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IN BRIEF

Holiday closings
City offices will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday. Emergency services will not be affected.
There will be no trash collection Monday due to the holiday. The regular collection schedule will be delayed one day for the entire week.
Labor Day is also the last day to enjoy the Bailey Pool for the 2010 season. Open swimming is noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. The cost is \$4 for kids, \$5 for nonresidents, and \$5 for adults and \$6 for nonresidents.
The Westland City Council meeting also will be moved to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, because of the holiday closings.

Blood drive
The Westland Rotary Club and the Westland Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36551 Ford. All donors will be entered to win two Cedar Point tickets. For more information and to sign up, call Mary McGaw at (734) 748-8515.

Best cupcakes
Westland is looking for bakers - adult and junior level - for the first annual Westland's Best Cupcakes competition. The event for the whole family and supports a charity that involves the entire community - the Central City Park Restoration Plan.
Westland's Best Cupcakes will be part of the third annual Noodles n' Neighbors fund-raiser slated for Friday, Oct. 1, at the Westland senior Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. There event will feature a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. Tickets cost \$10 each. All guests will be enjoying the cupcakes and voting along with the judges for their favorite.
Cupcakes will be judged in four categories: Junior Level ages 12-17, Adult Level Taste and Flavor, Adult Level Design and Presentation and Fan Favorite. The theme of the cupcakes will be fall, and each contestant must bring 36 cupcakes, six of which will have to be decorated at the event.
Bakers must preregister by Sept. 28. For more information, contact Mary Denning at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe at (734) 261-3680.

Garage Sale
Are you looking for that special treasure?
Stop by the Westland Community Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, where almost 100 garage sales will be held all in one place - in the parking lot between Westland City Hall and the Westland Police Station on Ford south of Wayne Road.
Community Garage Sale spots are available for \$20-\$25. See the cashier at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36551 Ford, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily to make a reservation.
Proceeds benefit Central City Park, the Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Westland Therapeutic Recreation Program.

All W-W schools get passing grade from state

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER
When it comes to report cards, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools gets a passing grade.
So says the state's annual Education YES! School Report Card.
"We're very happy with the improvements we made across the board," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "This is the first time in some time that all of our schools made Adequate Yearly

Progress."
The report cards were released recently for elementary, middle, and high schools, along with the annual report on each school's Adequate Yearly Progress, as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. And in Wayne-Westland, all of its 17 elementaries, four middle and two high schools received passing grades.
Nine of the district's elementary schools - Schweitzer, Hamilton, Elliott, Madison, P.D. Graham, Patchin,

Edison, Vandenburg and Walker-Winter - scored A on the state's report card, while a grade of B was handed out to John Glenn High School, Adams, Marshall and Stevenson Middle Schools and Hicks, Hoover, Jefferson-Barns, Kettering, Lincoln, Roosevelt-McGrath and Taft-Galloway Elementaries. Only two schools received a letter grade of C - Wayne Memorial High School and Franklin Middle School.
This is the third consecutive year that more schools made AYP overall,

with 86 percent of the state's schools receiving passing grades. To make AYP, a school must test 95 percent of its students in total and in each required student subgroup defined by the federal law. The school must attain the target achievement goal in English language arts and mathematics, or reduce the percentage of students in the non-proficient category of achievement by 10 percent ("safe harbor").
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Free movie night draws crowd to central city



The George Brothers entertain the crowd with classic rock at the End of Summer free movie night. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER
David and Josephina Runski had a spot front and center for the outdoor movie in Bailey Recreation Center parking lot Tuesday evening - they came early.
"We went to McDonald's first so that we would be early," said Josephina Runski, whose 9-year-old granddaughter was playing nearby.
"It's nice with the breeze - it was so hot today. I thought there would be more people," said David Runski.
The End of Summer Movie free family movie night - the feature was *Alvin and the Chipmunks: the Squeakquel* - began at 6 p.m. with classic rock by the George Brothers. There were bounce houses provided by Bobby's Bouncers and free popcorn courtesy of Mayor William Wild.
Since the movie wasn't scheduled to start until 8:30 p.m., many people didn't start arriving until later to avoid some of the excessive heat.
Westland resident Beth Oldenburg was among those
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Family dispute reportedly ends in murder, suicide

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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An ongoing problem within the family apparently was the cause of the shooting that left a Westland couple dead early Monday morning.
"It's a wider family dispute that caused the rift in this particular case. What the dispute was and why it led to this, I can't say," said Westland police Sgt. Kevin Wojcik.

Ermira Dashi, 50, died at the hospital several hours after being shot by her husband, Lutfi Dashi, 59, who was found dead at the scene, suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, police said.
Police were called to the residence in the 29000 block of Manchester Street, north of Ann Arbor Trail and east of Middlebelt, about 1:30 a.m.
"There had been an argument earlier in the day and it appeared to have

ended when they went to bed," said Wojcik. "Then their sons heard gunshots."
The couple had a bedroom in the basement of their residence at the London Townhouses while their sons, 25 and 20, had bedrooms upstairs. Shot four times, Ermira Dashi was breathing but not responsive when officers arrived.
"We have had no contacts with the family whatsoever. You can certainly

have a domestic dispute without calling the police," said Wojcik. "No one in the family saw this coming. From the looks of it, it was something that festered and went to the extreme. The sons are being tight-lipped about it and want to keep it in the family. It's pretty traumatic to lose both your parents at one time."
A handgun used in the shooting was unregistered, Wojcik said.
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Warrant sought for owner of dogs involved in attack

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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The second of two pit bulls that attacked a Westland woman Sunday will be destroyed and a warrant is being submitted seeking charges against the owner.
"They are holding the dog at the Michigan Humane Society in quarantine for 10 days (watching for signs of rabies), then it will be destroyed. They will test it for rabies then anyway," said Westland police Sgt.

Thad Nelson. "Neither dog was licensed or up to date on shots, according to the owner."
The victim, 39, is out of the hospital and recuperating from injuries to her upper left arm sustained when the dogs attacked her on Dorsey at Oceana about 9:20 p.m. The woman received approximately 52 stitches to repair injuries caused by the dogs, one of whom was shot by police just after the attack.
"I'm submitting a warrant request. The owner will either

be charged or issued citations," said Nelson.
The woman told police she walked past the home on Oceana where the dogs were staying and heard growling and barking. She quickly walked away but the pit bulls, both females, followed.
"The dogs came after her and knocked her down, they bounced her on the pavement right in the middle of Dorsey," said Nelson.
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Theatrical classes

Inspire Theatre is launching its newest venture, the Inspire School of Theater Arts, this fall. Classes are for children ages 7-16 and run for 10 weeks beginning Saturday, Sept. 18. They conclude with a Christmas production, Charlie Brown's Christmas. Topics of study include stage directions, finding your voice, understanding how to act and working with others. Class size is limited to 25 students.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library will hold a used book sale Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-19, at the library at 6123 Central City Parkway,

north of Ford.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Regular prices on Friday will be \$1 for hardcover books, DVDs and CDs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, 25 cents for small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records and 10 cents for magazines. Green reusable Friends bags also will be available for \$2.

On Saturday, there will be a \$6 per bag sale. Go Green and bring your own brown paper grocery bag or comparable sized reusable bag. On Sunday, it will \$4 per bag.

A preview sale will be held for Friends members 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16. Join the group and get an early bird look at the bargains to be had. Interested people can become a Friend at the preview sale.

Money raised help fund programs for all ages at the library.

Register for classes

Wanna dance? Studio K is now enrolling children for

its pre-ballet, ballet, tap, and jazz/hip hop classes. For adults, try bellydancing, Bollywood or round dance classes.

Registration is now open for these classes and many others, including fitness, at the Bailey Recreation Center. Call (734) 722-7620 for registration information or for a complete list of classes, visit the website at www.cityofwestland.com/park-srecreation/y-class.html.

Modern Americana

The Westland Historic Village Park is hosting Modern Americana, a celebration of American Folks Arts in the Modern Era, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. The activities will include spinning and weaving, candle dipping, porcupine quilling, rug hooking, historic children's games and corn husk dolls.

Westland Historical Commissioner Jeff Koslowski will present a special lecture on cottage industries.

The Westland Historic

Village Park is at 857 N. Wayne Road, south of Marquette. For more information, call (734) 326-1110.

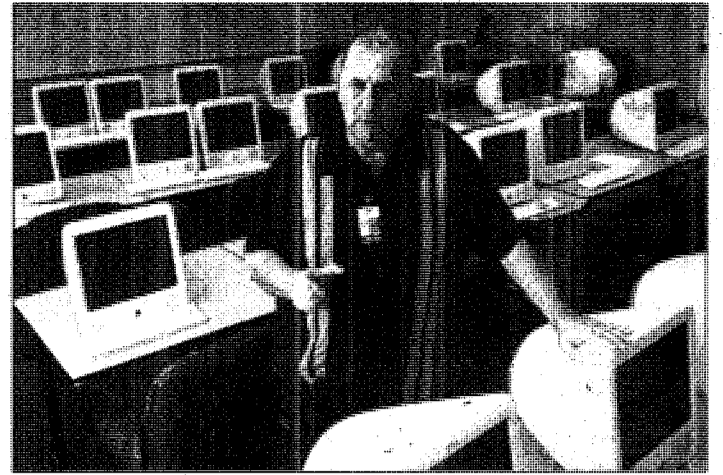
Festival

The Westland Veterans Association will hold a Memorial Garden Fest 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Bova VFW Post, 6640 Hix, west of Warren Road, Westland.

The event will feature live music, cash bar, grilled food and a 50/50 drawing. The cost is \$5 per person. Profits will be used to build a Veterans Memorial Garden in Westland.

Farmers market

The Westland Farmers Market is open for business 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through October. The market is held in the parking lot of the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 N. Warren Road at Wayne Road. The market features seasonal produce, flowers and other items.



Coordinator Jack Pelon stands in the computer lab that will be used for the school district's new Garden City Interactive Virtual Education program.

G.I.V.E. 'village' helps all students learn

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Alternative education is taking a giant step into the 21st century with the start of a one-of-its-kind virtual high school program being offered by the Garden City Public Schools.

Called G.I.V.E. (Garden City Interactive Virtual Education), the high school program provides students struggling in a traditional classroom-based setting the opportunity to earn high school credits using a computer.

"We offer any high school class that the state requires," said program coordinator Jack Pelon. "It's state aligned and state approved."

Registration has begun for the 90 slots that are available for the 2010-11 school year. Students will take four online courses, two during one of three four-hour classroom sessions and two classes from home. The school-based classes will be offered in the morning, afternoon and early evening Monday through Thursday at the former Henry Ruff Elementary School in Garden City. Each session will have 30 students and will be led by two certified teachers whose main job will be to help students, but also serve as a mentor.

While at school, students will work in the G.I.V.E. computer lab. The district will provide students with netbooks (mini notebooks) that they will use to access their online course from home. Teachers will be able to go online and monitor their work on a daily basis. They will be able to see if students log in after school hours, how many sections were completed and what their scores were.

"No one is able to slip through the cracks, they're monitored," said Pelon. "The teachers can assist the students in all areas of their lives, it doesn't just have to be academics."

Pelon added that students will take a pretest for all courses and the computer will automatically "take them where they need to be." The program is student-paced. Those who finish work early can start on the next set of classes.

The program is for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors and is available to students throughout Wayne County. Students who have or have had a relationship with Garden City High School or the alternative Cambridge High School are barred from enrolling unless they have approval from the district's administrative offices.

Garden City has been providing alternative education for the Livonia Public Schools

after taking over the program four years ago and maintains a cooperative alternative education agreement with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

G.I.V.E. students can earn up to eight academic credits a year and get a ninth credit in half credit increments, if they work 18 hours a week for a minimum of 16 weeks. All major tests will be done on site and G.I.V.E. students will be required to take the Michigan Merit Exam and ACT test to graduate.

"It's a perfect blend of instruction for the alternative situation," said Pelon. "What I like is that it releases the teachers from day-to-day lesson planning so they can work one-on-one with the students. The lessons, the quizzes and tests are all there."

G.I.V.E. students can earn up to 24 credits, and while the program is student-paced, no one in the program can graduate before their regular class is scheduled, Pelon said. The G.I.V.E. school year will start on Sept. 20 and end May 25. There will be four 30-day marking periods.

"Most of the kids will be in alternative education," said Pelon. "This allows them to work longer in the summer and get out sooner in the spring to get into the workforce before other high school students."

G.I.V.E. also has home school and expulsion pieces which allow students to take classes from home with parental support. The district will provide the K-12 program, which costs \$5,500, free of charge. The program includes support books, manuals and experiments. The district, which also will provide an online mentor, will get to count the student for purposes of state school aid and receive the difference between the cost of the program and the per pupil aid payment, approximately \$2,000.

"For the expelled student, they're not allowed to be in a school building for one year, this allows them to take 12 courses from home for regular credit," Pelon added.

Parents can enroll their students in G.I.V.E. between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Henry Ruff Elementary, located on Henry Ruff at Maplewood or by appointment. Once the 90 slots are filled, students will be placed on a waiting list.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment call (734) 762-8470.

"The parent or guardian has to be involved," said Pelon. "We want the village to get involved here."

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MOVIE

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arriving early accompanied by her two children, ages 7 and 5, and sister-in law Jessica Oldenburg of Garden City, who brought her 1-year old.

"We came to the kick-off summer event that mayor had. We had a good time. We're looking forward to the movie," said Beth Oldenburg. "My daughter and I have seen it but my son hasn't."

"She was going, so I figured my daughter would like to come. She loves Alvin and the Chipmunks," said Jessica Oldenburg.

Meeting Spongebob Squarepants was what his

granddaughter was most excited about, David Runski said. She loves the H2O Zone located nearby in Tattan Park.

"We had our family reunion there with 75 people. It was really nice," said Josephina Runski.

Promotion of the movie night was sponsored by the Westland Downtown Development Authority, which was organized by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

"One of the DDA's goals is to host a big event in the district that will draw attention to the businesses and draw people to the area," said Westland Economic Development Director Lori Podale.

"Maybe people went to Texas Roadhouse (just across Ford)



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Five-year-old Griphen Smith blows bubbles while waiting for the show to start at the End of the Summer Free Family Movie Night.

for dinner before the event. It gives great exposure to businesses like that."

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Makenzie Cox, 5, and Logan Reynolds, 4, dance to the music of the George Brothers Band while waiting for the movie to start.

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A school also must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for high schools and attendance rate for elementary and middle schools.

According to Baracy, there were "some appeals" and some issues with the special education subgroups that the district pursued and won.

"That certainly helped us," he said. "We monitor the data closely and make sure there isn't errors in the state data or in the reporting. Appeals are not unusual."

Paul Salah, senior executive director of instruction, pointed to programs like Marshall Middle School's Power Lunch and the Bright Futures after-school programs at Lincoln, Jefferson-Barns, Adams and Wayne Memorial in helping raise the scores.

Both programs have been

recognized as Michigan's Best Award winners for 2010 by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

"Both are heavily student-focused, they help students reach their potential in a different setting," said Salah. "The Power Lunch is specifically targeted intervention based on the MEAP. Everything we do is research-based. We have to justify with the numbers what we literally say we're going to do."

Baracy lauded the efforts of

the schools' administrators, staff and parents in helping Wayne-Westland achieve adequate yearly progress and acknowledged that the district needs to continue making progress.

"A district this large has its challenges," he said. "And one of the challenges the district, the schools and community face is keeping the momentum of educational excellence moving forward."

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WARRANT

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A witness heard the woman screaming and alerted a neighbor who intervened, scaring away one of the dogs. "The other dog dragged the lady from the street into the ditch," said Nelson. "The neighbor couldn't get the dog off her."

The neighbor got a laundry basket and tried to place it over the remaining dog which then released the woman.

That second dog, which the owner told police was only five months old, ran to an area of Oceana and Dorsey where there is a couch and other debris and remained there when police arrived.

"The officers started taking care of the victim — the neighbor was applying pressure on the her arm," Nelson said. "The officers were directed to the dog. It began to be aggressive with the officer and one of the officers was told to destroy the animal."

The second dog, described as an adult, wasn't located until the following day, hiding under a vehicle parked at a home on Newaygo, the next street to the west. A neighbor

who knew the dog was able to coax it out and sat petting it, Nelson said, adding the dog went along with officers into the patrol car and into the Michigan Humane Society.

The dog owner told police that the dogs were secured when he left home and he didn't know how they got outside. Nelson said the neighbor who intervened told police that about 10 minutes before the attack he had seen the dogs outside the fenced yard and got them back inside.

Police had not received any calls about the pit bulls causing a problem or being loose in the neighborhood, Nelson said, although one dog had recently been brought to the Oceana home from southwest Detroit.

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Service corps paints mural as way of saying thank you

BY SUE MASON
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When fifth-sixth-graders walk through the doors of Farmington Elementary School on the first day of school, they'll be greeted by a Big Cat Roar mural, a thank you gift from the Plymouth YMCA and Girls on the Run.

Teens involved in the Y's Summer of Service program were at the school this month to paint a mural that they designed to fit in with the school's new Big Cat ROAR theme.

"Rose McCurry did a great job getting all five elementaries involved in the Girls on the Run event, she did a fantastic job and was so passionate," said team leader Heather Jones of Canton. "We wanted to give back to her and to the community. We asked if they wanted a mural and here we are."

McCurry, coordinator of the district's Discovery Center, got 70 girls from the district's five elementaries and raised money to provide scholarships for 20 of them to participate in the noncompetitive 5K run held in Plymouth on Father's Day. The Garden City girls who ran with their buddies were among the largest contingent in the run.

The high school students — from John Glenn in Westland, Plymouth, Salem and Canton in Canton, Northville and Henry Ford Academy — designed the more than six-foot long mural and then used "oops" paint from Lowe's and Home Depot and what they brought from home to paint it.

The teens are involved in the Y's Youth Volunteer Corps which has done a lot of work at food banks and Habitat for Humanity. During the summer, it becomes Summer of Service with each week having a different theme. The mural was done during art week. The kids sign up for the weeks they want and get credit for service hours.

"It looks good on a resume," said Tori Randolph of Plymouth. "My mom says it looks good on a college application."

"We like them to be a good person, that's what we aim for," said Danielle Foley of Redford.

The mural is in contrast to others painted by retired teacher Anne Tobias and Carol Manore. Some of their artwork is geared to younger grades.



Asha Wright-Ford, an 11th-grader at John Glenn High School, got introduced to mural painting helping her best friends Gabrielle Burgess-Smith do her bedroom.



Gabrielle Burgess-Smith of Belleville, a student at the Henry Ford Academy, uses blue paint to help create gray to transition from the sky to outer space.

The Summer of Service mural is meant for older students. It features a tree with roots that flow along the bottom and blend into a sidewalk that leads to outer space.

"We did it in sections," said Foley. "A couple of the kids did the trees, some drew space, others projected the ROAR letters on the wall. They learn to work together with this."

"I'm an artist, it's something I like to do," said Gabrielle Burgess-Smith of Belleville, who was mixing blue and black to create a gray as the blue sky faded into black. "I've done something like this in my bedroom before. This is really fun, but you have to have the right brushes."

"I helped her with her room, she did her whole room," said Asha Wright-Ford of Canton, a junior at John Glenn High

School. "I did a future book. I was the author and she was the illustrator. We're best friends."

Thirteen teens worked on the mural, that featured the Big Cat ROAR — Respect Others, Act Responsibly — in the center.

Donnie Seyfried from Salem High contributed the space idea, but worked on the grass where it lifted up into the sidewalk. He's somewhat of a veteran of Summer of Service, having done a week last month and some time a few years ago.

"I like the people I meet," he said. "The leaders help give us direction so we understand what we need to do."

Like Seyfried, Emma Boylan has worked with the group in the past. A senior at Northville High School, she did two weeks last year and one this year.

"I don't have more time available," she said. "I like art, so I decided to do art week."

Rosie Dutfield, also from Northville High, did the Summer of Service last year. She enjoyed it so much, her mother signed her up to do two weeks this year. "She knows I like to paint," she said. "I'm having fun, but the best part is meeting new people."

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Seminar aims to educate about veterans' benefits

Educating veteran advocates — and the estimated 400,000 veterans in metro Detroit — about benefits available from the Department of Veterans Affairs is the focus of a two-day seminar sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation (CCF) with the support of the Holbrook Charitable Trust.

The conference is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21 and 22 at Laurel Manor and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

The first day of the conference will be devoted to the training of professionals who work for veterans, including attorneys, County Service Officers, Veteran Service Officers and independent veteran advocates. The cost is \$125.

The second day, which is free of charge, will focus on Wayne County veterans, their families and the host of benefits available through the Veterans Administration.

Those benefits and programs include health care, disability benefits, social services, housing, and burial.

As of 2009, the VA reported approximately 23.1 million living U.S. veterans, 8 percent of whom are women. But at an estimated 36 million, there are even more surviving spouses and dependent children of living and deceased veterans, who may be eligible for certain benefits.

In Wayne County, the VA spends an estimated \$400 million each year on veterans. Of that total, \$191 million is spent on medical care and \$154 million on compensation and pension payments, according to the VA.

"I have seen the confusion among veterans and their families about what benefits are available to them," said Jim Fausone, CCF board member and program chairman.

Legal advocates and attorneys will also have the opportunity to earn continuing

education credits with participation in the conference. In Wayne County, 46 attorneys and 103 VSOs are accredited by the VA. Continuing education is required to maintain accreditation. Similar educational programs are not available currently in the metro area, Fausone said.

"This conference is an opportunity for everybody who is a veteran stakeholder to gather," said Fausone, a partner with Fausone Bohn. "It's a chance to build relationships and contacts so veterans can be referred to the best resource."

Pre-registration is required for professionals, and veterans and their families. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served both days of the conference. First-day registration for attorneys and other professionals is \$125. Registration for veterans is free.

Registration may be completed online at www.cantonfoundation.org or by calling the CCF at (734) 495-1200.

Sewer work may cause delays on Michigan Avenue

Work rehabilitating manholes in or near Michigan Avenue in Westland, part of a Wayne County project, will be getting underway within the next two weeks bringing possible traffic delays.

The work consists of repairs to the county's sanitary sewer interceptors along Michigan Avenue, including the rehabilitation of manholes that are in the road right-of-way or very close to it.

Because of the proximity of

the work to the road right-of-way, temporary lane closures will be required. The work will continue along Michigan Avenue starting in Dearborn and working towards the City of Wayne, for approximately the next six-eight weeks.

The continuing work is associated with Wayne County's Short Term Corrective Action Plan (STCAP) for the Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System. The project is mandated under

the Final Order of Abatement issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment for correction of sanitary sewer overflows from the wastewater system.

The work is being done by Inland Waters Pollution Control and their subcontractors. The latest information of the STCAP project is available on the Wayne County website at www.waynecounty.com/3340.htm.

County begins resurfacing Hines Drive

Major traffic disruptions are expected due to a resurfacing project along Hines Drive in Westland.

A Wayne County spokesperson said 40 working days are scheduled for the project

between Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman. Work began on Aug. 23.

The work will include milling the existing pavement which will then be resurfaced with asphalt and

adjustments to the drainage structure.

The work shouldn't be too disruptive to traffic, the spokesperson said, since the contractor is required to keep lanes open.

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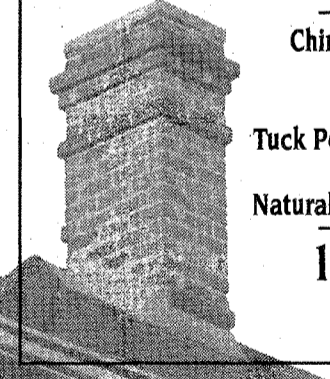
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Gunmen take teen's money, cell phone

Robbery
 A 15-year-old Westland resident told police Aug. 26 that he was walking on Glenwood near Caseville at about 10:15 p.m. when two males ran up to him. One man had a black semiautomatic hand gun in his hand, the youth said, while the second man was holding his hand under his shirt as if holding a gun.

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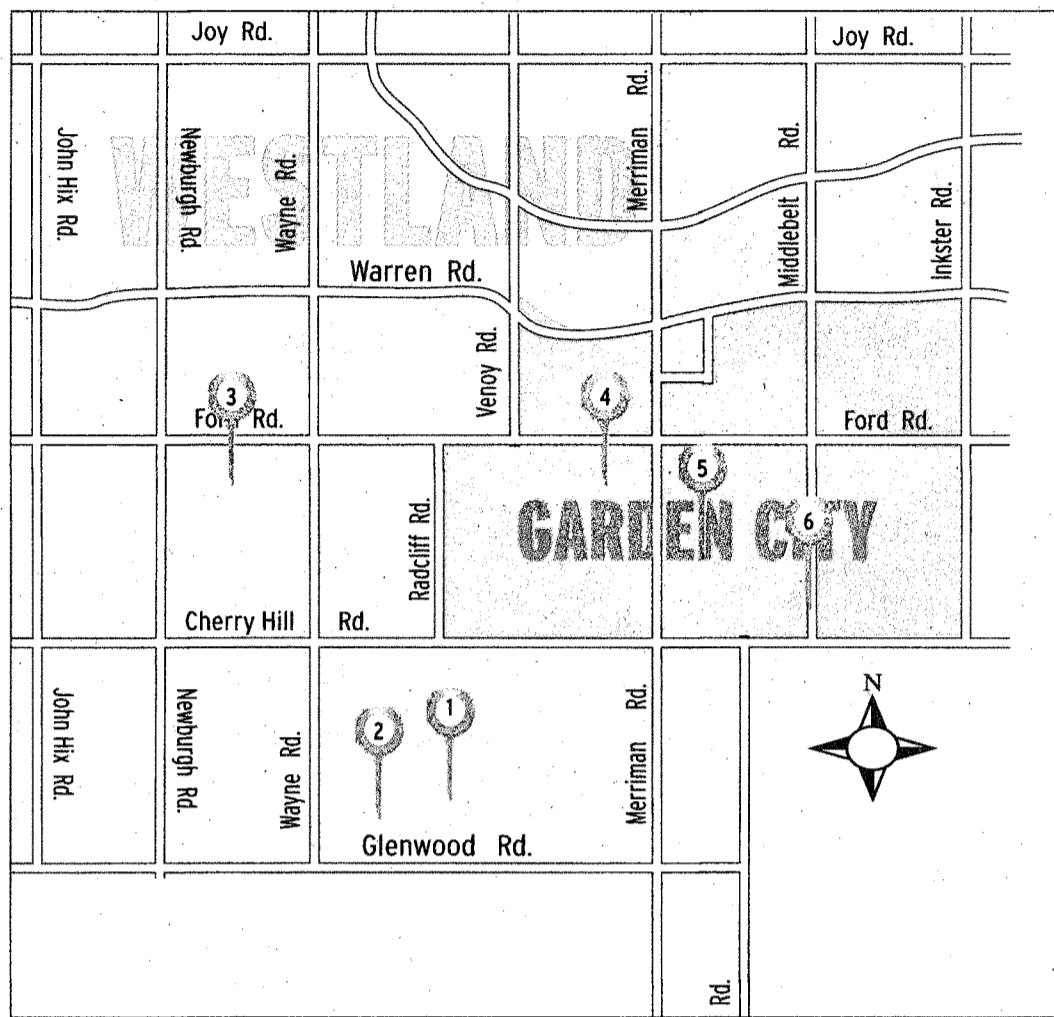
The man who had the gun yelled for him to give up all his stuff and pointed the gun at him, the youth said. The teen turned over his money — \$60 in cash — a cell phone, watch and necklace valued at \$360. He said the pair then ran away behind a nearby doughnut shop.

Escaped prisoner

On Aug. 26, a Westland man decided not to stick around after being sentenced to 30 days in jail at 18th District Court, 36675 Ford. After the man, 19, was sentenced, he was being escorted by a court officer to the court holding cells. The court officer told police that he was in the jury room with the man when he stopped to unlock a door. At that point, the court officer said the prisoner ran back through the courtroom, into the hallway and out of the courthouse.

Pursued by court security, the man ran east from the court past Central City Park and into the subdivision further east. Spotting an officer, the man changed direction and was later seen running south into the Abbey condominium development.

An officer said he began



walked to the development fence to watch the perimeter when he observed the suspect between houses on Berry. The officer said he knelt behind some brush so that the suspect would get closer. The suspect was talking on the cell phone when he spotted the officer and began to lay on the ground.

The officer said as the man got on the ground and was ordered to put his hands behind his back, he appeared to be reaching for something in his pocket. After refusing to

comply, the officer said he used chemical spray.

The man is serving his sentence in Isabella County and is also facing a felony escape charge.

Assault

Police were called to a home in the 34000 block of Channing Court Aug. 25 after a Westland man reported being assaulted by a Livonia woman, the mother of his girlfriend.

The man said a second man, who dates another daughter of

the woman, had argued with the woman the previous night at a different location.

Apparently still angry over the earlier argument, the woman picked up a large stick and began beating the second man. The resident said he tried to stop the assault when the woman turned on him. The woman hit him several times with the stick, splitting the tip of his finger. Once police were called, the resident said the woman fled.

—By LeAnne Rogers

Woman's car damaged in road rage incident

Road rage
 A 34-year-old Garden City woman reported a road rage incident which resulted in some damage to her car when she was in the area of Donnelly and Merriman which is also a construction zone.

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She said that when an unknown male driver who was behind her started yelling and cursing her, she gave him a hand gesture in return. When she turned onto Donnelly, she realized that he was following her. The man pulled up in front of her and prevented her from going further. She said that he threw an object at her car, causing scratches.

When he got out of his car, she panicked and called the police. Realizing that she couldn't return to her home, she drove over several lawns until she made it to the police station to make a report. She managed to take down the man's license plate which was registered to a 30-year-old Westland man.

When police went to the man's home, he wasn't there.

Graffiti

A 36-year-old Livonia resident who moved out of a home in the 650 block of Brandt about a month ago reported Aug. 26 that graffiti was written on the exterior of the house. He said that someone also wrote graffiti on a refrigerator which was inside of the garage which he kept unlocked.

He told police that he believes that juveniles congregate in a nearby vacant lot.

Previous to this incident, a resident who lives in the 30640 block of Pardo reported that

someone spray painted similar graffiti on his garage wall which backs up to Ford.

Marijuana possession

When the police stopped a 23-year-old Westland man driving a 1999 Ford about 2:30 a.m. Aug. 26 in the area of Middlebelt and Cherry Hill, they learned that he was not only drunk, he also had marijuana in his possession in the middle console of his car.

The man was arrested after he registered .125 on a Breathalyzer test which is over the legal limit for alcohol consumption. The man said that he had two beers at the Post Bar in Novi that night.

Stolen car

Someone stole an unlocked 1993 Chrysler which was parked in the 6400 block of Sunset Drive sometime before noon Aug. 30.

Theft

A mother in the 29500 block of Windsor reported a laptop stolen from her house while she was out of town Aug. 28-29.

She said that while she was gone, her 16-year-old son hosted a party and he believes that it might have been stolen by one of the attendees. The Dell computer was valued at \$600.

After a couple allowed their son's friend to stay at their house in the 2220 block of Gilman for three weeks, they noticed that a large amount of jewelry was stolen Aug. 25.

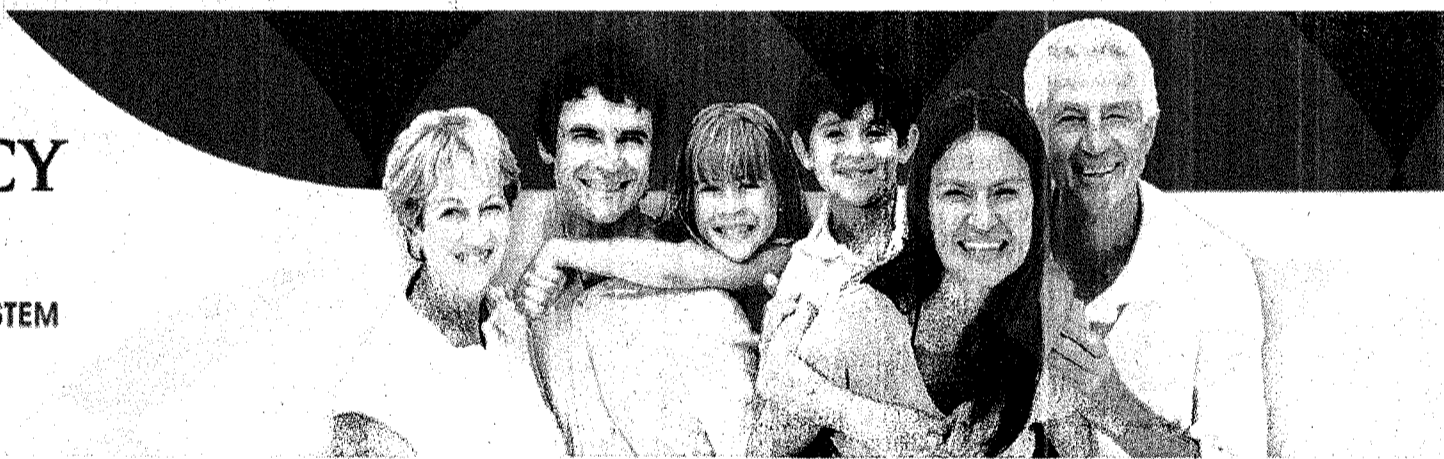
The 22-year-old Garden City man was arrested after he pawned the almost \$3,000 in assorted jewelry at Garden City Exchange.

Their son told police that his friend has a drug habit.
 —By Sue Buck



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- Inflatable Bouncers
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- Livonia Fire truck, Police, Huron Valley & Concord Ambulance and Midwest Medflight Helicopter on site
- Civil Air Patrol Unit: Livonia Thunderbolt Squadron
- Kids' Crafts

Entertainment

- Music by the Sunset Boulevard Band
- Road Runner demonstration trailer
- Meet Dora the Explorer!
- Detroit Tigers Mascot PAWS
- Magic Shows at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fibromyalgia support

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9

Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Dr. Luis Torregrossa, a rheumatologist, will speak on the latest medications for fibromyalgia at the Metro Fibromyalgia Support Group meeting.

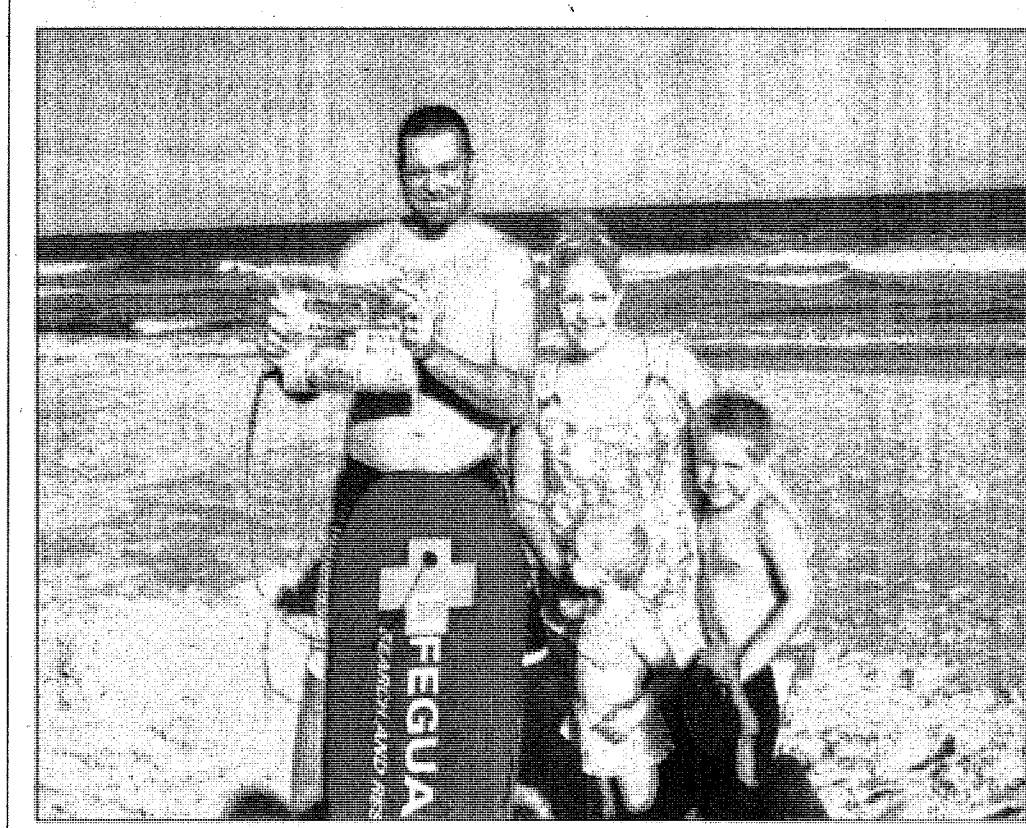
Contact: Call Ruthann at (743) 981-2519 or visit the website at www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

Westland Stars

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland

Details: The Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team is holding three mandatory clinics Sept. 16, 23 and 30, in advance of tryouts of Oct. 7. Tryouts are open to girls and boys in the fifth-eighth grades from the Westland and surrounding areas. If you enjoy cheering and learning cheers, chants, stunts and pyramids or dancing and learning pom-pom, jazz, hip-hop, lyrical and novelty routines come and join the team. The Stars is a team-based program and not just a class. The competition team (Varsity) requires a season long commitment and girls must try-out to make the team. Regular attendance is required for competition team, members should attend every practice. The performance team (Junior Varsity) is open to any girl or boy who would like to join. You do not have to try-out but does require the students to attend practice each week. Fees can be paid \$5 per week, \$25 per month or \$185 per season for Performance Team and \$210 per season for the Competition Team. The only additional charge is for the \$20 uniform deposit which is paid when uniform distribution is done. The fee will be returned when



Wish You Were Here

Terran, Michelle, Dakota and Lilly Frye of Westland pose with their Westland Observer at Topsail Beach, Surf City, N.C. where they met up with friends Kelly, Dale and Kendall Fay of Livonia. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

uniforms are turned in and all class fees are paid. The coaches are Jill Wehrheim who has five years coaching experience and is a former high school cheerleader and dancer and Lisa Walker, a former dancer and high school cheerleader. The advisor is Toni J. Bailey-Lay who has 27 years of coaching experience and is a former cheerleader.

Contact: Call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Walk of Remembrance

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25

Location: Madonna University at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia.
Details: Angela Hospice hosts its third annual Walk of Remembrance, where families and friends can walk in honor of loved ones. The 2.3-mile walk begins with registration at 8 a.m. and ceremony at 9 a.m. Registration includes a commemorative T-shirt, ribbon, craft and refreshments. Fees for adults are

\$20 each (or \$25 the day of); children ages 6-12 are \$5; children 5 and under are free.

Contact: Individuals and teams may register in advance by calling Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045.

Walk for Melanoma

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10

Location: Kensington Metropark, Milford

Details: Registration will be at 9 a.m. with the fifth Annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk starting at 11 a.m. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth age 10-17. All paid participants will receive a T-shirt and goodie bag. Male and female winners of each age group will receive a prize. All proceeds go to the Melanoma Research Foundation. Register online: www.melanomawalk.org. Click on First Giving.

Contact: Tricia Edwards at triciae363@comcast.net or call (313) 505-2445.

Grief support

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 21 - Oct. 16, 2010

Location: Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center, Canton

Details: St. Joseph Mercy Hospice is offering a grief support group to help people learn to cope with the grief over the death of a loved one. Through education, mutual support and sharing of information, members develop skills to cope with the loss, and learn that they are not alone in their grief.

Contact: Call (734) 327-3409 or (734) 327-3224 to register.

Fly Fishing Club

Time/Date: 7:30 9:30 p.m. Sept. 8

Location: Clarenceville Middle School, 20210 Middlebelt Road Livonia

Details: The Michigan Fly Fishing Club is a non-profit organization which has been helping men and

woman to develop Fly Fishing Skills since 1970. Come join us for the first meeting in September.

Contact: Bruce Kramer, president, at (248) 672-9056 and visit the website at www.MFFC.org.

School physicals

Time/Date: Wednesday, Sept. 1

Location: Oakwood Healthcare Center-Westland, 2001 S.

Merriman Road, Suite 100, Westland

Details: Officials at Oakwood Healthcare Inc. want to help get children ready for school, help their parents save a little time and help out with shopping, too. The Oakwood Healthcare Center-Westland on Merriman Road is offering back-to-school physicals during the next four weeks to ensure children are ready for the new school year. Physicals will be offered Wednesday mornings. Appointments are required; parents can expect to be in and out within approximately one hour. Children will receive a free school supply gift bag after their physicals. Most insurance plans are accepted.

Contact: For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 727-1000.

Comic Relief Night

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 16

Location: Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, located at 269 E 4th St., Royal Oak

Details: Attend an evening of fun and laughter recognizing "Fibromyalgia Friendly Health Care Professionals." The evening will include the recognition of selected professionals, dinner, one complimentary drink, a silent auction and a night of Comic Relief. To register go to <http://tiny.cc/9az5g>.

Contact: For more information visit hfccf.org/events.php or call (248)344-0896.

Family Fest 2010

Time/Date: noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11

Location: CrossPointe Community Church, 36125 Glenwood, Wayne

Details: Mark your calendar for the 2010 Family Fest and Car Show. There will be a free classic car show,

prizes, plaques, goody bags, classics, muscle, antique tuners, motorcycles. No entry fee, cars arrive after 10 a.m. The Family Fest will feature free food, rides, games, music, hot food, cold food, snacks, ice cream, nachos, cotton candy, popcorn, drinks, chicken sandwiches, corn on the cob, rock climbing, kids bouncies, horse rides, crafts, kids trains, remote control cars, games and crafts.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 721-7410.

Baby Shower

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Sept. 30

Location: Robert H. Jones Knights of Columbus Hall, 25160 Outer Dr., Lincoln Park

Details: The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency is holding its 13th annual Community Baby Shower, a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants younger than 3 months of age. Mothers and fathers will receive valuable information and resources regarding their new bundles of joy. Guest speakers will also share information regarding family health and safety, parenting tips and growth and development. To be eligible, parents must be low-income and reside in out-Wayne County (Wayne County, excluding Detroit). Participants will also enjoy lunch, prizes and raffles throughout the event. On-site childcare will be available for children over the age of one. Space is limited and the event does fill up quickly. **Contact:** Call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 156 for more information or to register. Callers who reach a voice mailbox should leave one message with their name and telephone number so that their call can be returned and the registration process can be completed.

Craft show sign-ups

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9

Location: St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: The St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is accepting signups for its fall craft show. Table rental is \$25. **Contact:** Mary at (734) 425-4421, voicemail 10.

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OUR VIEWS



Back to school

Help your child succeed, have a brighter future

More than New Year's Eve, the back-to-school season is when many families resolve to make changes for the better.

And why not?

The start of school is the best time to establish good habits that will help kids succeed in class.

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In the Wayne-Westland school district, the first school bell rings on Tuesday, Sept. 7, and here are several common-sense tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics and other child-advocacy organizations to help your child get off to a good start.

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• Start the day off right by getting your children up in enough time to get ready without rushing and to eat a healthy breakfast.

• Develop a home-work routine. Find a quiet spot — where the TV is off — for children to do their work. Younger kids may want to sit at the kitchen table while older kids may prefer their bedrooms for better concentration. Answer questions and offer assistance but never do your child's homework for him.

• Communicate with your child about his day. Ask specific questions.

• Check younger students' backpacks for notes, missed assignments, book orders, etc.

• Limit the time your child spends in front of the TV and computer. Send children outside to play so they can get fresh air and exercise.

• Communicate with your child's teacher. Attend parent/teacher conferences.

• Spend time at your child's school. Attend your child's school musicals, plays and sporting events but also volunteer in the classroom or in your child's building. And parents can continue volunteer even when their students get into middle or high school. There are many opportunities outside of the classroom.

• Set a bedtime and stick to it. A well-rested child is able to concentrate better in class.

• Read with and to your child. Get your child a library card — it's the most useful school supply he or she will ever have. Besides checking out books for pleasure reading, students can get help with homework at the library and check out resources for projects. Children can sign up for a library card at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.

• Be supportive of your child's teachers and the school system.

• Be a positive role model for your children. Let them see you reading, eating healthy and limiting TV and computer time. If you need to complete your education or get an advanced degree, go back to school yourself. Or, take a community education class in a topic you've always been interested in to show your kids that learning never stops.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you observe Labor Day?

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



"Labor Day to us is time for a picnic and to spend time with the family. We find a way to make it special regardless of the weather."

Christine Waybrant
Westland



"For Labor Day, we go up North and go out on the boat."

Rachel Nowaske
Westland



"Actually, on Labor Day, I cook too much and work too much so everyone else can relax."

Margaret Churchman
Westland



"Usually, I'm with my family every year on Labor Day."

Donna Curry
Westland

LETTERS

Helping people

14 million people — six million of them children — have been affected by recent floods in Pakistan.

Food, clean water and health supplies are desperately needed.

I thought they did not need my help because their country had money to build and detonate a nuclear bomb. A picture is worth a thousand words and sure enough, next I saw a full color photo of something that caused me to stop and stare: A man walked a bicycle through water up to his waist.

It was brown, swirling water and there were other people around him and on the back of the bicycle was a little girl of about 10 or 11 years old screaming and crying. He walked with dignity though his next step might take him down into the swirling turbid water.

What prayers and hopes and terrors sprang in his mind as he walked with his daughter behind? At any moment some invisible germ or insidious disease could settle in her or on her and take her away forever. He must be praying to his God, I thought, because I was praying to mine for him and the girl and all of them.

There will be other disasters but this one is now. Who will supply them the materials to rebuild their industries, farms and tame the wild rivers?

It won't be us if we stand by and watch them die. Sometimes it pays to be nice. Why not donate to UNICEF or some other agency?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Don't answer 'pirate' calls

Are your daily activities repeatedly interrupted by phone calls that, when you finally get to the phone and pick up the receiver, you get either silence, which one may perceive as a rude waste of time or even a threat, or you get asked for money, probably by your credit card number?

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We call them "pirate calls," because they fly under the false flag of "no name received" or "private caller" on the caller ID.

They are anything but private. If asked, the caller may cheerfully explain that it is just a call center "identification." Maybe. Even if they give you a number to call back, you can't really know whether it is a scam center, a so-called "boiler room." Therefore, we have adopted a policy of never responding with money or credit card number and rarely even picking up the phone for any non-identifying ID calls.

In the first half of August, we received 23 "pirate" calls, 14 of them "private" and nine "Michigan" or "Massachusetts" or some other non-identifying ID. During the same period, we received only five honestly identified legitimate calls. With 82 percent of calls being "pirate," please excuse us if we don't run to the phone and answer you. Just leave a message on the answering machine, and we can call you back.

Don't expect our politicians to remedy the abuse of caller ID; they are among the "pirates."

Bent and Renee Boving
Northville

Tea Party a shining star

In this polarized political climate, we watch the spectacle of special interests tracking other special interests, each one gobbling up contributions and promising to make your concerns their passion. However, few deliver on those promises while most are self-serving at best.

The Tea Party is an exception. This organization of grassroots activists is of a different stripe. They are watchdogs of both policy and actions that militate against key principles upon which this country was founded, principles which for so long have ensured our country's survival and success. We need to remember that all change is not necessarily beneficial change.

I find the Tea Party's core values, which they pursue relentlessly, to be bright stars in the dark night our country is passing through.

The birth of the Tea Party movement was the result of excessive government spending and taxation. Its mission is to attract, educate, organize and mobilize fellow citizens to secure public policy consistent with three core values: fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government and free markets.

In pursuit of these values, the Tea Party is tied to no political party. They recommend for office and support those that demonstrate they will work to reinstate the above values in today's local and federal governments regardless of party affiliation.

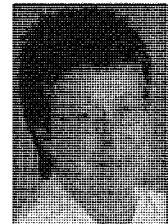
So, if these values strike a chord within you, join the movement which is recapturing America for its citizens and not for the professional politicians.

Edward J. Ford
Milford

Something to ponder: Toilet paper and downsizing

Life is full of ponderables — some profound, some inane.

For months, I have pondered the size of a roll of toilet paper. Inane? Absolutely. Who cares about size, it's quantity. You have to have enough to take care of the job at hand, right? Right.



Sue Mason

But have you noticed that those tidy little rolls of toilet paper are narrower? Sometime between last fall and this spring, toilet paper manufacturers decided to downsize. This first caught my attention a few months ago when I saw that the roll didn't fit the holder like it used to, and it seemed we were going through rolls more quickly.

I buy by the case and suddenly I was buying cases more often. It wasn't until we went to our cabin this summer that my suspicion was confirmed. Rolls of toilet paper have shrunk. The proof was in the roll I pulled out of the bathroom cupboard put there last fall. It was wider by at least a half-inch than the new roll I'd brought from home.

Now, I began to wonder just how much less toilet paper am I getting these days? There's still 36 rolls in a case, but they're smaller. An antique kraut masher provided the answer. I use the kraut masher to hold spare rolls of toilet paper in the bathroom.

Last year, the handle held seven of the nine rolls in a pack. Number eight went on the toilet paper holder and number nine into the cupboard. This year, there's no leftover roll. The kraut masher holds eight of them easily.

So now I realize that I'm paying for 36 rolls, but by 2009 standards, only getting 35. Toilet paper manufacturers have decided to downsize. We're being asked to pay more for less and be happy.

I'm not because I've noticed a similar phenomenon with the precooked sausage patties I buy by the sackful. They used to be the size of an English muffin, now there's a quarter inch of muffin showing. I'm not going to do the math on that one. I just know I'm getting less and paying more.

So where does all this discourse of toilet paper and sausage patties lead? I see them as the flip side of what workers are being asked to do these days. We've all gone through downsizing, we all are doing more with less. We are thankful to have jobs, but feel an immense guilt about that as we watch our colleagues leave for an uncertain future. For some, there are jobs to be had; for others, nothing.

We've been told that the biggest issue among voters in this year's election is jobs. We look to the candidates to tell us how they will do that and get carefully crafted sound bites that say a lot and say nothing. Is it fair of us to expect these candidates to have all of the answers? No. Do they have all the

answers? Absolutely not.

We are a state that has manufacturing as its foundation, a state that didn't learn from previous recessions. Each time there was an economic downturn, the talk was that we needed to get away from manufacturing as our major industry. Each time, the recession seemed a little worse, and each time, we paid lip service to the notion that we had to change. When the economy recovered we moved on without a thought about changing.

It took the loss of one million jobs to make us realize that we must do something now not tomorrow. We must move forward, doing more with less until a time when we have a diversified economy.

It's kind of like that roll of toilet paper. Am I happy I'm getting less? No. Do I understand why? Yes. That one roll of toilet paper cut from the case means a bit more of a profit for the manufacturer and the potential for the creation of jobs.

Does it mean I have to like losing a roll of toilet paper? No, absolutely not, but if in the end it means someone will get a job, I can live with it.

The creation of jobs isn't in the hands of the politicians, it's in the hands of the consumers. So I guess I'm helping the economy, one shortened sheet at a time.

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Trail event gives walkers escape route

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It seemed like a magical forest, a peaceful escape from a hurried world.

An estimated 200 nature lovers, musicians, painters, bicyclists and dog-toting hikers gathered Thursday evening along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail in Canton for an event dubbed Sound Garden.

They drove their cars north from Michigan Avenue on Morton Taylor, parked near a trail head and, for two hours, left behind a bustling, demanding world.

Some, like 78-year-old Syl Noetzel and wife Mary, 76, came for the first time to a wooded wonderland where pedestrian bridges enable visitors to walk or bike a 3.5-mile trail from Sheldon east of Haggerty.

"We'll probably come back and bring our grandkids," Mary Noetzel said.

Along the trail, Betsy Beckerman played a dulcimer, ordained minister Steven Thomas blew his saxophone and acoustic guitarists Mark Reitenga, Ryan Brake and Nick Hyman strummed soothing music as groups of people stopped to listen or slowly strolled by.

Reitenga performed Van Morrison's *Sweet Thing* as trail regulars Wally and Cynthia Shelton walked up. The couple walks the area most days to shake off a hectic work world, and they are Friends of the Trail volunteers.

"I just love this place," said Wally Shelton, a truck driver. "It's so tranquil and relaxing."

Even the mosquitoes and heat couldn't keep the crowd away from the first Sound Garden, the latest of seasonal events organized by volunteers and township parks employees to spur interest in a trail considered by many as Canton's best-kept secret.

"We want to continue to promote the trails," township recreation specialist Jason Lombardo said. "So many people still don't know it exists."

Near a bank of the Rouge River, artist Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, owner of D&M Art Studio in Canton, painted a scene of black-eyed Susans while her summer art camp teachers — college students Bethany Grysko and Kyla Suchy — captured the river and greenery in their artwork.

Brake, a Livonia resident and Garden City Middle School teacher, strummed his guitar as he talked of the effort to promote the recreation trail through art.

"This is the way to do it, with music," he said.

Nearby, bicyclist Gary Anderson, a Canton resident and member of the Michigan Mountain Bikers Association, said he often rides the main trail, along with nearly six miles of smaller off-shoots the MMBA created.

"It's a great place right here in the middle of Canton, and you can walk or

ride for free and see all the wildlife," he said.

Thomas, the saxophonist, took time from playing as his wife Deborah sat nearby. Both are ordained ministers. Thomas has played numerous events, but never in such a natural setting.

"It's really interesting," he said.

Early in the evening, Canton parks Manager Brad Sharp had predicted a smaller crowd than actually turned out. He couldn't have been more pleased.

"This is great," he said.

Meanwhile, Lombardo said anyone interested in joining Friends of the Trail may attend meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center. For more information, send an e-mail to Lombardo at jason.lombardo@canton-mi.org.

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The weather is warm and muggy, but that doesn't stop local folks from enjoying sights and sounds of the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail.



Ryan Brake entertains local folks and a lot of mosquitoes.

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Family traces roots to Mayflower passenger

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Ellen Rotter, 23, was in elementary school, she remembers hearing the name William Brewster when learning about the Pilgrims.

A few years later, she found out she is a descendant of Brewster, one of the 102 Mayflower passengers who arrived in the harbor near Plymouth, Mass., in November 1620.

"It's pretty exciting and unexpected," she said of the historical connection, which her grandmother discovered while doing genealogical research.

Ellen; her two brothers, Ryan, 25, and David, 19; and their mother, Martha Rotter, 53, all of Livonia, recently became members of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan.

Martha Rotter's mother, Patricia Bunnell, who died three years ago, is the one who did "all the long hard research" required to be admitted to the society, Martha Rotter said.

Her dad's family had an ancestor who had served in the Civil War, and she started researching the family's lineage as a hobby, she said. "She just kept tracing it back. When you get interested in this, you want to see how far you can go."

William Brewster, a post-master and printer born in Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, England, served as the spiritual leader of the Pilgrims who wanted to separate from the church in England. "He was often referred to as Elder Brewster," Martha Rotter said.

One of the original members of the religious Separatist congregation at Scrooby, Brewster is considered the father of the Congregational church in the United States.

He and his wife, Mary, had six children, one of whom was Patience, who married Thomas Prentice, beginning the line



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Martha Rotter, at right, and her kids Ellen Rotter and Ryan Rotter can trace their lineage back to William Brewster, who came to the new world on the Mayflower.

from William Brewster that led to Martha Rotter 13 generations later.

William Brewster died in 1644 and is likely buried in Plymouth, Mass.

Among his more notable descendants are American entrepreneur Julia Child, actor/singer Bing Crosby, actress Katharine Hepburn and David Souter, a former associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Martha Rotter said she is glad her family is related to William Brewster and not one of the more colorful characters who traveled aboard the ship from England hoping to better their lives or to seek financial gain.

Passenger Edward Doty, for example, engaged in sword and dagger duels and was sued multiple times for things like failing to pay a contract with six pigs, not paying his apprentice enough, taking wood from someone else's land and allowing his cow to damage other people's corn, according to Caleb Johnson, who has authored several books and has a web site about the Mayflower.

The Rotters are among the more than 82,000 Americans,

including 2,600 from Michigan, who have documented their lineage back to a Mayflower passenger and have been approved for membership in The Mayflower Society since it was formed more than 100 years ago, said the Rev. C. Corydon Randall, governor and historian of the Michigan chapter.

Millions more are descendants; the difficulty lies in being able to prove it because of the lack of certified records prior to the 1900s, he said.

However, advanced research techniques, improved genealogy library collections and computerized resources have made it easier than ever for people to track their Pilgrim roots, according to The Mayflower Society website, www.TheMayflowerSociety.com.

Memberships are handled through individual state societies

For more information on the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan, call Beverly Poole at (231) 821-2483 or visit www.michmayflower.org.

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Walk away from investments you don't understand

Just got back from celebrating my parents' 60th wedding anniversary. When you think about it, 60 years of marriage is an incredible accomplishment. When my parents got married, the average car in America cost \$1,750, gas was 20 cents a gallon, and the average family earned about \$3,200 a year.

A lot has changed. One of the major changes over the last 60 years has been the explosion of investment alternatives available to consumers. It's sort of like TV channels. Back in 1950, if you were lucky enough to have a TV, you only had three channels available to choose from. Fast forward 60 years and there's an endless supply of TV channels. Sixty years ago, invest-

ment options were few and far between. Choices included stocks (and there weren't many) or a savings account in the bank.

Today, investment choices are many.

As most people have learned, the fact that there are more TV shows and stations available doesn't mean that there is better quality. The same thing has happened in the investment world. Although there are substantially more investment options available, it doesn't mean that all these options are worthwhile.

When it comes to choosing an investment, an investor must understand what he/she is purchasing. Understanding the investment means knowing the basics as to how one can make money, lose money and get money out.

If an investor does not understand these three elements, he/she ought to walk away from the investment. Too many investments are so complex that most are unable to answer the aforementioned three questions.

Understanding the basics doesn't mean one has to be an expert on the mechanics of the investment. The more you understand an investment, the better investor you will be.

The key for any investor is to make sure he/she selects investment vehicles in his/her comfort zone. There is nothing wrong with walking away from an investment because you do not understand it. I assume most Bernie Madoff investors wish they had followed that advice.

What is the right investment vehicle for you? It's hard to say, but my general view is that for most investors, mutual funds, bank products such as CDs, and certain types of fixed annuities are vehicles investors can understand and ones that offer the best opportunity for success.

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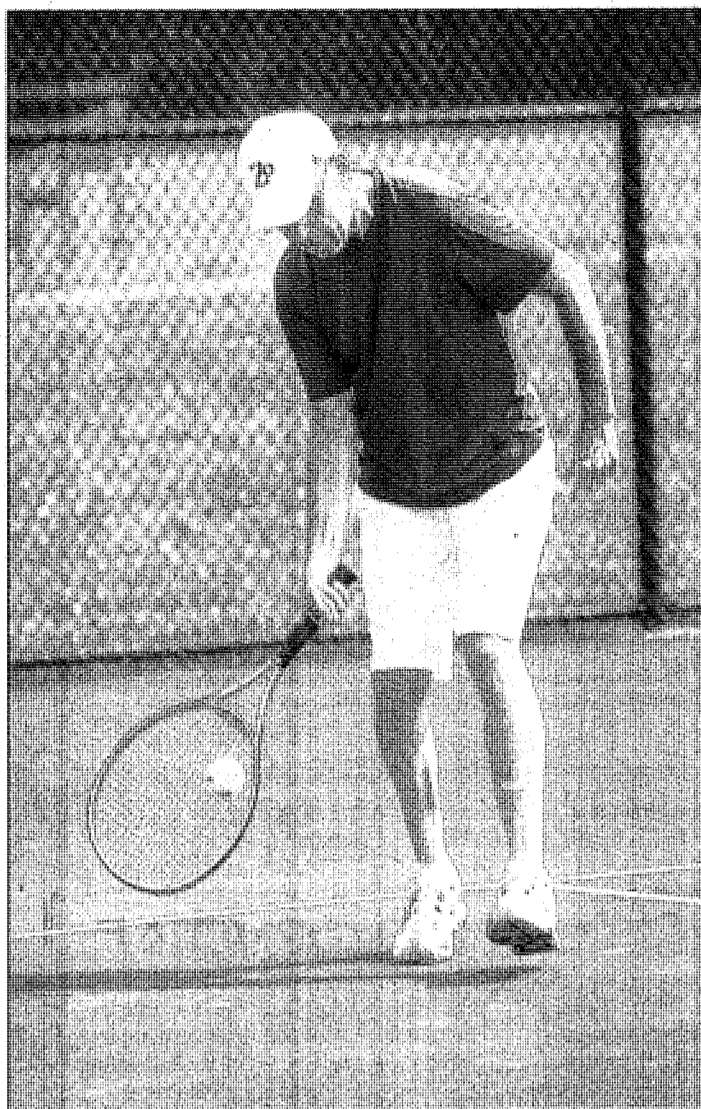
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Jim Robinson, who grew up in Livonia and presently resides in Novi, is one of a host of local tennis players actively enjoying the sport.

Timeless tennis

Competitive Super Seniors keep sport alive

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tennis often seems to be the forgotten sport these days when discussing athletic achievements.

Golf and auto racing seem to draw the most attention individually, while football, baseball and basketball produce the majority of headlines in the team aspect.

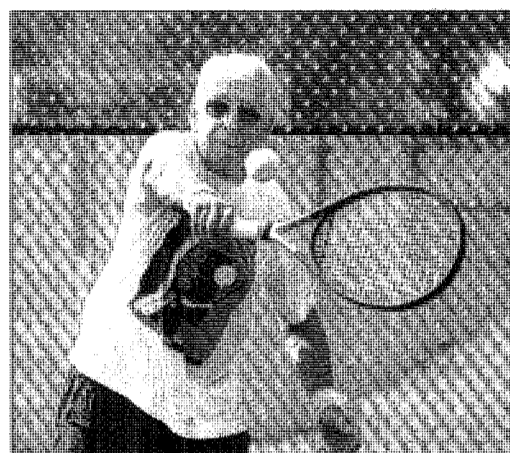
But for a group of two dozen or so locals, tennis is deemed as the only sport.

On virtually any day of the week, there is a good bet anywhere from eight to 12, 14, maybe even 16 highly-motivated seniors lace up their best pair of sneakers and pull off the covers on their top-of-line Prince, Babolat or Yonex racquets for a competitive game of tennis on courts located throughout southeast Michigan.

This daily scenario is all made courtesy of one Chuck Glinz.

The longtime Redford resident and self-proclaimed "guru of tennis" has been the catalyst behind keeping the sport alive and kicking for a whole host of seniors whose competitive juices continue to flow freely.

It was Glinz who many years back created the Sunday Night Tennis League at the old Livonia Athletic Club after generating so much enthusiasm among tennis players outdoors at Capitol Park in Redford.



Seventy-eight-year-old Chuck Glinz of Redford, the organizer behind the ever-expanding Sunday Night Tennis League, shows off his youthful tennis skills in recent outdoor competition. Glinz will accompany other locals to the upcoming USTA Super Senior event in Grand Rapids.

And it was Glinz who also adopted play Saturdays at Sheldon Park in Livonia, and it is that same Glinz who manages to drum doubles play mornings at various other parks through-

Please see **TENNIS, B3**

SIDELINES

MU golfers 1st

Michelle Hall took individual medalist honors with a two-day total of 158 as the Madonna University women's golf team captured last weekend's University of Northwestern Ohio Racer Invitational at Hawthorne Hills Golf Club in Lima.

Hall, from Flushing, shot rounds of 83-75 as the Crusaders placed four in the top 10 as MU finished with a team total of 345-335-680.

Northwestern Ohio was second with 351-368-719, while Urbana (Ohio) finished third with a 377-373-750.

Other MU scorers included Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson), fifth, 90-90-170; Sara Simnitch, seventh, 86-89-175; Caitlin Steele, 86-95-181; and Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin), tied for 11th, 91-91-182.

Megan Fleischer led MU's "B" team in ninth with 97-83-180 followed by Kaitlyn Brasher, tied for 11th, 86-96-182; and Elena Thomas, 13th, 90-95-185.

"Michelle had one of the best rounds I've seen and it's great to see her play good golf and be rewarded for it," MU coach Scott Marzolino said.

On Tuesday, MU placed fifth in the University of St. Francis (Ind.) Cougar Invitational with a 352-357-79 total at Noble Hawk/Cobblestone in Kendallville.

Bethel College (Ind.) took first with 320-305-625.

Hall placed ninth with an 82-84-166, followed by Brasher, 21st (89-84-173); Bathurst, 22nd (86-88-174); Thomas, tied for 28th (92-87-179); Fleischer, 36th (98-91-189); Meyers, 37th (94-97-191); Steele and Chelsea Osburn, tied for 42nd, (99-102-201) each.

Lady Ocelots split

The University of Windsor women's soccer team finished the preseason with a 4-0 exhibition record following a 3-0 victory Monday night at Alumni Field against visiting Schoolcraft College.

Kelly Ricardi, Sara Kox and Tiffany Philips tallied a goals for the victorious Lancers, while goalkeepers while Rebecca Singer and Danielle St. Germaine shared the shutout.

On Saturday, Jennifer Geigler tallied a pair of goals, while Livonia Stevenson products Renee Boudreau and Shannon Merritt added one each as the Lady Ocelots opened their season with a 4-0 win over the University of Michigan-Dearborn club team.

Lancers boot MU

Madonna University opened its home women's soccer schedule Saturday at Livonia's Greenmead Field with a 1-0 setback against the University of Windsor.

The Lancers (3-0) scored the game's only goal in the 67th minute when Heather Daichendt beat MU goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville).

Amanda Ferrick had the lone MU shot on goal against Lancers goalkeeper Danielle St. Germaine.

"Today was definitely better than Thursday (6-0 loss against University of Detroit Mercy), but I think we expected better going forward," said MU first-year coach Jeff Hodgson, whose team falls to 0-2 overall. "The kids worked hard today, especially in the second half."

Blazers stick foe

Junior Erin Cronyn scored a pair of first-half goals Monday as host Livonia Ladywood posted a 3-0 Catholic League girls field hockey victory over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Junior Kylie Birney tallied what proved to be the game-winner on a shot taken from the top of the circle also in first half.

Ladywood junior goalie Mackenzie Holme had to make just one save en route to the shutout as the Blazers improved to 1-1 overall and 1-1 in the league.

Colleen Jacoby made 12 saves for the Cranes (0-2, 0-2).

Crusaders edged in Early Bird Challenge

Karie Altman and Anastasiya Seremetjeva earned All-Tournament honors last weekend as the Madonna University women's volleyball team wound up 3-1 in the University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird Challenge.

In a battle of preseason NAIA top 25-ranked teams, No. 23 Georgetown (Ky.) College handed No. 21 MU its first loss of the season in five games on Saturday, 20-25, 25-18, 25-21, 16-25, 15-10.

MU senior outside hitter Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) recorded a team-high 18 kills and 22 digs in the loss. Seremetjeva and Altman added 16 and 14 kills, respectively.

Setter Eva Prieditis contributed 49 assist-to-kills and 18 digs.

Other digs leaders included Amanda Koszela (21), Megan Fricke (13) and Livonia Churchill's Anna Gatt (13).

Kelsey Luckett and Kyla Welch had 17 and 15 kills, respectively, for Georgetown (4-0).

Earlier in the day, MU swept winless Notre Dame (Ohio) in three straight, 25-20, 25-12, 25-17, as Altman had 18 kills and Dempsey added 10.

Fricke and Koszela each had a team-high 11 digs, while Prieditis finished with 44 assists.

On Friday, the Crusaders beat both

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BOB TALBOT | MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna's Karie Altman, a 6-foot middle hitter, earned All-Tournament honors last weekend at the UM-Dearborn Early Bird Challenge.

Stevenson runner-up at Airport

Kelly Vellucci led the way as Livonia Stevenson opened its 2010 volleyball season Saturday with a runner-up finish in the Carleton Airport Invitational.

The junior outside hitter and setter had a team-high 46 kills, 23 assist-to-kills and 28 digs as the Spartans finished 5-1 on the day in the round-robin format. She also had six solo blocks and two aces.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Stevenson defeated Detroit University Prep (25-9, 25-13), Dearborn (25-10, 25-20), Trenton (25-15, 25-13), Birmingham Groves (25-18, 25-19) and Dearborn Divine Child (25-23, 25-20).

Host Airport, who went 6-0, handed the Spartans their only setback on the day, 25-23, 25-20.

Other leaders for the Spartans included Reina Tyi (37 kills, 20 digs, five solo blocks, three aces); Monica Rudis (20 kills, five solo blocks); and Jordan York (34 digs, 61-of-63 serving).

Also chipping in were: Kristen Balhorn (four kills, 13 solo blocks; three aces); Catherine Licata (six kills, 10 assists, five solo blocks); Kim Griffith (eight kills, eight solo blocks); Lauren Corbeil (eight kills); Sammy Caves (22 assists); Ashley Avery (11-of-12 serving, four digs); and

Please see **STEVENSON, B3**

Churchill harrier coach winning race against cancer

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John McGreevy has coached many runners and watched many races in his lifetime.

It was a little over a year ago that Livonia Churchill boys cross country coach, recovering from an invasive four-hour surgery at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital for esophageal cancer, wondered if he could make it all the way back up the hill and get to the finish line.

"They removed the lower third of my esophagus, reattached to what was left of my stomach, and took out the lymph nodes in there," said McGreevy, who had the surgery done on Aug. 31, 2009, by Dr. Vic Velanovich. "When I came out of surgery I was so thirsty. I couldn't



McGreevy

have water for a couple of days. They had those (water) swabs, but all I could think of was lemonade."

A much healthier and thankful 61-year-old McGreevy has returned from his coaching sabbatical and was ready for his first meet Wednesday with the Chargers at Cass Benton Park for Northville Mustang Invitational.

McGreevy is in his 15th year at Churchill after spending 13 at Redford Bishop Borgess High. "He looks healthier, he's lost weight and runs the team the same way he always has," Churchill senior co-captain Tom Windle said. "It's just a great atmosphere to be around. He keeps things

loose and is great with the freshman. We missed him."

McGreevy was diagnosed with cancer toward the end of the 2009 boys track and field season where he also serves as an assistant coach.

"I had difficulty swallowing for about a year," McGreevy said. "You think it's just heartburn. That's the one causes acid reflux, which wears down the tissue. I also gained weight. It Barrett's esophagus, which is a pre-cancer condition. They caught it in Stage Two, but usually they catch it late."

In late May of 2009, McGreevy underwent extensive radiation treatments prior to the surgery. He also several rounds of chemotherapy for four months.

"I thought I be back halfway through the cross country season, but you feel weak, tired and you can't eat," he said. "I

lost 40 pounds, all in my stomach.

"After the first round of chemo I had a high fever. I was in Henry Ford for five days and felt terrible. I never had a fever like that."

McGreevy suffered another setback just after Christmas.

"There was fluid around my heart, I had pneumonia, but I was OK after I got antibiotics," he said.

McGreevy, the 2008 Observer Coach of the Year, was determined to return to his counseling duties at Churchill for the second semester, but his recovery took patience and time.

"You're at home a lot," he said. "I had a lot of time to read, think and watch food shows on TV — when you don't have an appetite. That was torture when I could

Please see **MCGREEVY, B2**

Spartans net City title by 1 point

Stevenson captured four of nine flights last week to edge Churchill for the Livonia City Boys Tennis Tournament title, 20-19.

Livonia Franklin, getting three singles victories each from Stephen Payne (No. 1) and Walter Woods (No. 2), finished a distant third with eight points in the round-robin quad meet format.

Dearborn Edsel Ford also participated and finished fourth with five points.

Payne and Woods lost only a combined total of five games in six matches.

Stevenson's Vince Sabatini (No. 3) and Marcus McEachney (No. 4) brought home singles titles.

The host Spartans also got doubles victories from Paul Franchina and Josh York (No. 1), along with Chad Northey and Kaeman Holman Rayos (No. 2).

Churchill's Ryan McPherson and Eric Stromberg captured the No. 3 doubles title, while teammates Brian Baumgartner and Kenny Denstaedt came away with the No. 5 flight.

The No. 4 doubles flight

was a three-way split between Stevenson (Alex Parrinello and Nick Marsh), Churchill (Kyle Appel and Mikey Inglis) and Edsel Ford (Ian Crowesitt and Sean Secombe).

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

SALEM 6, LIVONIA STEVENSON 3

Aug. 31 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Jacob Scott (Salem) defeated Kevin Francisco, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Brock Foster (Salem) def. Josh Rochette, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Brett Foster (Salem) def. Vince Sabatini, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Dion Walker (Salem) def. Marcus McEachney, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Josh York-Paul Franchina (LS) def. Josh Perrin-Mike Keum, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; No. 2: Kaeman Holman Rayos-Chad Northey (LF) def. Scott Devine-Zenik Pelek, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Cody Hazen-Alex Zulkowski (Salem) def. Simjae Holman Rayos-Jacob Ratliff, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Tyler Foley-Greg Siewski (Salem) def. Nick Marsh-Alex Parrinello, 6-2, 6-3; No. 5: Kenny Nikkila-Sam Tabor (LS) def. Josh Amann-Kyle Latack, 6-2, 7-5.

Dual match records: Salem, 3-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs Central; Stevenson, 0-1 KLAAs Central.

WAYNE MEMORIAL B BELLEVILLE 0

Aug. 27 at Ford Lake Park

No. 1 singles: Brandon Harnos (WM) defeated Ryan Fitzpatrick, 6-3, 6-0; No. 2: Zach Williamson (WM) def. Jon Reitan, 6-3, 7-5; No. 3: Zach Lankton (WM) def. Alan Hill, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Michael Battaglia (WM) def. Ari Budono, 6-3, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Abhishek Roy-Stephen Gush (WM) def. Brandon Cyr-Casey Feckler, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Sebastian Torres Campos-Jarret Williamson (WM) def. Hunter Tabor-Nick Tiede, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Michael Toms-Corey Robbins (WM) won by default; No. 4: Shane Schooley-Cody Huffaker (WM) won by default.

Wayne's dual match record: 1-0 overall.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: John McGreevy, 15th year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: third (KLAAs South); sixth (Kensington Conference meet); eighth (Division I regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Quinn Osgood, Ryan Keeling, Mark Freyberg.

Leading returnees: Tom Windle, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Stephen Charnley, Sr.; Cody Rossier, Sr.; Ryan Wise, Jr.; Peter Erl, Jr.; Sam Yurgil, Sr.; Ben Yates, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Derek Puihes, Jr.; Sean Mckoon, Jr.; George Bowles, Jr.; Andrew Malik, Jr.

McGreevy's 2010 outlook: "This has been a very enjoyable season so far. The guys are very enthusiastic and are fun to be around. It is a very young team. Many still have to learn what it takes to be successful as a runner. We have 12 freshman (the most I have had at Churchill). Because we are so young and because we have to rely so much on the underclassmen, the beginning of the season will be unpredictable. We hope to finish with a winning record in our division and finish in the upper portion of both the conference and state regional. It will be tough defending the City championship, but we have a shot. Tom Windle and Ryan Wise have been the top two runners and both have a chance of qualifying for the state meet as individuals. Windle is especially driven to run well this year."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Walt Reaser.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: fourth (KLAAs South); 10th (Kensington Conference meet and Division I regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Nik Gherardini (second-team All-Area), Joe Steckel, Zach Belanger, Robert Freed.

Leading returnees: Bobby Wilson, Sr.; Austin Jones, Sr.; Chad Walters, Jr.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY CAPSULE OUTLOOK

Gab Martinez, Jr.; Mike Witt, Soph.; Kevin Meloche, Sr.; Preston Elliott, Sr.; Justin Wizinyski, Sr.; Josh Beesmer, Jr.; Andrew Barnes, Soph.; Brian Reidy, Jr.; Josh Robertson, Soph.; Bill Crandall, Sr.; Mitch Wittenberg, Jr.; Ian McCracken, Soph.; Mike Johnson, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Dan Martinez, Soph.; Graham Tyrrell, Jr.; Travis Ferrier, Sr.; Neil Culbertson, Jr.; Jamie Otter, Jr.; Kevin Kerpet, Jr.; Tyler McManman, Jr.

Reaser's 2010 outlook: "I have high expectations that our team will be greatly improved this season. Led by Wilson and Jones, our team will have very strong front-runners. Bobby and Austin have set very lofty goals for this year and have worked extremely hard in the off season to achieve them. Walters, Gabe Martinez, Crandall, Elliott, Barnes, and McCracken have improved significantly from last year. I look forward to the contributions our team will receive from newcomers Dan Martinez, Tyrrell and Ferrier. I look forward to a year where every team member will exhibit the qualities of hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, responsibility, teamwork, and an appreciation of the benefits of running."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Chris Inch, first year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: fourth (KLAAs Central); seventh (Kensington Conference meet); ninth (Division I regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Travis Gosselin.

Leading returnees: Joe Urso, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Matt Williams, Sr.; Adam Chludzinski, Sr.; John Lynch, Sr.; John Lynch, Jr.; Andrew Longhi, Sr.; Ryan Petrucci, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Jake Colley, Soph.; Zaid Shareef, Soph.; Matt Maraldo, Soph.; Stephen Fenech, Fr.

Inch's 2010 outlook: "The team looks to improve upon last year's fourth-

place division finish and seventh-place conference finish. The team is growing in confidence after a strong track season. Three of this year's varsity cross country runners (Urso, Williams, Chludzinski) ran at the 2010 track and field state meet on the 4 x 800-meter and 4 x 400 relays. Injuries hampered key runners in 2009. A healthy team (and John Lynch), a promising sophomore class (Colley, Maraldo, Shareef), and strong off-season conditioning points towards a stronger division and conference presence."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Jess Shough, 22nd year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: fifth (KLAAs South); 11th (Kensington Conference meet and Division I regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Steven Shak.

Leading returnees: Jason Suarez, Jr.; Ruben Maya, Jr.; Ryan Boes, Sr.; Keven Wacker, Sr.; Michael Dalton, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Christopher Codd, Fr.; Avionte Bilal, Sr.; Marcus Davis, Sr.

Shough's 2010 outlook: "Even though we have a small number of runners, we are still returning an experienced squad who have been training hard all summer, so we should be competitive in all our meets. The team has a very positive attitude and have been great to work with. It should be a fun season."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Kevin Miller, third year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: sixth (KLAAs South); 12th (Kensington Conference meet); no place (Division I regional).

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Donte Burton, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Micah Orr, Fr.; Daniel Malcolm, Soph.; Avery Barron, Jr.

Miller's 2010 outlook: "We are very small this year with only four boys out. We will spend the first week of school trying to recruit more runners for the team. So, the focus will be on improving times for each of the boys."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Alli Unger, first year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Last year's finish: fifth (MIAC meet); sixth (Division 4 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Daniel Bunge, Soph.; Caleb Kempf, Soph.; Josh Kirk, Jr.; Peter Sillanpaa, Soph.; Phil Wette, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Jake Fairbairn, Jr.; Francesco Rotunno, Sr.; Daniel Seta, Jr.

Unger's 2010 outlook: "The boys team was very young and inexperienced last year. They're still young this year, but most have at least one year of cross country under their belt. I am looking forward to improvement from last year's team. The boys finished fifth in our conference (MIAC) and I hope to move up at least one place in the rankings, if not more."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Vince Marsico, second year.

League affiliation: Independent.

Last year's finish: fifth (Metro Conference); ninth (Division 3 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: David Gibson, Jr.; Alex Molnar, Sr. (captain); Eric Into, Soph.; Jon Adams, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Lee Sloan, Soph.

Unger's 2010 outlook: "The outlook is similar to last year. We'll build upon what they did last year, grow and get kids to run their goal. We want to build our numbers, but we're still a small team. We have new runners who are new to the sport who have to get acclimated. Our returnees know their times and know how to train."

MCGREEVY

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barely eat Jell-O."

McGreevy gradually regained his strength and was thankful for all the encouragement he received during his ordeal. He quickly returned to his counseling duties for the second semester.

"I didn't miss the red tape and paperwork, but I missed the interaction with the kids," McGreevy said. "I was going back to school in February even though I was tired. It made me feel better mentally."

McGreevy also returned to his coaching duties as distance coach for the boys track team in the spring.

"Rick Austin (Churchill's head coach) was very supportive as far as cutting me slack and allowing me to sit down when I needed it," McGreevy said. "The kids were great, and both Pat Daugherty (the interim boys cross country coach) and Sue Tatro (the girls cross country coach) were awesome last fall

covering for me."

In his honor, athletes from the Churchill track and cross country teams sold "Coach McGreevy" wristbands and raised \$500 for Henry Ford's cancer research.

"That was nice," he said. "The kids were wonderful. The phone calls, the cards I got from the parents ... They brought me vegetables and candy. When I got back, there were kids I hardly knew who said, 'How are you doing?' They'd check up on me and that was wonderful."

A misplaced autographed photo of Red Wing great Steve Yzerman mysteriously reappeared one day in McGreevy's school office. It was courtesy of retired counselor Adam Mitchell, who works part time for the Wings organization and filled in at school for McGreevy during his medical leave.

"Little stuff like that helped my recovery," he said. "My other family of teachers and coaches, both at Churchill and Bishop Borgess (high schools) were there, too. And the support I got from my brothers, sisters, in-laws was phenomenal. At

crunch time, they were all there."

McGreevy recently suffered an unrelated minor setback when he got shingles, but he won't let the virus that causes the chicken pox deter his coaching plans. He has time for plenty of rest after retiring from his full-time counseling duties.

"It takes a long time to build your strength back up," he said. "The hot weather knocks you down. It takes a long time to recover from surgery like this."

The prognosis remains good, however, for McGreevy, who plans to coaching for at least a few more years. And his efforts have not gone unnoticed.

"Coach McGreevy is a great guy, he's like a friend because you can talk to him about anything," Churchill senior co-captain Stephen Charnley said. "He's always joking around. He's got a good sense of humor. Even in the tough times he made me laugh."

"He always said, 'Don't worry about me.' He did not want us to worry about him."

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

SOUTH LYON INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS
Aug. 28 at Island Lake Stat Park

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline, 51 points; 2. Novi, 92.3; Northville, 103.4; Temperance Bedford, 112.5; Clay (Ohio), 118.6; Livonia Stevenson, 133.7; South Lyon, 209.8; Walled Lake Central, 228.9; Ann Arbor Huron, 243.10; Canton, 246.11; Livonia Franklin, 274.12; Ann Arbor Skyline, 284.13; South Lyon East, 330.

Individual winner: Dan Thompson (Bedford), 16:06 (5,000 meters).

Stevenson finishers: 12. John Lynch, 17:08; 14. Matt Williams, 17:15; 18. Joe Urso, 17:34; 44. Stephen Fenech, 18:30; 45. Andrew Longhi, 18:31; 49. Adam Chludzinski, 18:37; 58. Ryan Petrucci, 18:53.

Franklin finishers: 19. Austin Jones, 17:34; 29. Bobby Wilson, 17:48; 69. Mike Witt, 19:24; 76. Gabe Martinez, 19:57; 81. Dan Martinez, 20:20; 84. Preston Elliott, 20:44; 88. Chad Walters, 20:46.

Girls Team Standings: 1. Saline, 54 points; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 89.3; Northville, 103.4; Canton, 106.5; Temperance Bedford, 112.6; Livonia Franklin, 118.7; South Lyon, 200.8; Ann Arbor Skyline, 202.9; Clay (Ohio), 246.10; Livonia Stevenson, 278.11; Walled Lake Central, 290.12; South Lyon East, 297.

Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19:10 (5,000 meters).

Other Franklin finishers: 19. Megan Wickens, 21:02; 20. Leslie Gomez, 21:05; 36. Tiffany Lambie, 22:08; 42. Madeline Herman, 22:19; 60. Kelly Walby, 23:26; 62. Jane Modes, 23:41.

Stevenson finishers: 46. Allison Gudeman, 22:31; 51. Taylor Cieslak, 22:56; 52. Karlie Gallagher, 22:58; 65. Barbara Scupholm, 23:57; 67. Brooke Hitchcock, 24:11; 71. Nicole Collins, 24:37.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Sept. 2
Trenton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

Churchill, Franklin at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, Sept. 2
Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Sept. 3
Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, 3 p.m.

(Embry-Riddle Tourney, Daytona, Fla.)
Madonna vs. Lewis-Clark St., 2 p.m.

Madonna vs. Embry-Riddle, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 4
Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, 3 p.m.

(Embry-Riddle Tourney, Daytona, Fla.)
Madonna vs. Wayland Baptist, 11:30 a.m.
Madonna vs. Oklahoma Baptist, 4:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 4
Lakeland (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.

Madonna at Holy Cross (Ohio), 6 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 3
Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Madonna vs. Houghton (N.Y.) at Roberts Wesleyan (N.Y.), 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 4
Madonna at Roberts Wesleyan, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

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Bethel (Ind.) College and Spring Arbor College in four games each.

Altman had a career-high 17 kills in the win over Spring Arbor.

Lady Ocelots start 3-1
Schoolcraft College captured three-of-four matches in last weekend's Columbus State (Ohio) Tournament.

On Friday, the Lady Ocelots defeated Lakeland (Ohio), 25-9, 25-18, 25-14, and Community College of Rhode

Island, 25-17, 25-9, 25-13.

On Saturday, host Columbus State beat Schoolcraft in four close games, 26-24, 25-23, 20-25, 25-21.

Schoolcraft then rebounded with a 25-17, 25-23, 25-17 win over Edison CC (Ohio).

"Overall, I thought it was a good tournament for us," Schoolcraft coach Rich Lamb said. "We had an opportunity to try different lineups to see what worked and what didn't work."

"We knew our first match on Saturday morning against Columbus State was going to be a test. They have a proven track of success. We came out with an intensity that I haven't

seen from this team up to this point of the season."

For the tournament, Amber Aldrich and Sarah Suppelsa (Livonia Churchill) supplied the power up front with 35 and 29 kills, respectively. Lauren Meadows added 17.

Alyssa Cuthbert dished out a team-leading 86 assists, while Lauren Macuga (Canton) came up with a team-high 57 digs. Macuga also emerged as the team leader in aces with nine, while Christine Maleske (Churchill) followed closely behind with eight.

Taylor Kerr (Churchill) and Kayla Creech also turned in solid tourney efforts, according to Lamb.

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

200 individual medley: 1. Brittany Gates (LC), 2:30.71; 2. Tamara Marek (LC), 2:43.65.

50 freestyle: 1. Fregonara (WLV), 27.79; 2. Christina Fox (LC), 28.18; 3. Ytterrock (LC), 29.55.

1-meter diving: 1. Allie Murphy (WLV), 189.55 points; 2. Kaitlyn Gluth (LC), 121.25; 3. Maren (LC), 117.41.

100 butterfly: 1. Washko (LC), 1:05.32; 2. Maren (LC), 1:17.41.

100 freestyle: 1. Mayer (LC), 1:00.67; 2. Elizabeth Gilley (LC), 1:09.64; 3. Erin McGarry (LC), 1:10.33.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Western (Fregonara, Allison Lewin, Ciszek, Hudson), 1:56.73.

100 backstroke: 1. Fox (LC), 1:11.62; 2. Gilley (LC), 1:19.67; 3. Reid (LC), 1:19.69.

100 breaststroke: 1. Ytterrock (LC), 1:24.85; 2. Van Gorp (LC), 1:25.83.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Fox, Mayer, Gush, Washko), 4:06.13; 2. Churchill (McGarry, Marek, Lancaster, Gilley), 4:36.86.

Churchill's dual meet record: 1-0 overall.



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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 2	Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
Thursday, Sept. 2				
Riverview Gabriel Richard (1-0) at Lutheran Westland (0-1), 5 p.m.	Richard Liggett	Richard Liggett	Lutheran Westland Liggett	Richard Liggett
Plymouth Christian (0-1) at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (0-1), 5 p.m.	Howell	Howell	Plymouth Howell	Howell
Howell (1-0) at Plymouth (1-0), 7 p.m.	Groves	Groves	Groves	Groves
Birmingham Groves (1-0) at North Farmington (0-1), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Pinckney Churchill	Churchill
Pinckney (1-0) at Livonia Churchill (0-1), 7 p.m.	Central	Central	Central Central	Central
Salem (0-1) at Walled Lake Central (0-1), 7 p.m.	Hartland	Franklin	Hartland Hartland	Hartland
Hartland (1-0) at Livonia Franklin (1-0), 7 p.m.	Belleville	Belleville	Union Belleville	Belleville
Belleville (0-1) at Redford Union (0-1), 7 p.m.	Grand Blanc	Canton	Canton Grand Blanc	Canton
Grand Blanc (1-0) at Canton (1-0), 7 p.m.	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (0-1) at Livonia Clarenceville (1-0), 7 p.m.	Milford	Milford	Wayne Milford	Milford
Milford (1-0) at Wayne (0-1), 7 p.m.	Brighton	Brighton	John Glenn Brighton	Brighton
Brighton (1-0) at Westland John Glenn (1-0), 7 p.m.	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson Stevenson	Stevenson
Livonia Stevenson (0-1) at Waterford Mott (0-1), 7 p.m.				
Friday, Sept. 3				
Dearborn Edsel Ford (1-0) at Redford Thurston (0-1), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Edsel Ford Thurston	Edsel Ford
Dearborn Fordson (0-1) at Garden City (0-1), 7 p.m.	Adams	Adams	Adams Adams	Adams
Farmington (1-0) at Rochester Adams (1-0), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison Harrison	Southfield
Southfield (1-0) at Farmington Harrison (1-0), 7 p.m.				
Last week	14-1 (.933)	13-2 (.867)	10-5 (.667)	11-4 (.733)
Overall	14-1 (.933)	13-2 (.867)	10-5 (.667)	11-4 (.733)

Windsor sweeps S'craft, MU men

Dan Hakim scored the game-winning goal as the University of Windsor improved its exhibition season record to 3-1 overall with a 1-0 men's soccer victory Monday night at Alumni Field over visiting Schoolcraft College (1-1). Goalkeepers Dan Mendonca and Justin Danelon combined on the shutout for the Lancers.

WINDSOR 1, MADONNA 0: Darrin Dielemans' unassisted goal in the 51st minute proved to be the difference Saturday as the University of Windsor (2-1) downed host Madonna University (2-1) at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

Dielemans dribbled into the 6-yard box and beat MU goalkeeper Parks Laabs (Canton) to the right.

Laabs had three saves, while Windsor goalkeeper Daniel Mendonca and Sam Atkin combined for one save and the shutout.

SCHOOLCRAFT 4, HEARTLAND (ILL.) 1: Joe Carver and Doug Beason each had a goal and assist Saturday as host Schoolcraft College (1-0) opened its 2010 season with a non-conference win over Heartland Community College (Ill.).

Nate Hicklin and Asher Wilson also tallied goals for the Ocelots. Brent McIntosh and Marco Lobo added assists. Schoolcraft goalkeeper Ian McDonald-Wilkins allowed only one goal to Chris Wallace of Heartland.

Lady Ocelots seek 'right mix'

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's plenty of reasons to be excited about the upcoming women's soccer season at Schoolcraft College.

Not only do the Lady Ocelots have eight returning players from last season's national tournament qualifier, but 15 new faces added to the roster promises the 2010 campaign to be full of excitement as well as head coach Deepak Shivraman zeros in on his fourth season at the helm of the program.

sparked by sophomore Jenny Giegler, a "dynamic and explosive forward who does a lot of creative things around the goal," according to Shivraman. Serving as the perfect complement up front will be freshman forward Rene Boudreau, a Livonia Stevenson grad who possesses strength and quickness.

Patrolling the midfield will be sophomore Adriana Guerrero, who suited up for the Lady Ocelots two seasons ago before playing club soccer for the Texans in 2009, and sophomore Jamie Monterosso. The return of Guerrero, along with Monterosso, newcomer Shannon Merritt (Stevenson) and sophomore Theresa Hale, will force opponents to pay special attention to the middle of the field.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

"I've had some tremendous players who have played soccer for me at Schoolcraft and I have high expectations again for this group," Shivraman said. "But the game is played on the field and we're going to have to find the right mix of speed and skill to be successful again."

The National Junior College Athletic Association expects Shivraman to do just that and sort through his talented roster and finding the right combinations as the Lady Ocelots find themselves holding down the No. 8 spot nationally in the preseason poll.

Brooke Ehman, a sophomore, brings diversity to the lineup as she can run up and join the offensive attacks as well as drop back and clear play from the front of her own net.

Another sophomore, Kelly Powers, serves as captain and will provide a physical presence to the backline, along with Mady Evens.

In goal, the Lady Ocelots will go with sophomore Sam Suter, a transfer from Spring Arbor College.

"We're quick and we're skilled, but right now we're going through a gelling process," said Shivraman, whose club was scheduled to open the regular season Saturday at home against UM-Dearborn before visiting the University of Windsor on Monday. "We need to get them out there and used to each other."

The offense this season will

Several first-year players are expected to join in on the mix, including defender Jessica Lyon, defender Sierra Cano, midfielder Ashley Welch (Stevenson), midfielder Ashley Werner (Stevenson), midfielder-defender Lindsay McMullen (Livonia Churchill) and goalkeeper Tabitha Mann (Salem).

Atwood's hat trick spurs Stevenson by Pats, 6-0

Zack Atwood's hat trick propelled Livonia Stevenson to a convincing 6-0 boys soccer victory Tuesday at home over Livonia Franklin.

The Spartans, who improved to 3-0-1 overall, scored three goals in each half.

Pat Smith and Camden Iwasko contributed a goal and assist, while Zach Cooney also had a goal for Stevenson. Scott Brewer and Zack Zukowski each assisted on two scores.

Goalkeepers John Boudreau (first half) and Zach Verant (second half) combined on the shutout.

Franklin goalkeeper Ryan Tikey, peppered all night, had 19 saves.

JOHN GLENN 4, HARRISON 0: Westland John Glenn (3-0-1) continued its

hot start Monday night with a non-conference win at Farmington Hills Harrison (0-4).

Sophomore Alex Isaevski tallied two goals and one assist, while senior Kyle Beguhn added a pair of goals in the victory.

"We won the game in the first half," said Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada, whose team jumped out to a 3-0 advantage. "We played very tactical. We put pressure on the ball and I was very impressed."

Junior goalkeeper Jason Rockwell posted the shutout.

CHURCHILL 1, NORTHVILLE 1: Both goals came during the final 15 minutes of action Monday as Livonia Churchill (2-4-1) and the host Mustangs (2-2-1) battled to a draw.

Fatai Alashe gave Northville a 1-0 lead on a penalty kick with only 15 minutes remaining, but Churchill's Stephen Foster answered with a penalty kick of his own in the 74th minute.

Churchill goalkeeper Bryan Bartig was stellar in the second half stopping a pair dangerous attempts, including a Northville breakaway.

Senior Matt Van Houten was in goal for the Mustangs.

"The first half we should have scored three or four, but their goalie (Bartig) played well," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "Possession-wise I'm pleased the way we play."

STEVENSON 7, S.L. EAST 0: In KLAACentral Division encounter Monday night, host Livonia Stevenson (2-0-1, 1-0) rolled to a victory over South Lyon East (1-3, 0-1) as Pat Smith and Zack Atwood each had a goal and assist.

Other Stevenson goal scorers included Christian Gajor, Nolan Mullett, Camden Iwasko, Zack Zukowski and Alex Prokop.

Zach Cooney chipped in with two assists, while Scott Kliman and Scott Brewer added one each.

Goalkeepers Zach Verant (first half) and John Boudreau (second half)

combined for the shutout.

BELLEVILLE 3, WAYNE 1: In a non-conference match Monday, host Wayne Memorial (0-3) fell to the Tigers.

Nic Staley tallied the lone Wayne goal from Kevin Diehl, who was a standout all night according to coach David Daigneau.

BEST OF THE BEST: Livonia Churchill finished 1-2 in Saturday's Best of the Best Showcase at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

In the opener, Holt tallied the winning goal with only 30 seconds left in a 2-1 win over the Chargers.

Joe Mancewicz scored unassisted for Churchill in the 60-minute game.

In the second round, the Chargers bolted out to a 3-0 halftime lead and held off Rockford, 3-2, as Jeff Thomas scored twice.

Mancewicz had the other goal for Churchill.

Rochester Stoney Creek downed Churchill, 3-1, in the final game of the day as Thomas had the lone tally.

Boehm lifts Warriors to MIAC Blue victory

Mitchell Boehm tallied a pair of goals Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland derailed Plymouth Christian Academy, 4-0, in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division boys soccer match.

The Warriors, who evened their overall record at 1-1, got a goal from Boehm in the 16th minute off an assist from senior Jake Andrzejewski. The junior

then struck again in the 42nd minute on a direct free kick from 28 yards out to make it 2-0.

Senior Kent Krzyske's unassisted goal with only three seconds left in the match capped the scoring.

That was more than enough for sophomore goalkeeper Nick Andrzejewski, who made four saves.

"We moved some people

around and I was real pleased the way our midfield plays as well as our defense and goalkeeper," said Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block, whose team is 1-0 in the MIAC Blue.

The loss drops PCA to 4-1-1 overall and 2-1 in the Blue Division.

S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 5, CLARENCEVILLE 2: Eric Hamilton's two goals orchestrated a second-half comeback Tuesday as

Southfield Christian (2-0) stunned host Livonia Clarenceville (2-3) in a non-conference encounter.

The Trojans led 2-0 at halftime on senior Ardit Dushkaj's 10th and 11th goals of the season. Jimmy Moody assisted on one of the scores.

But the Eagles stormed back with five goals in the final 40 minutes as Hamilton bagged a pair while Derek Holocek, Colin Cline and Matt Bauer added one each.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Evan Gregg made seven saves.

STEVENSON

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Ally Williams (eight digs).

Chargers reach semifinal

Livonia Churchill finished 4-1 in Saturday's 28-team Portage Northern Invitational as Richland Gull Lake eliminated the Chargers in the semifinals of the Gold Bracket, 28-26, 25-21.

In pool play, Churchill defeated Allegan (25-6, 25-19), Battle Creek Central (25-18), 25-9) and Stevensville Lakeshore (25-18, 25-18). The Chargers defeated St. Joseph in the first round of the elimination playoffs, 25-23, 25-18.

"We started the day off kind of slow in our first two matches of pool play and the seniors did

a really great job of rallying the team together to bring our level of play up for the rest of the day," Churchill assistant coach Eva Jedruszko said. "There definitely was improvement from the girls since last weekend's tournament in Grand Haven and that's all we want from them is to play great volleyball, win or lose."

Junior Erin Menard recorded a team-high 29 kills on day. Audrey Durocher added 13 and Katie Hecksel added nine for the Chargers, now 6-3 on the year.

Megan Miller had a team-best 33 digs with only three serve-receive errors and no serving miscues. Nicole Kempinski added 23 digs.

"There is still a lot of work that needs to be accomplished in practice, but I am very proud of all them for their hard work

and effort thus far," Jedruszko said. "They played great volleyball those last couple of matches against some pretty good teams, we ended up a little short against Gull Lake, which is a very offensive team. But it was definitely worth the trip out there."

Zywick fuels Rockets

Senior libero Brooke Zywick racked up 105 digs and senior outside hitter Halie Baker contributed 58 total kills on the day as Westland John (3-3-4) captured the Silver Bracket in Saturday's Walled Lake Central Tournament.

The Rockets went 0-1-2 in pool play against Fenton (19-25, 18-25), Farmington (17-25, 25-18) and Bloomfield Hills Lahser (25-14, 24-26).

Glenn took all three matches in the consolation bracket with

victories over Lahser (25-20, 25-13), North Farmington (12-25, 25-12, 16-14) and rival Wayne Memorial (25-12, 25-13).

Other Glenn statistical leaders included Sarah Headrick (73 assists and 35 digs), Allie Murphy (24 kills) and Claire Truskowski (32 assists).

Zywick was named to the All-Tournament team.

Patriots start season

Livonia Franklin went 0-3-1 in the Walled Lake Central Tournament with losses to Salem (14-25, 16-25), the host Vikings (20-25, 12-25) and North Farmington (17-25, 20-25).

The split came in pool play against North (17-25, 25-23).

Senior Chelsea Williams had a team-high 23 kills on the day followed by sophomores Maggie Leins and Kelly O'Brien with 10

apiece.

Other contributions came from junior setter Rachel Kapchus (36 assists), junior Raquel Garza (28 digs, four aces), junior Sara Bo (18 digs) and junior Nicole Williamson (13 digs).

"Despite the losses, I saw many positive things, we are progressing," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "We're not big, so we have to work twice as hard on every play. I was pleased with the court intensity and team unity."

Warriors get 1st win

After going winless in the Battle Creek and Livonia Ladywood tournaments, Lutheran High Westland notched its first victory of the season Tuesday night at Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 25-14, 15-22, 25-13.

Freshman Leah Refenes had six kills and three blocks, while Amanda Terranella added five kills, two blocks and six digs against the Chargers (0-1).

Other leaders for the Warriors included Alyssa Shirkey (13 digs); Erica Killian (10 assists, seven digs, 11 service points, three aces); Marisa Hahn (10 points, six digs); Mary MacKenzie (seven digs, five assist); and Taylor Wiemer (seven digs).

"We are obviously pleased with the victory after the recent struggles we have had," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team is 1-6-2 overall. "We did some good things tonight, but we have to keep working and trying to get better every day. We still make the same mistakes over and over, but once we cut that from our game, we'll be much better."

TENNIS

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out Wayne County.

"Sports have always been a big part of my life and tennis is one of those you can play up to any age," said Glinz, who at age 78 can still attack the net or volley from the backline with equal authority. "We're all pretty equal and you see decent tennis no matter which court you play on. There are no particular teams, it's just the first four people that show up go out on the court and sometimes winners play winners and sometimes we just mix it up. Nobody sits for very long."

Selling the sport

Before retirement Glinz was a salesman, doing his best in making people aware of supplies in the sprinkler head industry. His uncanny ability to get the message across in such an accommodating way has been the key ingredient in developing the independence these tennis players enjoy.

"There isn't another group like this around anywhere," said Glinz, who estimates he

still hits the courts an average of four times a week. "Most leagues clubs form. But our league (Sunday Night Tennis League) is the only league that is a private league. We set it up and always find enough people to play."

"Chuck is the main guy, there's no doubt," assured 65-year-old Dave Petway while sitting on a park bench recently waiting his turn to join in on the morning action. "He's the straw that stirs the drink. If it wasn't for Chuck I wouldn't be playing nearly as much tennis as I do, and that's probably true for everybody here."

"He's our organizer. He makes phone calls, puts together computer lists — I think he loves organizing sometimes more so than he likes playing tennis."

How strong is Glinz's love for the game and determination to continue to bring in new faces? Just check with the Novi Sports Arena, which initially resisted Glinz's attempts to house indoor tennis play, and now entertains dozens of his closest competitors three days a week.

"Chuck was a salesman traveling all over the state and

he's not afraid to talk to anybody," said Jim Robinson, 67, a Novi resident who grew up in Livonia. "So when someone shows up just standing around a tennis court, he will walk up to them, introduce himself, and ask who they are and say 'You know, we play tennis on Sunday night and we're always looking for players.'"

"He will put that pitch out to anybody he sees," Robinson went on. "And they will take it and become friends and move on to other things. It's Chuck being the salesman, and he sells tennis."

Serious side, too

It's not all recreation out there: Each player has a

USTA rating and views his level of play on a serious note. That type of drive and determination has been instrumental in Glinz and company sending a team to this month's state tournament in Grand Rapids for Super Senior (Over 60 Division) play.

If victorious, the group would advance to the Midwest playoffs Oct. 1-3 in Indianapolis.

"We went to the nationals three years ago in South Carolina and got beat in the semifinals," recalled Glinz. "It was a great time. We have some great guys who can really play the game."

In addition to Petway and

Robinson, other locals who have become part of Glinz's tennis family include: Ed Barter of Farmington Hills; Harold Cook and Craig Orr, both of Plymouth; Frank Benfante and Don Smith, both of Canton; and Michael Banks of Redford.

Other regular participants include 70-year-old Alex Zimkovsky of West Bloomfield, who playfully boasts to be the "best player" out there, Rick Warnicke of Orchard Lake, Harold Lollar and Mark Stevens, both of Dearborn Heights, Rich Ostella of Trenton, and George Ginger and Ted Nowak, both from Northville.

"These are all pretty good

players you see out here," said Barter, a former state champion in the sport of racquetball, who like so many of these individuals shifted their emphasis toward tennis due to its competitive nature and camaraderie. "Right now I'm not playing regularly with them because I need shoulder surgery. But I've developed an underhand spin serve that I can get aces on and just plan on playing as long as I can."

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Dr. Karissa Jagacki of Personalized Hearing Care Inc. in Westland and South Lyon checks the auditory canal of a patient.

Personalized Hearing Care goes pink

This October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month will celebrate 25 years of making a positive difference for women and their families in communities around the world. Dr. Karissa Jagacki of Personalized Hearing Care Inc., with offices in Westland and South Lyon, is supporting the cause in a way that will also make a positive difference for people with hearing loss.

Jagacki is among a select group of U.S. hearing care practitioners to offer the new Oticon Agil "Think Pink," a sleek, distinctively pink hearing device. During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Personalized Hearing Care Inc. will participate in the national "Pink with a Purpose" campaign to help raise funds for breast cancer research. Throughout October, leading hearing care manufacturer Oticon will donate a portion of proceeds from the sale of Agil "Think Pink" and all other Agil hearing devices to the National Breast Cancer Coalition.

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ABOUT PHC

What: Personalized Hearing Care Inc.

Address: 35337 W. Warren Road, Westland, and 321 Pettibone, Suite 105, South Lyon

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, evening and Saturdays by appointment.

Details: Personalized Hearing Care Inc. has been providing hearing care services to the Metro Detroit area since 1993. All clinical services at PHC are provided by nationally certified audiologists who hold a State of Michigan

Audiology License. Our goal is to provide you with the best hearing health care, based upon your individual needs. We believe the ability to hear and communicate is important to the quality of life. At Personalized Hearing Care Inc. It is important to us that you feel comfortable with your hearing care. We offer superior service in a non-threatening environment. **Contact:** Call the Westland office at (734) 467-5100 and the South Lyon office at (234) 437-5505 or go online to www.personalized-hearingcare.com.

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The special edition Agil "Think Pink" is available in tiny mini behind-the-ear device that is almost invisible on the ear. Jagacki added that the Agil family of hearing instruments can accommodate

approximately 80 percent of hearing losses.

Personalized Hearing Care also is inviting people to attend a special event Oct. 12-13 to raise money for breast cancer awareness. All scheduled participants will enjoy refreshments, give-aways and raffle prizes and the chance to win a pair of TV ears.

For more information on hearing loss, the Agil "Think Pink" or to schedule a demonstration appointment, call Personalized Hearing Care in Westland at (734) 467-5100 or in South Lyon at (248) 437-5505 or visit www.personalizedhearingcare.com.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New vice-president

Tim Jodway has joined Garden City Hospital's executive management team as vice-president/chief financial officer. Jodway brings experience and strategy to his newly assumed role and will oversee all areas of financial services and provide leadership to improve financial operations such as productivity and meeting and/or exceeding budget targets.



Jodway

Jodway, a financial leader with 21 years of experience from multiple Michigan hospitals and the private sector, arrived at Garden City Hospital in June 2010. He received a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Michigan State University in 1988. After graduation, Jodway worked in the private sector at Deloitte & Touche in Detroit as an auditor.

Throughout the years, Jodway held various manage-

ment positions in Michigan healthcare organizations, including Lapeer Regional Hospital, McLaren Health Care Corporation and North Oakland Medical Centers. Most recently, Jodway led the financial team at Northern Michigan Regional Health System, located in Petoskey, as vice-president and Chief financial officer.

In his five years as an executive leader in Petoskey, he increased revenue through contract negotiations and redesign and restructuring of processes and departments, increased investment earnings by having implemented a centralized system-wide treasury function, and designed and implements new productivity measurement tools.

Jodway lives in Shelby Township with his wife and nine-year-old daughter.

Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the community at large. For more information about Garden City Hospital, call (877) 717-WELL or visit www.gchosp.org.

It's a Blizzard

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MILESTONES

Best Cupcakes

Time/Date: Pre-register by Sept. 28

Location: Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Westland is looking for bakers, adult and junior level, for the first annual Westland's Best Cupcakes competition. This is an event for the whole family and supports a charity that involves the entire community - the Central City Park Restoration Plan. The Third Annual "Noodles n' Neighbors" fund-raiser will be a spaghetti dinner, silent auction and include "Westland's Best Cupcakes." The event will be held at the Friendship Center in Westland on Friday, Oct. 1. Cost for dinner tickets are \$10 each. All guests will be enjoying the cupcakes and voting along with the judges for their favorite. Cupcakes will be judged in 4 categories - Junior level ages 12-17, Adult level Taste and Flavor, Adult level design and presentation and fan favorite. The theme of the cupcakes will be "Fall" with each contestant bringing 36 cupcakes. Six of which will have to be decorated at the event. Bakers must pre-register.

Contact: For more information or competition rules, contact Mary Denning, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, (734)

Networking breakfast

Time/Date: 8-10 a.m.

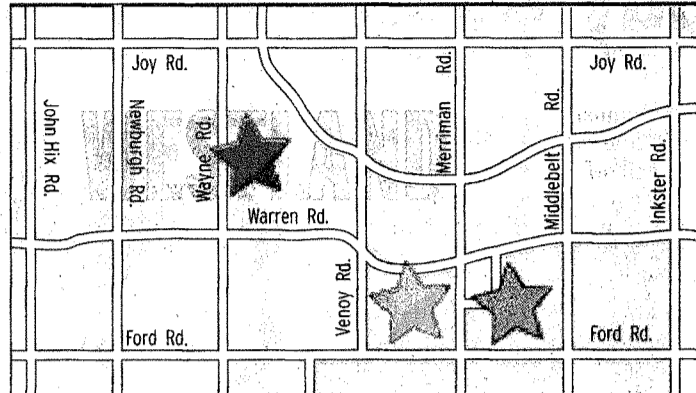
Tuesday, Sept. 21

Location: Office Depot,

45580 Michigan Ave. at

Canton Center, Canton

Details: Office Depot will be hosting a breakfast for the members of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce along with WSACC and their members at its Canton location. A light breakfast - bagels,



donuts, coffee, water, etc. - will be provided. The cost to attend is \$5 per person. The breakfast is intended to introduce all members with the affinity-discount program provided by Office Depot. Office Depot Store Purchasing Cards will be available for all members. The cards will allow members to shop in store and receive instant discount without having to sign up for anything. Any member who prefers to shop online we will be able to sign that day. There also will be a raffle, must be present to win.

Contact: Reserve a spot by Sept. 12 by calling the Garden City Chamber office at (734) 422-4448. **261-3680.**

General store

Time/Date: noon-3 p.m.

Wednesdays and Saturdays

Location: The Lathers

General Store inside the

Straight Farmhouse, 6221

Merriman, Garden City

Details: Looking for something different. Visit the old-fashioned general store that's a gift shop, boutique, and resale shop. It benefits the Straight Farmhouse, home of the Garden City Historical Museum.

Contact: (734) 838-0650

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Say goodbye to summer at annual art, music festival

From music to wine tasting, art to a kiddie carnival, Arts, Beats & Eats will offer something for everyone Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-6, in downtown Royal Oak. Hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5 and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, Sept. 6. Admission is \$3, with children under 3 admitted free. Admission is free until 5 p.m., Sept. 3.

Parking at 10 downtown lots and structures and three nearby lots will be \$15. Parking also will be available for \$10 at Royal Oak High School, located on Lexington Boulevard, off Crooks, north of 13 Mile, and Hazel Park Raceway, located off Ten Mile, east of Dequindre and will include a shuttle. On-street parking meters will not be available during the festival.

The festival, with its 10 stages featuring national and local music bands, 130 renown artists from across the country and food from local restaurants, is moving to Royal Oak after a successful 12-year run in Pontiac. Organizers hope for a turnout of approximately 450,000.

The "arts" portion of the festival will feature fine artists and their ceramics, drawings, fabric, leather, glass, graphics, jewelry, painting, metal, photography, and other media. The music line-up will include country, alternative, rock, classical, soul, R&B, jazz, blues, folk and more, from such musicians as Sponge, WAR, Kansas, Clint Black, Howling Diablos, Candy Band, The Twistin Tarantulas, The Mydols, American Mars, The Polish Muslims, Blackthorn and Thornetta Davis. For a full music line up visit www.artsbeatseats.com.

THEATER STAGE

Not all of the stage entertainment at the Arts, Beats & Eats will be held outdoors.

Stagecrafters at the Baldwin Theatre, on Lafayette between Fourth and Fifth streets, will open its doors for "a taste of a lot of different performing arts," for the first three days



Carolyn Striho, a Farmington Hills resident and leader of the Carolyn Striho Band, will perform at Arts, Beats & Eats in Royal Oak.

of the Sept. 3-6 festival, according to Linda Zublick, president of the Stagecrafters board of directors.

The 372-seat main auditorium will be open 11 a.m. -7 p.m. Sept. 3-4, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 5, for live performances. The festival's \$3 daily admission covers the indoor performances, Zublick said.

"Our building is right inside the festival boundaries," Zublick said. "We look at it as an opportunity to expose ourselves to new audiences. Stagecrafters is excited to offer a chance to come inside and see some great entertainment."

Performers from the Royal Oak-based Detroit School of Rock and Pop will take the stage for performances, 1-5 p.m. each of the three days at Stagecrafters. The first two days of performances at Stagecrafters will conclude with actors from Stagecrafters' fall play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, performing a scene at 6:30 p.m.

"We'll offer a sneak peek," Zublick said, referring to the fall Shakespeare play.

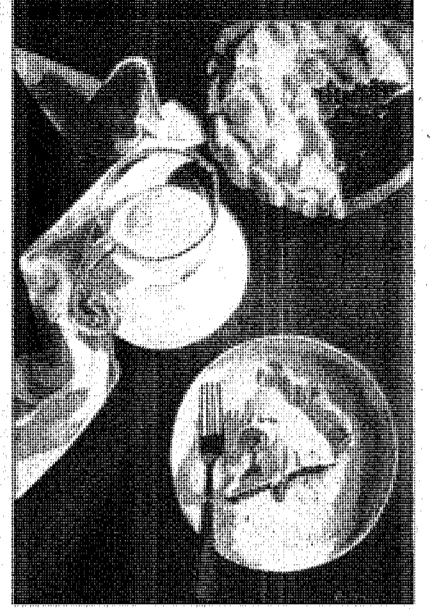
The rest of Stagecrafters' cultural programming will be held outdoors on stages at the southern end of the

festival, according to Lisa Konikow, AB & E art director.

Acts from a diverse range of groups will perform day and night throughout the four-day festival, including the Detroit-based Mosaic Youth Singers, InsideOut Literary Arts Project and the Matrix Theatre, which will perform a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

WINE, FOOD

Fifty-three restaurants will offer food and tastes, with no item costing more than \$5. The Robert Mondavi



Karen O'Daniel of Plymouth will be among the artists exhibiting their works at Arts, Beats & Eats in downtown Royal Oak. This is O'Daniel's piece, "After Atkins."

Discover Wine Tour will be on hand, giving tastings of California wines. The tour will include the Essence Station, designed to help novice wine-drinkers recognize the subtle aromas and flavors of wine. The tour will include cooking demonstrations with local chefs and wine experts.

Ford Motor Company will exhibit its latest vehicles, offer contests and give festival patrons, age 21 and older, a chance to test drive a Ford Fiesta.

Arts, Beats & Eats expanded its children's activities this year. Kids will explore their talents with hands-on art projects at the Creative Arts Studio of Royal Oak Arts & Crafts tent. The Kids Stage will feature dozens of performances geared to youth and a kiddie carnival will offer ten rides.

Compiled by Sharon Dargay and Steve Kowalski

Show mixes Shakespeare with Cole Porter tunes

Spotlight Players will kick off its new season Sept. 17 with Cole Porter's *Kiss Me Kate*.

Memorable songs by this classic American composer include *Wunderbar*, *So in Love*, *Always True to You in My Fashion*, *Too Darn Hot*, and *Brush Up Your Shakespeare*.

Kiss Me, Kate, which won Tony awards when it debuted in 1948 and when it was revived in 2000, tells the story of Fred and Lilli, a once married pair of actors now rehearsing Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. When flowers from Fred are sent to the wrong amour - fireworks abound.

Barbara Bloom of Novi is directing the show, which features husband and wife team, Scott and Susan Behrehs of Northville in the lead roles.

"Cole Porter is one of those songwriters whose work you know without realizing it. He's just everywhere, and his magnificent lyrical powers are in full command for this, his most successful musical," Bloom stated. "Whether quipping on the Bard or, fittingly, commenting on the heat, Porter manages to be sophisticated, affectionate and biting all at once."

Kiss Me Kate is a family show that offers a show within a show - dual love stories and a taste of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*.

The cast includes Olivia Rhoads from Plymouth as Lois/Bianca; Jerry Carney as Harrison Howell, Tim Chanko as Gremio, Jacob Eliett as Nathaniel/Ensemble, Michele Fraser as Bar Maid/Ensemble, Ray Fraser as Gangster 2, Dee Morrison in the Ensemble, Tracey Neil as Haberdasher/Ensemble, and Linda Pohl in the Ensemble, all from Canton; Linda Trygg as Cab Driver/Ensemble, Jan

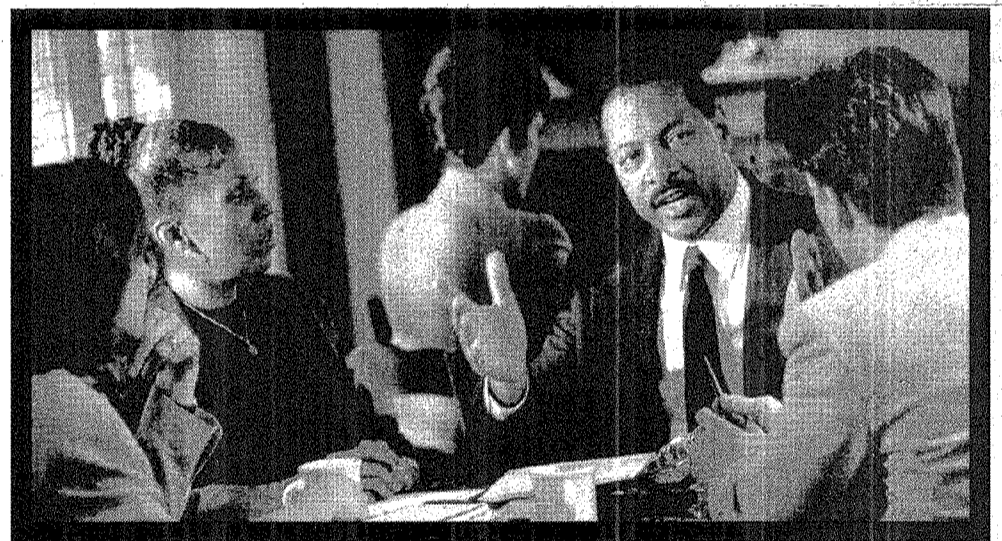


Scott and Susan Behrehs of Northville rehearse for Spotlight Players' production of 'Kiss Me Kate.'

Larente as Soloist/Ensemble, and David Zolotarchuk as Paul, all from Westland; Austin Tranchida of Garden City as Horensio; and Jesse Brandel as Bill/Lucentio and Kyle Coykendall as Gregory/Ensemble, both from Farmington Hills.

Performances are at 8 p.m., Sept. 17-18, and 24-25 and at 2 p.m. Sept. 18-19 and 25-26 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill, Canton.

Buy tickets by calling (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or visit online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org. Tickets also are available at the door. Cost is \$18.00 for adults and \$16.00 for seniors and students under 19.



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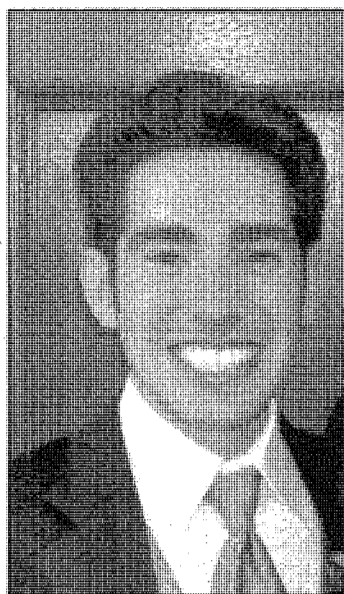
Joshua Goldberg is the new director of the Manny and Natalie Charach Religious School at Congregation Beth Ahm.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Wayne State University in speech communication, with a minor in Near Eastern Studies. He is taking courses toward a master's degree in Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Goldberg's background in Jewish education includes 11 years of experience teaching religious school, focusing on such topics as Hebrew language, Jewish history, Torah, Kashrut, and the Holocaust.

He has served as a vice president of the young adult B'nai B'rith Impact Michigan Group and is currently a trustee of the B'nai B'rith Great Lakes Region.

Beth Ahm is a Conservative shul located



Goldberg

at 5075 West Maple, just west of Inkster, in West Bloomfield.

For more information about religious school, call Goldberg at (248) 851-6880 or e-mail jgoldberg@cbahm.org



Picnic fun

Newburg United Methodist Church plans a church and neighborhood picnic at 11:30 a.m., following the 10 a.m. worship service, on Sept. 12. Participants will find food, fun, fellowship and games for children on the church lawn. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information call (734) 422-0149.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. Feel free to send a related photo in jpg form.

SEPT. 2-15

Detroit Lutheran Singers

Time/Date: Auditions by appointment only; rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m., Mondays, beginning Sept. 13
Location: Westminster Church, on west Outer Drive, east of Greenfield in Detroit
Details: The group plans auditions and will begin preparing for its fall concerts
Contact: To schedule an audition,

call (248) 644-1091 or e-mail to rightlady@comcast.net
Grief Share
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Sundays, beginning Sept. 12
Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This 13-week seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts and others who have experienced the loss of a loved one. "The Effects of Grief," "Your Family and Grief," and "Stuck in Grief" are just three of the topics that will be discussed. Workbooks will be provided. There is no charge for the program, but a \$15 donation is suggested to help cover costs.

Picnic
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Bible class, 11 a.m. worship, followed by picnic, Sunday, Sept. 12
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Bounce House for the kids and other children's activities as well as lots of food
Contact: (734) 427-8743
Prayer service
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and well-being of the world, as well as for one another.
Contact: (734) 421-1760; www.unityoflivonia.org
Rediscovering Catholicism
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Discussion of Matthew Kelly's book, "Rediscovering Catholicism." Participants will follow the author's study guide of

questions for reflection, as the group reads selected passages of the book. A limited number of free books are available. Participants can pick one up from the church office when they register for the discussion group.
Contact: Register by calling Nancy at (734) 591-9164, or e-mail to nna-jokas@hotmail.com
Schedule change
Time/Date: Sunday morning Eucharist is at 8:30 a.m. (non-singing) and 10:30 a.m. (singing). Sunday School for adults and children is 9:30 a.m.
Location: Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: The church resumes its regular worship schedule on Sept. 13. A new priest, the Rev. Wayne Knockel, will start the regular service schedule.
Contact: (734) 591-0211

Please see **RELIGION, NEXT PG.**

Capuchins celebrate peace at prayer service

The Capuchin community will hold an interfaith prayer service to celebrate International Peace Day, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit. Security and lighted parking will be available.

"We invite everyone to come and celebrate peace," stated Brother Larry Webber, a Capuchin friar and director of the Solanus Casey Center. "We will be using prayer, song, and dance to energize our spirits. We want a world for our children without war, violence, greed, genocide and famine. This is a step towards that hope. Everyone will be invited to light a candle for victims of violence."

Peace flags will be available to churches or community centers that RSVP before Sept. 10. The flags can serve as a constant reminder to visualize and pray for world peace. To reserve a flag, call Brother Larry at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 130.

The Capuchins are an international community of friars modeling themselves after St. Francis of Assisi. The brothers of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, serve in a variety of ministries including social service, schools, chaplaincy, retreat houses and parishes. www.thecapuchins.org

Your Invitation to Worship

<p>CATHOLIC</p> <p>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Tridentine Latin Mass St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 36100 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200 Mass Schedule: Fri. 7:00 p.m. Sat. 11:30 a.m. Sun. Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. <small>CE08099822</small></p>	<p>UNITED METHODIST</p> <p>ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 30450 Farmington Road • Farmington Hills www.orchardumc.org 248-626-3620 Worship: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid, Margo Dexter <small>CE08099822</small></p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</p> <p>ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman & Farmington Rds.) (734) 422-0494 Friends in Faith Service 8:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Visit www.rosedalegardens.org For information about our many programs <small>CE08099822</small></p>	<p>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</p> <p>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Just north of I-96 www.christsavior.org Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional Sunday School/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413 Staffed Nursery Available Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ Pastors: Davenport, Bayer, & Creeden 734-522-6830 <small>CE08099705</small></p>
<p>St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church St. Genevieve School - PreK-8 29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220 (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Jeffries) MASS: Tues. 7 p, Wed., Thurs. 9 a, Sat. 4 p, Sun 11a</p> <p>St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church 32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616 (between Merriman & Farmington Roads) MASS: Mon. 8:30 a, Fri. 8:30 a, Sat. 6 p, Sun 9a <small>CE08099707</small></p>	<p>GREEK ORTHODOX</p> <p>NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 39851 West Five Mile, Plymouth Twp., MI Sunday Services Mats 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes. Parish Office 734-420-0131 Office Hours M-F 10:00 am - 2:00 pm www.nativitygocchurch.org <small>CE08099694</small></p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>Fellowship Presbyterian Church Adult Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia • South of Six Mile Road Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org <small>CE08099698</small></p>	<p>Risen Christ Lutheran David W. Martin, Pastor 46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth (at I-96 W. of Shedd) (734) 453-5252 Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School 9:30 • Adult Bible Study 9:30 Nursery Care Available. All are welcome. Come as you are. www.risenchrist.info <small>CE08099824</small></p>
<p>CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE</p> <p>PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196 <small>CE08099823</small></p>	<p>LUTHERAN-ELCA</p> <p>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA Farmington Hills 23225 Gill Rd. 248-474-0584 Saturday Worship • 5:30 PM Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:00 AM TRADITIONAL/CHORAL SERVICE 10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - ALL AGES 11:15 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE NURSERY AVAILABLE BILL & LAUREN KIRSH-CARR, PASTORS <small>CE08099825</small></p>	<p>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>WARD CHURCH 40000 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 248.374.7400 www.wardchurch.org Traditional Worship 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11 a.m. Children's Programs available at 9:30 & 11 a.m. The Traditional Service is broadcast on the radio each week at 11 a.m. on 560 AM <small>CE08099827</small></p>	<p>LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD</p> <p>ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL 17810 FARMINGTON ROAD, LIVONIA (734) 261-1360 WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. THURSDAY: 6:30 P.M. website: www.stpaulsilivonia.org <small>CE08099824</small></p>
<p>CONGREGATIONAL</p> <p>North Congregational Church 36520 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills (bet. Drake & Halsted) (248) 848-1750 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School Faith - Freedom-Fellowship Ministers Dr. Mark P. Jensen Rev. Mary E. Biedron <small>CE08099828</small></p>	<p>For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 248-437-2011, Ext. 247 or e-mail: dhart@dnp.com</p>		

RELIGION

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Sunday school

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. worship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Sunday, Sept. 12
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, just west of Newburgh in Westland
Details: Music, crafts, games and fun kicks off the new season of Sunday school. Activities are designed for kids age 3 through fifth grade, but Sunday school is offered to individuals of all ages who are curious about God and Jesus' teachings; no prior experience necessary. An additional activity is designed for young adults and adults
Contact: (734) 722-1735

SEPT. 16-30

Drug, alcohol talk
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30
Location: St. Joseph Parish multi-purpose room, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon
Details: Alcohol and drug discussion is designed for abusers, family members, anyone interested in the topic. Theresa Lilly, author of "Addiction of a Loved One," and James Balmer, president of Dawn Farms in Ypsilanti, are the speakers. There will be time for questions and answers and refreshments will be served
Contact: (248) 349-3127

ONGOING

AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615 for information

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 9 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture reading
Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday
Location: 26701 Joy
Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning

Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey
Contact: (313) 274-3820
Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Crafters wanted

First United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23
Location: Eight Mile and Taft in Northville
Details: 3rd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now
Contact: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at funcbazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: Oct. 22-23
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5
Contact: (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riverside-parkchurch.org

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: Oct. 9
Location: 555 South Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft sale
Contact: (734) 721-5023

St. Thomas a'Becket

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show
Contact: craftshow@abecket.org or (734) 844-1232

Fellowship dinner

St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals
Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank

New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to

person requests

Contact: (248) 476-8860
St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday
Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia
Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

Senior citizens

Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food
Contact: (734) 464-0990

Singles

First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.
Contact: (313) 534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Song Circle

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

Support

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling
Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: (248) 433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Riverside Park Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care
Contact: (734) 367-4220; www.riversideparkchurch.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware

of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.
Contact: (734) 421-8451.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday
Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association
Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight and keep it off
Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: (313) 387-9797. www.aa.org

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. praise/worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free
Contact: Child care, call (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

Thrift store

St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: (313) 534-7730

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2:30-3 p.m., third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more fully in their lives
Contact: (734) 637-7618

Tree sale

Time/Date: Through 2010
Location: Oakland Baptist Church, on Beck Road just south of 10 Mile

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Details: The church is selling trees for \$200. Trees will be planted on the church property. Purchasers can dedicate what they buy in honor of someone they know, of a member of the church or former member. Dedication plaques are available for each tree
Contact: The Rev. Tim Whyte, after 5 p.m., at (248) 882-4041 or Roxie Sinclair at (248) 437-0832

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: (248) 851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: (734) 522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m., the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton
Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation

Contact: Roberta Malkowski, president/treasurer at (248) 231-6280

Due Season Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m., Tuesday Bible study
Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multi-cultural, full gospel church services
Contact: (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Faith Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday; learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages
Location: 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia
Contact: Visit www.livonfaith.org

Garden City Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday
Location: Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road
Contact: (734) 421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship ser-

vice with communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Contact: (734) 427-3660

Grace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service, and 10:30 a.m., contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.

Location: 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township
Contact: (734) 637-8160

His Church Anglican

Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m., at Madonna
Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University Campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, at intersection of Levan, Livonia

Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; (248) 442-0HCA

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 9 a.m., Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday worship in the chapel
Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 427-1414

New Beginnings United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Sunday
Location: 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford
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Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sunday
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
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Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday
Location: 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service
Location: 37775 Palmer, Westland
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Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 5 p.m., every second and fourth Sunday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: "Sunday Night Lights" service designed for younger families; other services are 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m., Wednesday
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PAMELA E. AHONEN
 Age 56, passed away, August 27th, 2010. She was born on July 29, 1954, in Detroit, daughter of Stanley and Blanche Peters. Pam was a loving and devoted mother. She enjoyed taking long walks and being outdoors. She loved animals, but most importantly, she loved being with her family. She is survived by: her beloved children, Nicole (Brian) Madden, Joseph Ahonen, her mother Blanche Peters and her brothers, Timothy (Janis) Peters and Stephen Peters. She will also be survived by her granddaughter, expected in December. She was preceded in death by her father Stanley and her former husband Thomas. A Liturgy of the Word funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 7th at 11:00 AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

SHIRLEY NUECHTERLEIN
 Age 81, August 30, 2010. Beloved wife of Gene. Dear mother of Rev. Paul (Ellen), Donna (Timothy) Stephan, and David (Tina). Loving grandmother of 9. Dear sister of Elsie, Doris, William (Estelle), the late Robert (Sue), the late Margaret, and the late Marie Krist Christenson. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Instate Friday 10am with Funeral Service 11am at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Rd., Livonia. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Faith Lutheran Church or Food for the Poor (www.foodforthepeople.org). Please share a message with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

In Memory Of



RUBY BROTHERS
 August 29, 2010, age 91, of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Wendell Stafford and the late Rosemond Brothers. Dear mother of Ronald (Reba) Stafford, Frederick (Judith) Stafford, and Gail Stafford. Grandmother of seven and six great-grandchildren. Memorial service at Westland Christian Union Church, corner of Wayne and Marquette, Westland, Saturday 12 noon. Cremation rights were accorded. Cremains will be interred in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Please view memorial and send tributes at: www.uhthf.com

NICHOLAS PAUL COX
 August 27, 2010. Age 28. Devoted father of Alexis and Amberlynn, loving son of Susan Marie Cox (Robertson) and Ronald Cox. Brother of Shawn Cox. Also survived with much love, by many cousins, aunts, uncles, step-brothers and sisters and grandparents. Memorial Service: Thursday, September 2 at 11:00am, Twin Oaks Christian Church, 22333 King Road, Woodhaven, MI.

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BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sometimes the simplest things in life are the most satisfying.

Take the humble cucumber, for example. It's easy to grow and can be a cinch to prepare. Just ask Tim Sayers.

"This is my second year of growing cucumbers in my back yard. My neighbor, Lou, taught me how to do it the best way. He used to live on a farm and has grown vegetables all his life," said Tim, whose mom, Rachel, e-mailed his comments to the *Observer* after we asked readers to share their vegetable garden photos and recipes.

The Roosevelt Elementary School third-grader and Livonia resident has a tasty — and easy — recipe for preparing cucumbers straight out of the garden.

"I like a fresh-picked cucumber with just a shake of garlic salt on thick, peeled slices. It makes a fast snack that I can quickly prepare myself."

Valerie and George Schultheis of Garden City kept it simple this year, too. They grew tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and lettuce with the help of their German shepherd, Ghost.

"My husband, George, marks the hole for planting and Ghost digs the hole to the right depth. He's quite the little helper if you exercise a little patience," Valerie wrote in an e-mail. "We're working with him on weeding — wish us luck."

Tom Przebienda's green thumb touches both flower and vegetable gardens on his property in Livonia. He doesn't have any advice on using canine muscle to dig the soil, but he does suggest putting the trowel aside if it's a sunny, hot day.

"You do much better on a cool or cloudy day," he noted. Don't be too hasty to

SUMMER HARVEST

Readers share their vegetable garden recipes, photos



Tim Sayers of Livonia shows off the cucumbers he grew.



George Schultheis of Garden City watches as his dog, Ghost, gets ready to dig in the garden earlier this year.



Cherry tomatoes grow in Vera Lucksted's garden in Farmington.



Terry Smith shows his 13 1/2-foot tall tomato plant in Livonia.

store the gardening implements as summer wanes and cool weather arrives. Vera Lucksted, a member of the Beautification Committee for Farmington, said there's still time to plant a fall harvest of veggies, including radish, turnip, beet, cabbage and lettuce.

"Use a row cover to keep moisture and temperature even," she suggested.

If you're hungry for more than Tim Sayer's cucumber snack, try one of these recipes:

TOMATO, ONION, AVOCADO SALAD RECIPE

Valerie Schultheis offers this recipe and says if you are making it for a potluck, slice the onions ahead, but plan on cutting and assembling on site, right before serving. Do not refrigerate the tomatoes or you will destroy their flavor and make their texture mealy.

- 3-4 fresh large tomatoes, sliced
- 1/2 red onion, sliced
- 2 avocados, peeled and cut into bite-sized chunks
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- Red wine vinegar (a good, strong red wine vinegar)
- Extra virgin olive oil (the best quality)
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Place a layer of sliced tomatoes on a large serving platter. Arrange the slivers of red onions and the chunks of avocado over the tomatoes. Sprinkle with parsley, garlic, and oregano. Drizzle red wine vinegar and olive oil over the platter. Sprinkle with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Serve immediately. Do not refrigerate.

TOM'S DILL PICKLES

This is one of Tom Przebienda's favorite recipes

- 25 pickling cucumbers
- 1 gallon of water
- 1/2 cup of vinegar
- 1/2 cup of kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1 bunch fresh dill
- 2 heads of garlic

Bring the first five ingredients to a boil, allow to boil 5 minutes and let cool.

Use a 2-gallon crock. Place a layer of dill and garlic in the crock, followed by a layer of cucumbers. Continue layering in that manner until the crock is full. Pour the liquid that was used to boil the cucumbers into the crock. Cover with a plate to hold the cucumbers down. Wrap with plastic wrap. Check in about a week. They should be ready to eat.

SLOW ROASTED TOMATOES

Vera Lucksted suggests using cherry, grape and pear varieties

Rinse tomatoes and remove stems

Toss tomatoes with olive oil to coat lightly

Spread tomatoes on cookie sheet (with an edge) sprinkle liberally with kosher or sea salt and fresh cracked pepper. Roast in a pre-heated oven at 225 degrees for 3-5 hours, stirring every 45 minutes. Twenty minutes before you remove from the oven, turn the heat to 375 and finish the tomatoes at the high temperature. Toss with your choice of cooked pasta and sprinkle with cheese. Serve hot or cold.

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