. They were more interested in playing basketball."

## SETTING RULES

The relationship hasn't been all easy sailing, though.

One recent Monday morning, Rev. Nelson came to the church and saw that the basketball hoop was broken and laying on the ground. He decided the boys had to take responsibility for the hoop and the area. That meant the trash had to be picked up. So, he took away the hoop and put up a sign that said, "No more basketball until you talk to the pastor Jeff."

Six boys were waiting at his house at the end of the day asking what they needed to do to get the basketball hoop back.

Rev. Nelson wanted a meeting and the boys needed to elect a president and five members to be on a basketball association. Grissett agreed to the top job and the boys came up with rules that would govern the space.

"They are the exact same rules I would have had, but they're their rules," Rev. Nelson says. "They are good young men. That's for sure."

Grissett says everybody follows the rules. "If they didn't respect it and trashed the place we wouldn't have nowhere to play basketball," Grissett says.

The boys asked if they could represent the church among area church basketball teams. A basketball tournament is being planned and there is talk about raising money for permanent hoops.

"Now we are starting to get this really great relationship and that this church and this pastor really care about them and want to provide a safe environment for them to do the kinds of things they enjoy," Rev. Nelson says. "This basketball hoop has given us entrance to these kinds of conversations. I have a feeling that the day is coming where the basketball players and skateboarders find their way inside the church."

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# FILTER



A possessed chicken has its hands full with Lloyd Kaufman, who made "Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead."

## 'Poultrygeist' is an amazing chicken dinner

BY GREG KOWALSKI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

"Of course," they all say. "I saw it long ago."

"No," I say. "Not *Poltergeist*... *Poultrygeist*."

"Oh."

Oh, indeed. As we ponder the upcoming Halloween holiday and what to watch that is appropriate to the season, the bold may consider spending 103 minutes with *Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead*, a magnificent bit of trash from the great Lloyd Kaufman, the man responsible for such masterworks as *The Toxic Avenger* and *The Class of Nuke 'Em High*.

But *Poultrygeist: Night of the Chicken Dead* probably owes more of its origins to a non-Kaufman film - *Monsturd* - which cannot be discussed in any manner in a family newspaper.

*Poultrygeist*, however, stands on its own as a truly vile, despicable, utterly gross film. It may in fact be the grossest film ever made, at least to this point in history.

It certainly is the sickest movie ever made about possessed chickens. And if

that isn't enough to convince you to run out immediately and rent *Poultrygeist*, I can't imagine what would.

There is a plot, of sorts: Young idiot Arbie returns to the Tomahawk Indian tribe burial ground to reminisce on the site of his first romantic encounter and discovers that the place has been bulldozed over and is now the home of an American Chicken Bunker restaurant, part of a fast food chain that combines fried chicken with military hardware.

To make matters worse, Arbie's old girlfriend is now a liberal (gasp!) political activist protesting this soulless example of capitalism.

Stand aside Michael Moore

In terms of plot, that's about all you need to know. Mostly this is a setup for people to become possessed with evil spirits, including the ubiquitous chickens and parts thereof. Blood is shed by the gallons. Hundreds of gallons. And that's in the most tastefully done scenes.

Vast amounts of other bodily fluids are spewed across the scene. There's even an amazing sequence involving Jerod (You know, the dweeb from the Subway commercials) who leaves the bathroom stall literally half the size he was when

he entered it. And we get to see in loving detail how he sheds half his girth.

Have you seen the cooking shows where the cook uses a "grill cam" positioned inside the cooking grill? Well, *Poultrygeist* features a "toilet-cam."

There are also some wonderfully awful song and dance numbers.

And just so all of your senses are offended, much of the cast is made up of racial stereotypes, including a burka-wearing Moslem named Humus, a Latino character named Paco Bell and an idiot black manager named Denny. (Consider the names. There actually is some biting subtle satire here if you look closely enough. But you won't be able to look closely at anything in this blood, gore and bodily by-product yuckfest.)

Kaufman, who is a true Hollywood rebel, even has a role. He also hosts a great bit about the movie's premier at an empty theater. (Who wants to see this?)

Naturally, you might want to view this after the pizza and Halloween candy have been consumed for you certainly aren't going to eat anything while this movie is running.

And you may never eat another chicken again.

## Swap meet offers everything for the motorcyclist

Steve Broyles of Stevenson's Cycle in Wayne, will exhibit his award-winning GL Special motorcycle at the Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet, Sunday, Nov. 1, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

The bike was crowned "The Canadian Cup Champion for 2009" at the North American International Motorcycle Super Show and it was the 9th Place World Championship Show Winner at Sturgis 2008. Broyles and his son "Steve II" also will show two other bikes made by Stevenson Cycle: Deuce's Wild which has a reverse flowed hand-crafted motor with a glass-sided oil tank and a production bike called Black and Chrome.

They're among the Detroit-area bike dealers, custom bike builders, painters and parts vendors who will be on hand at the show, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the exhibition hall, located on Grand River Ave., west of Novi Road in Novi.

Giant Motorcycle Swap Meets offer "everything for rider or machine." When riding season ends bikers begin the process of replacing worn, damaged or obsolete chrome, paint, seats, parts, tires and apparel. Men and women who love to ride motorcycles will find what they need at "swap meet prices."

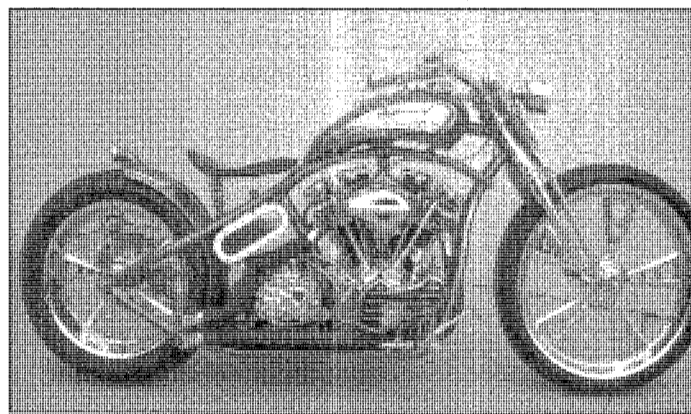
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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Co-owner Mo Elfakir has a smile for all who walk through the door of Biggby's Coffee on Ford Road in Westland.

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

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## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Halloween at the Mall

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31

**Location:** Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Join Radio Disney AM 190 in celebrating Halloween and trick or treat through the mall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a costume parade 2-2:20 p.m., followed by a costume fashion show at 2:20 p.m. From 3 to 4 p.m., there will be games and chances to win prizes. Enter to win a Nintendo Wii and a Disney HSM 3 Sing It! game. The event is sponsored by Co-Op Credit Union Services and Rock Star Savers.  
**Contact:** Call (734) 421-0291 for more information.

#### Hunting Widows Party

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21

**Location:** World of Fitness Dance Studios, Warren/Venoy Plaza, 32669 Warren, Suite 6, Garden City

**Details:** Cost is \$10 or wear camouflage and bring a case of water and a dish to pass. There will be fun, music, refreshments, pole play, Zumba, networking and more.

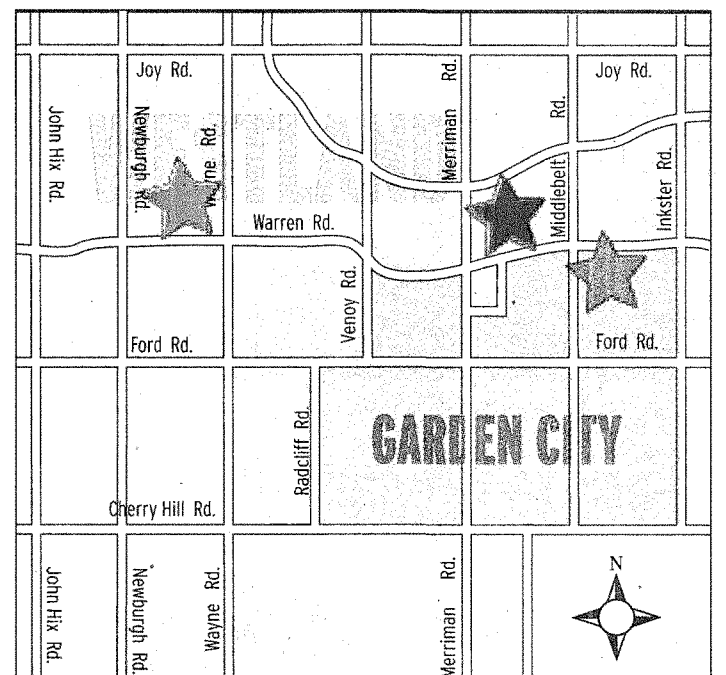
**Contact:** (734) 306-0909 or www.poledancefactory.com

#### Sunday Brunch

**Time/Date:** Served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, east of Warren Road, Westland.

**Details:** Choose from Hawthorne's vast breakfast and dinner menus. Cost is \$8.95 for adults and \$5.95 children under age 12. Children age 3 and under, free.  
**Contact:** (734) 422-3440



#### Swap Meet

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1

**Location:** The Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grad River, Novi

**Details:** Three very cool motorcycles will be featured at the Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet. The first bike is the award winning GL Special, crowned "The Canadian Cup Champion for 2009" at the North American International Motorcycle Super Show. The second bike is Deuce's Wild which has a reverse flowed hand crafted motor with a glass sided oil tank and the third one is a production bike called Black and Chrome. All Three were designed and built by Steve Broyles of Stevenson's Cycle in Wayne. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12. Parking is \$5.

**Contact:** For more in the show, go online to www.motorcycleswap.com. Information about Stevenson's Cycle is available at www.stevensoncycle.com.

#### Holiday Farmers/Gift Market

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday,

Nov. 7 and Thursday, Nov. 14

**Location:** Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Garden City

**Details:** Hosted by Garden City Schools, Garden City Chamber of Commerce and Garden City Maplewood Community Center, Parks and Recreation, the

Hometown Holiday Farmers/Gift Market will feature Crafts, baked goods, plants, jewelry and much more. Admission is free.

**Contact:** Garden City Chamber at (734) 422-4448

#### Bakery tours

**Details:** Teachers, parents or troop leaders who is looking for a fun and educational event for a group of children, make your reservations today for a field trip at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland. The cost is \$7 per child which includes a tour, demonstrations, hands-on cake decorating and free goodies.

**Location:** Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne, Westland.  
**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 261-3680 or (888) 715-4479.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Helping out

The Westland Fire Department recently had the opportunity to train on some test vehicles donated by the Ford Motor Company.

Over the years, the department has been given plenty of opportunity to practice extrication on old vehicles prior to them going to the crusher. However, with the rapidly changing technology in airbags and structural metals, there is nothing like working on a new vehicle.

According to fire officials Ford's donation of test vehicles let firefighters use the equipment and build their skills on the next generation of vehicles. Westland Car Care also helped by providing a pickup and delivery and pickup service.

### DFCU stimulus package

DFCU Financial, Michigan's largest credit union, has declared its fourth consecutive Special Patronage

Dividend of almost \$19 million dollars. Since 2006, DFCU Financial has given to members more than \$70

million.

"The reason we are able to issue the dividend is because DFCU Financial is well-capitalized, high performing and consistently one of the most successful credit unions in the entire nation," said Mark Shobe, president and CEO of DFCU Financial. "We're gratified to be such a financially sound credit union because it enables us to give back to members during these economically stressful times. We often refer to the special dividend as our own economic stimulus package because it has helped so many of our members."

The dividend is calculated based upon the member's total relationship with DFCU Financial - the greater the relationship, the larger the dividend. Qualifying members will receive a 0.5 percent dividend on their average loan and deposit balances, with each eligible member receiving at least \$50. This includes all savings accounts and loan balances. People can visit [paystobelong.com](http://paystobelong.com) to estimate how much they would receive, if they moved

all their accounts over to DFCU Financial.

"With unemployment in our state at 15.3 percent, people need all the help they can get," Shobe said. "The special dividend is our way of giving back to members who have chosen DFCU Financial as their primary financial institution."

DFCU Financial, headquartered in Dearborn, is Michigan's largest credit union with \$2.5 billion in assets. For four consecutive years, DFCU Financial has issued the largest dividend in the history of credit unions of more than \$70 million. The credit union continually reinvests in its membership with new branches, a no-interest, no-payment Career Transition Program and financial literacy education for all ages.

DFCU Financial currently operates 12 full-service branches in metro Detroit area, including one at Merriman and Warren Road in Garden City. To join, call (888) 336-2700 or visit [www.dfcufinancial.com](http://www.dfcufinancial.com).

## CHAMBER CHAT

### WESTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

November will be a busy month for the Westland Chamber which has three events planned for members.

First up is the November luncheon. Mark your calendar. This luncheon will be Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Wayne-Westland Community Schools William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Chef Tony and his culinary students will be preparing lunch for members. If you have never eating lunch there then you are really missing out. It will be a great treat. Plan to be there at 11:30 a.m. The cost for lunch is \$15 per person. Space is limited, so RSVP quickly by calling (734) 326-7222.

Next is the Coffee Connection at Panera Bread. Chamber members will be meeting at Panera Bread 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 8-9 a.m.

If you have not attended one of our Coffee Connections then you are missing out. A Coffee Connection is an informal gathering of chamber Members over coffee. No need to RSVP, no need to sign in when you get there. Just bring plenty of business cards and a couple of bucks for breakfast. It's a great way to meet other busy business owners and still get some work done.

And finally, there's the monthly After-Hours at Buffalo Wild Wings 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18. Come

and network. After Hours is a great way to meet and get to know your fellow business people. Times are tough for everyone, so find your way to Buffalo Wild Wings (on Wayne Road just north of Hunter) and do yourself a favor - unwind from the day and still get some work done. It is a great way to get new leads on customers.

Even better Buffalo Wild Wings will be having Power Hour starting at 8 p.m. which mean \$1 on selected bottles of beer.

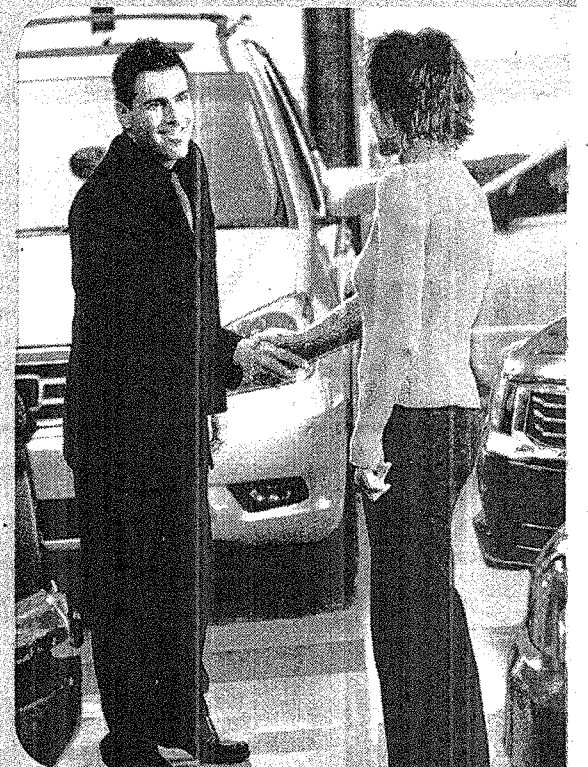
For more information, call the chamber office at (734) 326-7222.

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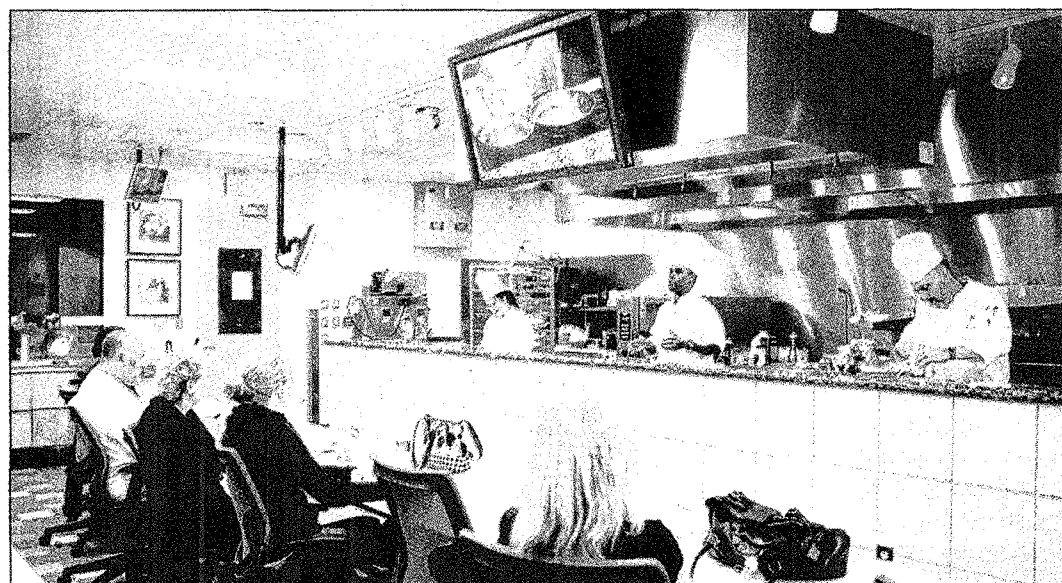


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# FOOD & WINE



Students watch chefs prepare foods in a cooking class at Schoolcraft College.

## Learn to prepare dazzling holiday dinners

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

The oven is hot in most homes from Halloween to New Year's Day and serving the same old recipes can get boring not only for the family chef, but everyone else, too.

Taking classes on how to prepare holiday treats and meals is one remedy.

Area food specialty stores and community colleges offer a variety of holiday food preparation classes.

"The response is overwhelming and we are always refreshing them to keep up with the demand," said Lauren Murphy, Schoolcraft promotions coordinator of continuing education and professional development.

The continuing education culinary classes at Schoolcraft have increased over the last eight years and last year there were 1,800 students.

To register for a Schoolcraft call (734) 462-4448 or visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd)

Here's a sampling of classes available.

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

#### Fabulous Holiday Party Plan

Learn to prepare holiday dishes including platters, hot foods, appetizers and sophisticated sweets. Sample every recipe demonstrated. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7; cost \$99, seniors pay \$79.20.

#### Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner



A student decorates holiday cookies in a cooking class at Schoolcraft College.

Learn various ways to roast a fresh turkey and prepare gravy using poultry stock and pan drippings, seasoned stuffing, autumn vegetables and pumpkin pie using fresh pumpkins. 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17; cost \$105, seniors pay \$84.

**Cookie Exchange: Hands-on**  
Bake holiday cookies in Schoolcraft's kitchens. You'll receive prepped dough — enough to bake and decorate eight dozen cookies — and recipes from around the world. Bring an apron, rolling pin and knife. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5; cost \$39, seniors pay \$11.20.

**Make a Yule Log**  
Learn Yule log history and lore, and then in groups, make two kinds of Yule log cakes. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12; cost \$19, seniors pay \$9.20.

### JOE'S PRODUCE IN LIVONIA

#### New Holiday Cooking Trends

Hands-on holiday meal cooking instruction. Learn to make table settings and understand wine pairing. 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15. \$30 fee includes recipes, instructions and food. Call (248) 477-4333 to register.

### HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

#### Easy Holiday Entertaining for Beginners

Cookbook author Leonard Charla focuses on appetizers and canapes, roast turkey breast, make-ahead salads, and easy oven dishes. Gain realistic, practical tips and recipes while you prepare and eat in this class designed for novices. Instructor's cookbook (optional) available for \$11 in class. Bring an apron. 6:30-9 p.m., Nov. 3, Nov. 10 (two sessions), Dearborn Heights Center, D143; cost \$72.

#### Thanksgiving Sides

Executive Chef Peter Veach of the University of Michigan will demonstrate Thanksgiving side dishes and ways to prepare ahead of time. 6-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4, Dearborn Heights Center, D143; cost \$48.

#### Meat and Sweet Holiday Treats

Make and take home a tray of goodies including a Mini 'Snow' Covered Cream Puff Tree, Cheery Cherry Chocolate Mice, and more. Call or visit the Maps & Supplies link at [www.hfccc.edu](http://www.hfccc.edu) for complete list of maps and supplies. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19; cost \$39.

#### Old Time Polish Sweets

Babka, a traditional Polish dessert, Angel Wings and yeast bread are all part of this class with Marilyn Szymanski-Suter. Bring an apron and dress in layers because the kitchen gets warm. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5; cost \$57. Call Henry Ford Community College at (877) 855-5252 or register online at [www.hfccc.edu/CL2](http://www.hfccc.edu/CL2)

## It's pasties time again at Livonia church

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OSE STAFF WRITER



Members of Newburg United Methodist Church will be knee-deep in rutabagas and potatoes next month. "We use 200 pounds of rutabagas and 200 pounds of potatoes and about 100 pounds of onions," said Randy Kovach, who's leading a pasty-making crew at the Livonia church. "We use 240 pounds of hamburger. We have a pretty commercial kitchen at the church. We'll make 1,000 pasties over two days."

And they'll sell them — all of them — Thursday-Friday, Nov. 12-13. Pick-up times are 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 12 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 13, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Orders will be taken 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 2-3 by phone only at (734) 422-0149. Each Cornish-style pasty is \$4.

"It really is an outreach program to introduce more members of the community to the church. And with the time of the year and the way the economy is, it's one way we can help people and also help the church, so everyone benefits," said Kovach, explaining that the fund-raiser will

benefit a scholarship program and other activities and missions at the church.

Kovach said the church is bringing the baking tradition back after a brief hiatus. He agreed to organize the effort after moving back to Michigan from New Jersey, where he owned a cafe.

"I've been cooking a long time. I took the (pastes) recipe and tried it myself. The Cornish pasties are more traditional — with the rutabagas — versus the ones with carrots. The Canadians make them that way, too."

A crew of about 30 church members will chop, mix shortening-style dough, and fill baking pans over the two-day work session.

"Each one weighs about a pound. When you put them together they're about 9 inches. We make a mixture of brown and beef gravy to put on top of it," he noted.

Kovach said some customers buy several pasties to take along on hunting trips next month. They'll freeze them and simply will reheat them when they're ready to eat.

And some likely will buy a new batch of the meat and vegetable pies when the church repeats the effort in January 2010.

### CITY BITES

**Livonia** — Scott Wallace from National Wine and Spirits will present affordable, high quality port and dessert wines at a tasting, 7-9 p.m., today, Thursday, Oct. 29, at WineStyles, 17386 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Cost is \$15 per person and \$10 for the store's Wine Club members. (734) 464-9600.

The store's TGIF wine event is 5-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30; \$12 flight of wine or wine by the glass. Gourmet cheese and cracker menu available. Buy \$50 or more in wine or accessories during the evening and receive a flight or glass of wine for \$1.

### MEALS WITH MISSION

**Plymouth** — Buy corn and smoked whitefish fritters through Nov. 15 from the prepared foods case at any Hiller's Market and you'll help feed the needy. All proceeds from the sale of the dish, created for Lisa Diggs, founder of the Livonia-based Buy Michigan Now campaign, will benefit Cleaners Food Bank.

The sale of the prepared food is part of Hiller's "Good Deeds in the Making" cam-

paign, which combines food named for a local celebrity or prominent resident, and a charity of their choice.

"It gives me great pleasure to work with inspiring individuals and worthy organizations," stated Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets. "The true measure of success is finding ways to give to others and using one's business as a platform to convey meaning and raise awareness. I hope shoppers will make a special effort to support these great people and great causes."

Also on the menu through Nov. 15 is tuna pasta salad, a favorite personal recipe of local fitness and philanthropy leader Danialle Karmanos. Proceeds will benefit Danialle Karmanos Work It Out, an effort to teach kids the importance of lifelong fitness and nutrition.

Hiller's is located at 15455 Haggerty, Plymouth; 425 N. Center Street, in Northville; 6433 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; as well as Commerce Township, Berkley, Ann Arbor and Union Lake.

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