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IN BRIEF

Sell*A*Bration

Shoppers are wanted for the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army's Sell*A*Bration 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Corps center, 2300 S. Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Independent consultants from companies like Avon, Shaklee, Mische Bags, Stampin' Up, Tupperware, Cookie Lee, The Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Jewel Kade, Tastefully Simple, SendOut Cards, Sentsy, Creative Memories, Princess House, Traci Lynn Fashion Jewelry and Lia Sophia will be on hand to display and sell their products.

Adult admission is \$1. The Sell*A*Bration is a fund-raiser for the Salvation Army's Youth Jamboree. For more information, call (734) 722-3660.

Time to laugh

Looking for a way to ease a little pre-holiday season stress? You don't have to look far.

The Edison PTO is inviting residents to attend A Comedy Night Out Friday, Nov. 12, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman, Westland.

Professional comedic troupe Project 2 Improv will headline at 8 p.m.

"We're thrilled to have a professional troupe of this caliber performing for our fund-raiser," said Judy Marasco, Edison PTO president. "Anyone looking for a night of fun and laughter won't be disappointed."

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. There will be door prizes, raffles and a cash bar. Appetizers will be available for purchase.

Seating is limited and the show is for adults only. To buy tickets, contact Mary Biber at (734) 458-2239 or by e-mail at ambiber1@att.net.

Halloween Fest

Children are invited to the Hines Park Nankin Mills Picnic Area Saturday, Oct. 16, dressed in spook-free costumes for Wayne County Parks' Halloween Festival 2010.

From 1-3 p.m., Wayne County Parks will offer a free afternoon of games and activities, including hayrides, inflatables, costume parade, games and trick-or-treating. In addition to games and activities, this year's festival will feature performances by magician Ben Spitzer and Richard Paul's Ha Ha Halloween Show.

The Hines Park Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For more information, call Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990.

Goodfellows begin work on holiday giving

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Most people would agree that early October — before Halloween — is way too early for stores to have their Christmas decorations on display.

But it's not too early for the Westland Goodfellows to be planning efforts to provide Christmas gifts and food to local needy children. Last year, the Goodfellows made sure nearly 1,000 Westland youngsters had a merrier Christmas.

Applications for Goodfellows Christmas assistance for Westland youngsters are available now at the Dorsey Center, Westland City Hall, the Westland Chamber of Commerce and at www.westlandgoodfellows.org.

"We are getting the applications out

earlier with the way Thanksgiving falls this year," said Donna Knight, who serves as an Application Committee member and program director along with Barbara Hatfield and her daughter Heather.

The women, co-workers at B&G Bookkeeping and Tax Service, took over the application process this year after having handled accounting duties for the Goodfellows.

One day some months ago, Westland Goodfellows Treasurer Larry Futtrell stopped by the B&G office and during the visit mentioned that the two long-time volunteers who screened assistance applications, Madeline Schroeder and Ruth Barnett, were ready to retire from their duties. Schroeder passed away several months ago.

"I thought, 'How hard can it be?' I thought it was something easy that we

GOODFELLOWS MEETING

What: Westland Goodfellows Volunteer Meeting/Open House

Where: Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford

When: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18

could do in the office," Barbara Hatfield said. "We have found it to be overwhelming. The volume of requests has gotten so large."

"Over the last three or four years, the number of requests has doubled," Heather Hatfield added.

While the Goodfellows' mission of No Child Without a Christmas hasn't changed, how the Goodfellows operate has gone through changes in recent years. For instance, the Hatfields and

Knight have computerized the application review process.

A FEW CHANGES

The Westland Goodfellows no longer have the traditional holiday newspaper sale at major intersections, but instead rely on fund-raising letters to local businesses and residents and local poker events. A major contribution — \$28,000 of \$79,000 spent last year — came from Bill Johnson's annual bowling fundraiser and silent auction supported by UAW Local 900 and its members at Wayne Assembly and Truck. A Westland councilman, Johnson is also chairperson of UAW Local 900.

Another change in recent years has been to provide recipients with

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Karen Soave, a Livonia resident, works on a flower arrangement at Community Choices Supported Employment in Westland. She has a micro-enterprise business selling her floral arrangements, Sunrise Flowers by Design by Karen.

Community Choices gives clients a purpose in life

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Karen Soave is excited about her new micro-enterprise business making artificial flower arrangements.

"I make them to order, the color scheme — like they want," said Soave. "It's the first time I've done this, I hope to make it a lasting business so I can generate some money for me and my dog. I'm supporting Sugar, a Maltese."

A Livonia resident, Soave, 47, is a client of Community Choices Supported Employment which serves about 200 developmentally disabled people — about half of those participating in the vocational program. Located in Westland, Community Choices offers a variety of programs, such as community skill building, an in-house day program, job development, job coaching and the micro-enterprise businesses.

"The micro-enterprise

individuals can come up with ideas or we can help them create an idea to put together their own business," said social worker Alison Reddy. "They write a business plan, produce a product and sell it. Some people go to crafts shows or fill vending machines."

The micro-enterprise business include making greeting cards, buttons and assembling first-aid kits.

"It takes awhile to do each arrangement. I make what they want or use my imagination," said Soave, who sells her arrangements to family, friends and at the Craftique Mall in Garden City. She calls her business Sunrise Flowers by Design by Karen.

Soave began her flower arranging business earlier this year, but Erica Gray, 27, is an old hand at her micro-enterprise business having started making buttons about two years ago. It's called Sunshine Accessories.

"One young lady did but-

tons — she taught me how to use the stuff for the buttons," said Gray, a Dearborn Heights resident. "I make a lot of buttons, maybe a million, for every holiday."

Gray spends Tuesdays and Thursdays at Community Choices.

"It's awesome here. I've made a lot of friends. Basically, I know everyone just to say hi," she said. "I enjoy coming here. I'm at home relaxing other days, just enjoying my day."

Colline Peregood, 39, recently began selling Avon products as her micro-enterprise business.

"I've done pretty good so far. I sold \$167 worth to my family, friends and at the workshop," said Peregood, who is one of Soave's roommates. "I had a pot painting business before. I sold a couple."

Dearborn Heights resident Saleh El Kadri, 54, runs his business at

Please see **PURPOSE, A2**

Senior expo has exhibits, programs

The second-annual Westland Observer Senior Health & Living Expo, scheduled 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, has something for seniors citizens as well as their friends and family.

The first 50 attendees through the door will receive a special gift courtesy of the Westland Observer.

The expo is presented by the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers in partnership with Oakland Community College.

Free admission, free parking, free health screenings and free refreshments (bagels from

Please see **EXPO, A2**



Police seek tips on suspects in shooting

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland police are looking for help from the public as they continue to investigate the Oct. 6 shooting death of a Westland man at his home.

"We haven't received that many tips, we would like more. Currently, we're conducting interviews and looking for suspects," said Westland police Lt. Michael Matich.

Anthony Michael Esse, 25, died after being shot once in the chest during a confrontation with two men at his home in the 2200 block of Stieber, south of Palmer and west of Wildwood.

"There was a little conversation before the shooting. This was definitely not random," said Matich, adding that Esse lived at the home with his girl-

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Detroit Bagel, assorted juices and coffee) are on the day's agenda, along with more than 40 exhibitors presenting ideas and services to help senior citizens lead healthier, happier lives.

services, estate planning, Social Security Administration updates and volunteer opportunities. Special presentations include emergency preparedness by Ken Murray of the Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission and how to avoid scams that target senior citizens, presented by the Better Business Bureau.

SHOOTING FROM PAGE A1

friend and at least one child. After the shooting, police said the suspects fled on foot. A police dog tracked the suspects but the track led nowhere. Match said it is likely the suspects got into a unknown vehicle.

automatic handgun. The second suspect was also described as a black male in his 20s, approximately 6 foot, weighing 180-200 pounds. He was described as last seen wearing a blue hoodie and a black bandana covering his face.

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Community Choices. For five years, El Kadri has sold coffee, tea, hot cocoa and snacks to clients and staff through his Wake Up With Uncle Sal business. "Sometimes I give away stuff for free. Like if you buy coffee, you get a snack for free," said El Kadri.



Livonia resident Colline Peregood (left) works with Lisa McCracken, a job developer, at Community Choices Supported Employment in Westland. Peregood has started selling Avon products as a micro-enterprise business.



Social worker Alison Reddy (center) works with developmentally disabled clients at Community Choices Supported Employment, a nonprofit agency in Westland.

held 1-6 p.m. Sunday at the Crystal Bar and Grill, 8051 N. Middlebelt, Westland. There will be entertainment, a silent auction, raffles and prizes.

For more information, call (734) 467-9092 or visit www.community-choices.org.

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HOLIDAY FROM PAGE A1 gift vouchers, instead of having a Goodfellows committee member shop for toys and other gifts. "We helped 969 kids last year. There is no way the lady who used to do the shopping could continue that," Heather Hatfield said.

GOODFELLOWS' WORK STARTS NOW Applications for assistance are available and can be picked up and dropped off at the Dorsey Center, Westland City Hall, Westland Chamber of Commerce or downloaded at www.westlandgoodfellows.org.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION On October 19, 2010, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Parents seek Pepsi vote to honor fallen son

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They're not running for political office, but Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton need every vote they can get this election season.

They're not looking for personal gain, but to honor a fallen soldier — their son, Trevor — and to keep a promise they made to him to help military personnel returning home from America's war on terror.

The couple's project — a bed-and-breakfast retreat where military troops and their families can enjoy a free vacation near Lake Huron — has been entered in a contest sponsored by beverage giant PepsiCo.

Though competition is fierce among hundreds of projects nationwide, the Blumbergs hope to garner enough votes in October to clinch a \$250,000 grant through the Pepsi Refresh Project — money for their 12-acre Blum's Landing retreat along the shore of Orchard Lake near Rogers City.

Terry Blumberg, a Vietnam veteran, and wife Janet, principal of Garden City's Memorial Elementary School, decided to build the retreat to honor their 22-year-old son, who was killed Sept. 14, 2003, in Fallujah, Iraq. Their son, a 1999 Salem High School graduate, football player and U.S. Army sergeant, died after a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed a Humvee carrying him and three other soldiers.

The Blumbergs have made it easy to vote for their project by visiting their website, www.blumslanding.org, and scrolling down the main page to a tab that reads "vote for this idea." A simple click on the tab takes visitors to the PepsiCo site where they can vote every day.

Blum's Landing isn't a rehabilitation center. Rather, it's a place in the northern Lower Peninsula where troops and their families can enjoy a vacation amid a pine tree-shaded retreat near shimmering lake waters.

Trevor Blumberg had asked his parents for two things if he didn't return home alive. He wanted them to care for his dog, Scrappy, and to find a way to help troops returning home.

"The whole idea is to help wounded soldiers, and some of these kids don't have a scratch on them but they have emotional scars," Terry Blumberg said. "The idea was to give them a place to go. One of the things that helped me heal when I left the service was to be out in nature near a body of water."

At Blum's Landing, he said, "we can feed them breakfast and turn them loose on northern Michigan."

Trevor Blumberg, known to his fellow soldiers as "Blum," had served in Korea and Afghanistan before he was deployed to Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division.



Trevor Blumberg

Using the death benefits they received for their son, the Blumbergs have completed much of the 3,500-square-foot main house on their property. "We need to finish a few things like the kitchen and fireplace," Terry Blumberg said.

They have received much support for items such as a freezer and kayaks from St. Michael Lutheran Church of Canton, where they attend services.

"The church has just been phenomenal," Terry Blumberg said.

The couple hopes to win the Pepsi grant to build two smaller cabins where former troops, including those in wheelchairs, can visit. The Blumbergs also need to build a dock and get a pontoon boat equipped for troops with disabilities.

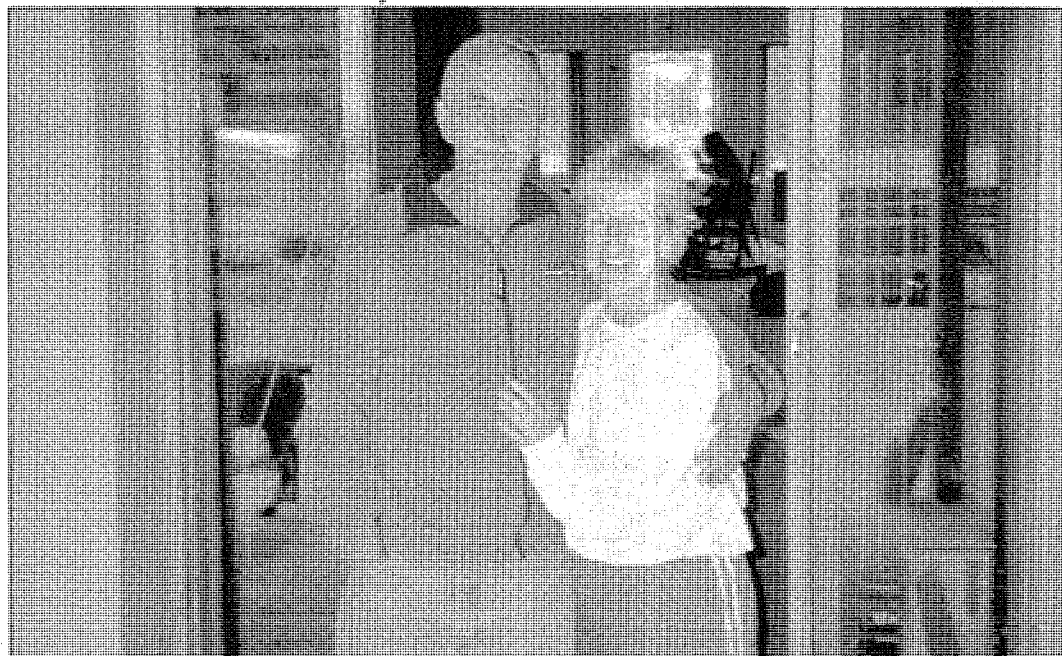
Blum's Landing seemed a perfect way to honor their son, who loved the outdoors. PepsiCo already has funded numerous projects and is continuing each month to award more grants.

At last count, Blum's Landing was ranked No. 63 in votes among numerous projects seeking \$250,000 grants — so votes are needed, and often.

Family friend John Buzuvis, director of business operations and special projects for the City of Plymouth and its Downtown Development Authority, said the Blumbergs are "great people" who are trying hard to honor their son's memory by helping troops.

"For Terry and Jan, it was always — and is always — about family," Buzuvis said. "This is a cause that is something near and dear to them. They understand the sacrifices of being in the military. I think this is a way for them to get some closure and honor Trevor's legacy."

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Now on staff

Garden City Hospital's medical staff is growing with the addition of seven new doctors.

Joining the more than 360 physicians in 47 specialties are:

• Dr. Abedelrahim Asfour, cardiology, with offices at 21900 Gateway Blvd., Flat Rock.

• Dr. Shushovan Chakraborty, anesthesia/pain management, with offices at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

• Dr. Amr A. Elsaadat, anesthesia/pain management, with offices at 255 West Michigan Ave., Jackson.

• Dr. Ibrahim Y. Farhat, obstetrics and gynecology, with offices at 8040 Middlebelt, Westland.

• Dr. Mazen Hamameh, pediatrics, with offices at 22350 Ford, Dearborn Heights.

• Dr. Sruthi Rudraraju, anesthesia/pain management, with offices at 3990 John R., Detroit.

• Dr. Mohamad Sobh, cardiology, with offices at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

Located in Garden City, Michigan, Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the community at large. For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, contact the Physician Referral service at 877-717-WELL or visit www.gchosp.org online.

Pumpkin fest

Celebrate the harvest season with collectible hand-crafted glass pumpkins made locally in Dearborn. The Glass Academy will host the second annual Glass Pumpkin Fest 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 16-17.

The weekend festival will feature more than 500 hand-blown glass pumpkins of various colors, sizes and shapes for sale. Each one will be unique and individual, so customers can pick their own personal favorites and start a collection.

This is an all ages' show with free admission. The event will be held at the Glass Academy, at 25331 Trowbridge, near



The Glass Academy celebrates the harvest season with collectible hand-crafted glass pumpkins available at its second annual Glass Pumpkin Fest.

Gulley Road and Michigan Avenue in West Dearborn.

"Visitors will enjoy live glass blowing demonstrations and the opportunity to commission pumpkins of their choice during this two day event," said Lisa Neitzer, Operations and planning manager of the Glass Academy. "We decorate for fall with glass pumpkins tucked among the bales of hay and corn stalks. The whole studio will be transformed! Shoppers can select from fantasy pumpkins, contemporary ones, traditional styles, and even a limited edition style created just for 2010."

"Since all our pumpkins are made locally right here in Dearborn, it's a great way to support your community and the people that work in your city making art," said owner Chris Nordin. "Our customer's dollar is spent in the neighborhood where the work was produced, now that's really buying local!"

New this year, look for the custom embossed "F" on every pumpkin, which stands for Furnace Design Studio. That will identify pumpkins made at the Dearborn studio. Items for sale will range in price from \$10 to \$500 with several museum quality pieces produced by Nordin also available.

For more information about the "Glass Pumpkin Fest," call (313) 561-4527 or visit www.GlassAcademy.com.

Platinum Award

Marketing & Sales Executives of Detroit is

accepting nominations of talented sales and marketing professionals in southeastern Michigan for the organization's Platinum Awards.

Two Platinum Award winners will be honored at MSSED's November Dinner. One Michigan-based individual and one team will be recognized for their excellence in sales and marketing during 2009 and the first six months of 2010. MSSED membership is not required. Nominations for the awards can be submitted online through the MSSED website at www.msseedetroit.org. Nominations must be received by Oct. 20.

Nominees will be evaluated by MSSED judges based on their achievements in increasing or maintaining sales, using creative problem solving methods, reaching or exceeding company goals, impacting a business or industry and involvement in community activities (individual award only) between January 2009 and July 1, 2010.

A group of finalists will be selected from the nominees and interviewed by the MSSED nominating committee. All finalists will be announced in early November with the winning individual and team being identified at MSSED's November dinner meeting.

For more information on the MSSED Platinum Award nominations, event sponsorship or advertising opportunities, contact Meeting Coordinators at (248) 643-9685 or visit the MSSED website at www.msseedetroit.org.

MILESTONES

Culvers Wednesdays

Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Wednesdays

Location: Culvers, 6500 Newburgh, just west of Warren Road, Westland

Details: Culvers is donating 5 percent of ALL sales to the John Glenn High School football team every Wednesday during the month of October.

Contact: (734) 595-1883

Looking Good

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 20

Location: The classrooms of Garden City Hospital's Allan Breakie Medical Office Building on the hospital campus on Inkster Road north of Ford, Garden City.

Details: Look Good ... Feel Better is a free, non-medical, brand-neutral, national public service program created to help individuals with cancer look good, improve their self-esteem, and manage their treatment and recovery with greater confidence. It meets the third Wednesday of each month in the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building.

Contact: For more information please contact Community Education at (734) 458-4330.

Hunters special

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5

Location: Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, north of Warren Road, Westland

Details: Join to Salute to the Superstars and the Hawthorne Valley Country Club for a pre-Deer Hunters Show, with live Vegas style tributes to Waylon Jennings, Willy Nelson, Toby Keith, Patsy Cline. Master of Ceremonies for the evening is none other than Larry the Cable Guy. All backed by the Radio City Show Band. Tickets are only \$37.00 per person. Dinner is at 6 p.m., with the show at 7:30 p.m.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 422-3440.

Beer Tasting

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7

Location: Liberty Street Brewing Company, 149 West Liberty St., Plymouth

Details: Raise a Glass with Friends of the Rouge at its sec-

ond annual beer tasting. The event will help raise money for Friends of the Rouge. Rex Halfpenny of the Michigan Beer Guide will guide participants through a tasting of Liberty Street's beers which are all brewed within the Rouge River watershed. The cost is \$30 (\$25 for Friends of the Rouge members). For non-members, there is a special rate of \$50 that includes a one-year membership. All proceeds will support Friends of the Rouge, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River.

Contact: For more information and to register online, visit www.therouge.org or call Sally Petrella at (313) 792-9621 or monitoring@therouge.org.

Diabetes Day

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23

Location: Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland

Details: Garden City Hospital will hold its 18th annual Diabetes Day: Guiding the Way to Better Health in the Community Education Room at its Westland Specialty Center. Get updates on healthy food choices, hear about how to detect problems, get the latest information from specialists and view diabetes product displays. There also will be door prizes, giveaways and other surprises. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. The cost is \$20 per person, \$30 for two people. Program registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Reservations are encouraged.

Contact: Call Diabetes Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Light Up a Life

Time/Date: 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, west of Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Celebrate the work of Angela Hospice at its Light Up a Life 25th Anniversary Gala benefit. The event will feature fine dining, an open bar, auctions, raffles, dancing and the 16-piece Monroe Big Band. Reservations are \$100 and must be received by Oct. 29.

Contact: Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045 or visit www.AskForAngela.com for more information.

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Westland Chamber

It's that time of year again! The Westland Chamber of Commerce is seeking leaders to serve on the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors consists of 16 members. There are three seats available for this election. Board members are elected to serve one three-year term. Board members must be a member in good standing and willing to represent the chamber in a positive way throughout the community.

The board acts as a legislative arm of the chamber and makes decisions regarding policy that include but are not limited to:

- Determining the "Program of Work."
- Approving the annual budget.
- Recommending changes in the by-laws.

• Reviewing and recommending changes in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

Being a member of the Westland Chamber of Commerce is a strong leadership commitment that supports the chamber and the business community in Westland. Board members are expected to actively participate in chamber events and committees, board meetings and various events throughout the year.

If you or someone from your business is interested in filling a spot as a Chamber Board member, please review the qualifications. Interested parties should complete and return the nomination form no later than Oct. 27. If you have any questions regarding nominations or the necessary qualifications, call (734) 326-7222.

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In the 6th Senate District, Republican John Pastor (from left) and incumbent Democrat Glenn Anderson listen as Susie McGraw reads the first of six questions they answered at the forum.

Candidates answer questions at forum

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Candidates for state and county offices pitched themselves to a sparse turnout at a Candidate Forum last Tuesday night.

Held in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, candidates for the Senate's 6th District, the House's 16th District and the Wayne County Commission's 9th District participated, answering questions randomly selected from those submitted in advance by the community.

The forum was sponsored by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce and the *Garden City Observer*, and was recorded by Omni Edition Television for viewing on GCTV - Channel 12 on Comcast and Channel 18 on WOW in Garden City - during the month of October.

6TH SENATE DISTRICT

Leading off the forum was incumbent State Sen., Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, who is seeking a second four-year term, and Republican candidate John Pastor of Livonia.

Anderson said that his life experiences - a 28-year resident of Westland and a 28-year employee of the Ford Motor Company - makes him a good fit for the legislature. While his challenger plays up the fact that he has not had one bill passed during his four years in the Senate, Anderson stressed that he can and does "cross party lines."

"I can work both sides of the aisle," he said. "I cross over and talk to the other senators. I participate in support of bills I believe are important."

Anderson urged caution in accepting Pastor's recommendation for a fair tax to replace the Michigan Business Tax. A fair tax would shift the tax burden to people who would pay almost 10 percent more on every purchase.

"When George Bush was president he thought a simple tax was a terrible idea, I think it's a terrible idea," he said.

With two adult children and two young grandchildren, education is important to him. Education, especially higher education, is the key to the state's future.

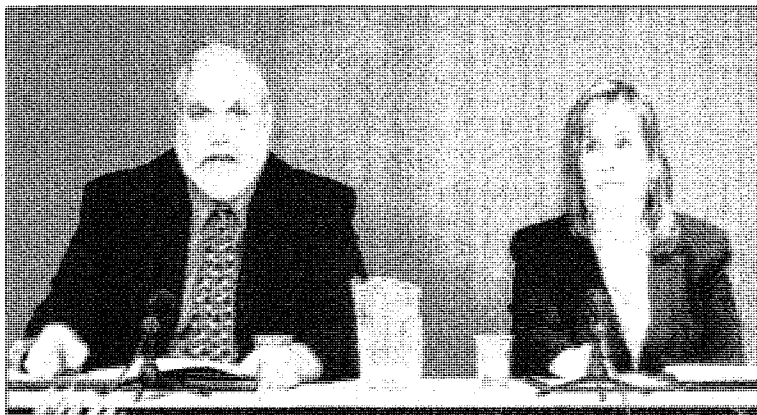
"We need to remove the obstacles. Michigan is slipping in terms of education young people," he said.

As for the confrontational atmosphere that's existed in Lansing, Anderson said that candidates that win in the November general election, need to set aside partisan politics the day after the election.

"I think that's what needs to happen for the legislature to work better," he said. "I walk the walk and talk the talk."

Anderson stressed that there's a clear choice between him and Pastor. The state needs to move forward and it needs "open-mindedness not closed mindedness."

"I've worked very hard to represent this district, my first responsibility is to you, the voters, not government and the lobbyists," he



Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb (right), who represents the 9th District, waits for her turn to respond to the question being answered by Republican challenger Mark Cochran.

added. "I've been there, done that. I've worked with people, I'm an independent voice."

Pastor questioned what Anderson has done in creating jobs in Michigan and protecting school funding.

"It's important to make a clear choice," Pastor said. "I'm a pro-life Christian conservative that supports the second amendment."

Pastor, who said the MBT and its surcharge must be repealed, defended his fair tax idea, saying that "it's something simple that people can understand."

"The MBT is perceived as the worst tax in the country," he said. "Our treasury department doesn't understand, but if a business makes a mistake, they have to pay penalties."

He also stressed his ability to get 14 bills passed as a state representative. He said that is indicative of his ability to work with both sides of the aisle.

"He thinks he's making a difference, as a senator he's had zero bills passed, I had 14," he said.

"That means I do go to both sides of the aisle."

Pastor also told the audience that the state does make education a priority. Michigan has the best higher institutions in the country and "so many opportunities to learn and stay here."

He added that the state needs to make itself business friendly. Once it does, it will create jobs and people will move back.

"We need to protect our resources, not preserve them," he said.

Pastor said the district also needs a senator who will be a senator.

"I want less government in our lives," he said. "And I will not raise your taxes. There is a clear choice."

16TH HOUSE DISTRICT

In the 16th State House District, incumbent Democrat Bob Constan of Dearborn Heights is being challenged by Allen Park resident Michael Mullins.

Constan stressed that as an attorney he is a small business owner and knows about paying bills, and while endorsed by the mayors of the four communities in his district, the most important endorsement for him is that of the voters.

Pointing out that expert say any business tax should be "broad and of a low rate," he said the MBT surcharge has to be eliminated.

"We do need reform," he said.



Incumbent state Sen., Glenn Anderson (at right), D-Westland, who is seeking a second four-year term, and Republican challenger John Pastor of Livonia.

"As an attorney, I've dealt with people and their tax problems. I don't want taxes killing businesses."

He also believes that education and "educating our children for the jobs of tomorrow is critically important." The jobs of tomorrow are in the high tech sector and life sciences, and he supports providing money to fund education, especially K-12 programs.

"All children deserve a sound education," he said. "I supported the Race to the Top legislation and disagree that organized labor is the sole impediment for schools."

Constan added that "we need to look at the tax structure, we need to make it more simple."

"We need to do what we can to drive the economy," HE SAID.

"These are difficult times, we need to work to diversify the state. I've sponsored bills like Hire Michigan First. Michigan is a great state and is blessed with many resources and a skilled workforce."

Mullins said that as a life-long resident of Michigan, he is tired of what it has become. Once a place where business thrived, Michigan is now the worst state to do business in.

"We need a new direction," he said. "The business sector is tired of paying the 21.99 percent surcharge even on the taxes it collects for purchases. It's an unfair tax that needs to be eliminated. The MBT surcharge doesn't bring jobs here. The people leaving Michigan are well qualified and well educated."

He stressed that he is not supported by any special interest group, he's not taking money from such groups. He plans to represent the constituents of the district and



Incumbent state Rep. Bob Constan (right) of the 16th House District squared off against Republican Michael Mullins of Allen Park.

bring business back to Michigan and the area.

"I funded my own campaign, so there's no outside influence," he said. "If we're going to fix Michigan, we need an educated individual, not special interest groups."

9TH COMMISSION DISTRICT

Incumbent Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb is making a bid for a second two-year term. She's being challenged by Republican Mark Cochran of Redford.

Cochran pointed out that the best thing that can be done to stop foreclosures in Wayne County is to create new jobs. While the county can't do that, it can create an environment where businesses can succeed.

"Not just large business, but small business," he said. "They all need support to succeed. County needs to make sure it stays out of the way and empowers them to succeed."

He believes that the important services in Wayne County are the sheriff's department, the jail, the courts and the mandate to take care of the most vulnerable population. It also needs to explore ways to involve outside philanthropy in supporting programs like Meals on Wheels.

Cochran said the commission should work closely with the community and should take into consideration what the people want. Commissioners should make sure that county dollars are used for what's best for the community so that the county gets "the best bang for its buck."

He also aid the county's foreclosure program is worthwhile and its Land Bank program is its most

underutilized program.

"It could be used to address blight, it's something that needs to be encouraged," he said. "Programs like these can help manage homes in foreclosure and businesses to address blight."

Cochran described himself as "family man, a working man who wants to make a difference."

"We have to stop the exodus of our children from the state, the county is facing the same problems we're facing," he said. "The county has to live within its means, the county has to make the hard choices. I'm committed to doing that."

Webb, a Garden City resident, stressed that what is needed now is experienced leadership and said she brings 18 years of work in the private sector as well as her 10 years of governmental experience to the job. Through her position, she has brought the county's mortgage foreclosure prevention program to the district communities and has been able to save 40 homes.

"The county can't create jobs, but we have a lot of creative programs to attract business," she said. "It's all starts with creating jobs, so people can stay in their homes. We have to look for opportunities that create jobs so people can keep their homes."

Webb said it's difficult to pick the most important services in Wayne county since 70 percent of the budget pays for mandated services, everything from jail services to indigent health care and services for the mentally ill and disabled.

"The commission is the legislative branch of county government and part of its job is to oversee budgets and contracts," she said. "The other half is to work with constituents. I find problems and use county resources to bring help to residents in a fair and equitable way."

She stressed that she has lived up to the promises she made when she was first elected to the commission.

"When I came into office I said I would bring fiscal responsibility," she said. "I voted to cut my budget by 10 percent. I do children's safety programs. I've gotten the worst roads in all three of my communities fixed. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you."

Killer's fate in hands of appellate court

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

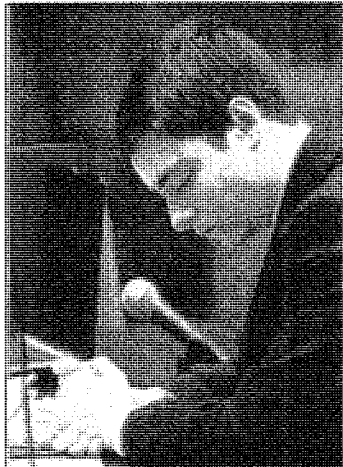
Back in December, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow granted a new trial to convicted killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teenager found guilty of killing a 26-year-old River Rouge man in November 2007.

The decision on whether Orlewicz actually gets that new trial is now in the hands of the Michigan Court of Appeals, which heard arguments last month on Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's appeal of Morrow's decision.

Morrow issued the order for a new trial Dec. 22 after hearings that stretched over months, in which Orlewicz appellate attorney Elizabeth Jacobs contended Orlewicz's Sixth Amendment rights to effective counsel were denied when the trial judge, Annette Berry, refused to allow testimony from psychiatrists who would have testified to Orlewicz's mental condition at the time he stabbed and beheaded Daniel Sorensen.

At the time, Worthy said she was "baffled" by Morrow's decision and filed the appeal. Lawyers for both sides appeared before the Michigan Court of Appeals to make their respective arguments and, as expected, were confident of victory.

"I think it went as expected," Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Dave McCreedy said. "The court focused on just a couple of issues, which I thought were the main issues."



FILE PHOTO

The state Court of Appeals will decide if convicted killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz will receive a new trial found in killing the November 2007 killing of a 26-year-old River Rouge man.

Those issues, according to McCreedy, included whether Orlewicz should have been allowed to introduce a psychiatric defense, and whether Berry should have excluded alleged restraining orders Orlewicz had on the victim, Daniel Sorensen, whom Orlewicz was convicted of stabbing to death and beheading.

McCreedy said Orlewicz's argument now is he killed Sorensen at least partially out of fear. But Orlewicz testified at his original trial he began stabbing Sorensen after the victim pulled a gun and pointed it at Orlewicz's accomplice, Alex Letkemann. Letkemann pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for his role and his serving a 20- to 30-year sentence.

"(Orlewicz) didn't testify he killed (Sorensen) in anticipa-

tion of (Sorensen) being violent, he claimed he'd killed him because he'd pulled a gun," McCreedy said. "You can't in Michigan kill someone in anticipation that sometime in the future he would kill you."

Elizabeth Jacobs, the lawyer handling Orlewicz's request for a new trial, argued before Morrow that Berry's decision not to allow psychiatric testimony amounted to denial of Orlewicz's right to effective counsel, and made the same arguments before the Michigan Court of Appeals.

She believes the argument sat well with appellate judges.

"I think it went very well for us," Jacobs said. "I can analyze the questions that were asked, and the strength of my argument, and I'm confident it went very well for us."

"The issue was right to counsel ... (Berry) denied (Orlewicz) the chance to be examined by a psychiatrist. That was the argument in the lower court, and that was my argument at the Michigan Court of Appeals."

"I think it went very well for us. I've been an attorney for 36 years, and I can analyze the questions that were asked, and the strength of my argument and I'm confident it went very well for us."

The other thing on which both sides agreed: There's no telling when the Michigan Court of Appeals will announce a decision. There's no time limit on its deliberations.

"It could be tomorrow, it could be nine months from now," Jacobs said.

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Visiting a local jeweler is a safer way to sell gold

Q: Dear Rick: Money has been tight lately and I have seen ads where these companies will buy gold. I have some old jewelry and I decided to sell it. I sent the pieces of jewelry and I did get a check. After cashing the check and thinking about it I believe I should have received more for the gold. I contacted the company and was told my jewelry was not of the right purity. That's why I received less. I know I made a mistake by selling the jewelry the way I did. Do I have any recourse?

A: Unfortunately, I do not believe that you have much recourse.

The first issue is it's going to be your word versus theirs as to the weight of the gold and its quality. Assuming it is a reputable company, what you were told may be true. After all, there are different types of gold with different qualities that could affect the price. In addition, there can be differences in how the gold is weighed. These factors could make a major difference in the payment you received.

On the other hand, if it's not a reputable company, the fact remains you still have little to no recourse.

In order to bring an action against the company, you need the burden of proof. You would have to prove your jewelry was improperly weighed or that the company intentionally attempted to defraud you. You have no documentation. It's your word against the company.

However, if you wish to pursue, there are a couple of different options. The first is to contact the Attorney General's Office in Michigan which goes to bat for consumers if it suspects fraud. In addition, you can contact the Better Business Bureau and file a complaint or if the company is a member, you may be able to take advantage of the arbitration process. Nevertheless, you have a difficult case because you have no underlying documentation.

The question that many people have is whether they should take advantage of high gold prices and sell their jewelry. As far as I'm concerned, I have no problem with that



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

strategy. If you have jewelry that you very rarely use it can be reduced to cash to help pay bills and make life easier for you.

That being said, I think the last place you should choose to sell your jewelry is a mail order company. Not that I think that every mail order gold company is crooked because I don't. However, by using these companies you are certainly increasing your risk of being taken advantage of.

If I had excess jewelry that I didn't need and that I wanted to sell, the first place that I would go would be to a local jeweler. Many local jewelers purchase jewelry and they have been known to give fair rates. The advantage of dealing with a local jeweler is that you know what the rate is going to be before selling it and you can even get competitive prices. It is very hard to get competitive bids when you deal with these mail order companies.

Whether you use a local jeweler or mail order company, I recommend that you document what you have before you submit your jewelry. Taking pictures and weighing the items that you are selling can be important documentation.

I've heard lots of ads on TV and radio offering to buy your jewelry. Although some of these ads have very well-known spokespersons, let's not forget that they are paid spokespersons. I don't know how much if any, due diligence these people do. In fact, I feel confident saying they do very little. Just because some national celebrity who may respect promotes a company, that doesn't mean you should rush out and deal with them.

My advice is go through a local jeweler. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneyatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

CITY OF WESTLAND GENERAL ELECTION November 2, 2010

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time the following partisan offices will be voted upon: **Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, State Board of Education, Regent U of M, Trustee MSU, Governor WSU, County Executive, Sheriff, County Commissioner**, and the following non-partisan positions: **MI Supreme Court Justice, Judge Court of Appeals, Wayne County Judges including Circuit Court and Probate Court, Taylor School District Trustee** - one (1) to be elected (for those residents in Westland who reside in the Taylor School District) and **Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees** - two (2) to be elected (for those residents in Westland who reside in the Schoolcraft Community College District). In addition, there will be two state wide proposals: **A proposal to convene a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of drafting a general revision of the State Constitution - YES or NO and A proposal to amend the State Constitution to prohibit certain felons from holding elective office and specified types of public employment positions - YES or NO.** Also, there will be a Wayne County Proposal (**Proposition P**) a **Wayne County Parks Millage Renewal -YES or NO.**

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

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 29, 2010 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan		Voted	Years
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Increases	Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2010
Wayne County Transit Authority	August 3, 2010	0.59 mills	2010
Wayne County Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2010
Wayne - Westland Community Schools	May, 2010	18 mills	2026 (non homestead only)
	February, 2003	1 mill	2012
Garden City Pub. Sch.	June, 2002	18 mills	2012 (non homestead only)
Inkster Sch. District	May, 2006	21 mills	2015 (non homestead only)
	May, 2006	6 mills	2015
Livonia Pub. Schls.	February, 2005	18.4568 mills	2010 (non homestead only)
	February, 2005	.63 mill	2010
	February, 2005	1.12 mills	2009
Taylor School Dist.	January 2008	18 mills	2013 (non homestead only)

Dated September 15, 2010

Raymond Wojtowicz /
Treasurer

The places of voting for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
1, 13, 18 & 19	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
2, 11, 23 & 32	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
3 & 7	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
4 & 8	Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road
5 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6, 9 & 10	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
12, 25 & 35	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
16	Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17 & 37	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21 & 42	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
24	Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan
26 & 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27 & 36	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
28	Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
30 & 31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise St.
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

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

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OUR VIEWS

6th Senate District

Anderson has skills to bring about change

The November election will be a crucial one for the state of Michigan. How voting goes will determine the tenor of the effort that's needed to help Michigan reinvent itself and recover from this one-state depression.

Voters are tired of what they perceive as political haggling in Lansing which at one point shut down government for a brief period of time. Many hanker for change, but a combination of a throw the bums out attitude and term limits could put the state in the political hands of greenhorns.

But before doing a throw the baby out with the bath water, voters need to take a close look at the candidates. We think that's especially true in the state Senate's 6th District, a seat currently held by incumbent Democrat Glenn Anderson.

Anderson is seeking a second four-year term and is being challenged by John Pastor of Livonia. Both men are political veterans with experience in the state House and on their respective city councils.

Pastor points out that during his six years in the House he worked with both sides to pass 14 bills he sponsored while Anderson has had none of his bills passed during his four years in the Senate. But we believe that picking a candidate is more about quality than quantity and we believe it is **Glenn Anderson** who can best represent the 6th District.

Anderson is not a showboater, but a lawmaker who is willing to work quietly behind the scenes to get things done. He practices what he preaches and walks across the aisle and the building to remain connected with everyone in the legislature. He has built relationships on both sides of the aisle and compromises when necessary, but always has a clear focus on one thing — moving the state forward.

An example of that is the work he did in consort with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Garden City Public Schools and his House colleagues, Reps. Richard LeBlanc D-Westland, and Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights, in getting, and keeping in the enhanced school aid the districts receive to offset millage disallowed in the early days of Proposal A. It was not an easy task to get the funding back into the school aid bill and keeping it there. It took someone with a good working relationship with both parties to make it happen. Anderson has those relationships.

Pastor has said that if people believe the next governor will be Republican Rick Snyder than he needs a team behind him of the same mind-set. We disagree. We believe there are people on both sides of the aisle who feel the same, who care about the state and what happens to the people. One of them is Democrat Glenn Anderson.

Anderson has proven he is a doer who works for all of his constituents. We believe residents of the 6th Senate District will be best served by casting their vote for **Glenn Anderson** in the Nov. 2 general election.

Michigan needs more lawmakers who have his skills, attitude and work ethic that he has to do what is best for residents and bring about the change the state so desperately needs.

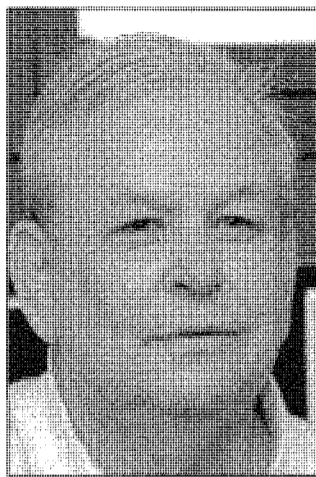


Sen. Glenn Anderson

COMMUNITY VOICE

What does Article I of the U.S. Constitution do?

We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center and Sports Venue in Garden City. (The correct answer is that it creates Congress.)



"I think it's freedom of speech and religion. That's an ambiguous question."

Bob Vichensky
Westland



"Freedom of speech."
Emily Vernier
Garden City



"Ah, yeah, what she said. Free speech."
Chris Coluccelli
Livonia



"It allows me not to have to give you an answer."
Joseph Nixon
Dearborn Heights

LETTERS

No raise for Dr. Liepa

To even consider wanting to give Dr. Liepa a raise is a slap in the face to all employees and families of the Livonia school district. All employees have come to the "table" and have made sacrifices out of their pockets to keep this district afloat. All employees have given up their "steak dinners" to help this district. All our children have lost services in education to keep this district afloat.

What Dr. Liepa should be saying if he is such a "remarkable, talented leader" is that he will continue to stay with no raise in compensation and ride out the storm like the rest of us. Dr. Liepa should have never allowed this conversation to happen. Shame on him and the board. I applaud Mrs. Mang and Mr. Oke for all they said at the meeting. It is not up for discussion. Are you looking for another job, Dr. Liepa? Have you given us notice? If you have, then go because this district will survive without you. If board members think he needs a raise, then they'd better be looking to get rid of a lot of jobs at central office.

Mary F. Dudek
Livonia

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Check out candidates

Our government was to be the force of power to protect us from our enemies, keep the states together (divided we fall), listen to our voices (majority rules) and to ensure

each INDIVIDUAL their God-given rights! Our Constitution is our foundation to keep us strong. When Godly men and women rule over us every thing else will fall into place for they will seek God's will for our nation.

The government is spending our hard earned money like there is no tomorrow. Where is their budget? Where do their paychecks come from? They have taken too much power and have too many useless committees. How, what or who can keep watch over so many? Look at all the corruption! Charity is to come from each individual not the government. Are we the most charitable nation in the world? If we fail, who or what will take over?

Remember, fellow Americans, our government was to represent us, not treat us like sheep herding us into socialism or worse! They want us to believe and trust in them. Who can heal this nation? God has always given us FREEDOM to choose.

Please take time to research the candidates and seek God's guidance. Voting is still a right, let's use it!

M. Maxey
Livonia

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

The issue: Murder on Steiber Street

Silence is violence. Speak up and do the right thing. Call 1-800-SPEAK-UP! \$2500 for tips leading to the arrest of unsolved homicides at crime stoppers.

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The issue: Wayne-Westland count day

Question to ask yourself is the rule for the count day actually fair? Students do not actually have to attend on count day to be counted. The rule is actually set by the state saying the students have to attend a certain number of days before and after for it to be an actual count. So if you wanted to pull your children out to prove a point to mess up the totals, it wouldn't have worked.

halfpint_48186

Bright idea! Keep your kid out so the district loses money that would go to your child's education. Bright idea!

opine4utoo

FROM THE EDITOR

Hots, brats, Big House: Priceless

To all the people who waited at my counter for a pop, only to be asked twice what kind, I apologize. To the gentleman who asked for two bratwurst and I gave him two pretzels, I'm so sorry. And to the gentleman who set the record for the number of times he used the F-word in one sentence, how many drinks did you have before game time?



Sue Mason

While I have some experience working the counter of a concession stand, it in no way prepared me for working one at the Big House for the really BIG game. Parents and teenagers worked together, hustling food and beverages to a crowd that seemed endless.

I found myself in this mix because of my son. He plays high school soccer and what I found is that the title of booster is immediately bestowed upon a parent the moment their child's cleated foot touches the field. How involved you get depends on you and not on how much he practices or plays.

I have also discovered that with any organization there are those who do and those who don't. It seems most of the same people I see in the concession stand are the same ones who are there in the stands cheering.

I have become adept at making walking tacos, peddling Popsicles on a hot afternoon and meeting many extraordinary people who share the same passion I have — soccer, the original football. So it seems appropriate that my first visit to the

University of Michigan football stadium on game day should be because of soccer.

Riding the shuttle bus from the 777 Building on State Street, an usher told me that the crowd would be more than 113,000. It was a number I truly had a hard time wrapping my mind around. The closest I'd come to that was the crowd I saw at the papal Mass at the Pontiac Silverdome more than 20 years ago. But looking out at the sea of yellow and blue on the other side of the gates at Section 17, I was amazed at the volume of humanity that would start pouring in at 1:30 p.m.

We weren't perfect by any means and with two cash lines at my end of the stand calling out drinks orders, there were times drinks got confused. But our kids kept filling cup after cup of pop and didn't complain, at least not until we were miles away from Ann Arbor.

I had volunteered my son to work the concession stand. His enthusiasm initially was underwhelming, but when he found one of his best soccer buds was going, he was cool. It's one of the things I'm amazed about my son. As much as he may not want to do some of the hair-brained things I come up with, he gives it a try and ends up having a good time.

OK, he did very well stuffing buns and tossing Gatorades on command and crashed and burn on the pop line, but when I got near him during the rush, he had a grin on his face from ear to ear and told me he was having in fun ... Priceless.

I ferried a testosterone heavy load of kids to Ann Arbor and back, played a hunch on going right on Eisenhower

Drive to get out of the traffic to go and never heard a negative word, even when I announced I wasn't quite sure where we were but I knew we were headed in the right direction. In fact, I was thanked for letting them be involved.

Now, I want to thank my fellow boosters for letting me be one, for having the opportunity to be involved. From filling water balloons for them to throw at each other at a hot pre-season practice to decorating their lockers before Senior Night last week, I'm not sure who has had more fun this year.

I feel sorry for parents who don't get involved in their children's activities. Sitting on the sidelines and watching is OK, but being involved, getting to know the other parents and their kids makes it all the more rewarding.

I try to teach my kids by doing. I often think to myself that when they are parents, I hope they remember those days like Saturday and do the same for their children. Just seeing the smile on his face Saturday as he tossed me a Gatorade makes me know I'm doing right.

Oh ... and to the gentleman who paid \$200 for his tickets and didn't have the correct change to buy food before our till was set up, sorry. However, the cost of your tickets didn't rate special treatment. Maybe next year you'll come with something smaller than \$20 bills.

Sue Mason is editor of the Westland and Garden City Observer newspapers. She lives in Westland and is a member of the John Glenn boys soccer boosters. If you have a comment, send it to her at smason@hometownlife.com.

If you're into Halloween, here's a list of events taking place in Westland and Garden City in advance of the spookiest day of the year.

Halloween Walk

Come have a Halloween adventure in the Friendly Forest, a non scary, guided tour event created for younger children. Kids are encouraged to wear their costumes, and all ages are welcome, including toddlers.

The walk will be Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22-23, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, behind Westland City Hall. Tours

start every 10 minutes at the Bailey Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. and run through 9 p.m. The program runs rain or shine. If there is inclement weather, the tours will be inside the Bailey Center. Tickets cost \$3 per person, and pre-registration is required. The tickets are available at the Bailey Center.

The walk is sponsored by the Shoe String Theatre Company, Westland Civitan Club, Dads' Athletic Club of Westland, and Westland Breakfast Lions Club.

Science Spook-tacular

See how science can be as creepy as it is cool at the Science Spook-

tacular with Mad Science of Detroit 7-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland.

The program is for all ages. Tickets cost \$5 each and are on sale at the Bailey Center. For more information, call Mad Science of Detroit at (734) 266-9444 or visit the website at www.madscience.org/detroit.

Trunk or Treat

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church will hold a Trunk or Treat and Other Halloween Fun - a haunted house, cupcake walk, face painting and prizes- 4-6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30, at the church at 36660 Cherry Hill Road between Newburgh and Wayne Road.

All are welcome rain or shine. Animal treats will be collected for the Great Dane Rescue Inc., and the Great Lakes Mini Schnauzer Rescue. Treats needed include Milk Bones large and extra large, Cloud Nine Buddy Biscuits, Natural Balance potato and duck biscuits, and Zukes beef training treats.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 728-1088.

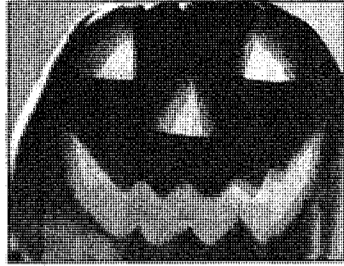
Halloween concert

On Sunday, Oct. 24, Schoolcraft College's Wind Ensemble and

Synthesizer Ensemble will present their annual Halloween Concert and Children's Costume parade.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m. at the Radcliff Center at 1751 Radcliff, south of Ford, in Garden City. Everyone who attends is encouraged to dress in costume and join the fun. Refreshments will follow the performances and parade.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted and used to provide future free concerts for the community and support the various music programs of the college. For more information, visit the Schoolcraft College website at www.schoolcraft.edu/music.



Let's see your Halloween photos

Share a photo of your favorite Halloween decoration - your home, your pumpkin, your costume - with readers at hometownlife.com (see the Reader Submitted Photo Gallery on the homepage) and you could win a prize!

Join the more than 45 photos already posted online at hometownlife.com so our readers can vote for their favorites. There's still time to add your photos and win two tickets (suite seating) to the Nov. 29 Carrie Underwood "Play On Tour" concert at the Palace with special guests Sons of Sylvia and Billy Currington. Second prize is two tickets to Rock of Ages Nov. 9 at the Fisher Theatre, featuring Constantine Maroulis - the American Idol finalist who was nominated for a Tony Award for his starring role in a Broadway production. Third prize is four movie passes to Emagine Theaters in Canton or Novi or the Palladium/Birmingham Theater in downtown Birmingham.

Readers can view the Halloween gallery and recommend your photo. Be sure to include a first and last name and the town where you live. Only contestants from Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties are eligible to win prizes, but anyone can recommend a photo.

Those who share photos that receive the most "recommend" votes as of midnight Oct. 31 win prizes and will be published in the Westland and Garden City Observer newspapers.

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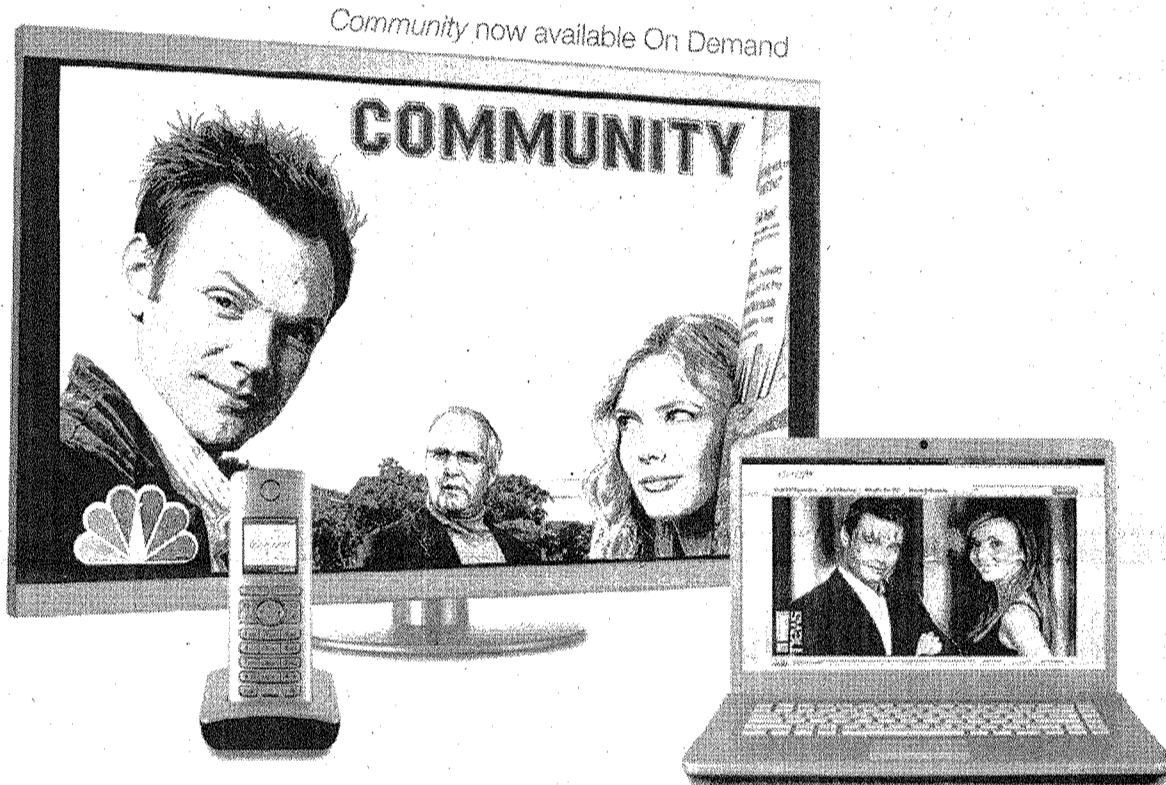
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Taking aim

Livonia Ladywood's Emma Ellswood gets ready to fire a shot as Farmington Hills Mercy's Christine LaRovere (11) converges on the play in Monday's 0-0 Division II girls field hockey tie. Ladywood junior goalie Mackenzie Holme made three saves and Mercy's Clariss LaVasseur made nine to share in the shutout. Ladywood is 8-1-3 overall and 6-0-2 in Division II, while Mercy is 5-4-1 and 2-3-1.

Clean sweep
at D-1 region
Stevenson leads wayBY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The term *hat trick* can also be used in the tennis world as evidenced by last Friday's Division 1 team regional results from Brownstown Woodhaven.

It was a one-two-three Livonia Public Schools finish as Stevenson (25 points), Churchill (21) and Franklin (18) have all qualified for the MHSAA finals this Friday and Saturday in Midland.

BOYS TENNIS

Visit www.mhsaa.com for state pairings.

For regional champion Stevenson, it's their first trip to Midland since the fall season of 2007.

For runner-up Churchill, it's their third straight state finals appearance.

And for Franklin? It's believed to be the Patriots' first-ever team qualifying berth. Stevenson captured three flights and was runner-up in three others en route to the crown.

Sophomore Marcus McCathney, the top seed at No. 4 singles, ran his record to 19-6 by defeating Rishabh Arvikar of Churchill in the finals, 6-2, 6-3. Stevenson also got a pair of doubles

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SIDELINES

Laabs honored

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference announced that Madonna University sophomore goal keeper Parker Laabs (Canton) was selected as the league's Defensive Player of the Week in men's soccer for the week (ending Oct. 10).

The selection is the first career award for Laabs and the first for a Crusader this season. It marks the first time a Madonna men's soccer student-athlete has earned the honor since Steve Besk was selected on Oct. 27, 2009.

After giving up a goal just before halftime on Saturday, Laabs kept Indiana Tech off of the scoreboard the remaining 51 minutes of regulation and overtime, allowing Brandon Hess (Livonia/Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) to score the game winning goal five minutes into overtime for a 2-1 MU triumph.

In the match, Laabs made eight saves and had another thanks to his back line.

The win improved MU to 6-3-0 overall and 1-1 in the WHAC.

Collegiate notes

• Eastern Michigan University sophomore Courtney Calka (Livonia Stevenson) continued her stellar cross country season by winning the 5,000-meter race Friday at the Michigan Intercollegiate hosted by Oakland University at Katke-Cousins Golf Course in Rochester.

Calka captured her third meet of the season with a 5K personal best of 17:16.0.

• Livonia Ladywood's 6-foot-1 senior middle hitter Katy Rooney has committed to play volleyball for Lafayette College (Pa.), an NCAA Division I program which competes in the Patriot League.

Rooney, who attended St. Michael's Grade School in Livonia, has been a four-year starter for the Blazers and earned first-team All-Observer and Class B All-State honors as a junior.

• Brendan Rooney, a graduate of St. Michael's Grade School and the University of Jesuit, returns to NCAA Division 1 action last weekend with the Mount St. Mary's (Md.) men's lacrosse team in the Nick Cerroulini Fall Ball Tournament in Philadelphia, Pa.

Rooney, a defenseman, picked up three ground balls in victory of Hofstra (Pa.). The Mountaineers also took on St. Joseph (Pa.).

Mount St. Mary opens the regular season in February against Virginia, which eliminated the Mountaineers in last year's first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Ocelot spikers win

The Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team improved to 15-11 overall and 6-3 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference with a 30-28, 25-20, 25-17 triumph Tuesday at home over St. Clair County Community College.

The loss drops the Skippers to 18-14 overall and 7-5 in the conference.

Synchro show

The Michigan Synchro Masters, international and national women's synchronized swimming champions, will stage a preview for their 2010 Masters National competition beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at Schoolcraft College Physical Education Building pool.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 (children 12 and under are free).

For more information, call Sharon McMurray at (313) 300-5494.

Churchill goes 6-0, takes crown at KLAA Challenge

Livonia Churchill brought home the gold on Saturday, winning the KLAA Challenge girls volleyball tournament at Northville with a 25-19, 25-16 victory over Hartland in the finals.

The Chargers, now 32-6-2 overall, reached the final with a 25-17, 25-16 win over Westland John Glenn.

In pool play, Churchill defeated Howell (25-8, 25-9), Hartland (25-10, 25-19), Ann Arbor Skyline (25-15, 25-11) and Livonia Franklin (25-20, 25-17).

Senior setter Cory Urbats

led Churchill with 108 total assist-to-kills and 12 aces on the day. Kara Kempinski contributed 88 digs and seven aces.

Top attackers included Emily Norscia (58 kills), Erin Menard (32 kills, seven blocks); and Audrey Durocher (20 kills).

"Overall, we played well," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "I'm pleased because we have many kids contributing both offensively and defensively and were really starting to play with confidence."

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Glenn makes semifinal

Westland John Glenn finished 4-2 on the day before being ousted by Livonia Churchill, 25-18, 25-17, in the semifinals of the KLAA Invitational at Northville.

In pool play, Glenn defeated Gibraltar Carlson (25-8, 25-14), Northville (26-24, 25-21) and Milford (25-23, 25-17), while losing to Brighton (18-25, 17-25).

The Rockets defeated

Livonia Franklin in the quarterfinals, 26-24, 25-12.

Halie Baker paced Glenn's attack with 48 total kills, 10 blocks (six solo) and eight ace serves on the day.

Other Glenn contributors included Jordyn Coniam (27 kills), Brooke Zywick (73 digs, eight aces) and Claire Truskowski (59 assists).

"I believe we've assembled our best lineup and were able to really get comfortable with it this weekend," Glenn coach Sharon Hubbard said. "As always, Halie Baker took charge at the net, and

Brooke Zywick cleaned up in the backcourt. Junior Jordyn Coniam is really starting to light it up on the outside; it's a joy to watch her develop."

Glenn is now 13-10-5 overall.

"I'm really proud of the team," Hubbard said. "The girls are pulling it together at just the right time, so I'm looking forward to a strong finish to this season."

Patriots go 1-3-1

Livonia Franklin's lone

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, B2**

Spartan boys
2nd in CountyBY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Led by the dependable duo of Joe Porcari and Derek Gielarowski, the Plymouth boys cross country team did it again.

Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston, the Wildcats captured their third consecutive Wayne County Invitational title with 80 points, a comfortable margin in front of second place Livonia Stevenson (115).

Livonia Churchill also made the top ten in sixth with 230.

"We ran good today," Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said. "It wasn't by far our best meet we've had this year, but they clawed through and still made it good enough."

It doesn't hurt having consistency from the likes of senior Porcari and junior Gielarowski. They finished third and fourth overall, respectively, with times of 16 minutes, 23.93 seconds and 16:28.84.

Plymouth's next three runners finished just six seconds apart. Those included sophomore Brandon Dalton, 22nd (17:12.69); freshman Liam Cardenas, 25th (17:17.67); and junior James Maciag, 26th (17:18.64).

Stephen Fabian of University of Detroit-Jesuit was the individual champion with a mark of 16:07.10.

"We ran hard, we ran it to win it," Porcari said. "Derek's picking up a lot of slack, it was a team effort though."

Stevenson's first-year coach Chris Inch said his team ran well led by senior Matt Williams, who placed eighth in 16:46.1.

Junior John Lynch added a 12th in 16:59.81 followed by Ryan Petrul, 28th (17:21.53); Adam Chludzinski, 32nd (17:27.33); and Stephen Fenech, 35th (17:28.5).

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Matt Williams placed eighth overall in the Wayne County Invitational held Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Patriot girls
wind up 3rd
in Wayne Co.BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Just like last year, the Salem girls cross country team placed second to Grosse Pointe South at the Wayne County Championship meet.

The runner-up Rocks tallied 64 points Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston, only 11 behind victorious Grosse Pointe South.

Not too far behind Salem was third-place Livonia Franklin (81).

Salem's fastest finisher for the day was freshman Kayla Kavulich, placing eighth with a time of 19:22.78. Victoria Tripp added a 10th.

"I expected Grosse Pointe South to win this," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach, who had his four top runners finishing under the 20-minute mark.

"They're ranked maybe sixth in the state right now and we're ranked at 10th. I knew it was going to be a shootout and I knew (Livonia) Churchill and Franklin were going to be right there as well."

The Chargers placed fourth out of the 34-team field with 110 points.

Individually, the Blue Devils' Hannah Meier was overall champion on the 5-kilometer course with a time of 18 minutes, 08.41 seconds.

She nudged out second-place finisher Megan McPherson, a senior from Franklin, who clocked a school record time of 18:20.99.

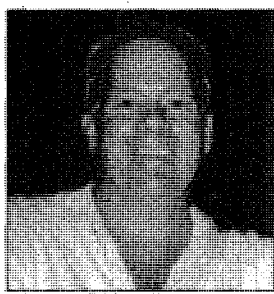
Churchill sophomore Kerigan Riley took sixth in 19:18.71, while teammate

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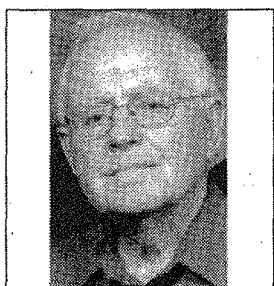
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PAUL T. DOBBS
 Age 72, October 8, 2010. Loving Husband of April, Beloved father of Elizabeth (George) Fomin, Beverly (Brad) Bauer, Amy (Peter) Mianowski, and Catherine (Michael) Peltz. Proud Grandfather of Grant Fomin, Justin and Eric Mianowski, and Dear brother of Juanda Maurice. A memorial service will be held Sat., Oct. 16, 2010 at 11 am at St. John Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd. (Sheldon Rd. South of Ann Arbor Trail). To share a memory with the family please visit: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ROBERT KRAJEWSKI
 Age 76 of Warren. He passed away on Aug. 22, 2010 in Warren. Robert was born on March 19, 1934 in Detroit, MI. He was the youngest of 11 children of Mary and Stanley Krajewski. Husband of Ruth Ann Krajewski for 48 years. Brother of Virginia Rochester. Brother in law of Eleanor E. Smith. Many nieces and nephews. Served in the U. S. Navy. A member of St. Pius the 10th K of C in Warren. Worked as a barber for many years before retiring and was an avid boater. Memorial Service on Oct. 23, 2010 at 11:00 am at St. Anne's Catholic Church (on Mound between 13 and 14 Mile), Warren. Arrangements by Hopcroft Funeral Home.

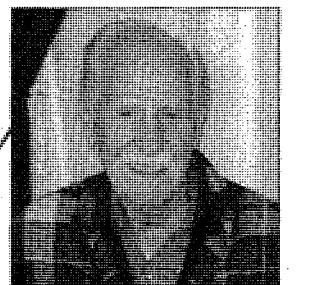
KEVIN M. MCMANAMON
 Age 26, of Madison, TN, formerly of Redford, MI, died Oct. 6, 2010. Son of Michael (Ann) & Barb Sullivan. Brother of Renee. Service was held Oct. 11 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon (248) 446-1171.



JANE BOYD MURPHY
 A long-time resident of Bloomfield Hills, passed away October 10, 2010 after a courageous confrontation with cancer. She was 75 years young. A Michigan girl to her bones, Jane graduated from Baldwin High School and Penn Hall Girl's School. She was a talented designer known for a deft and fearless aesthetic matched only by her tireless sense of humor. Those who knew her admired her compassion, her wit and love of life, as well her commitment to many good causes. Jane was a member of the Orchard Lake Country Club, the Harbor Pointe Golf Club, the Village Club, Les Jardinières Garden Club, W.O.W. and Nifty. Beloved wife of the late William V. Dear mother of Scott and Chip (Kim). Grandmother of Grace, Hayes and Colby. Sister of Judy Vandervee. Memorial service Friday October 29th 2p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, Michigan 48009. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to First United Methodist Church of Birmingham or The Village Club Foundation, 190 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500
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JOYCE MYRTLE NAIR
 Hamburg, MI. 79 years old. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 24, 1930 to Carl and Ethel Honaker. Married George Nair and had three daughters; Nancy (John) Poelstra of Pinckney, Debbie (Scott) Welser of Hamburg and Cynthia Carpenter of Marquette, MI. George preceded her in death in 1993. For the past 13 years she dated her dear friend Edwin Mayes who has been by her side since the automobile accident that occurred September 2, 2010 that eventually took her life on October 8, 2010. Mom was an exceptional person who was her happiest when with her family. A perfect time for Mom was having her family over for dinner, celebrating a birthday or holiday and relaxing by the fireplace listening to her grandchildren talk about their sports, college or children. Mom also loved doing her church accounting job even though older age had robbed her of much of her sight. Mom loved sitting on her front porch with Ed and her grandchildren feeding the squirrels that would come with in arms reach to get their food. She taught her grandchildren to love nature, to take time to enjoy the beautiful aspects of life, and kindness to animals. Grandchildren include; Ashley, Jennifer and Christian Poelstra, Shanna Driscoll, Becky Franklin and Andy Tessin, and Jessica, David and Jordan Welser. Great grandchildren include Madelyn Driscoll and Aiden Franklin. A Healing Farewell was held 11:00AM Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Rev. Evan Gaertner officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to your local animal shelter. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Joyce's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com

NORMAN S. PATALON
 Age 73, passed away, October 8, 2010 in Traverse City. He was born on March 27, 1937 in Detroit, son of the late Sylvester and Maryann Patalon. Norm was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. In 1998 following 32 years of dedicated service, he retired as an accountant from Ford Motor Co. After his retirement, Norm and his wife Annette moved to Houghton Lake where they became active members of St. James Catholic Church. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, bowling, boating, camping and dancing. He loved music, especially polka and big band. He was a fan of the Detroit Lions, Tigers, Pistons and Red Wings. Norm led an active life with many interests, but his true love was his beloved wife and his loving family. He will be greatly missed. He is survived by: his wife Annette of 51 years, his children, Suzette (Dan) Lixie, Kathleen (Paul) Parzuchowski, Mark (Jill) Patalon and Christopher (Tracey) Patalon. He, "Papa" is also survived by his grandchildren, Brittany, Erin, Samantha, J.P., Mitchell and Nicholas, his sister Dorothy LaFave and his brother Jerry Patalon. He was preceded in death by his sisters Dolores and Christine. Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 12th from 2-9 p.m. with Rosary prayed at 7 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, October 13th at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church C/O The Norman S. Patalon stained glass window or American Kidney Foundation. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



HERBERT LEE PEACH
 Age 81, passed away September 22, 2010. Herb, a Navy veteran, was preceded in death by his beloved wife Rose in 2003. He is survived by his beloved children: Shannon Patterson, Christie Huits and Michael (Monica) Peach; grandchildren: Kelly (Hector) Lopez, Darcy (Luke) Madsen, Tracy Sprague, Heather Patterson, Melissa Joy Cooley, Tristan Peach, Christiana Peach and Ariana Peach; great-grandchildren: Tyler Sprague, Faith Rose Madsen, Brook Madsen, Emma Madsen, Gracelynn Madsen and Aiden Cooley. Memorial service is Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Salvation Army Church, 26700 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights, MI. at 1:00pm. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association in lieu of flowers.

RICHARD PETERSON
 "Richard Roy the Cowboy"
 Age 21, October 10, 2010 of Westland, formerly of Garden City. Beloved son of Michelle. Loving brother of Sarah, Steven and Jessica Peterson. Dear grandson of Norma Randazzo and Joseph (Sharon) Randazzo. Dear uncle of Daniel. Nephew of Cindy Tarnacki, Joseph Randazzo, Jr., and Cristy (Dan) Cox. Great-nephew of William Randazzo & Nina Kalmata. Also survived by his father Timmy, and many cousins and friends. In state Thursday 9am at SS Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Rd., Westland, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. Visitation was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Please sign Richard's on-line guestbook at www.rgrharris.com

VICTOR L. WILINSON
 Age 75
JUDITH A. WILKINSON
 Age 70
 Passed away Saturday October 9, 2010 following injuries received in an automobile accident in Tennessee.
VICTOR, born on March 31st 1935 in Beaverton on March 31st 1935 in Beaverton to Irvin and Alice (Hughes) Wilkinson, he was preceded in death by his brother Vern and sister Magdalene. He is survived by brothers, Dwight, Robert and sisters Mildred and Mary. Mr. Wilkinson graduated from Hartford HS in 1953 and Michigan Tech University receiving a B.S. of Metallurgy. He also served in the US Army a 1st Lt. He worked in the Aeronautics Industry for General Electric and Howmet Corp. as the General Manager at facilities in Plymouth MI and Exeter, England. He maintained a thriving sales business for several years after Howmet.
JUDITH, born on July 2nd 1940 in Alton, IL to Dana D. and Margaret L. (Englage) Heter is survived by brothers Tom, Dana II, and sisters Betty and Cynthia.
 Both Victor and Judith are survived by children Vicki (Mike) Yurick, Jennifer (Paul) Cooper, Bruce (Tracey) Wilkinson, Pamela (Greg) Zinn, and seven grandchildren (Sean, Colin, Andrea, Sydney, Bryan, Marissa, and Cameron).
 Judith graduated from Parkview H.S. Springfield MO in 1958. She met and married Victor on November 21st, 1959 while Victor was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. They made their first home in Michigan (Royal Oak, Farmington, and Northville). Upon retiring, Victor and Judith continued to make wonderful memories while sharing in a Bed and Breakfast (Macon GA) and an Antique trading business. Visitation for Victor and Judith is to be held on Friday, October 15th from 4-8 pm, and a service on Saturday at 11:00am at Kechn Funeral Home, 706 West Main St. Brighton, MI. A Memorial for friends in TN to be held in November (details to follow). In lieu of flowers the family has suggested making contributions to World Vision International or to the United Way.

FREDERICK H. WRIGHT III
 Age 77, of Gaylord, passed away at his residence on October 10, 2010. He was born in Detroit on December 19, 1932 to Frederick J. II and Edna Belle (Warner) Wright. Fred lived a majority of his life in Livonia. He worked for the Detroit Times/News and then Observer Eccentric for 30 years, retiring in 1993. Following his retirement, he moved to Gaylord where he owned and operated the Northernmaire Resort. He was known as "Uncle Fred" to the kids at the resort whose families would make the resort their annual destination point. Mr. Wright belonged to the Shu-Ban Shriner's Snowmobiling Club, Shriner's Yacht Club, and the Multi-Lakes Sportsman Club. He was a member of the Royal Order of Jesters with the Masonic Lodge 151 in Farmington, and a current member of the Gaylord Masonic Lodge. Fred enjoyed listening to Big Band and Frank Sinatra music. He is survived by his wife, Suzie; children, Fred Jr. of Fowlerville, Steven (Gayle) of Tenn., Ron of Gaylord, David (Robin) of TX; four grandchildren, Wesley, Julie, Evan, and Olivia; sisters, Gail (Sam) Corrado and Patricia (Casey) Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Merlin Perisot, Betty Jane LeMerise, and Frank John. FUNERAL SERVICES will take place on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 1 p.m. from the Nelson Funeral Home, with Fr. Matthew Wigton, officiating. The Gaylord Masonic Lodge will also offer a service on Thursday. VISITATION will take place on Thursday beginning at 11 a.m. Contributions in memory of Frederick J. Wright III may be made to Shriner's, for the burned, crippled children's fund. Friends may share condolences online at: www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com

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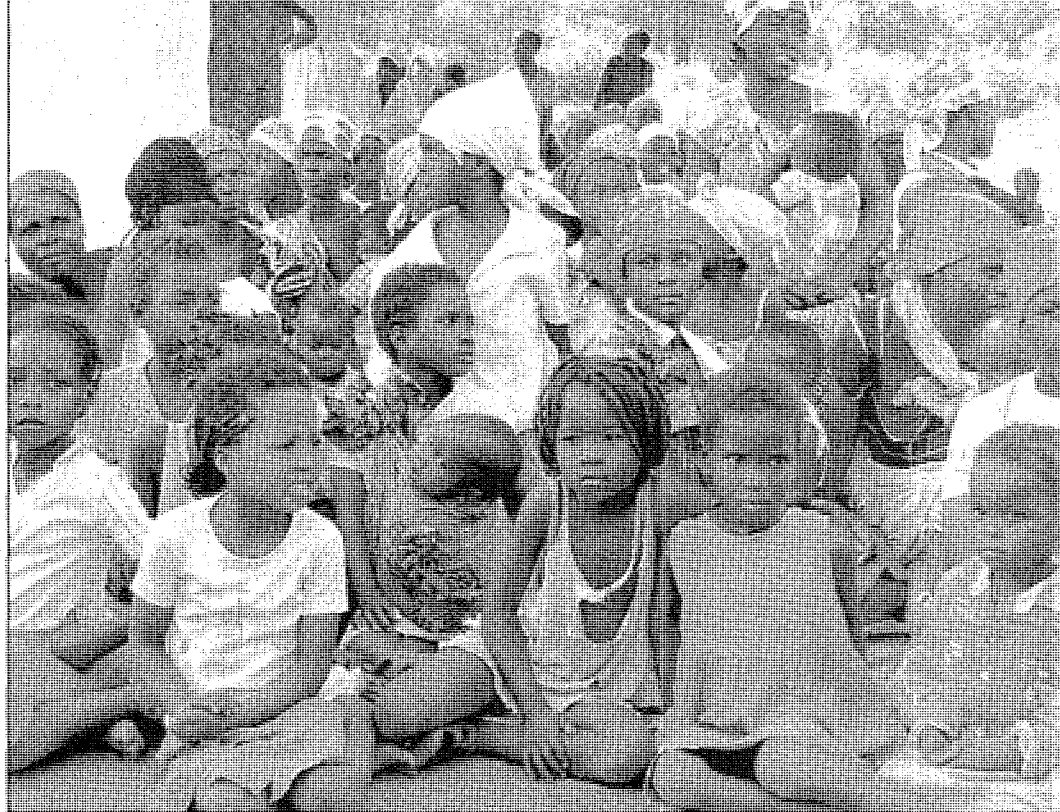
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Women and children of Massingir Velho in Mozambique will receive clothing from Farmington Hills-based Helping Hands Touching Hearts.

Group collects clothing, garage sale items for African project

Helping Hands Touching Hearts to Clothe a Village, a Farmington Hills-based charity, is selling garage sale items to earn money for mosquito nets, medical and school supplies that it will ship, along with clothing, this month to a village in Mozambique.

The garage sale runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 14-16 at 3562 Commerce Road, Commerce Township.

The organization's mission is supplying clothing and other items to villagers of Messingir Velho in Mozambique.

Founder Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills says supporters have stepped up to help by donating items for the garage sale and new clothing for the shipment she'll send this month to the remote African village. Her minister, The Rev. Todd Lackie, and the Service Task Force at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia is sponsoring a drive for church members to supply 400 T-shirts, blue jeans and medical supplies to the village.

"Clothing and supplies were three-feet deep in our living room, family room and dining room from all the generous giving in our community," Bonvallet said.

The organization took in donations from local firemen, businesspeople, church members and residents.

Tyrone Golden, an employee at Tom Holzer Ford in Farmington Hills, donated 12 new soccer balls. Several hundred youngsters have shared two balls in the village. Ratna Pasricha, owner of Perfect Impressions Graphic Solutions in Farmington Hills, offered pens, T-shirts, and sweat-shirts among other items. Gail Welch, a member of Word of Faith in Southfield, donated uniforms, hats and shirts for children and a commercial sewing machine to Helping Hands to assist Bonvallet and other volunteers who sew nguvas, a traditional garment of the villagers that can be wrapped into a head covering, dress or child-carrying sling.

"Our dream at Helping Hands Touching Hearts



Gail Welch (left) and CJ Christopher hold a T-shirt that serves as a reminder to donate gently-used items to the Helping Hands Touching Hearts upcoming garage sale. Welch donated a commercial sewing machine to the organization to help volunteers make clothing for African villagers.



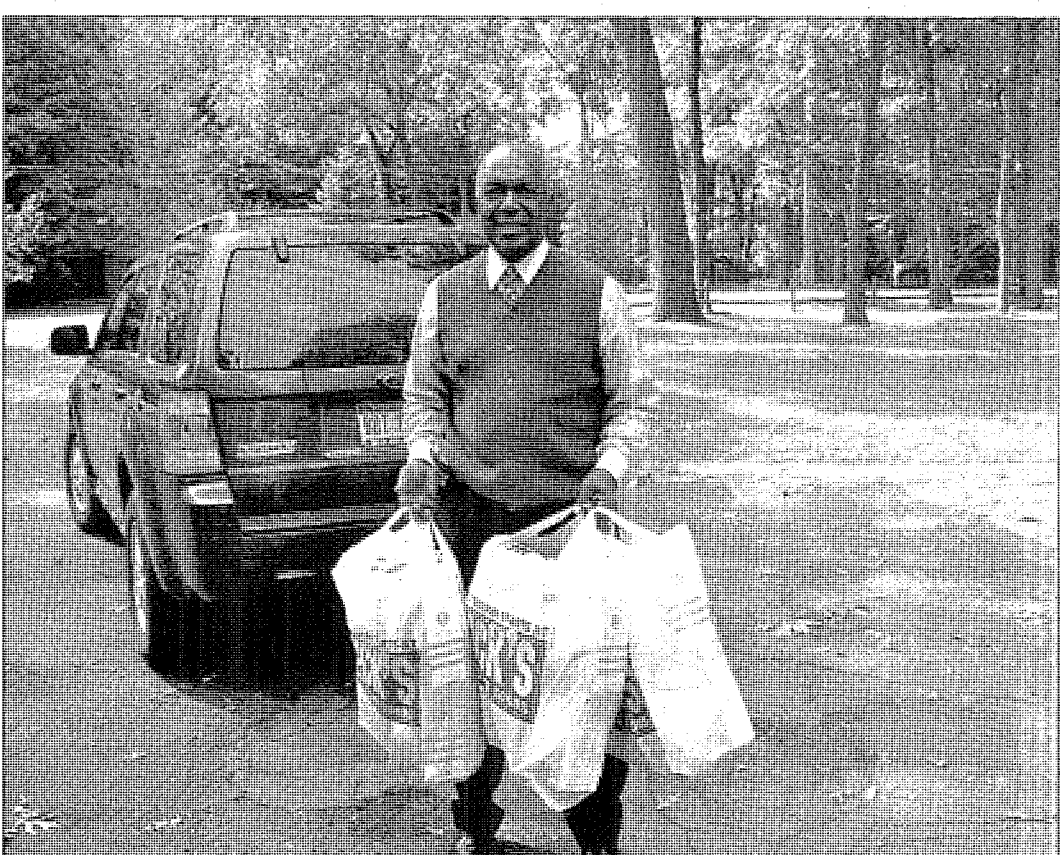
Jason Wilhoit and Nancy Cooper of Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, donate a bag of T-shirts and blue jeans to Helping Hands Touching Hearts.

Charity is to clothe this Village of 1300 people, a task we were not sure we could do when we first started," Bonvallet said. "But when a community of good people step in, anything is possible. It does take a community to help a community."

- By Sharon Dargay



Volunteer Kerry Thomas sorts through clothing donated for villagers.



Tyrone Golden delivers 12 soccer balls to Helping Hands Touching Hearts for children in the village of Massingir Velho in Mozambique.

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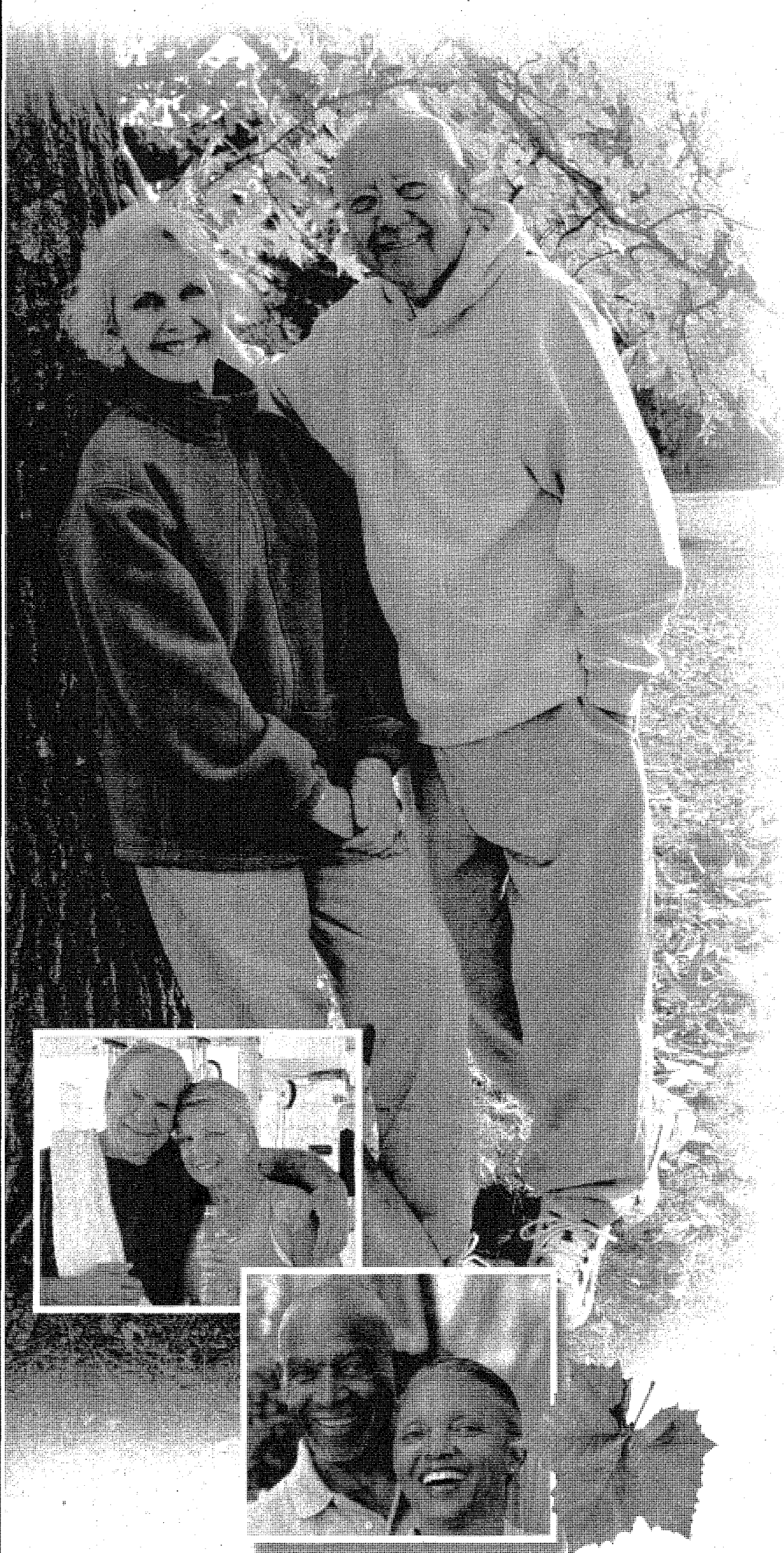
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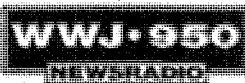
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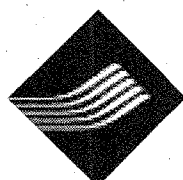
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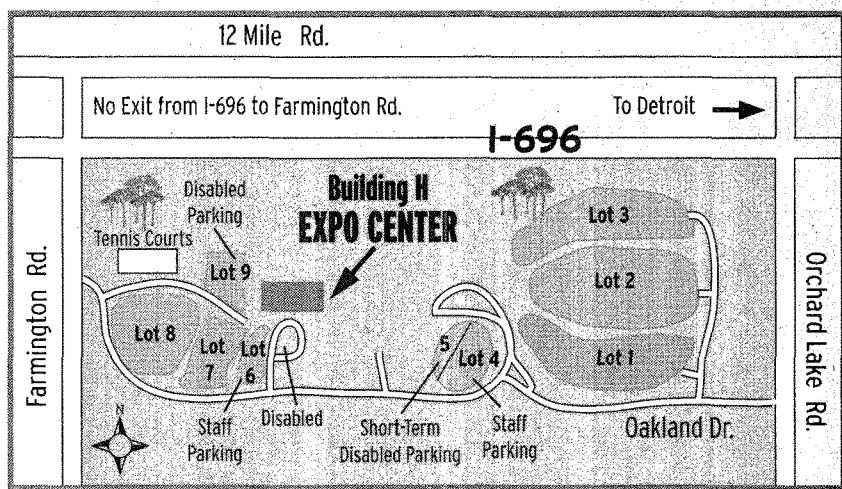
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Jazz concert benefits festival, honors pianist

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Paul Keller Trio will play its toast to Nat "King" Cole Sunday, Oct. 17 at a fund-raiser for the annual Michigan Jazz Festival, but the performance also will pay tribute to the group's late pianist Steve Richko who died earlier this month.

"Such a talented musician. The Detroit jazz world is heartbroken," said Midge Ellis, director of the midsummer festival. "We will all be missing Steve."

Glenn Tucker, a University of Michigan student, will perform on piano with the trio that includes Keller on bass and Ralph Tope, a Michigan State University student, on guitar. The show starts at 3 p.m., in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, in Livonia.

It will be the second concert the trio has played since Richko's death — the first since his funeral earlier this week — but Keller plans to keep the show upbeat and its purpose in focus.

"It's a triple thing now. It's a fund-raiser first and foremost for the Michigan Jazz Festival. But it's also now turned into a bit of a tribute to Steve and on top of that the hook always was to toast Nat 'King' Cole. It was our theme. We'll continue with that theme, but it will be a salute to Steve and his massive talent," said Keller, who had developed a close friendship with Richko over the past six years.

CD, VIDEO

The group's latest CD, and Richko's last project with the group, is *We Like to Riff: A Tribute to the Nat "King" Cole Trio*. It includes a song written by Richko and dedicated to one of his sons and will be available for purchase at the jazz festival fund-raiser.

Keller said the group planned to video tape the upcoming concert for a new DVD, but likely will record the



The Paul Keller Trio includes Keller (left) on bass and Ralph Tope on guitar. They'll pay tribute to pianist Steve Richko, who recently died, at an upcoming fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

show only for "archival purpose" rather than distribution.

"Steve and I were like brothers. He was my best friend, but as I go through this week of grieving I find he had a lot of good friends. He was a lovable character, a great big teddy bear and he loved making people happy with his music."

"He loved the Michigan Jazz Festival. He was looking so forward to it. The Michigan Jazz Festival is such a

worthy cause and unique. I think it's wonderful because it focuses on local Michigan talent. Thank God it's there. It did a lot for Steve."

FESTIVAL CONTINUES

The festival, held the third Sunday in July at Schoolcraft College, brings together local jazz talent on several simultaneous performance stages and is free to the public. Three fund-raisers, in April, June and October are held



Glenn Tucker will perform with the Paul Keller Trio at an upcoming fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

to raise money for the event.

"Fans are sending in donations, too," Ellis said. "We've gotten lots of donations. We've had more than ever. You can tell they want it (the festival) to continue. We're just delighted."

She said funds raised from the upcoming concert, along with recent donations, should be enough to continue the festival next summer.

"I think we'll be set," she said, adding that a few major sponsors also planned to help with funding next year.

"We do it for the love of jazz. It's America's music and we want to keep it alive."

A fund-raiser will be held for Richko's children, Nov. 14 at Schoolcraft College. Performance times and ticket prices are undetermined. For more about the Paul Keller Trio visit www.pkorecords.com. For more on the Michigan Jazz Festival see <http://michiganjazzfestival.hometownlife.com>

Learn about pop art at Livonia library

Richard Rubinfeld, art history professor at Eastern Michigan University, will talk about pop art at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The program is presented by the Livonia Arts Commission and VAAL, Visual Arts Association of Livonia.

Rubinfeld teaches courses in art history as well as Renaissance art, 19th century art, and modern art. His presentation is called "Pop Art: From Cutting Edge to Nostalgia," and will explore the origins of pop art in England and the United States, identify the subjects, themes, and media favored by its proponents, and reveal its impact on the contemporary art world.

Pop art is a movement that focused on contemporary vernacular culture and consumerism. Art works that were inspired by familiar subjects previously deemed unacceptable for fine art — such as supermarket products — are now celebrated and viewed nostalgically as artifacts of another era.

Rubinfeld will discuss such artists as Richard Hamilton, Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, and Claes Oldenburg.

The evening will conclude with juror Eugene Clark of the College of Creative Studies presenting awards for VAAL's fall exhibit, Artistic Expressions, which runs through Oct. 28 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

There is no charge for the presentation.

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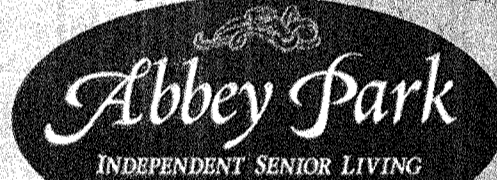
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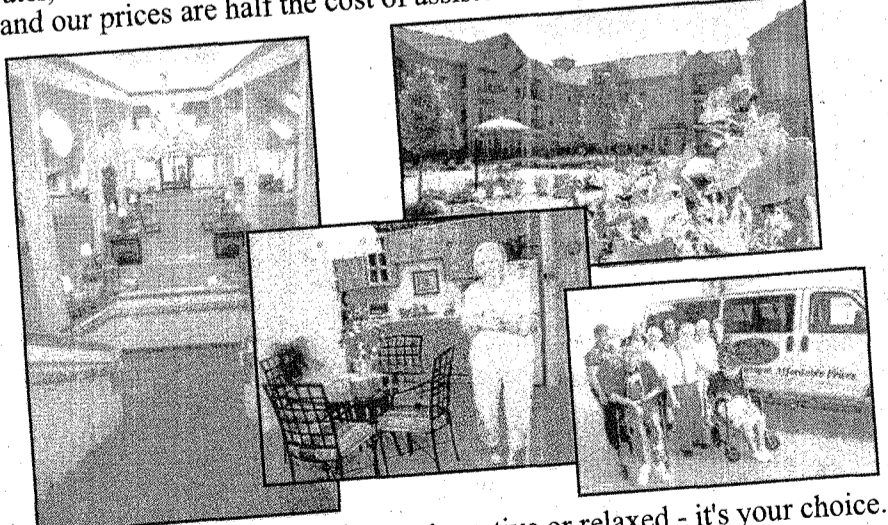
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and then culminates with featured musicians the third Saturday of the month, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Eight open-mic spots are

available at each performance. Sign up is between 6:15-6:45 p.m. A lottery system is used to assign open mic spots if more than eight musicians register to play. Kathy Nieman will host the next show, Saturday Oct.

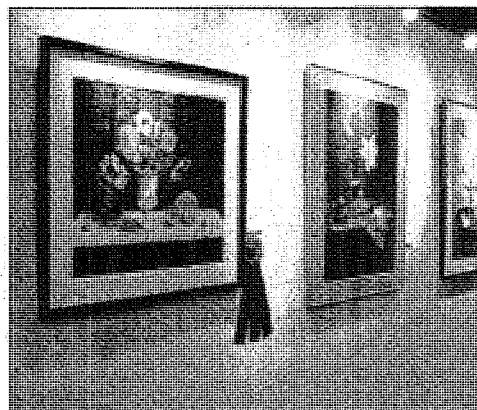
16. Four-Hearted River is the featured guest group. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. For more information, call Mike Mullen, president and founder of BaseLine Folk Society, at (248) 347-6881.

Emerging, established artists exhibit in Canton

There's still time to see works from the 18th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill. The show, which includes a variety of media, including painting, sculpture, charcoal drawings, pastels, ceramics, and photography, runs through Oct. 26 at the Gallery@VT, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Winners from the show this year are:

- Ann Loveland, Best of Show for "Theories"
- Judith Pebbles, second place for *Seated Figure, Untitled*.
- Cathy Jacobs, third place for *Breakfast of Champions*.

Merit Awards went to John Mrozik for *Clarabella*, Susan Aitken for *The Fall*, Fran Seikaly for *Curacao Twilight*, and Fredrick Beutler for *Path to Nowhere*. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Allen Brooks for *The House on M-59* and Paul Van Heest for *Hydrophobic Otter*. The Canton Fine Arts Exhibition began in 1993 as an activity of Canton Project ARTS, a cultural programming body which provided various arts-related events and activities to the community. In 2004, Canton Project ARTS was absorbed by Canton Leisure Services and is currently guided by the Canton Cultural Commission. For more information call (734) 394-5308.



Works from the 18th annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition are on display at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill.

Die-hard Detroit Pistons fans to get free tickets

If you can attend all 41 home games and are among the hardest-working, loudest of Detroit Pistons fans, you might land a spot on its new spirit team and get free game tickets in the process. Tryouts to fill the 50-seat section called "The Pistons Power Plant" will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. "The Pistons Power Plant" will be a special section in the 100-level of The Palace designated to get their most hardcore fans cheering for the team at every home game, creating a home court advantage with spirit and energy. Fans that make the team will be given a free ticket to all 41 of the Pistons' home contests. Candidates must be able to commit to all home games. The tryouts will be a three-part process. Individually, fans will

have one minute to show creativity in cheering, dancing, energy and appearance. Pistons gear is a plus. Fans also will be brought together into groups of 10 and will come up with a cheer that they will perform. All fans making it to the finals will be seated in a section in the arena and given the chance to work together in a group, showing their spirit. Candidates should enter through the West Atrium and will be directed to the registration area. A schedule of Pistons games and a pre-registration form can be found online at www.pistons.com. Walk-ups the day of the tryouts will be welcome, however fans are strongly advised to pre-register. The Palace is located at 6 Championship Drive, between Lapeer Road (M-24) and I-75, in Auburn Hills; (248) 377-0100.

Kids, adults celebrate Halloween at YWCA

The YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit - Redford is offering an "Angels Night" lock-in for children and a costume dance for adults on Saturday, Oct. 30. The lock-in will run 7-9:30 p.m. and will include pizza and snacks, games, crafts, a mummy dance contest and movies. Cost is \$10 for non-members and \$5 for YWCA members.

The Halloween party and costume dance for adults will run 7 p.m.-midnight and will include a buffet, dance demonstrations, and dancing. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Reserve dance tickets or RSVP for the lock-in by calling (313) 537-8500. The YWCA is located at 25940 Grand River Ave., Redford.

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Supercharged soups

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As the weather turns cooler, soup is a delicious and healthful way to warm up. From homemade to prepared varieties, nourishing soups also can satisfy your hunger by making you feel full longer.

Wendy Bazilian, DrPH, MA, RD, author of *The SuperFoodsRx Diet*, recommends choosing soups packed with flavorful "SuperFoods" like beans, lean chicken or turkey, broccoli, spinach, tomatoes — and especially spices and herbs.

"Using spices and herbs does more than just add flavor to your favorite soups without added calories or sodium. They are also concentrated sources of natural antioxidants, with levels comparable to fruits and vegetables, including many of the SuperFoods," Bazilian says. "With just a dash, pinch or sprinkle of spices and herbs, you can turn your favorite soup into a flavorful 'super soup.'"

Whether you're cooking up a batch of a hearty, homemade soup on the weekend or just looking to add healthful twists to prepared soups, spices and herbs are a better-for-you swap for traditional soup toppings such as croutons, cheese or sour cream — adding flavor without extra salt, sugar or fat.

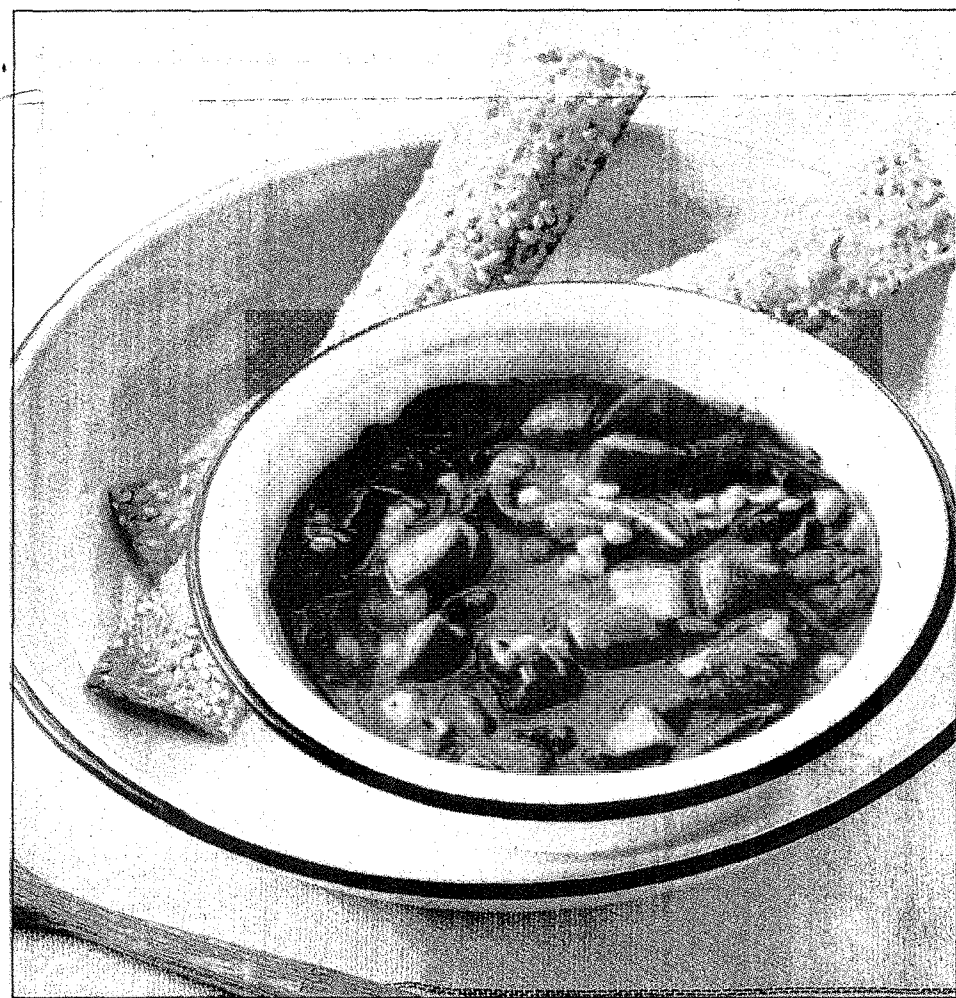
Find more flavorful and healthful soup recipes, as well as tips for pairing spices and herbs with canned or prepared soups, at www.spicesforhealth.com.



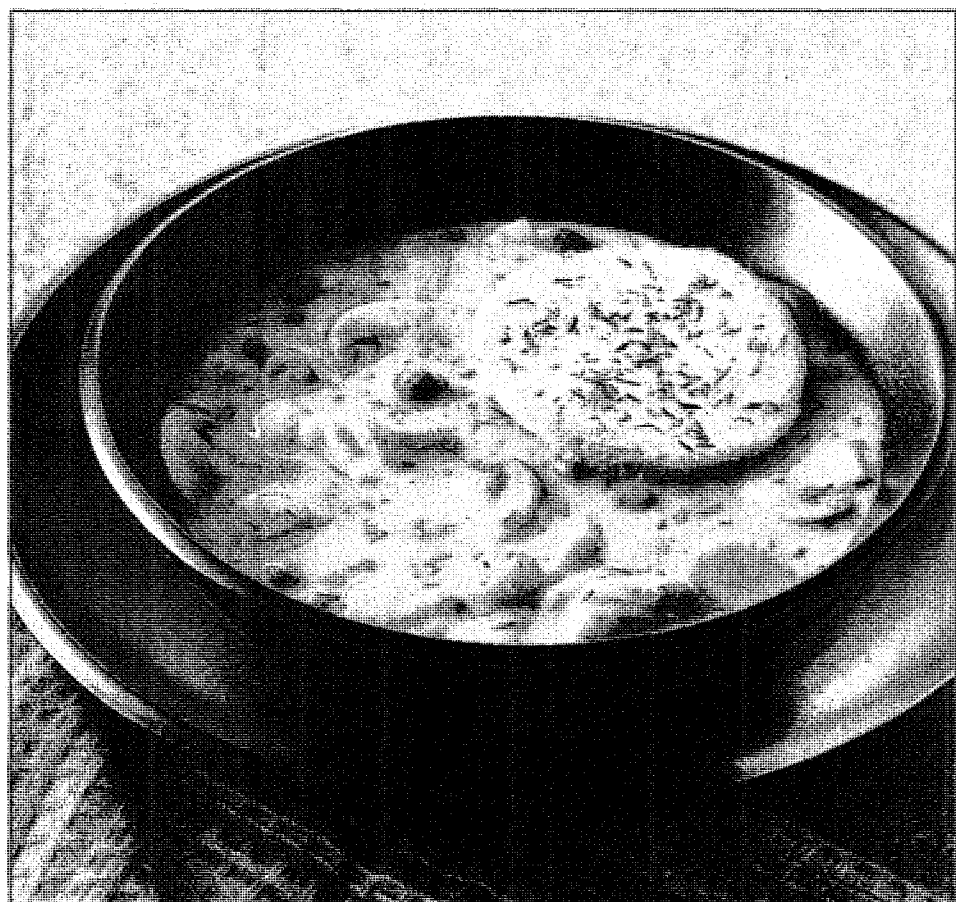
Roasted Cauliflower and Mushroom Soup

SUPER SOUP FLAVOR-UPS

- Give canned chicken soup an Asian flair. Stir ½ teaspoon ground ginger and ¼ teaspoon garlic powder into 2 cups soup. Sprinkle with sliced green onions, if desired.
- Turn tomato or potato soup from dull to delicious. Stir ½ teaspoon curry powder into 2 cups soup.
- Top off your broccoli or tomato soup with a spicy crunch. Heat ½ teaspoon olive oil in small nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add ¼ cup walnuts or pecans, and ½ teaspoon each ground cumin, oregano leaves and chili powder; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or until nuts are fragrant and lightly browned.
- Add a dollop of color and flavor with spiced yogurt. Stir favorite spices and herbs into low-fat plain yogurt, about 1 tablespoon for each serving of soup. Try turmeric for lentil or split pea soup, oregano for black bean soup and ground cinnamon or ginger for butternut squash or pumpkin soup.
- Popcorn makes a fun garnish for soup. Try sprinkling hot popcorn with spices such as curry powder, paprika or ground red pepper.



Savory Turkey Sausage and Lentil Soup



Chicken Pot Pie Soup

ROASTED CAULIFLOWER AND MUSHROOM SOUP

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes
Makes 8 (1-cup) servings
6 cups cauliflower florets (2-inch pieces)
2 Portobello mushrooms, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 large red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons olive oil, divided
1 tablespoon McCormick Thyme Leaves
1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cumin
2 cups chopped onions
4 cups reduced sodium vegetable broth
½ teaspoon McCormick Ground Black Pepper

Toss cauliflower, mushrooms and bell pepper with 2 tablespoons oil. Sprinkle with thyme and cumin. Toss until evenly coated. Spread in single layer on baking sheet. Roast in preheated 450°F oven 15 to 20 minutes or until cauliflower is golden brown, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, heat remaining 2 teaspoons oil in large saucepan on medium-high heat. Add onions; cook and stir 5 minutes or until softened. Add vegetable mixture, broth and pepper. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 minutes or until cauliflower is tender, stirring occasionally.

Ladle into soup bowls to serve. **Nutrition Information per Serving:** 105 Calories, Fat 5g, Protein 3g, Carbohydrates 12g, Sodium 304mg, Fiber 3g

SAVORY TURKEY SAUSAGE AND LENTIL SOUP

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes
Makes 8 (1-cup) servings
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cups chopped onions
1 cup diced celery
4 ounces turkey kielbasa, chopped (about ¼ cup)
2 teaspoons McCormick Thyme Leaves
1½ teaspoons McCormick Garlic Powder
1 teaspoon McCormick Paprika
¼ teaspoon McCormick Crushed Red Pepper
4 cups reduced sodium chicken broth
1 can (14½ ounces) no salt added diced tomatoes, drained
1 cup red or brown lentils, picked over and rinsed
1 package (5 ounces) baby spinach leaves

Heat oil in large saucepan on medium heat. Add onions and celery; cook and stir 3 minutes. Add kielbasa; cook and stir 3 minutes longer or until kielbasa is lightly browned and vegetables are softened. Stir in thyme, garlic powder, paprika and red pepper; cook and stir 2 minutes or until fragrant.

Stir in broth, tomatoes and lentils. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 15 minutes or until lentils are tender.

Stir in spinach. Simmer until wilted. Ladle into soup bowls to serve.

Nutrition Information per Serving: 172 Calories, Fat 4g, Protein 11g, Carbohydrates 23g, Cholesterol 9mg, Sodium 468mg, Fiber 6g

CHICKEN POT PIE SOUP

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes
Makes 8 (1-cup) servings
1½ teaspoons McCormick Rosemary Leaves, crushed
1½ teaspoons McCormick Thyme Leaves
1 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
4 teaspoons butter, divided
1 package (8 ounces) mushrooms, sliced
1 cup sliced carrots
½ cup flour
4 cups reduced sodium chicken broth
1 pound boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch pieces
1½ cups frozen pearl onions
1 cup frozen peas
8 thin bread slices
1 teaspoon oil

Mix rosemary, thyme and garlic powder in small bowl. Reserve ½ teaspoon. Heat 1 teaspoon butter in large saucepan on medium heat. Add mushrooms, carrots and remaining seasoning mixture; cook and stir 3 minutes. Remove from saucepan. Set aside.

Melt remaining 3 teaspoons butter in saucepan on medium heat, stirring to release browned bits from bottom of skillet. Sprinkle with flour; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or until flour is lightly browned.

Gradually stir in broth until well blended. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. Add vegetable mixture, chicken, pearl onions and peas; simmer 8 minutes or until chicken is cooked through, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, cut bread into rounds with 3-inch cookie cutter. Place on baking sheet. Brush bread with oil and sprinkle with reserved seasoning mixture. Bake in preheated 350°F oven 10 minutes or until toasted. To serve soup, ladle into soup bowls and top each with 1 crouton.

Nutrition Information per Serving: 211 Calories, Fat 7g, Protein 16g, Carbohydrates 21g, Cholesterol 42mg, Sodium 469mg, Fiber 2g

Ale, sausage, peppers make this crowd-pleasing chili 3-time winner

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The people have spoken — and said they like a little heat in their chili.

The winners of the People's Choice awards Sunday at the 15th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth both delivered a spicy punch to the taste buds. Chris Thompson of Westland and his fellow chefs, Paul Perlongo and Sean Skinner, took home top honors for their Irish Chili, a concoction of four ground meats, eight peppers — including the "ghost pepper" that's said to be three times hotter than a habanero — and honey brown ale, among other ingredients. Penn Grill in Plymouth won its first award in the restaurant category after trying three previous years. It entered the same red chili into competition that it serves daily to customers.

"We don't use beef, it's all sausage," Penn Grill manager Marykay Marocco said. "It's got a kick to it, although it won't take your head off. So many people said they tasted it and it was absolutely the best."

She said the sausage's smoky flavor sets it apart from other chili.

"A couple of people asked if they could have the recipe and Chef Craig (Pierson) said, 'I'll give it to you, but it makes five gallons. You'll have to figure the math,'" Marocco added.

If the Thompson-Perlongo-Skinner team strikes a familiar chord, it's because the group won the People's Choice award in the non-restaurant category for the past two years.

The trio cooked chili for fun for several years before entering the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff for the first time in 2006. None are professional chefs. Thompson is a mechanic, Skinner is a machinist and



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Kevin Hermance of Warren stirs a huge pot of red 'Just Right' chili at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff.

Perlongo is in the excavating and cement business.

"Our fans like the fact that we have a meaty, ground meat chili with a lot of spice to it. People say it's by far the spiciest and that's what a lot of people look for," Thompson said.

SPECIAL INGREDIENT

They added the ghost pepper after seeing it used at a variety of cooking challenges. Thompson bought the pepper through the Internet, although a friend has started growing the variety.

The team also entered a red chili into the competitive category. With meat chunks and smaller vegetable pieces, it was different from their winning Irish Chili. It didn't receive any honors, but Thompson said the team may try again next year.

"We are always in mood for making chili," he said. "We'll

definitely do some tweaking on it."

Other festival winners:

- Brian Graham of Sterling Heights, Best Booth for Black Jack Chili
- Ken Kostal of Marblehead, Ohio, First Place Salsa, Island Heat Chili
- Richard Chauvin of Windsor, Ontario, First Place Chili Verde, South of the Border Chili
- Gail Kyle of Dearborn, First Place Red Chili, Gambling Gail's Chili
- The Picnic Basket Marketplace in Plymouth, Best Judged in the Restaurant Chili Challenge
- Barefoot Productions, Battle of the Businesses winner
- Kostal, Chauvin and Kyle qualified to compete in the World's Championship Chili Cookoff next year.

Farmer's markets wrapping up for the season

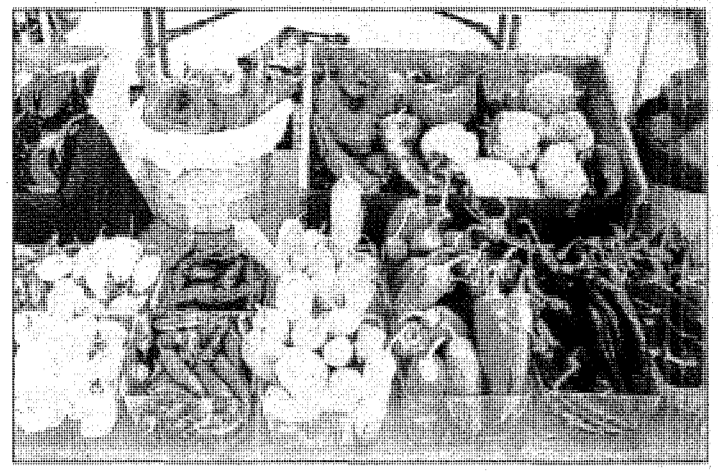
There's still time to enjoy the taste of fall at local farmer's markets as they wind down for the season.

Here's a list:

Canton — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge. More than 30 vendors will finish out the season. The Canton Public Library will present a Halloween Market Story Time at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., along with a special Halloween craft. Children may attend in costume. The Recreation Bouncer also will be at the market, weather permitting, and Trent Collier will perform from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Bartlett-Travis porch.

A Harvest Market also is planned from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21 at the Cady-Boyer Barn at Preservation Park. Shoppers can pre-order their Thanksgiving turkey for pick up and browse the market for a variety of pies, natural meats, eggs, apples, cider, organic cheese, fall squash and more. Call (734) 398-5570, Ext. 5, for details.

Farmington — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 20, at Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, 33314 Grand River Ave. Special activities include scarecrow judging at noon, music by Dan Goree and a treat demonstration at 11



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a.m., all on Oct. 16; kid's straw scramble at 11 a.m. and noon, a gourd toss at noon, and music by Bob Montelone from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., all on Oct. 23 and apple pie judging from 9-11 a.m., Oct. 30. Call Downtown Farmington for more details at (248) 473-7276.

Garden City — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 and 27, at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt. Maxwell's Arts & Treasures will present "Make & Take Table Top Scarecrow" on Oct. 20 and Garden City Hospital will sponsor a program called "Healthy Warm Harvest Soups" on Oct. 27. Call the Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 422-4448 for more

information.

Plymouth — 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, 23 and 30, at the Gathering, across from Kellogg Park, near the Penn Theatre. Call Plymouth Chamber of Commerce for more information at (734) 453.1540.

Redford — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 and 24, at the Marquee, 15145 Beech Daly. The market features Michigan produce, plants, flowers, baked goods and crafts. Call (313) 387-2504 for more information.

Westland — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 19 and 26, in the parking lot at Westland Mall, 35000 N. Warren Road; (734) 722-7620

CITY BITES

Celebrity chef

Canton — Chef Curtis Aikens of the Food Network will demonstrate recipes from *Family Circle* magazine from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23, at Ikea, 41640 Ford Road.

Aikens, author of *Curtis Cooks with Heart and Soul*, also will discuss the importance of local produce and the power of using spices to boost flavor and he'll give ideas for quick and delicious appetizers, and tips for easy entertaining.

IKEA kitchen planners will be in attendance at the free session. For more information visit www.MyFoodU.com. Get a preview of the local event by watching live Webcast from Seattle, Wash., at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10, at www.myfoodu.com

Vegetarian Holiday Tasting

PLYMOUTH — The 23rd annual event will feature more than 50 non-meat dishes will be available to see and taste. Participants can talk with the creative cooks who present the vegetarian family favorites, buy a cookbook of the dishes served or a CD with 20 years worth of recipes from the event. The program offers three seating times, 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 14, at Metropolitan Adventist School Gymnasium, on Haggerty, just north of Five Mile, Plymouth. Tickets for adults are \$14; for children, 6-12, \$6. Order tickets by sending a check payable to SDA School, to Holiday Tasting, 695 N. Ridge Road, Canton, MI 48187-4635. Indicate a first, second and third choice for seatings. For more information visit www.veggieholiday.com or call (248) 446-9176.

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