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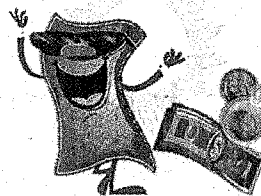
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## Bridge repairs

Henry Ruff Road over Tonquish Creek will undergo repair work beginning Monday, Sept. 19. The work includes repairs at the south end of the structure and repaving the approaches and bridge deck. The project is located north of north of Michigan Avenue. The road will be closed and traffic detoured for the duration of the project, which is expected to take six to eight weeks. The golf cart path that runs under the structure also will be closed. A cart path that crosses further north over Henry Ruff will remain open.

The cost of this project is being funded through a grant from the Federal Bridge Fund, paying 95 percent of the cost, and the city of Westland and the city of Inkster, each paying 2.5 percent.

## Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-District 12, will hold office hours Monday, Sept. 19, in Westland, Livonia and Inkster.

Gebhardt will be at the YWCA of Western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster, at 10 a.m., at Panera Bread, 35300 Warren Road, Westland, at noon and at Biggby Coffee, 11003 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, at 6 p.m.

Residents can get more information on Gebhardt's website at [www.waynecounty.com/district12](http://www.waynecounty.com/district12), or contact her office at (313) 224-0907 or by e-mail at [district12@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:district12@co.wayne.mi.us).

Gebhardt holds office hours the third Monday of each month. Upcoming dates are Oct. 17 and Nov. 21.

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# Park ready to grow grass

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Central City Park should be looking greener soon. Crews were expected to start hydroseeding it Friday or Saturday (Sept. 16-17).

"The good thing about the hydroseed is that

means the project is near completion, at least for the ground," Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said.

The remediation of lead and other contamination of the park included the installation of a geotextile membrane, 12 inches of

top soil and grass.

"The grass will need time to grow and root. Depending on how much rain we get and how the grass takes root, it could need three to six months or six to 12 months," Kosowski said. "If we have a decent fall, it could be pretty good."

So the geotextile membrane isn't disturbed, drainage and sprinklers can't be installed in the park. That means the new grades are designed to handle the drainage. The park will have soccer fields and a new walking path with a .46 mile loop. "The really cool thing

with the walking path is that you can see the fields the whole time. There is nothing to block the view to the field," Kosowski said. "You can get some exercise and never take your eyes off your kids."

Another change from

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Westland resident Nick Duncan was joined by family and friends including his mother Mitzi McBee (right) as he received a special needs bicycle from the Westland Rotary Club. Presenting the bicycle were Rotarians Margaret Harlow (left), who coordinated the bicycle donation, and club president Mary Vellardita.

# Wheel man: Rotary replaces his special bike

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Two tables of family and friends joined Nick Duncan for an early celebration of his 18th birthday at a Westland Rotary Club meeting.

Now a junior at Westland John Glenn High School, Duncan visited Rotarians when he was an 11-year-old attending Schweitzer Elementary School. The club presented him with a special needs bicycle to help him get around.

"A little bird told me that you've outgrown the bike," said Rotarian Margaret Harlow, who headed efforts for a replacement bicycle. "For your 18th birthday, we have a

new bike. From all of us to you, Happy Birthday."

The new bicycle has three wheels and straps to keep Duncan from falling out. Due to strokes he suffered as a toddler, he has balance issues and also has some seizures which can cause him to fall.

"I just want to say thank you to the Rotary Club, you're the biggest hearted people," said Vicki Hart, Duncan's cousin. "This is so very generous of you."

Nothing in the family's home isn't altered to be handicapped accessible, she said, except for a ramp to get into the house.

"Nick never asks for

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# City uses 3 B's to promote Westland

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Blues, Brews & Barbecue — the name kind of says it all.

In what is hoped to become an annual event, local restaurants will show off their barbecue and beers to the sounds of live blues music from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday on the grounds of Westland City Hall.

"We're partnering with the DDA (Downtown Development Authority). Our ultimate goal is to attract people to our city," Mayor William Wild said.

Unlike some other community events in which participating businesses donate food and beverages, 70 percent of the proceeds from the event will go back to the businesses.

"Our goal is to bring

awareness to our businesses. They will receive part of the proceeds that will allow them to cover their costs and maybe make a few bucks," Wild said.

The other 30 percent of proceeds will help cover city expenses and benefit local service organizations who provide volunteers to help at the event. Two restaurants, Famous Dave's and Texas Roadhouse, have offered to donate their proceeds.

"Some other events, we tap city resources," Wild said. "We will use the service groups labor and share the proceeds. There was a lot of buy-in from the groups for the first year. I think you'll see more once they get their checks. We hope this will become the groups'

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**What:** Blues, Brews & Barbecues

**When:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

**Where:** Westland City Hall grounds, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road

**Entertainment:** The Front Street Band at noon; The Boa Constrictors at 2 p.m. and The Alligators at 4 p.m.

**Brew House:** A collection of Michigan's finest craft beers presented by Ashley's of Westland.

**Barbecue:** Food by Famous Dave's, Knox Restaurant and Catering, Longhorn Steakhouse, Malarkey's, Marquis Food Service, Texas Roadhouse and William D. Ford Culinary Arts Program.

**\$5 Kids Zone:** Bouncers, crafts, pizza, pop and other fun activities.

**Crusiers:** All American Car Show

# Car-dragging suspect ordered to stand trial

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A Westland man accused of hitting another man with his car and dragging him for what

police called "a considerable distance" outside a Canton gathering

has been ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Rodney Manning, 20, could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison if he is convicted of three-pronged charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing serious injury, felonious assault and reckless driving that caused serious injury.

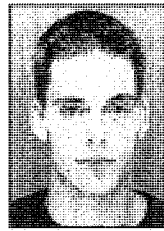
Manning, who had gone

to Florida but returned to face charges, is facing trial after he chose to waive his right to a preliminary examination Thursday in 35th District Court — a decision that averted courtroom testimony and sent the case to the higher court for disposition.

Manning's court hearing had been scheduled for Friday, and Canton Detective Tim Wright said witnesses were prepared to give testimony, but authorities said the decision to waive the proceedings occurred a day early.

Charges against Manning arose from a horrific July 2 incident that police say occurred when a motorist drove off Beck Road near Woodlong Drive and struck an 18-year-old victim, who became trapped under the car and was dragged toward Saltz Road.

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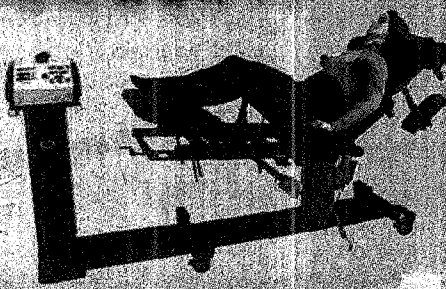
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biggest fund-raiser." In the past, service clubs would set up booths and sell things at events like Blues, Brews and Barbecue, Wild said. Now they will provide manpower, such as working at the ticket booth. The Westland Rotary Club is among service organizations providing volunteers.

"I don't know if there will be profits but this will be great for the city. I hope it will be a great success," Westland Rotary Club President Mary Vellardita said. "I think it's another event for the city with a different flavor — not like a festival. I think it will be a fantastic event to promote Westland — something different and fun."

With a kid zone and car show, Blues, Brews & Barbecue will offer something for everyone, Wild said.

"At this point, we're

## It's a date for baseball, community gathering

Along with Blues, Brews & Blues, there are plenty of chances in Westland this week to get out and enjoy the fall weather.

• Mayor William Wild is hosting the last Community Gathering for 2011 as the city celebrates its 45th birthday. The festivities are scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday at Corrado Park, located on Gladys in Flamingo, south of Joy Road.

Guests will enjoy a fire safety trailer, kid's bouncers, police canine demonstrations, a free old-fashion barbecue and more.

• Enjoy an old-fash-

ion baseball game - so old-fashion that it will be played by 1867 rules. That means no gloves. Wild and city administration members will take to the field 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, as the Westland Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dahs take on the Lah-Dee-Dahs of Greenfield Village.

The game will be played at Jaycee Park, located at Hunter and Wildwood next to Mike Modano Arena. There is no admission charge for the game. Concessions will be available with proceeds going to the Westland Historic Village Park.

preparing for thousands (of people)," Wild said. "This is a one-day event. We hope it will turn into a two-day event. Maybe down the road it could

turn into the Wayne County version of Art, Beats & Eats."

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## Westland park to get grow zone

The Wayne County Commission's Committee on Public Services has approved funding for the construction of 15 acres of native landscaping, known as grow zones, spread between the cities of Westland, Inkster and Redford Township.

Venoy-Dorsey Park will be the site in the City of Westland, while the CSO Basin on Inkster Road north of Michigan Avenue is the proposed location in Inkster.

The committee approved almost \$90,000 for the project located within the Wayne County Parks System in the Rouge River Watershed.

It also will focus on soil erosion control, site preparation, seeding and/or planting, and overall maintenance.

A grow zone is a vegetated area with the purpose of improving water quality and wildlife habitat. Its benefits often include reduction of stormwater flowing to rivers, increasing the amount of wildlife habitat, generating an increase in public awareness, improving water quality and, quite simply, aesthetically pleasing.

"This is the perfect clean, green way to do things," said Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-District 12,

who sits on the five-member Committee on Public Services. "Green ecology is a philosophy and certainly a way of life, and by taking measures like this we can continue to try and reduce the impact society often has on our environment."

Water quality and wildlife habitat in the Rouge watershed will benefit by protecting natural areas, expanding native buffers and increasing grow zones. Grow zones can both serve public and private causes by increasing infiltration of rain, reducing pollution and providing a less expensive form of maintenance.

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anything," Hart said. "If you ask him what he wants, he will say nothing. If you press him, he asks for something for his sister. We really appreciate it."

Seven years ago, Harlow said she heard about Duncan from a member of Plymouth Rotary. To find an adult size bicycle for Duncan, Harlow ended up contacting the manufacturer listed on the original bike. Costing about \$1,700, the bicycle also comes with a rack that allows it to be used as a stationary bicycle during bad weather.

"He is actually allowed to go into some of the malls like Westland or Laurel Park on the bicy-



Seven years ago when Nick Duncan was 11-years old when the Westland Rotary Club provided him with a special needs bicycle. Turning 18 this month, Duncan has outgrown that bicycle.

cle," said Duncan's stepfather Jim McBee. "He was getting too big for the other bike. This one will do him for a long time."

Due to his balance problems and seizures, McBee said that Duncan can't really go out alone for fear of falling unless he is on his bicycle and strapped in.

"He's able to go out

around the neighborhood on the bike. He wouldn't be able to ride regular bicycle — his balance is always off," McBee said.

The Rotarians are hoping to find a younger special needs child who will be able to put Duncan's outgrown bicycle to good use.

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### PARK

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the old walking path — which was a popular attraction at the park — is that there is no place where the path is crossed by vehicle traffic.

"The old path had several spots where there was traffic. On this path, you won't have to worry about traffic," Kosowski said. "I'm really excited. This has been a great project. Everyone will love this park."

Due to the contamination issues, Central City Park has been closed to the public since Janu-

ary 2007. The remediation effort is focusing on the 12 acres in the eastern part of the park. Once that portion of the project is completed, soccer fields and a walking path will be installed, with pavilions, restrooms and a concession stand to follow.

Contractor ABC Paving of Trenton is handling the remediation project that includes a 12-inch layer of top soil and the installation of the methane gas trench, including methane posts to address concerns stemming from a former landfill on the site.

Last year, Westland accepted ownership of

the 33-acre park from Wayne County after having leased it since the mid-1970s. Wayne County is funding the \$2.5 million project for the 12 acres, but remediation for the other approximately 21 acres was cost-prohibitive. As a result, that area will be restricted for the foreseeable future.

The city has applied for a \$500,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment to fund construction of the proposed park pavilion. The Westland Farmers Market moved to the City Hall parking lot in anticipation of eventually relocating to Central City Park after a pavilion is constructed.

The park will also be the site of the planned new Veterans Memorial Garden.

For updates, visit [cityofwestland.com](http://cityofwestland.com) or the Westland Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page.

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The victim, a Westland man, suffered severe injuries and spent just over two months in a hospital before he returned home, Wright said.

Canton police received a call shortly after 3 a.m. Saturday, July 2, about an incident that occurred

during what Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has described as "a large gathering of young adults and teens."

Manning was later charged following allegations he "drove up and reportedly went onto a grassy shoulder of the road, struck the 18-year-old and continued driving," Schreiner said.

Authorities have indicated the driver initially didn't realize the victim was pinned under the car.

The suspect got out of the vehicle and left the scene, Schreiner said, but he later turned himself over to authorities and was released as charges were pending. He had gone to Florida in the meantime.

An investigation indicated the driver and the victim knew each other, but no details have emerged to suggest what may have triggered the incident.

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Mary Witt doesn't have an explanation for her longevity. She turned 100 in May and is the last of seven siblings still alive.

## Centenarian slows down but still feisty

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

At the age of 100, Mary Witt is finding she can't be as active as she once was. In fact, she complains to nephew Ted Marchuck that she's tired. But that doesn't stop her from being her feisty self.

"She's always been on the feisty side. She's always been a go-getter," he said. "She's never let anything stop her and she's always encouraged people to be the same."

Born in Scranton, Pa., on May 9, 1911, she was the second oldest of seven children and the only one still living.

Witt left Pennsylvania in 1926, coming to Detroit to care for her older brother John's son. According to Marchuck, John worked for the railroad and had moved to Detroit. His oldest son who was fond of his Aunt Mary, so she came here.

According to Witt, "He cried for me, so I came to Detroit. He thought I was

his mother."

However, when John and his family returned to Pennsylvania, Witt stayed in Detroit. She was working as a waitress in a restaurant in the Broadway Market when she met William Witt. Born in Germany, he was working as a salesman for a meat company. They married "at city hall" in 1939 and ran a poultry store in market before becoming the managers of the Gesthemene Cemetery where they lived on the premises.

The Witts didn't have children. They filled their spare time going out to dinner and dancing with friends and traveling. They visited all 50 states and the Panama Canal and went to Europe, sometimes to visit William's family, other times on tours.

"All of the trips were my favorite," she said. "I used to knit and I did a lot of volunteer work."

Once they retired, they moved to Harper Woods. They were married 53

years when William passed away in 1992. She stayed in her home until 2001 when her nephew finally got her to agree to move closer to his home in Dearborn Heights.

"She was in the condo alone and she can't hear and she couldn't hear me calling, so I found myself running over there a lot," said Marchuck. "We finally convinced her to move into assisted living."

Looking back on the past 100 years, Witt isn't sure what has had the most impact on her life — telephones, TV, man on the moon. She's also not sure what the secret to her long life is. She waves her hand dismissively, saying, "I just live long, that's all it is."

"Most of her siblings lived well into their 80s," Marchuck said. "I keep kidding her that I hope some of those genes come my way."

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## '01 Comets sought for reunion

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

They were the Cinderella team, a group of 13- and 14-year-old boys who went from being on the verge of having no team to a winning season, capped off with a 6-0 win in their Super Bowl.

And now the Westland Youth Athletic Association wants to gather the members of the 2001 Comets varsity team for a reunion Saturday, Sept. 24.

"The first day of August the team had six kids when we needed kids for three full units," said Keith Demolay, a longtime WYAA member. "The coaches recruited from their baseball teams and the kids got their friends ... 15 weeks later, they were crowned the champs."

Members of that championship team will be honored during half-time festivities at the homecoming game being played on the football field at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

The Comets were one of two teams to win championships in what Demolay calls the WYAA

year. The Westland Meteors JV team also won its championship that year. The spoiler was the Dearborn Heights Redskins, who won the freshman crown.

Demolay remembers the season very well. The Comets lost their first game of the season and then went on to win nine straight games. Over the course of the season, they scored 299 points, averaging almost 30 per game, under the guidance of head coach Eric Buchanan and assistant coaches Todd Kangas, Jerry Farrar and Rich Jordan.

"They were very prolific," Demolay said. "They scored all their points during the regular season."

When it came down to the final game, the team could only manage six points, but it was enough to win after it sealed the deal with an interception in the end zone in the last play of the game.

"I was looking for the team and I couldn't find them, then I saw them in a big pile in the end zone," Demolay recalled.

According to Demolay, 2001 was the last time WYAA teams took home the championship

in the West Suburban Junior Football League. Since then, WYAA teams have made the playoffs a few times, but never had the success of the 2001 teams.

"Those Super Bowl games were the best, the greatest games played in the history of the West Suburban Junior Football League," Demolay said. "The scores were 14-13 for the freshman, 13-12 for JV and 6-0 for varsity."

Some of the former players who have stayed in the area have been found, but there's still some the WYAA would like to locate before Saturday's festivities. The organization needs help finding Billy Fallow, Donald Woodman, Rowdy Wilson, Jamal Ducharme, Phillip Troy, Greg Copeland, Derek Palac, Quintin Herbert and Tom Collier.

The former players can call Demolay at (734) 516-9269.

Players should arrive at the Glenn football stadium between 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. for the reunion and on-field ceremony.

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## Mountaintop removal activist to speak

Larry Gibson, a founding leader of the movement to stop mountaintop removal, will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, at Schoolcraft College, Livonia.


Gibson has traveled across the country for more than a decade speaking about the threats of mountaintop removal mining and the importance of preserving Appalachian heritage.

Gibson began organizing local citizens in 1985 to protect Kayford Mountain in West Virginia, which has been home to his family since the late 1700s. Since then, he has worked with the Sierra Club, National Resource Defense Council, Rainforest Action Network, Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, Coal River Mountain Watch and numerous other organiza-

tions to protect the Appalachian Mountains. In 2005, the non-profit Keeper of the Mountains Foundation was founded to support Gibson's education and activism.

Gibson will speak in Room 425 of the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft, 18600 Haggerty Road.

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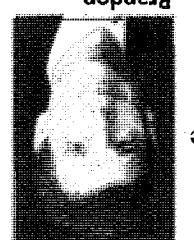
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## U-M athletic director speaks at LPS Foundation luncheon



David Brandon, director of intercollegiate athletics at the University of Michigan, will

be the guest speaker at the second annual fund-raising luncheon hosted by the Livonia Public Schools Foundation on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Meridian Road, Livonia. The topic of his speech will be "Michigan Athletics — Our Guiding Principles," a brief overview of the recent period of growth and expansion at the hospital. While a senior at the Livonia Public Schools Foundation, Mary Mercy Hospice directors at St. Mary's Hospital. He also served for six years on the board of directors at St. Mary's Hospital. The luncheon will be held at the Livonia Public Schools Foundation, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, 48154. Tickets may also be purchased through PayPal at the foundation Web site: www.lps-foundation.org. The deadline for ticket purchases is Tuesday, Sept. 20.

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## Easing into college without stress

By Kevin Kucera  
Guest Columnist



Planning for college can be stressful. Parents are concerned about which colleges to visit, paying for tuition, room and board, and dealing with conflicting emotions. As the father of two high school students and in my role as a Student Affairs administrator at Eastern Michigan University, I understand those worries. There are several steps, however, that can help ease that intimidating transition from high school to college.

• Don't wait until your teen's senior year of high school to visit colleges. Campus visits can begin in sophomore and junior years. Do the research on scholarships, ranging from merit-based to need-based awards, offered by organizations to outside scholarships. Some specialty scholarships remain unclaimed, so be aggressive in pursuing outside sources. Universities also offer scholarships based on athletic talent, such as special talents, foreign-born, musical, foreign-born, and theater.

• Explore the web site, FastWeb, a free scholarship search site that can match a student with various organizations offering scholarships. The important thing to remember is that you don't have to pay to learn about scholarship opportunities. Encourage your child to take harder classes in high school. A rigorous schedule can help ease that intimidating transition from high school to college.

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# Veterans get benefit help at summit

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Air Force Reservist Dawn Neagos of St. Clair is pretty sure neither her father nor her father-in-law, both retired military veterans, knew exactly what kind of benefits they were entitled to following their long military careers.

That's why Neagos made the long drive Thursday for the Canton Community Foundation's second annual Veterans' Summit at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The first day of the two-day program was designed for attorneys and legal advocates; the second day was devoted to providing information about benefits and programs available to veterans and their families.

"Having all the information in one location is just essential," said Neagos, whose father-in-law was a World War

II Navy man and whose father is a Vietnam-era Army veteran. "You can spend hours and hours online just trying to find the right person. It's discouraging. My father-in-law never knew, so now my mother-in-law, who is now a widow, is certainly missing out on any number of benefits."

CCF President Joan Noricks said the summit "narrowed the gap in Michigan's lack of continuing legal education," and drew some 50 veteran and legal advocates for the first day (up from 30 last year) and some 215 veterans (up from 150) for the second day.

For the second consecutive year, the CCF received a grant from the Holbrook Charitable Trust to sponsor the forum.

"This program is the only one of its kind in Michigan," Noricks said. "The foundation is proud to lead the way in informing veterans



Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks, retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone and Terran Frye with Hershey, a service dog for veterans with post-traumatic stress.

about the benefits they have earned with their service."

The second day of the summit, designed as an informational day for

veterans wanting details about available services/benefits, featured a variety of vendors talking about VA benefits, compensation, disability compensation, medical services and E-benefits.

There was also a panel discussion featuring a variety of Veterans Affairs and Disabled American Veterans groups. The program targeted the approximately 350,000 veterans who live in metropolitan Detroit.

So many people "don't know what they were entitled to," said James Fausone, managing partner of Legal Help for Veterans, PLLC, in Northville and a member of the CCF's board of directors.

The first day is as important as the second day, Fausone said, because it allows veteran and legal advocates to get certification necessary in dealing with the mounds of red tape that often accompany finding out

about benefits.

"It's a huge federal bureaucracy," Fausone said. "The veteran trying to sift through it on his own is probably going to be unsuccessful."

Air Force Col. (Ret.) James Hoefel hadn't needed his veterans' benefits much until recently, when he encountered some health issues and went to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor and then the University of Michigan Hospital. The Westland resident said he came to the summit because he had "certain interests" and believes there are benefits about which he could learn.

"I got a bag full of information. ... I'll spend hours going through it," Hoefel said. "The information is very useful and, of course, there's a comfort factor being around other veterans."

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# Wayne County officials break ground on new jail

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt (D-District 12) joined Chairman Gary Woronchak, County Executive Robert Ficano and Sheriff Benny Napoleon in a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday on a \$300 million state-of-the-art jail facility.

The new 715,000-square-foot Wayne County Jail will be located downtown across from Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on property bordering Gratiot, St. Antoine, Clinton and the Chrysler Service Drive. It

is scheduled to open July 2014.

"It is the responsibility of the Wayne County Commission under the county charter to approve contracts and ensure that the people's best interests are in order with a project of this magnitude," said Gebhardt, who made motions on several fronts to see the project through. "The Commission has done its job and I have to feel excited about the jobs this will bring to so many hard-working families in our area."

According to Gebhardt,

the new jail will save the county money by using new technologies and the latest best practices for prisoner movement and supervision, and will also create safer environments for prisoners and employees.

"I say with confidence that we have done our job well, and we stand here as partners in this ambitious and outstanding venture for which we are breaking ground today," Woronchak said.

It is also estimated that more than 2,000 jobs will be created by the project,

which is one of the largest construction initiatives Wayne County has launched in several years.

The facility will have 2,192 beds and house prisoners who would currently be in two downtown jails and a jail in Hamtramck. The downtown jails, built in 1929 and 1981, are expected to be demolished. The fate of the Hamtramck facility, in operation since 1991, remains unclear.

Video visitation will be one new feature for the facility as prisoners will now be able to meet

with relatives and clergy from their cells by way of cameras and television screens.

"Building a new jail isn't cause to celebrate," Ficano said. "What we are saying is in these economic times, you have to look at everything in terms of improving efficiency and cutting costs. That's what this project will do."

Wayne County, in an effort to stimulate local economic activity, used a consulting firm to prequalify contractors. Presently, approximately

425 potential contractors have been pre-qualified. Of those candidates, 60 percent are Wayne County- and City of Detroit-based.

"There is no question this center is crucial to alleviating many of our fiscal issues," Sheriff Napoleon said. "We know that we cannot incarcerate our way out of the ills plaguing our county. However, we can take the measured steps to streamline our system so that money we have available is being used to its utmost benefit."

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# New gym offers elite training to general public

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

A Plymouth Township gym that opened in June gives new meaning to the term "sweat equity."

At the Barwis Methods Training Center, located in a business park on Plymouth Oaks Boulevard just east of Sheldon, professional football and hockey players work out alongside high school athletes, members of the general public and people trying to lose substantial amounts of weight or recover from serious injuries.

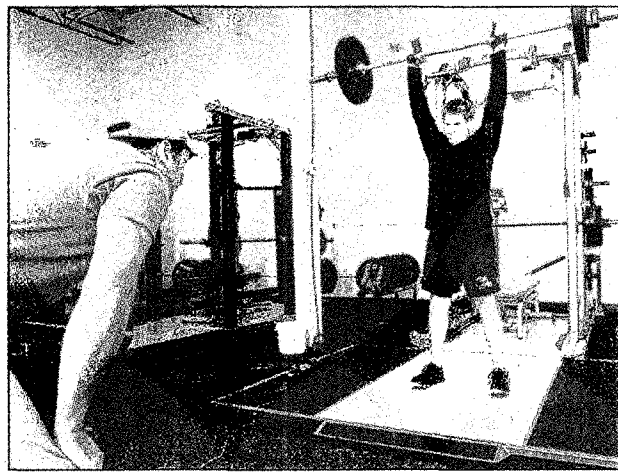
"When you come through this door, it doesn't matter your status," said Victoria Weldon after a 90-minute workout on a recent Monday. "It's really encouraging."

"We want to get to know you," said trainer Dan Mozes, a former college and professional football player who puts Weldon and several others through their paces five mornings a week. "We want to see results, because they're a testament to what we do."

Barwis, which opened June 1, is run by Mike Barwis, formerly the director of strength and conditioning at the University of Michigan.

Partners in the business include National Hockey League players Jack Johnson (Los Angeles Kings) and Matt Hunwick (Colorado Avalanche), both of whom played at U-M.

"We have the education and the science to really train everybody," said Barwis.



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Mike Barwis watches Steve Kampfer's lift.

Barwis, originally from Philadelphia, has a background in science and physiology and was the strength coach at West Virginia University (he coached Mozes there) for 14 years before coming to

U-M.

His exercise method is a multifaceted — he calls it holistic — approach that trains muscle groups in a variety of ways. The program includes conventional and Olympic weight

training, drills to improve balance and function, core-strengthening exercises, injury prevention and "prehab," plyometrics (a focus on muscle speed and power) and conditioning.

It isn't your old-time high school weight room: To become a Barwis trainer, Barwis said, one must go through a nine-level certification process, and the second level alone involves learning 1,250 different exercises. Barwis says he has trained hundreds of college, Olympic and professional athletes, and has been involved in training people for 42 different kinds of sporting events, from baseball to swimming to track and field.

The morning class, which Weldon has been

attending since June, one Monday last month included squats, running the length of the gym while dragging a weighted sled, pulling the legs against heavy rubber bands anchored to the wall, and several minutes swinging the "battling ropes," heavy ropes that work out the arms and shoulders. The workout is frequently changing, Weldon said, which helps keep her motivated and makes it more effective than other exercise programs she's tried.

"Haven't missed a day. Haven't wanted to miss a day," Weldon said.

The Barwis Methods Training Center is at 44191 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Suite 600. The phone number is (734) 259-7100.

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## New gym helps members with weight-loss goals

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Victoria Weldon is an enthusiastic, if unlikely, spokeswoman for Plymouth Township's new Barwis Methods Training Center.

At about 320 pounds, she nevertheless attacks her five-days-a-week exercise program, a class led by former Minnesota Vikings center Dan Mozes, with an intensity that matches that of the trim but muscular hockey players training nearby.

Weldon has been working out at Barwis since shortly after the center opened in June.

"I came in here to present a challenge to them," said Weldon, who lives in the township and owns

her own business.

When she first visited, Weldon said, she compared her weight-loss goal to those seen on television's *The Biggest Loser*. The staff accepted the challenge, she said, but also corrected her, telling her there were no losers at Barwis.

In a little more than two months, Weldon said, she's lost 32 pounds and several inches on her thighs. She sleeps better, her clothes fit differently and her stamina is up — she can climb the stairs at home without getting winded. At one time, she said, she felt "paralyzed" by her weight.

When she started, Weldon said, she figured she might last three to five minutes on the treadmill, maximum. Now, she can

walk two miles without a problem, or hit the treadmill for 45 minutes and then go on to complete the rest of the class.

"People have noticed the change in me," she said.

Weldon had actually lost more than 100 pounds, just by improving her diet, over about a year and a half before joining Barwis. "Exercise was the part I was missing," she said.

The variety in her classes at Barwis helps keep her going.

"I've done the YMCA. I've gone to aerobics classes and swimnastics classes," but those routines didn't work for her, she said.

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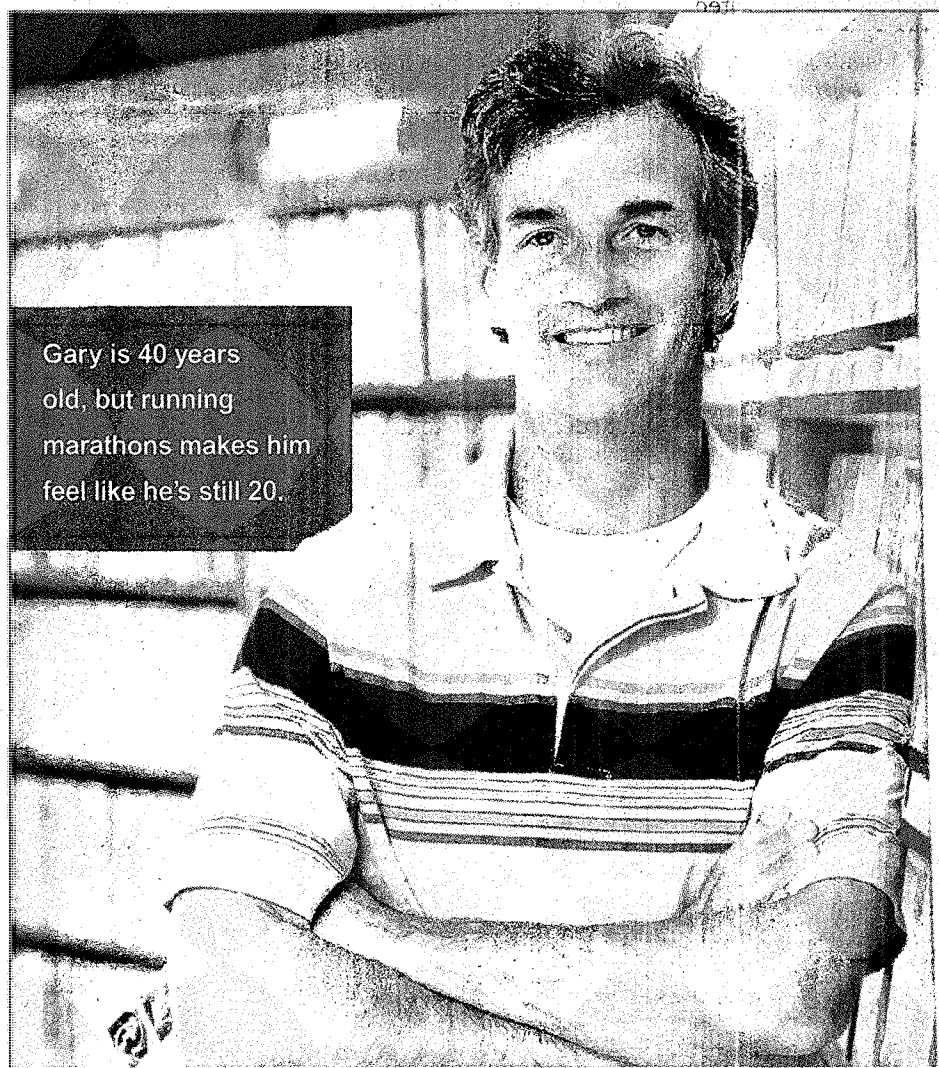


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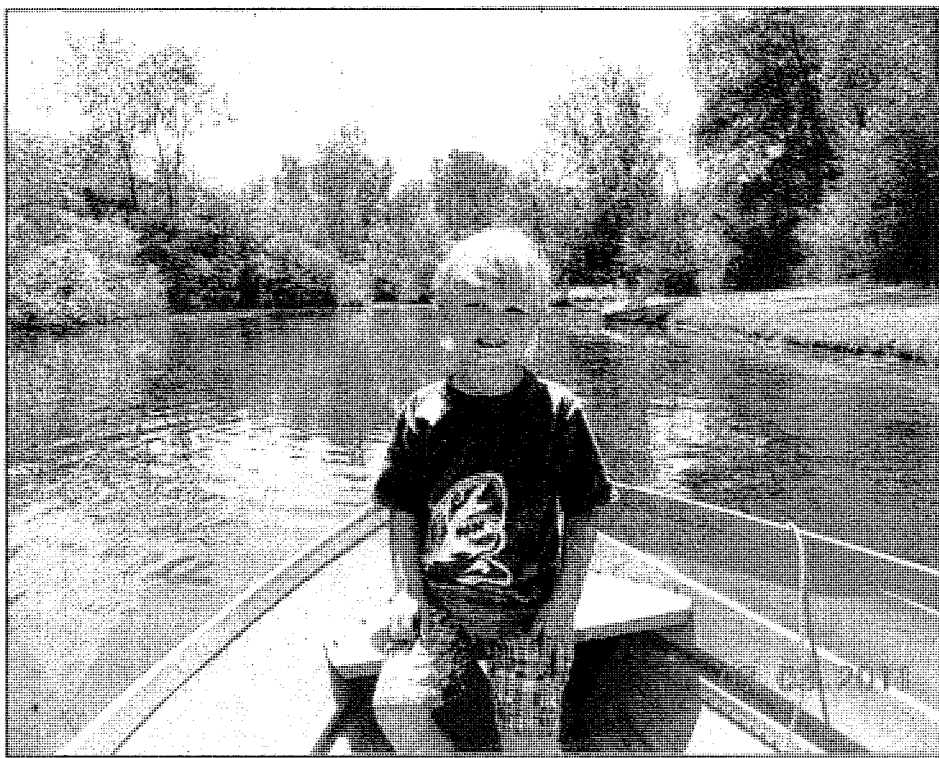
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Mason Reiter, a first grader at Buchanan Elementary in Livonia, has a rare genetic disease of the kidney and liver. His family is holding a fund-raiser Sunday, Sept. 25, for the Oxalosis & Hyperoxaluria Foundation, the only foundation in the world dedicated to finding a cure.

## Family holds fundraiser to help find cure for son's rare disease

By Karen Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Mason Reiter of Livonia is an active 6-year-old boy who loves swimming, elephants and *Star Wars*.

But since infancy, he has suffered from an extremely rare genetic disease of the kidney and liver that causes the formation of painful kidney stones. Currently, the only available treatment for the disease, called primary hyperoxaluria, is a combined kidney and liver transplant, which can lead to severe complications.

"If you saw Mason, you wouldn't know he has a genetic disease," said Alison R. De Noia, project manager of the Oxalosis & Hyperoxaluria Foundation. "Mason loves to run, jump and play with his friends. He always has a smile on his face when you meet him that will warm your heart."

But when a stone passes, it causes him so much pain that he has fainted in the past. And doctors say Mason's kidney can crystallize and fail at any time, with no warning.

"No child should have to suffer this way," De Noia said.

Mason's family members are hoping for a cure.

To that end, they are hosting the inaugural "Take the Challenge Walk for a Cure" in honor of Mason at 1 p.m. today (Sept. 25), at Wayne County Parks' Nankin Mills in Westland.

"We need to A) raise

dollars and B) raise awareness," said Mason's mom, Nancy Reiter.

All proceeds will benefit the OHF, the only foundation in the world dedicated to finding a cure for hyperoxaluria. The OHF also funds the Hyperoxaluria Center at the Mayo Clinic, which treats Mason. "They are the specialists in this disease. We want to keep that center open," Reiter said.

Reiter said awareness needs to be raised because the disease is so rare, health professionals at local hospitals don't know about it and don't know how to treat the complications that arise from it.

For example, Mason has been treated locally for pneumonia four times because of breathing problems. "He was on medication and the levels weren't correct," his mother said.

Mason passed his first known kidney stone at age 15 months. But there was at least one time before that that his mother suspects he passed a stone. "He screamed to the point where he fainted," she said. "He was in a walker. I had no idea; I thought maybe his finger was pinched."

After Mason was diagnosed at age 2½, doctors put him on a low-oxalate diet, which means avoiding foods like chocolate, and ordered him to drink two liters of fluid a day. He goes for ultrasounds every four months and blood draws about every

eight weeks.

"The scary part of this disease is dialysis doesn't work. The kidney actually crystallizes," Reiter said, explaining that patients with Mason's disease produce large levels of oxalate because of a missing liver enzyme.

"We hope with increased fluids, we can keep the kidney working," she said, adding Mason already has reduced kidney function. She said doctors have told them they may not have any advance warning of kidney failure. "He could get the flu at school and if it dehydrates, he could go into failure."

According to De Noia, all patients with primary hyperoxaluria have kidney stones, 50 percent have kidney failure by age 15 and 80 percent have kidney failure by age 30.

Reiter said they are hoping to raise \$10,000 at the walk. To register or donate, visit [www.ohf.org](http://www.ohf.org)

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Surplus food

The City of Westland has established the day, times and locations that residents can pick up surplus federal food for the month of September.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Dorsey Community Center, Dorsey Road, south of Palmer.

Residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt Road. Call (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution.

For the month of September, apple juice, beef stew, corn, diced tomatoes, mashed potatoes, mixed fruit, UHT milk and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

### Trivia Tournament

The Romanowski VFW Post 6898 is Westland is holding a Trivia Tournament at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. A table of 4 costs \$20. There will be a cash bar, raffles and auction baskets.

Reserve a table by calling (734) 525-9454.

Also same day, the post is holding a "Spooker Golf Classic" at the Inkster Valley Golf Course. Tee-off at 9 a.m. Opening for teams are still available. The cost \$85 per person all inclusive. Call

the post for more information.

The Romanowski VFW Post is at 28945 Joy Road, Westland.

### Child ID

Wayne Masonic Lodge 112 will provide a free child identification program during Mayor William Wild's annual "Take a Night Off From Violence" Thursday, Oct. 13. The event will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bailey Recreation Center.

Each child that goes through the process will receive a dental impression as well as a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and their vital information. Parents or guardians of children who participate must be present and fill out a permission slip for the child to receive the service.

The Michigan Masonic Child ID Program provides the family with everything needed for the Amber Alert System.

The program is also considered one of the most comprehensive programs of its kind by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and is also endorsed by the Michigan Sheriff's Association. The Detroit Office of Homeland Security has stated that "the Michigan Masonic Child ID Program is the greatest program that they have seen," and it is highly touted by many local police agencies!

For more information about the event or to schedule your own event, call Wayne Lodge 112 at (734) 721-7950, send an e-mail to [bernardbrewer@comcast.net](mailto:bernardbrewer@comcast.net); or consult the Michigan Child ID Web Site at [www.mich-ip.org](http://www.mich-ip.org).

### Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes

can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to [lindamiller@national-faith.org](mailto:lindamiller@national-faith.org).

### Mom to Mom Sale

The Kirk of Our Savior will hold a Mom to Mom sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at the church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

Table space is available. An eight-foot table costs \$20, a five-foot round table/square card table is \$15. Space only - bring your own six-foot table/or rack or racks is \$10. Outside space also is available for \$10 - bring your own table and canopy. Large item space is \$1 per item.

Early Bird admission at 9 a.m. is \$2, after 10 is \$1. Strollers will be admitted after 11 a.m. Food will be available and there will be a bake sale featuring homemade goodies.

For reservations or more information, call Kate Fox at (734) 260-9500 or Sharon Garcia at (734) 637-2662.

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# Library hosts state premier of peace film

The Michigan premier of the film *Globalized Soul* will be featured at the fourth annual ONE PEACE event celebrating the United Nations International Day of Peace 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Filmed worldwide, *Globalized Soul* explores the oneness at the center of the world's religions. It shows spiritual leaders and activists coming together in search of unity in addressing the crises facing humanity and the earth.

Onscreen commentaries include the Dalai Lama, Rabbi Michael Lerner, Rev. James Trapp, Sister Joan Chittister, and other notable religious leaders.

The cornerstone of the film is its coverage of one of the largest interfaith gatherings in history, The Parliament of the World's Religions, held in Melbourne, Australia, in

December 2009. The film follows two participants back to their homeland. Asha Mehta returns to India where she and her husband provide free prostheses and therapy for people who can't walk. Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bukhari, cofounder of The Jerusalem Peacemakers, returns to Israel. His beautiful spirit is at the heart of the film.

In addition, an exhibition of children's peace art from 63 countries will be displayed in the library atrium. The art is provided by Peace Pals International. There will also be tables from peace organizations: Citizens for Peace, the United Nations Association of Detroit, Michigan Peace Network, the Michigan Peace Team, Moveable Peace, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Citizens for Peace is a sponsor of the ONE PEACE event. Visit [www.OnePeace.us](http://www.OnePeace.us) or call (734) 425-0079 for more information.

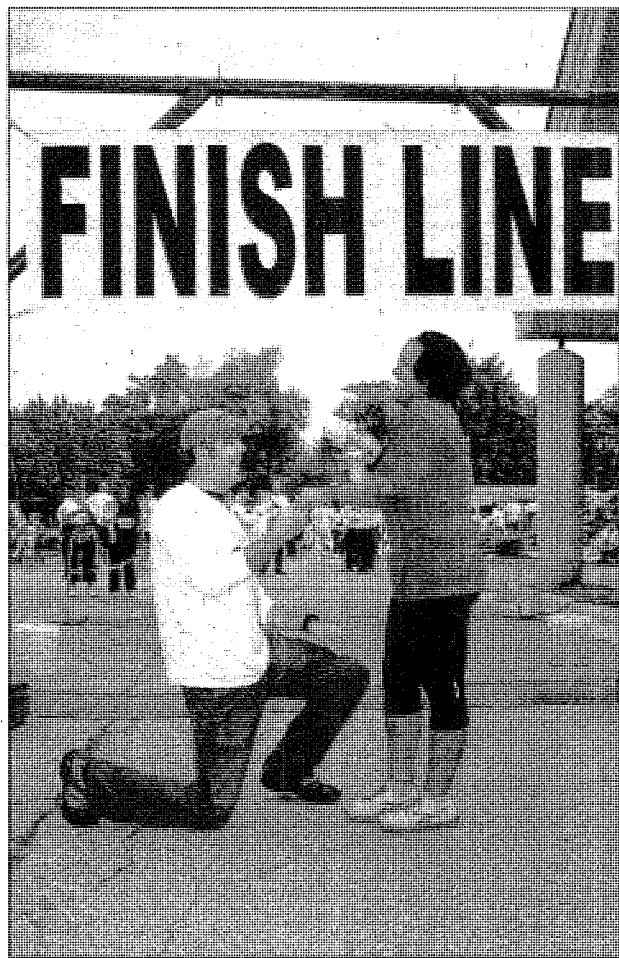
# Marriage proposal caps off St. Mary Mercy's 5K

As Angela Huizar, 32, of South Lyon, crossed the finish line of her first 5K, she wasn't expecting boyfriend James Roy, 29, to be on bended knee. Roy, a Washtenaw County sheriff, proposed to Huizar after 10 years of dating, greeting her with flowers and a diamond ring.

"I just thought the flowers were for finishing the 5K," she said. "I didn't expect him to propose. Even when he pulled out the ring box, I was still trying to catch my breath and wasn't processing what was happening!"

Besides the engagement, St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 5th Annual "Embrace Life" 5K run/walk for Cancer held Sept. 11 turned out to be the most successful yet — 638 runners and walkers registered for this event, which raised nearly \$24,000. Over the years, proceeds from the race have provided hundreds of people with necessities that go along with the treatment of cancer including transportation to and from treatments, wigs and oncology massage.

Awards were given to the top three male and female overall winners of the run, as well as almost 90 age-group



James Roy proposes to Angela Huizar at the 5K finish line. This was Angela's first 5K.



Overall male winner Vincent Jesudowich of Northville finished with a time of 17:17.

photos can be found at [www.stmarymercy.org/SKforCancer](http://www.stmarymercy.org/SKforCancer).

St. Mary Mercy also recognized the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with a moment of silence, a flag raising by Boy Scout troop No. 782 and the National Anthem sung before the start of the race.

Major sponsors and contributors were Lila Lazarus, BrightHouse Networks, *Observer & Eccentric Hometown Weeklies*, Comcast Spotlight, Roberta Palmer, Mercy Cancer Network, Schoolcraft College, Joe's Produce, Concord EMS, Huron River Radiation Oncology, Mel Printing and more.

winners, from ages 13 and under through 80 and up. Top three overall male winners were 1) Vincent Jesudowich, of Northville, with a time of 17:17; 2) Craig Dolecki, of Redford, with

a time of 18:16; and 3) Adam Gomez, of Livonia, with a time of 18:44. Top three overall female winners were 1) Nicole Ozimek, of Taylor, with a time of 20:48; 2) Kristin Kachnowski, of Wixom, with a time of 20:49; and 3) Renee Champagne, of Milford, with a time of 20:57. Results and race

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**CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING**

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2142A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Addition to Avita Carpet Building, 36111 Ford Road, Parcel #045-03-0308-000, South Side of Ford Road, West of Wayne Road Hassan Barakat.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., October 4, 2011. Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

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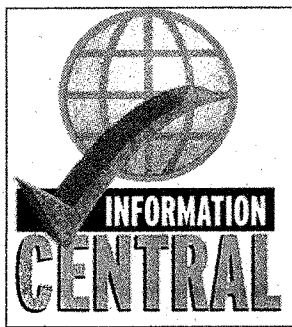
# Movies at the Library: Save me a seat

What's a better way to relax than a bag of popcorn, can of pop, a few chocolates mixed in, and a movie on a Friday night? If you didn't know, the Westland Public Library has been showing recently-run movies on Friday evenings during the school year (doors at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7). All movies are free to attend. All we ask for is a donation for the snacks and refreshments, so we can keep providing them each Friday.

Every month is a new set of movies, based on what is popular and/or well-reviewed. Already this month, we have shown *The Lincoln Lawyer* and *Rango*. Coming up, we have our special monthly offering of *Dinner and a Movie*, featuring dinner by local Chinese favorite Golden Chopsticks and the movie, *Limitless*, starring Bradley Cooper and Robert DeNiro. Rounding out the month is the Sundance-drama about Abraham Lincoln's shooting, *The Conspirator*, starring Robin Wright and James McAvoy.

If you like the comforts of your own home better, consider checking out the library's DVD collection of more than 700 movies (not including our great documentary and non-fiction selections). While in the past we were limited to classic movies and books based on books, recent large donations have allowed us to add many more recent and popular selections.

If you like to watch documentaries on current events, be sure to check out our Documentary Movie Night, too. Our next offering is *Catfish*, to be shown on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.



We also have lots of great books about movies, including more cerebral selections like Roger Ebert's *Great Movies* series and the *National Society of Film Critics' 100 Essential Films* and pictorial selections like *The Lord of the Rings* and *Godfather* movies visual companions (and much, much more).

If you have any questions about the movies we are showing, movies we might own, or books about movies, please be sure to contact the Westland Public Library at (734) 326-6123 and ask for the Reference Desk. We are always glad to help.

### HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

**Baseball during the Civil War:** 7 p.m. Sept. 19, Adults and Teens

Join local historian and teacher Jeff Koslowski as he discusses the origins of baseball from its beginnings as a regionalized kids' game to a professional game resembling what we know today. Hear about the impact the Civil War has on the game and see reproductions of the equipment used during the 1860s. Also get the inside scoop on the historic baseball game to be played between the Greenfield Village Lah-De-Dahs and the Westland Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dahs on Sunday, Sept. 18. No

registration required. Drop In.

**Adult Book Discussion Group:** 7 p.m. Sept. 20,

This month, we'll be discussing Robert Goolrick's best seller, *A Reliable Wife*. Catherine has always gotten through life based on her wit and her looks. When she reads an advertisement placed by a wealthy man looking for a wife, she thinks this could be her ticket to a good life. Ralph has made a very successful life for himself as a businessman, but he would still like someone with whom he can share this success. When he meets Catherine, Ralph is skeptical of her intentions, but he does marry her. Ralph and Catherine begin to share their lives, and Catherine even helps Ralph track down his son. She also begins to poison him in the hopes of inheriting his money upon his death. Catherine's plans do not work out in her favor and her life suddenly turns down a very different path. Copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

**English as a Second Language (ESL) Class:** Sept. 16, Adults

Get help practicing your English skills in a class room setting with a conversation emphasis taught by Diane and Richard Goers. Classes run through Nov. 4. Students with children are welcome.

**Friday Night Dinner and a Movie:** 6 p.m. Sept. 23, Adults and Teens

What's better than a Friday night movie with friends? Dinner and a movie with friends, of course. Come celebrate the return of our *Dinner and a Movie* with our brain food theme, catered by is Westland's own Golden Chop-

sticks. *Limitless* is about a writer who discovers a top-secret drug which bestows him with super human abilities. This movie is rated PG-13. Doors for dinner attendees open at 6 p.m. Doors for movie-only attendees will open at 7 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be available at 7 p.m.

**Natural Approaches to Treating Arthritis:** 7 p.m. Sept. 27

Nearly 50 million Americans suffer from some form of Arthritis. Join Dr. Brian K. Brackey to learn more about the true causes of Arthritis and related joint diseases and how to live a flexible, pain-free life. No registration required.

**Job Seekers Lab:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

**Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library:** 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

The library's fall and winter hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

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



## Wish You Were Here

Mark Douglass of Westland took his Westland Observer to the University of North Dakota where he posed with his daughter Carla Douglass after she received a master of arts degree, with a major in forensic psychology. She is a chief in the U.S. Navy and is stationed at Naval Air Station on Jacksonville, Fla. In the Navy for 16 years, she plans to continue her education, getting a doctoral degree or attending law school. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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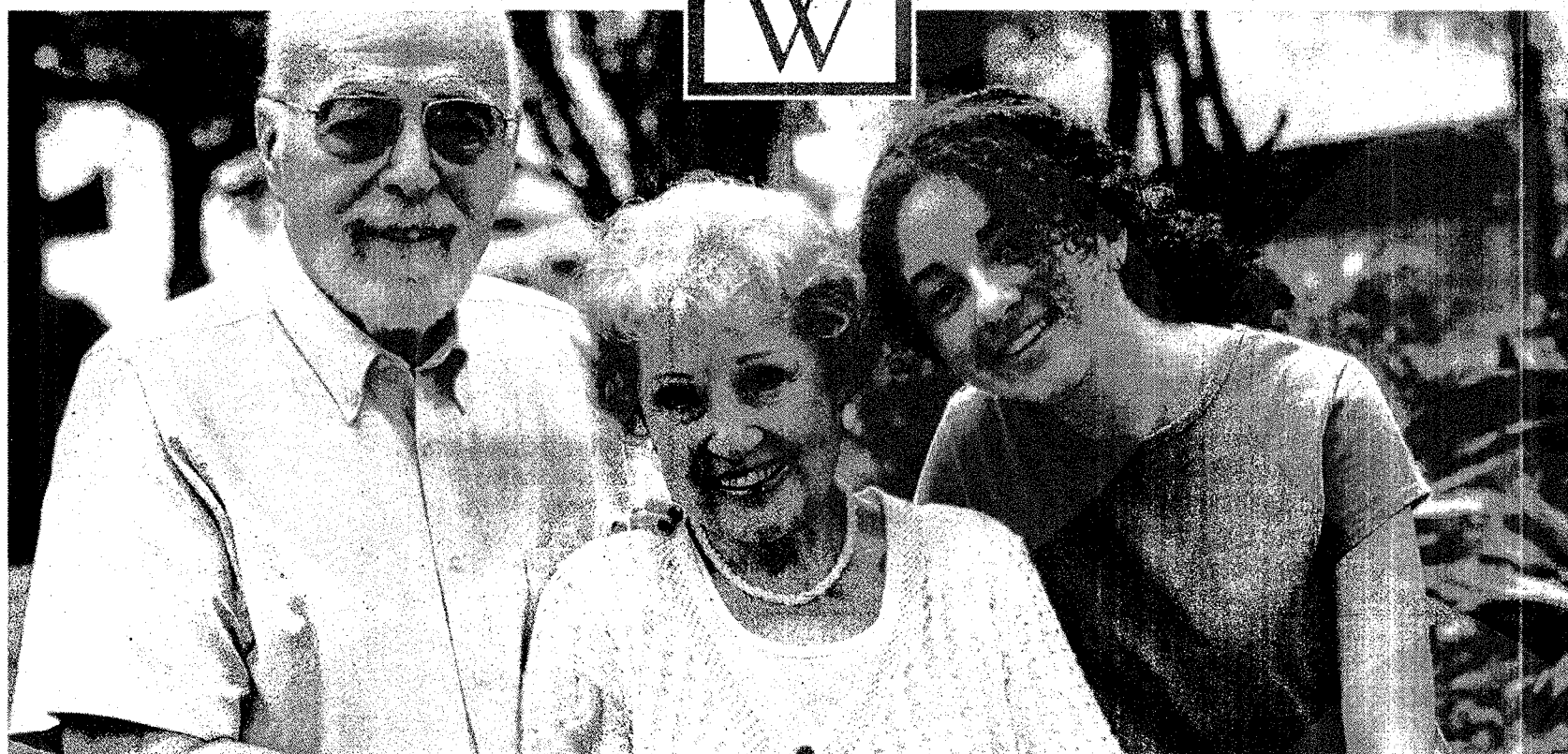
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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Free seminar

Dr. Michael Sherman of Physician Eye Care Associates in Garden City will present "What You Need To Know About Facial Aesthetics" 5-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, in Lecture Room 3 of Garden City Hospital's Medical Office Building, 6255 Inkster Road, Garden City.

Sherman will provide information about Botox, Juvederm and Obagi Skin Care. Food and beverages will be provided. For more information, call (734) 421-0790.

Fundraiser

Garden City Presbyterian Church is holding a fund-raising dinner and concert Saturday, Sept. 24, to benefit the Grace Centers of Hope.

Doors will open at 5 p.m., with a spaghetti dinner to be served 5:30-6:30 p.m. The concert will start at 7 p.m. and feature Rufus Harris and the Men of Grace. Harris is a singer/songwriter and pastor of The Bridge Church in Pontiac. Men of Grace is a gospel ministry of the Grace Gospel Fellowship made up of who are currently in or have completed a one-year rehabilitation program at Grace Centers of Hope.

Grace Centers of Hope is one of the leading faith-based organizations in southeastern Michigan daily confronting issues of homelessness, addiction, poverty and spiritual emptiness. On any given night, Grace Centers of Hope will accommodate between 150-200 men, women and children. Each year it serves more than 127,000 meals and provides more than 55,000 nights of stay.

Tickets are \$10 and can be ordered online at [www.gcohfundraiser.evenbright.com](http://www.gcohfundraiser.evenbright.com). For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7620. Garden City Presbyterian Church is at 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road.

Mom 2 Mom Sale

Space is currently available for the Garden City Middle School PTSA Mom 2 Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. The price is \$20 for an 8-foot space. Six-foot tables are an additional \$5 which includes a two-foot space for a standard size clothes rack you provide or small shelf. Set-up will be Friday evening.

The seller keeps all the profits from everything sold at their table. More than 85 spaces are available but tables are limited. A large item area will also be available for items that do not fit on or under your table like cribs, strollers, climbers, exersaucers, etc. There will also be a pre-sale for those who reserve a table.

Admission to the sale is \$1 donation. The GC Gladiator U11 baseball team will be running a concession stand and bake sale throughout the sale. All profits collected from the sale will go to the PTSA.

For more information or to reserve a table to sell gently used kids clothes, maternity clothes, cribs, walkers, high chairs, bikes, videos, books, toys and other kid related items, e-mail [mom2momsale@comcast.net](mailto:mom2momsale@comcast.net) for a table agreement or call (734) 367-0898 and leave a message.

Garden City Middle School is at 1851 Rad-

cliff, west of Ford Road, Garden City. The sale has always been a great success and tables sell out quickly. No vendors please.

Cougar Crops

The GC Cougars Crop 4 Sports is holding a 12-hour cropping event 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday Oct. 1, in the cafeteria of Garden City High School, 6100 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Garden City. The event will raise funds for the baseball fields and improvements.

The cost is \$25 and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. There will be raffle baskets, vendors and mini workshops. New to scrapbooking? There will be experienced scrappers there to help, and Cricut, BigShot and tools to use. Save your seat by sending a check or money order made to GCHS, with Crop 4 Sports in memo line, to Garden City High School, 6100 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI, 48135

For questions, send an e-mail to [Specialprojects4gcsports@yahoo.com](mailto:Specialprojects4gcsports@yahoo.com) or call (734) 612-5274.

Family Fun Day

St. Dunstan Parish will hold its Family Fun Day noon-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at the parish hall on Belton, west of Inkster Road, Garden City.

The event is open to the public. There will be kid and family games, bingo starting at 1 p.m., 50/50 drawings and special raffles, Legend The Band performing 4-8 p.m. and chicken dinners, hot dogs, brats and beverages for sale.

The St. Dunstan Big Drawing will be held at 8 p.m.

# Converting from traditional IRA to Roth makes sense

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

**Q: Dear Rick: I read your recent column about Roth conversions. I think it would make sense for me, but I want to share my situation. I am divorced and presently unemployed. I am hoping to get a job next year. I have been living on the money I am receiving from my divorce. None of the money from my ex-husband is taxable. Last year, I had zero taxable income. I am guessing that this year I will also have no income. I am a nurse, so I should have no problem getting a job next year. I have about \$20,000 in a traditional IRA. I'm in my late 30s and don't plan on touching the money for years down the road. What do you think. Should I convert?**

**A:** I think you are a perfect candidate to convert your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. The fact that you had no taxable income last year and probably will have none this year provides you with a great opportunity to take advantage of a Roth conversion. The only question is, do you convert the entire amount or only a portion?

Depending upon your deductions and exemptions, you should be able to convert a significant portion of the money without any tax liability. Without question, at a minimum, that amount of money should be converted. The issue is whether the portion of money that may be subject to income tax should be converted. Since you will start working next year, and as a result will have taxable income, at a minimum,

you will be in the low tax bracket. Because the money you would have to pay taxes on in the conversion would only be taxed at the low bracket, it makes sense to convert the entire amount this year. This will allow you to turn tax-deferred money into tax-free money, which will provide you with a substantial benefit down the road.

There is, however, one caveat. You must have the money to pay the taxes on the taxable money from the conversion without touching the amount converted. If you meet that criterion, then my recommendation would be to convert the entire amount.

For those in a low tax bracket or with little taxable income, converting a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA is something that should be considered. Always remember that when it comes to converting, you do not have to convert the entire IRA. You can convert as little or as much as you want.

It is important to remember that the conversion must be completed before year's end. It's not like a new contribution in which you have until April 15, 2012. It typically takes about two days to complete this transaction — from the time you notify your custodian until completion.

However, don't forget that custodians get extremely busy near the end of the year and

it's not unusual that the same transaction that may take just a couple of days to complete in September may take more than two weeks to complete in December. Therefore, even though you still have plenty of time to do the Roth conversion, you don't want to wait until the last minute.

The major advantage of a Roth IRA is that the money grows tax-free, not tax-deferred. When you withdraw money from a traditional IRA, that money is taxable to you. That is not the case with a Roth IRA.

Another benefit, which in many situations can be substantial, is that Roth IRAs are not subject to minimum required distributions. As opposed to having to withdraw money at 70½ with a traditional IRA, you can let that money grow tax-free for as long as you choose.

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Roth IRAs are great investment tools, and more and more people ought to take advantage of them. A Roth conversion is relatively easy and straightforward and can save you money on taxes, but most importantly, it makes sense economically. Good luck!

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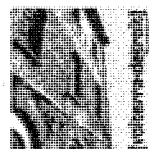
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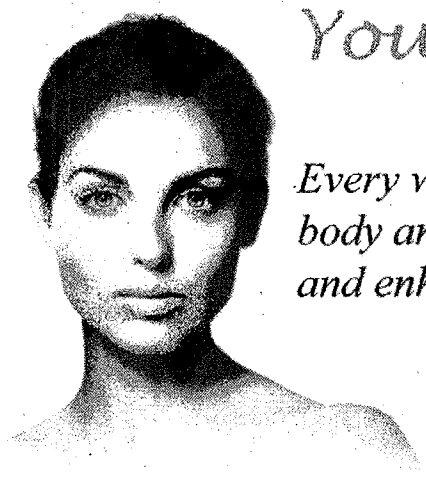
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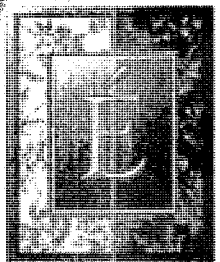
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## PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Wayne blocks rival Glenn spikers in 5

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

What a week it's been for the Wayne Memorial girls volleyball team.

On Tuesday, first-year coach Robert Kelsch resigned just before a KLAAs South Division match against Livonia Franklin, leaving the position open for 20-year-old JV coach and former Zebra player Samantha Dye.

The Zebras beat the Patriots 3-1 in Dye's debut and made it two straight Thursday night with a stirring 25-23, 25-13, 21-25, 23-25, 15-12

victory over rival Westland John Glenn.

Sisters Katie and Keri Horton proved to be a two-woman wrecking crew for Zebras with 17 and 16 kills, respectively.

Keri, a 6-foot senior, paced the defense with 23 digs, while Katie, a 6-1 junior who has committed to Ohio University, added 21.

Also chipping in on defense was Ciara Frazier (15 digs), Shelby Hooper (13) and Danielle Robbins (nine).

"Wayne Memorial is beginning to learn how to fight," said Dye, a 2009 Wayne grad and currently a School-

craft College student. "We are stepping up and becoming a team.

Tonight was a little up and down rollercoaster. Once we can find a way to stay on that high the entire match, we'll be unstoppable."

Wayne improved to 5-3 overall and 2-1 in the KLAAs South.

"I am excited to see what the rest of the season has in store," Dye said. "When the girls get that gleam in their eyes to kill, they do and they do it with perfection."

According to Dye, junior Samantha Hershey was sharp on all her sets during the first two before the Rockets regrouped to win the next

two and force a fifth and deciding set.

"We started out tonight a little slow pace," Dye said. "About halfway through the first set we took off with great energy and excitement. We were in it to win it."

In the second set, the sophomore Robbins served a run of eight straight points.

"The second (set) from start-to-finish we fought with passion I haven't seen from a group of Wayne girls in six years," Dye said. "We wanted it. Everyone was on

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Chiefs gain upper hand  
Chargers stopped in division testBy Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Two heavy-hitting KLAAs South Division rivals gave high school volleyball fans quite a show Thursday night at Canton.

It took four hammer-and-tong sets between the host Chiefs and Livonia Churchill before the match could be decided, with Canton scraping by for a 3-1 victory.

Canton took the first two sets by identical 25-22 scores before the Chargers mounted an impressive rally — taking Set 3 (25-21) and jumping out to a 7-2 lead early in the fourth set, trying to force a fifth and deciding set.

But then the Chiefs rallied for a 25-23 win to close out Churchill.

"It was stressful and intense," Canton coach Mary Kryska said. "Very aggressive from both teams, it was a good game. I fully anticipated (there) being very close games."

Kryska said she tweaked defensive strategies and positioning against the Chargers powerful front row of Emily Norscia, Marissa Pomaville and Erin Menard to help turn Set 4

Canton's way.

"We just needed to adjust around their tall girls, and we needed to do specific things to defend and block their best hitters," she said. "And we needed to find the open spots, because they have good defense. They kept getting touches on all of our hits."

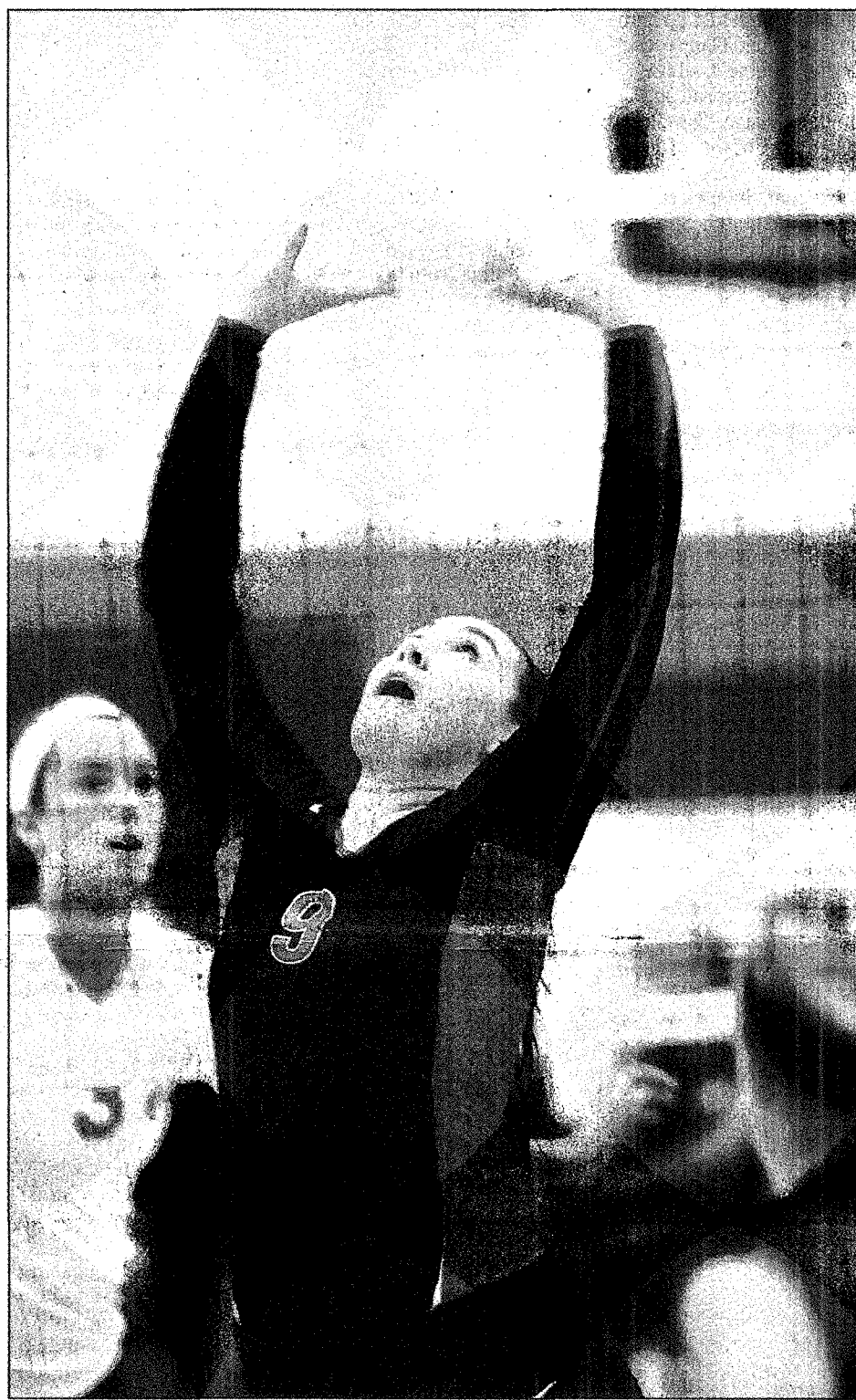
Churchill coach Mark Grenier said it was a play-off-type atmosphere — each team played before enthusiastic student sections, who also competed with good-natured chants — and the latest episode in a big rivalry.

"We knew it was going to be a pretty competitive match and we certainly got that," Grenier said. "Those were close games to the end, there were some swings both ways, and it really could have gone either way in all of those games."

He said Canton (19-2, 3-0 in the KLAAs South) outscored his team by a cumulative score of 96-92, a difference of just one point per game.

"Over four games ... it's a swing or a pass or a dig and it could be different," Gre-

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Churchill's Krystyn Niescier (9) makes the back-set during Thursday's KLAAs South Division encounter at Canton.

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## Pats defuse Rockets, 35-17

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin overcame its own first-half fumble-itis and wrote up a new prescription to subdue visiting Westland John Glenn in a KLAAs South Division football clash, 35-17.

The Patriots, adding a new wrinkle in its offense, overcame an early 17-13 third quarter deficit with 22 unanswered points to even its record at 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the KLAAs South.

Franklin rushed for 279 of its 308 total yards and held the Rockets (2-2, 1-1) to only five first down and 188 total yards.

"It's something we've been working on," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "It was a no-huddle system that we put in. We tried to keep them off balance a little bit because they blitz a lot and shift a lot. We wanted to be able to counter that."

Junior Jimmy Mazaris led the Patriots with 113 yards in 19 carries and a touchdown before going down midway through the fourth quarter with a knee injury.

Senior Jacob Tennant added 106 yards in 15 carries and found the end zone three times, including twice in the second half. Junior Joe McRobb con-

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Franklin senior Jacob Tennant (40), shown here in the season opener against Stevenson, rushed for 106 yards and three touchdowns in Friday's 35-17 win over Westland John Glenn.

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## Churchill is no match for Wildcats

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Despite going into halftime with a 14-0 lead Friday, Plymouth football coach Mike Sawchuck wasn't happy with much of what he saw.

So he went into the locker room at the break and challenged his team to get down to business and play what he called "Wildcat football."

The Wildcats did just that, riding the legs of running back Donte Fox to an easy 41-0 win over visiting Livonia Churchill, unbeaten Plymouth's fourth straight win.

"We made a lot of mental errors in the first half, and I wasn't happy with that," Sawchuck said. "We said (at halftime) we need to out-physical them, and they did."

The Wildcats got off to a quick start when Stefan Turrentine laid a hit on Churchill running back Romello Brown, who fumbled the ball. Plymouth's Tyler Goble scooped it up and rumbled 35 yards for the game's first touchdown with 6:52 left in the first quarter.

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## Lussiez leads U-M triumph

Walk-on Etienne Lussiez (Livonia Churchill) came off the bench to score three second-half goals Wednesday to propel the University of Michigan men's soccer team to a 4-1 victory over the University of Detroit Mercy.

Lussiez, a junior, played two seasons on the U-M club team and helped Canton Celtic to the Under-20 U.S. Amateur Cup national championship this summer.

The victory improved Michigan's overall record to 2-4-1.

The Titans, who feature 6-foot-6 sophomore center back Adam Bedell (Churchill), another Canton Celtic player, fell to 3-3 overall.

Otieno Victor, a transfer from Madonna University, scored the lone goal during the first half for UDM.

## Hope ends MU streak

Midfielder Shaun Groetsema's two goals propelled Hope College to a 3-1 non-conference men's soccer victory Friday night over visiting Madonna University before 1,251 fans at the Bergsma Memorial Tournament.

Luke Dishnow also tallied a goal for the Flying Dutchmen, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Dane Laird's goal in the 80th minute off an assist from Derek Rosiek cut the deficit to 2-1 for the Crusaders, but Groetsema put it away with a goal less than two minutes later.

Hope goalkeeper Logan Neil made four saves, while MU's Scott Poole finished with five saves.

The loss drops Madonna to 3-1 overall, while Hope stands 3-1-2.

## Lady Ocelots spike St. Clair

The Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team earned an important road victory last Tuesday night with a 19-25, 25-22, 17-25, 25-21, 15-9 triumph over St. Clair Community College.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 9-4 overall and 4-0 in the MCCAAs Eastern Conference, while the Skippers fall to 7-2 and 2-1.

On Sept. 10, host Schoolcraft swept a pair of matches from Alpena CC, 25-14, 25-7, 25-8 and 25-20, 25-12, 25-19.

## Blazers down Sacred Heart

Livonia Ladywood overcame a sterling effort Thursday by Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart goalie Mei-Mei Butcher to earn a 1-0 field hockey victory.

Senior Emma Ellswood tallied the game-winning goal from senior Erin Cronyn as the Blazers improved to 8-1 overall and 5-0 in the Catholic League.

Ladywood goalie Mackenzie Holme did not face a shot in the match, while Butcher finished with 20 saves.

The loss drops Sacred Heart to 2-2 overall.



## CHIEFS

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nier said. "But we played well and it certainly was very competitive."  
The defeat dropped the Chargers to 13-8-1 and 2-1, but Grenier emphasized that the race for the KLA South title is "far from over," what with both teams having a rematch Oct. 6.  
"It's a really nice rivalry with them, they have the advantage at their place," he said. "We're going to change a couple things and make sure we come out and make this as competitive as we can for the second one."  
He'll have to figure out how to slow Canton's big hitters, seniors Alaina Tur-

er and Kristen Muir. They contributed 20 and 10 kills, respectively.  
One of Turner's kills was the point that won both Set 4 and the match for the Chiefs. She skied to receive a set from Lauren Martin (17 assists) and practically spiked it through the floor on the Churchill side.  
Turner (19 digs) and Muir (24 digs) also were strong on defense, finding ways to field the balls that were hammered their way.  
"Both teams can swing and terminate," Grenier said. "Canton played some great defense. They're a good team and they showed it tonight."  
Maggie Deloy (18 digs), Erica den Boer (12 digs, 6 kills), Jordan Tubaro (4 kills,

4 blocks), Jordan Diedrick (7 kills, 3 blocks) and Jackie Waite (20 assists) also played strong matches.  
For the Chargers, Norscia led with 24 kills, while other leaders were Jackie Tolles (15 digs) and Katie Chartrand, who tallied 37 assists.  
Menard and Pomaville each chipped in with nine kills and three blocks, while McKenzie Hamill added eight kills.  
The two teams meet again Oct. 5 at Churchill.  
"They are definitely not going away," Kryska said. "They will come back the hardest they probably played the next time we see them. For sure they will."  
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## WAYNE

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fire."  
Kelsch, meanwhile, took over the Wayne varsity position after Deb Mills resigned last June. He spent last season as a varsity assistant with the Zebras and the 2009 season as Wayne's JV coach. He was also an assistant at Glenn.  
"I resigned for work reasons," Kelsch said. "I had too many scheduling conflicts. I started a new job four weeks ago with Mando Corporation — it's automotive related — and there

was more travel than I anticipated."  
Senior Brooklyn Holbrook paced Glenn with 14 kills, two solo blocks and two block-assists.  
"We started a little slow, but really picked it up in the third set," said Glenn coach Sharon Hubbard, whose team is 9-6-3 overall and 1-2 in the division. "Brooklyn took charge of the offense, and came up with some key blocks that changed the pace of the match. She's a real fireball at the net. It was exciting to watch her going head-to-head with Katie Horton."  
Senior Sarah Headrick

added 10 kills, six aces and four digs, and sophomore setter Hannah Staples had 38 assists.  
The Rockets were without three starters as Hubbard called up Valerie Ernat on Wednesday from the JV squad. The freshman responded with 10 kills and eight digs.  
"Shame on me for waiting so long," Hubbard said. "She (Ernat) added just the spark we needed to stay competitive with Wayne. I'm looking forward to great things from her. She'll be a true asset for the rest of the season, as well as the years to come."

## PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Stevenson tandem too much for Salem

Senior Kelly Vellucci and sophomore Katie Tomasic combined for 28 kills Thursday in Livonia Stevenson's 25-13, 25-19, 25-20 KLA Central Division girls volleyball victory over visiting Salem.  
The Spartans, who improved to 18-3 overall and 2-1 in the Central, also received 16 digs from Tomasic and 13 digs from Vellucci.  
Jordan York also added 14 digs, while Allie Koestering and Holly Mossioan finished with three ace serve each.  
Koestering contributed 16 assist-to-kills, while Vellucci added 13.  
Salem drops to 0-3 in the Central.

to 3-14-3 overall and 0-3 in the KLA South Division.  
Libero Nicole Williamson sparked the Franklin defense with 29 digs, while Raquel Garza chipped in with 12 digs and four ace serves.  
Afton DeWyse and Sarah Bo also sparked in defense, while setter Rachael Kapchus had 15 assist-to-kills.  
"Despite the loss, we played our best match of the year," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "We continue to battle and play great defense. But tonight our hitting and blocking had a positive impact. We are improving."

## Pats fall in 5

The Livonia Franklin girls volleyball team put up a battle Thursday night, but succumbed Thursday to host Plymouth in five sets, 25-13, 22-25, 25-15, 20-25, 20-18.  
Kelly O'Brien posted a team-high 14 kills and Mackenzie Lukas added eight as the Patriots fell

## Trojans falter

On Thursday, host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett took advantage of error-prone Livonia Clarenceville for a 25-20, 25-10, 25-11 triumph.  
Ashley Murphy and Angela McAlpine recorded six and five kills, respectively, for the Trojans (13-5-4).

## COLLEGE SOCCER

# Crusaders clock Ferris State, 3-0

A pair of Madonna University women's soccer freshmen accounted for all three tallies Wednesday as the Crusaders rolled to a 3-0 road win over NCAA Division II foe Ferris State.  
The victory — MU's first on the road this season in four tries — improves the Crusaders record to 2-3 on the year.  
Kaitlyn Krysiak scored a pair of goals for the Crusaders, her third and fourth goals of the season while fellow rookie Ashley Parent added the third tally.  
Senior goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville), who made four saves, posted her second shutout of the season.

opposite post for a 2-0 lead.  
A little over 14 minutes later Krysiak capped the scoring, chipping the goalie with a shot after a pass from sophomore Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson).  
The loss drops to the Bulldogs to 1-4 overall.  
The Crusaders are idle until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21 when they travel to ninth-ranked Spring Arbor University.  
**SCHOOLCRAFT 5, OWENS (OHIO) 0:** Freshman Lauren Badalamente (Woodhaven) continued her scoring assault Wednesday with her seventh and eighth goals of the season as the unranked Schoolcraft College (5-0, 4-0) cruised to an NJCAA Region XII victory at Owens Technical College (4-3, 2-3) in Toledo.  
The Lady Ocelots also got goals from Sam Zerilla (penalty kick) and Dawn Easton (unassisted).  
Renee Boudreau (Livonia Stevenson) assisted on Badalamente's first goal at the 18:19 mark.  
The other tally came on an Owens "own goal" off the leg of the Express' Aleha Almerster at 52:46.  
Schoolcraft goalkeepers Megan Bauman and Kelly Twigg, both Churchill grads, combined on the shutout. Bauman had four saves in 75 minutes, while Twigg recorded one during the final 13:42.

Krysiak took a crossing pass from senior Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin) into the box and beat Jessica Wineke in the 32nd minute to put the Crusaders on top 1-0.  
The game remained a one-goal affair until Parent cracked the scoring column for her first career goal when she dribbled into the goal box past her defender and sent the ball to the

## THE WEEK AHEAD

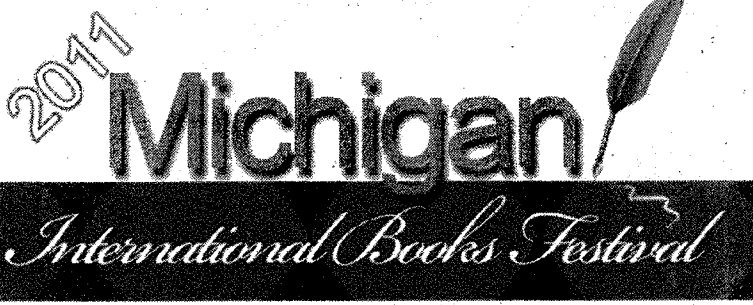
**PREP FOOTBALL**  
Friday, Sept. 23  
Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.  
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 24  
Luth. W'sld at S'field Christian, 1 p.m.  
Clarenceville at A.A. Richard, 1:30 p.m.  
**BOYS SOCCER**  
Tuesday, Sept. 20  
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.  
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.  
South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 22  
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Universal at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Hazel Park, 5:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 23  
W.L. Central at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.  
Luth. W'sld at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 24  
Troy Athens at Stevenson, 1 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Tuesday, Sept. 20  
Clarenceville at Country Day, 6 p.m.  
Luth. W'sld at A.A. Greenhills, 6:30 p.m.  
S'field Christian at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at South Lyon, 6:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 22  
Franklin at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
Northville at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.  
John Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m.  
Wayne at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 6:30 p.m.  
Luth. South at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
Ladywood at Mercy, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 24  
Portage Central Inv., 8:30 a.m.  
Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
UM-DeARBorn Tourney, 9 a.m.  
**BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
Tuesday, Sept. 20  
Franklin vs. Canton at Cass Berton Park, 4 p.m.  
Churchill at Wayne (Flats), 4 p.m.  
Stevenson at South Lyon, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn at Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 23  
Monroe Jefferson Invitational at Sterling State Park, 9 a.m.  
Old Skool Classic, 9:30 a.m.  
Shamrock Invitational, TBA.  
**GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
Tuesday, Sept. 20  
Wayne at Garden City, 5 p.m.  
Ladywood at N.D. Prep, 6 p.m.  
Thurston at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 22  
Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Livonia Rec. Center, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 24  
Lakeland Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Salem Invitational, noon.  
**BOYS TENNIS**  
Monday, Sept. 19  
Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 21  
Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 24  
Woodhaven Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Brighton Quad, 8 a.m.  
**GIRLS GOLF**  
Monday, Sept. 19  
Churchill vs. Franklin at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.  
John Glenn vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.  
Wayne vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3:30 p.m.  
Ladywood vs. Gabriel Richard at Huron Hills G.C., 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 20  
Stevenson vs. Salem at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 21  
Churchill vs. John Glenn at Fellows Creek G.C., 3 p.m.  
Franklin vs. Wayne at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. South Lyon East at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 22  
Ladywood vs. Mercy at Walnut Creek G.C., 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 24  
Livonia Public Schools Inv. at Fox Creek G.C., 2 p.m.  
**GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
Monday, Sept. 19  
Marian at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 21  
Ladywood at G.P. South, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 23  
A.A. Huron at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
Tuesday, Sept. 20  
Lourdes (Ohio) at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 22  
Lawrence Tech at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 22  
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Tuesday, Sept. 20  
Madonna at Bethel (Ind.), 7 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 23  
Schoolcraft at Ancilla (Ind.), 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 24  
Schoolcraft at Muskegon CC, 3 p.m.  
Madonna at Mid-America (Mo.), 4 p.m.  
Sunday, Sept. 25  
Madonna at Missouri Valley, 2 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Wednesday, Sept. 21  
UM-DeARBorn at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.  
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 24  
Concordia at Schoolcraft, noon.  
Sunday, Sept. 25  
Schoolcraft at Kellogg CC, 1 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Wednesday, Sept. 23  
Plymouth Whalers at Owen Sound, (season opener), 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 24  
Erie at Plymouth Whalers, (home opener)  
7 p.m. at Compuware Arena  
Friday, Sept. 30  
Ottawa at Plymouth Whalers 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena  
Saturday, Oct. 1  
London at Plymouth Whalers 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena (734) 453-8400 for tickets  
TBA — time to be announced.

## GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

**SOUTH LYON EAST 182 LIVONIA STEVENSON 185**  
Sept. 16 at Links of Novi  
S.L. East scorers: Elana Moore, 42; Taylor Jones, 44; Breanna Bush, 45; Abbey Bernas, 51.  
Stevenson scorers: Becca Bubenheimer, 40 (medalist); Mary Peltz, 45; Laura Shureb, 48; Maddie Omietanski, 52.  
Dual match records: South Lyon East, 3-3 overall, 3-3 KLA Central; Stevenson, 2-4 overall, 2-4 KLA Central.  
**PLYMOUTH 177 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 187**  
Sept. 15 at Whispering Willows  
Plymouth scorers: Kelsey Murphy and Sarah Thompson, 40 each; Sydney Murphy, 48;

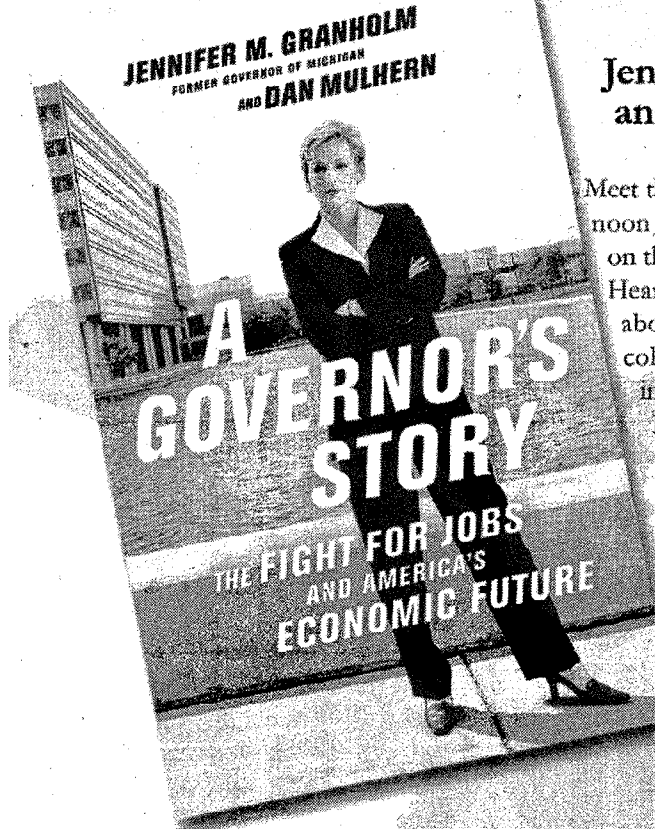
Danielle Allen and Lindsay Dean, 49 each; Kayla Whatley, 51.  
Churchill scorers: Jordyn Shepler, 39 (medalist); Jackie Burdette, 47; Maggie McGowan, 49; Nicole Kruse, 52; Claire Rose, 64; Katie Shereda, 65.  
Dual match records: Plymouth, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLA South Division; Churchill, 3-2 overall, 3-2 KLA South.  
**SOUTH LYON 195 LIVONIA STEVENSON 198**  
Sept. 14 at Cattails G.C.  
South Lyon scorers: Caroline Harding, 46; Rebecca Stewart, 49; Lizzie Higgins and Alex Fischer, 50 each.  
Stevenson scorers: Becca Bubenheimer, 43 (medalist);

Maddie Omietanski, 49; Laura Shureb, 52; Dana Smith, 54.  
Dual match records: South Lyon, 2-3 overall, 2-3 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 2-3 overall, 2-3 KLA Central.  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 218 WAYNE MEMORIAL 271**  
Sept. 14 at Whispering Willows  
Churchill scorers: Jordyn Shepler, 43 (medalist); Maggie McGowan, 52; Maddie Spooner, 61; Taylor Cutting, 62; Lauren Pickworth, 65; Marian McGowan, 69.  
Wayne's top scorer: Marion Castaldini, 63.  
Dual match records: Churchill, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLA South Division; Wayne, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLA South Division.



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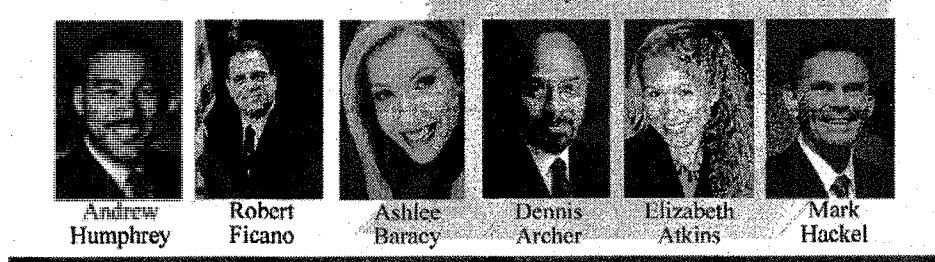
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# Canton runs past Wayne, 47-14

The Canton football juggernaut made its latest stop Friday night at Wayne Memorial and the unbeaten Chiefs took care of business with a 47-14 KLA South Division victory.  
Ryan Jones rushed for a team-high 137 yards on seven carries, including touchdown runs of 12 and 79 yards.  
Canton (4-0, 2-0) had a total of 399 yards total offense including 305 on the ground.  
The Chiefs led only 21-6 at halftime before putting it away with 20 third-quarter points.  
Kevin Buford opened the scoring on a 3-yard TD run, but Wayne quarterback Dean Caldwell answered with 11:06 to go in the second period on a 4-yard run.

Canton then scored the next 40 points — Kendall Scott (10-yard run); Malcolm Hollingsworth (25- and 7-yard runs); Jones (12- and 79-yard runs); and Kyle Adams (10-yard run).  
Wayne's second TD came with 56 seconds left in the game on Stefan Perkins' 24-yard run followed by backup quarterback Torrey Cooper's 2-pointer.  
Wayne (0-4, 0-2) had 240 yards, including 229 on the ground as Devin Korzetki led with 80 yards on 18 carries.  
Caldwell, who went down with a shoulder injury in the third quarter, was only 2-of-9 for 11 yards and one interception. Cooper was 0-for-3 in his abbreviated stint.

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BOYS SOCCER

# Pats boot Churchill, 3-1; Mustangs clip Spartans

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Contributions came from many different sources in Livonia Franklin's 3-1 boys soccer victory Thursday night at home over rival Livonia Churchill.

The upstart Patriots improved to 5-2-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAAs South Division with two goals in the final 30 minutes to break a 1-1 deadlock.

The game-winner came on a deflection ball off the leg of Mike Iacoban with 29:43 remaining followed Craig Beebe's shot with only 20 minutes remaining.

Churchill's Austin Henson scored from Evan Schweizer, but Beebe answered with a penalty kick to make it 1-all at intermission.

"They key is that we hustled," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "It was a back-and-forth game. We got in our finishing plays when we could and the guys really wanted it."

Rodopoulos singled out the play of backliners Andrew Crechiolo, Fred Shatara, Jon Girvan, Hayden Steinman and Iacoban, along with midfielders Gabe Edwards and Nick O'Brien.

Meanwhile, Franklin goalkeeper Ryan Tikey made 12 saves.

"Everybody played well," Rodopoulos said. "The guys came out and gave everything they could. Our ball movement was better than it's been. Props go to our defense and midfield. They knew what they had to do."

Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs was not pleased with his team's play, but saluted the Patriots, who snapped a long losing skid against the Chargers last season.

"This is as disappointing as it's ever been at Churchill - not a good game," said Friedrichs,

whose team slipped to 4-3-2 overall and 2-2 in the KLAAs South. "They (Franklin) outworked us. It's hard to swallow, but that (Franklin) senior group has certainly left a mark."

**JOHN GLENN 3, CLARENCEVILLE 0:** Bobby Mason, Justin Bean and Lucas Santana tallied goals Friday to lead Westland John Glenn (6-3) to a non-conference victory at Livonia Clarenceville (1-9).

"Our passing looked much better, more purposeful than in our last match," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "Akshay Kommmanna, Madalin Pop and Tyler Simpson did not show in the stat line, but had a big impact on the game."

Goalkeeper Evan Gregg made 11 saves for Clarenceville, who also got solid play from newcomer Jake Rosen and defender Colton Orchard.

**LIGGETT 9, HURON VALLEY 0:** In a MIAC Red Division match Friday, Austin Kidder's hat trick propelled host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (8-1, 6-0) past Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-5, 1-5).

Adante Provenzona added two goals, while Daniel Berger, Peter Hopkins, Andrew Amine and T.J. Stevenson contributed one each for the Knights.

**NORTHVILLE 2, STEVENSON 1:** On Thursday, goals by Chris Palushaj and Jeff Sims carried the host Mustangs (4-3-2, 2-1-1) to a KLAAs Central Division victory over Livonia Stevenson (6-2, 2-2) in a battle of Division 1 state-ranked teams.

Palushaj's goal came in the first half, while Sims' tally came with only 10 minutes remaining in the match to give No. 6-ranked Northville a two-goal cushion.

Eight-ranked Stevenson cut the deficit to one on Zack Atwood's late goal from Jeff Thomas, but it wasn't enough. Zach Verant was in goal for the Spartans, while Nick Smith protected the net for the Mustangs.

"I have to be honest, we did not deserve to win," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "It was nice to see us respond late and make a game of it, but we were outplayed by Northville and they earned the victory tonight."

**CANTON 8, JOHN GLENN 0:** The Chiefs' offensive juggernaut continued to roll Thursday with an KLAAs South Division rout of host Westland John Glenn (5-4, 1-3). The game was halted with 12 minutes left due to the MHSAA mercy rule. Fourth-ranked Canton (9-1-1

overall, 3-0) broke out to a 5-0 halftime lead en route to their seventh win in a row.

Scoring in succession were Dan Ovesea (three goals), Mitch Posuniak (from Brian Berinti), Connor Furgason (from Tyler Winningham), Ovesea (from Ken Krolicki) and Ryan Kilgore — the latter goal in the 39th minute.

The onslaught continued just three minutes into the second half with Ovesea netting his hat rick goal from Furgason.

At about the six-minute mark, senior Shean Krolicki sent a pass over to his brother, sophomore Ken Krolicki, who made no mistake.

Kilgore then scored his second of the day, from Mitch Pepper, to finish the scoring and the game.

Sharing the shutout were goalkeepers Ian Wingate and Brandon Pickert, the latter seeing his first varsity action.

**PLYMOUTH 8, WAYNE 0:** In a KLAAs South Division match Thursday, the host Wildcats (3-5-2, 2-2) invoked the eight-goal mercy rule to beat Wayne Memorial (2-5, 0-4).

**GREENHILLS 2, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 1:** On Thursday, host Ann Arbor Greenhills (6-1-1, 4-1) held off a late Lutheran High Westland (3-4, 1-4) comeback rally for the MIAC Blue Division victory.

Davis Vorva's goal in the 25th minute staked the 2010 Division 4 state runners-up to a 1-0 lead and Travis Hindle's goal just 1:30 into the second half made it 2-0 for the Gryphons. The Warriors cut the deficit to 2-1 on Ernie Babon's goal in the 68th minute, but couldn't score the equalizer against Gryphons goalkeeper Andrew Khouri (six saves).

"We made some adjustments at halftime," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "We put people in different spots. We moved some people up from our defensive backline and we played better the second half than we did in the first half."

Taurrek Fikes was in goal for the Warriors.

**LUTHERAN SOUTH 8, HURON VALLEY 0:** Dylan Smith's four goals carried Newport Lutheran South (7-2, 5-0) to a MIAC Red Division triumph Thursday over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-5, 1-4).

Christian Taylor, Nate Konkell, Jess Smrcka and Jacob Hand also added goals for the Saints.

**HAMTRACCK 3, CVILLE 0:** Sophomore goalkeeper Evan Gregg made 12 saves, but it wasn't enough Wednesday as Livonia Clarenceville (1-8) fell to the host Cosmos (1-1).

## Vardar South 1st



Vardar Soccer Club South, an under-9 boys soccer team, recently captured the Crew Cup in Grand Rapids with a 6-0 victory in the finals over SWM Dynamo of St. Joseph. Other victories came against the Michigan Wolves '03 Black, 4-0 and 4-2; Grand Rapids Crew Juniors, 17-2; and Ole Soccer Club of Grand Rapids, 8-2. Team members include (front row, from left) Carson Breen, Northville; Matthew Pacas-McCarthy, Novi; Reece Jones, Northville; Collin Breen, Northville; Caleb Peters, Livonia; (back row, from left) head coach Dennis Brose, Brandon Johnson, Brownstown; Scott Borseth, Livonia; Alvin Li, Novi; Bennett Ackman, Livonia; and Jake Willerer, Northville. (Not pictured is Isaac Gibbs of Novi.)

## Warriors come up short vs. Liggett

Lutheran High Westland's football team hung tough for nearly 43 minutes Friday night.

But host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett scored 20 unanswered points over the final five to beat the Warriors, 20-0, in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference matchup.

With starting quarterback Matt Sylvester out of an injury, Gusè was forced to bring up his sophomore son P.J. from the JV team to make his first varsity start.

"We tried to win the battle of field position," said Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusè, whose team slipped to 1-3 overall and 1-1 in the MIAC.

"We knew we were limited in what we could do and it'd be tough for us. Give Liggett credit. They bottled us up, and we've run the ball well all year."

It was 0-0 until the final

period when Liggett mounted a 15-play, 86-yard scoring drive capped by quarterback Nate Gaggin's 12-yard keeper.

And with three minutes remaining, Liggett's Stavros Bricolas returned an interception 12 yards for a score followed by Charles Jones' 61-yard run with just over a minute remaining.

Liggett had 223 yards total offense with Jones going for 94 yards on 16 carries. Gaggin was 9-of-20 for only 82 yards.

"I think seven of those were knockdowns," Paul Gusè said. "I'm proud of the guys. It was 0-0 right there, but they (Liggett) made plays when they had to and we did not."

The Warriors finished with 182 net yards, including 154 on the ground with Bobby Miller the leading rusher with 58 yards on seven

carries. Gusè was 4-of-10 for 28 yards.

Ed Abramovich, Matt Dewitt and Miller led the defense with five tackles each.

Liggett, which improved to 3-1 overall and 3-0 in the MIAC, had 10 first downs to Lutheran Westland's eight.

**N.D. PREP 41, CLARENCEVILLE 0:** On Friday, host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (4-0) scored all 41 points in the first half to invoke a running clock during the second half in a lopsided victory over Livonia Clarenceville (2-2).

The Fighting Irish rushed for 239 yards with Shane Frankes leading the way with 82 yards on 10 carries and two touchdowns.

Quarterback Daniel Durkin hit 6-of-8 passes for 103 yards and ran 55 yards for another TD.

Durkin hit Jacob Romeo on a 24-yard scoring pass.

Clarenceville managed just 80 yards in total offense - 38 on the ground and 42 passing.

Notre Dame had 16 first downs to the Trojans' three.

## PATS

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tributed 60 yards on 14 attempts.

"They're good, they're very talented - all three of them," Kelbert said. "McRobb - we can put him at fullback or halfback and he doesn't miss a beat there. (Jacob) Tennant is Tennant. He runs hard and is tough to bring down. And Jimmy is just a great athlete. He tweaked his knee. We're not sure what it's going to be."

Franklin lost two fumbles in the opening quarter with Glenn's Terrance James and Kaly Massenburg making the recoveries.

The second Patriot fumble led to Jeff Kuhary's 62-yard TD pass to DaMario Jones with 1:29 left in the first period as the Rockets struck first.

Franklin, however, answered the Glenn score with only 14 seconds to go in the same quarter on Mazaris' 30-yard TD run to make it 7-all.

With 10:12 to go in the first half, Franklin fumbled it away again as Tyler Clemens scooped up the loose ball. And three plays later, Kuhary scored on a 2-yard run. Alex Isaevski's point-after made it 14-7.

Tennant then scored his first TD on a 15-yard run with 2:30 left in the half, but Ryan Tikey's extra point was blocked leaving the Patriots a point down at intermission, 14-13.

Glenn increased its lead to 17-13 on a 32-yard field goal by Isaevski with 6:25 left in the third quarter.

The Rockets' defense then held, but Glenn couldn't stand prosperity as Kuhary's pass was picked off by Trevor Mimnaugh, who returned it 23 yards to the Glenn 46.

And Franklin was off to the races as Tennant scored on a 2-yard run with 1:07 left in the third followed by fourth-quarter TD runs by McRobb (15 yards) and Tennant (1 yard).

"In the second half our offense did not do as well as they did the first half, and then their defense stepped up," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "Our

defense was on the field too much the second half and we just couldn't get ball control on our side and get time of possession on our side.

"After the field goal we stopped them, we get the ball back and a chance to go up. If we can take that drive to the end zone we got a chance to go up by 11. Instead of we throw an interception and it totally changed the momentum, and it was on their side the rest of the game. We had to figure out how to get the momentum on our side in those situations."

Meanwhile, Kelbert was pleased with his team's showing over the final 24 minutes.

"They responded in the second half," he said. "They played a whole lot better and hung onto the football."

"(At halftime) I told them we were doing what we wanted to do - moving the ball offensively. But I've told this group since the summer that we're good enough to beat anybody if we don't beat ourselves - and we were beating ourselves the first half. They (Glenn) were playing hard, but those turnovers are just self-induced mistakes."

James accounted for 88 yards rushing on nine attempts, while Kuhary was 4-of-10 for 93 yards, but that was a major chunk of Glenn's offensive attack.

"Our quarterback did not have a lot of time and we have to go back and look at some film, and figure out why," Hardin said. "Our offensive line hasn't been bad this season. They've done pretty well, but we did not do a good job pass blocking today."

Franklin's new-look offense proved to be effective for the most part.

"There were a couple of times where we got caught in some things that we normally wouldn't have been caught in if the quarterback (Justin Forrestall) and I had been communicating directly," Kelbert said. "But I think it worked. We caught them off-guard and got them in situations where we knew what we were getting."

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## CHURCHILL

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When Fox scored two minutes later on a 1-yard run to give Plymouth a 14-0 lead, it looked like the Wildcats were going to dominate. Not so, according to their coach.

"We weren't that dominant in that first half," Sawchuck said.

But they were in the second. Turrentine returned the second-half kickoff to the Wildcats' 46, but a 5-yard facemask penalty moved them to the Chargers' 49. That's when Fox took over, gaining 32 yards on five carries over the seven-play drive. The drive was helped when Plymouth quarterback Shaun Austin's pass bounced off the hands of his intended receiver,

Matt Janke, and nestled in the arms of teammate Nate Emminger for a 9-yard gain that kept the drive alive.

Fox ended it two plays later, scoring the Wildcats' third touchdown after hitting the middle of the line, then squeezing through a crowd on a 14-yard scamper.

Churchill got the ball back and failed to move it, and a 15-yard punt set Plymouth up at the Churchill 22-yard line. Fox scored his third touchdown on a 9-yard run with 4:57 left in the quarter, and added his fourth - a 1-yard run - about three minutes later.

"The first half started pretty good, but (Churchill) started making some adjustments," Fox said afterward. "In the second half we just wanted to

pound it down their throats. We were able to get it in the red zone and score."

Fox finished with 118 yards on 18 carries for the Wildcats, who outgained Churchill 230-169.

"It all starts up front," Sawchuck said of Fox's success. "The offensive line gives him a little crease, and he's going to break it."

Plymouth got 83 yards on two carries from Jamarl Eiland, who got 75 of those on a touchdown run as time expired. Austin finished 11-of-17 passing for 140 yards. Eiland had 75 yards receiving on two catches, while Emminger, Fox and Janke each had two catches.

Brown led Churchill with 64 rushing yards on 15 carries, while Chad Lipinski chipped in 38 yards on six carries.

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The Livonia Senior Men's Golf Association, 156 members strong, recently held its 2011 awards luncheon at 1 Under Banquet Center at Idyl Wyld Golf Course. Among the those honored included (front row, from left): Frank Berger, runner-up (second flight); Fred Gregory, runner-up (first flight); Jim Matthews, first place (championship flight); Tim Carlington, runner-up (third flight); Jerry Sheehan first place (first flight); guest Whispering Willows PGA professional Paul Worley; (back row, from left) guest Lyle Trudell, Livonia Parks and Recreation Superintendent; Thomas K. Allan, first place (fourth flight); Joe Derscha, runner-up (fourth flight); Mike Thomas, runner-up (championship flight); and Bob Dague, Closest-to-the-Pin (16 feet, 10 inches). Not pictured is second flight champ Jack Robertson and third flight champ Craig Debuskie. The LSMGA has tentatively set its 2012 spring meeting for April 21.

### BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

#### BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 9  
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0  
Sept. 15 at Churchill  
No. 1 singles: Matt Cezat (LC) defeated Tommy Ruark, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Jonathan Martin (LC) def. Mitch Dean, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Joe Mulka (LC) def. Nick Stone, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Rishabh Arvikar (LC) def. Wayne Woodard, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Brian Baumgartner-Mark Denstaedt (LC) def. Shane Wicher-Chris Sabel, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Mayuresh Iyer-Tejas Soni (LC) def. Mike Woodard-Ian Villaroman, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Riley Prince-Steve VanWormer (LC) def. Karl Lawrence-Paul Balilo, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Braden Swantick-Ian Clemens (LC) def. Charlie Messis-Bill Messis, 7-5, 6-3; No. 5: Mit Patel-Kishan Trivedi (LC) def. Ainsworth Orr-Dave Vader, 6-2, 6-0.

Dual match records: Churchill, 7-2 overall, 4-1 KLAAC Central Division; John Glenn, 7-4 overall, 2-3 KLAAC South.

#### NOVI 8

LIVONIA STEVENSON 1  
Sept. 14 at Stevenson  
No. 1 singles: Shashand Chitta (N) defeated Chad Northey, 6-1, 6-4; No. 2: Matt Pilat (N) def. Marcus McCathney, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Sam Tabor (LS) def. Neel Bhattacharya, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4:

Erik Carlson (N) def. Johnson Yang, 6-4, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Sho Nakashima-Vendant Ram (N) def. Jeff Frederick-Kaemen Holman-Reyes, 7-6, 7-5; No. 2: Chris Greeshover-Connor Williams (N) def. Nick Marsh-Doug Giroux, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Achuta Doodipatia-Harrison Halley (N) def. Chase Tinha-Jason Wysocki, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Omar Freij-Moyanaw Gangopadhay (N) def. Neal Adams-Aaron Dziobak, 6-0, 6-3; No. 5: Jason Leung-Felix Zhu (N) def. Chris Haldane-Sam Klos, 6-2, 6-0.

Dual match records: Novi, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAAC Central Division; Stevenson, 7-2 overall, 1-2 KLAAC Central.

#### LIVONIA CHURCHILL 9

WAYNE MEMORIAL 0  
Sept. 14 at Wayne  
No. 1 singles: Matt Cezat (LC) defeated Zach Williamson, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Jonathan Martin (LC) def. Zach Lankton, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Joe Mulka (LC) def. Tyler Harnos, 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Kishan Trivedi (LC) def. Michael Battaglia, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Brian Baumgartner-Mark Denstaedt (LC) def. Jarret Williamson-Sam Herber, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Tejas Soni-Mayuresh Iyer (LC) def. Micheil Hood-Cody Huffaker, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Riley Prince-Steve VanWormer (LC) def. Danny

Selvia-Antonio Heberling, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Braden Swantick-Ian Clemens (LC) def. Chris Schmidt-Andrew Watson, 6-0, 6-2; No. 5: Mit Patel-Aditya Vernulapati (LC) def. Chandler Barron-Danny Lees, 6-2, 6-4.

#### LIVONIA STEVENSON 6

SALEM 3  
Sept. 13 at Stevenson  
No. 1 singles: Jacob Scott (Salem) defeated Chad Northey, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Mike Keen (Salem) def. Marcus McCathney, 6-0, 6-4; No. 3: Sam Tabor (LS) def. Alek Zultowski, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Johnson Yang (LS) def. Jacob Sealey, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Jeff Frederick-Kaemen Holman-Reyes (LS) def. Kyle Latck-Sam Cloutier, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Nick Marsh-Doug Giroux (LS) def. Jon Clark-Rohan Thancolar, 6-0, 7-5; No. 3: Chase Tinha-Jason Wysocki (LS) def. Ama Caravahia-John Cope, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5; No. 4: Neal Adams-Aaron Dziobak (LS) def. David Blaxam-Nick Ortiz, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; No. 5: Shivan Patel-Shaheer Rabbiaq (Salem) def. Chris Haldane-Sam Klos, 6-2, 6-3.

Dual match records: Salem, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAAC Central Division; Stevenson, 7-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAC Central.

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## One boy's journey

### Family deals with illness through scrapbook, friends and humor

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E staff writer

Evan Westphal's great adventure started Jan. 11 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The Livonia boy, then a first grader at Hoover Elementary, was diagnosed with lymphoblastic leukemia just 12 days before his seventh birthday and faced months of chemotherapy, IV medicines, injections and spinal taps.

His adventure included missing school for all but 22 days last semester and foregoing baseball for at least this year, thinning hair and the expectation of three years in treatment.

Evan, now a second grader in the "maintenance" phase of treatment, has taken most of the journey with a smile on his face.

"The whole thing is not a good experience," said his mom, Janice Westphal. "But to put it in the positive, it's all how you look at it. You've got to get through it one day at a time. It's an adventure. It's not one I'd choose to go on, but it's one I can't change. So, you've got to make the best of it. We do everything with a sense of humor."

"Maybe we're different. I don't know. One of the



Evan Westphal of Livonia throws out the first pitch at a Toledo Mud Hens game last month.

nurses said to my mom that one of the reasons he's doing as well as he is, is the attitude we have."

Westphal, her husband Phil, a UPS truck driver, older son, Alex, a freshman at Stevenson High School, and grandparents Bob and Donna Burnham, try to make life as normal as possible for Evan. They never hide information about his medical condition from him and they make sure he gets answers to his questions, which has helped him undergo medical procedures — such as painful intermuscular shots — with understanding

and a few tears rather than fear.

Evan knows all of his medications, their colors, and their purpose, in addition to what the numbers on his blood count results mean.

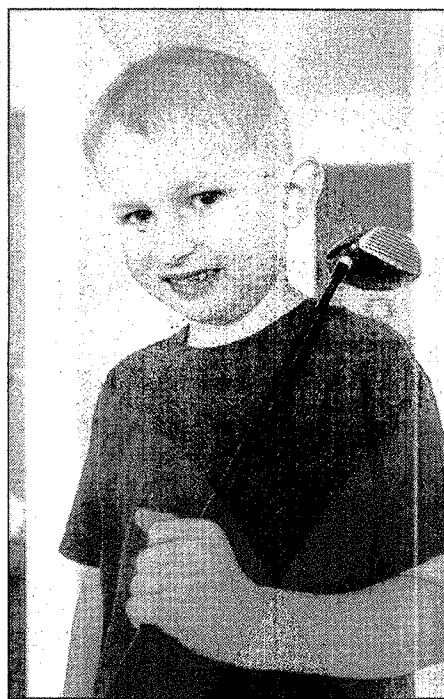
"He won't let them put him to sleep until they tell him what medicines they are giving him and what color it is. It has gotten to the point where the doctors walk in and they give the count sheet to him first. He wants to know what's going on. He has learned things that no 7-year-old boy should have to know. But he wants to know what's going to hap-

pen, when it's going to happen and how it's going to happen. He has always been that kind of kid."

#### Collecting memories

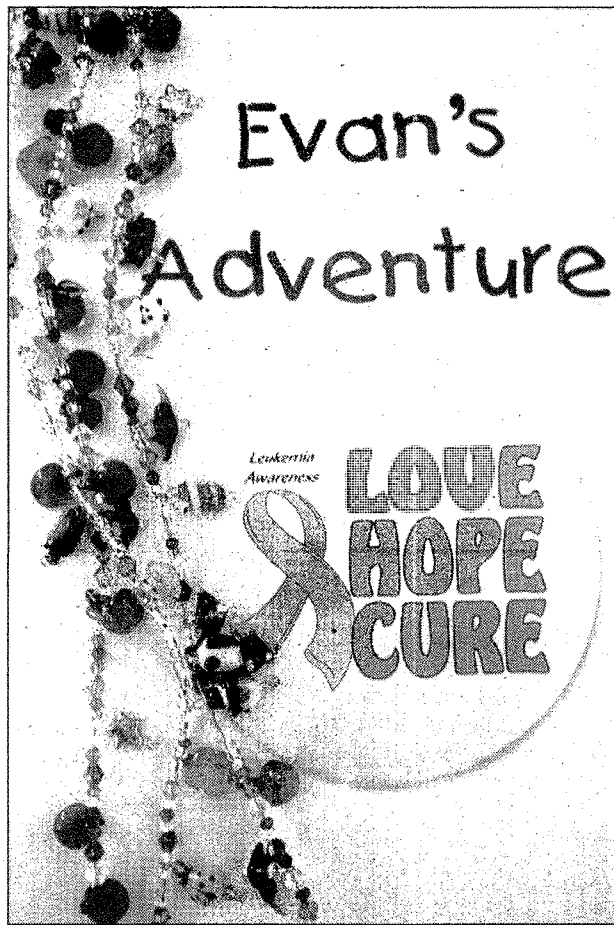
His interest in his own treatment led Westphal to create a scrapbook, "Evan's Adventure," full of photos and mementos of his cancer experience. She had scrapbooked other family milestones and vacations, but didn't even consider one on the topic of his hospitalization and treatment until she realized that he might want one as a keepsake.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

He had to take a break from baseball this summer, but Evan Westphal has had a few golf lessons and golf might just be his game.



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Bravery beads rest on the scrapbook that chronicles Evan Westphal's cancer journey. He receives a bead for each medical procedure he undergoes.

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# JOURNEY

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"I like it because it helps me explain things to other people," Westphal said. "You don't want to totally relive everything, but the people you meet are so phenomenal that you want to remember them. If you look at it, it's not sad."

Colorful pages show photos of his doctors, nurses, family members, his room — decorated in a penguin motif — and Evan, mostly smiling. Tapes, used when his port is accessed, bear a nurse's drawings and fill one page. Photos documenting a spinal tap are laid out on another page.

"Evan wanted to know what it was like when he got a spinal tap. So I asked if I could take pictures," Westphal said. "Evan is mad that I didn't get a picture of the needle in his back. He wanted to see what it looks like."

### Helpful toys

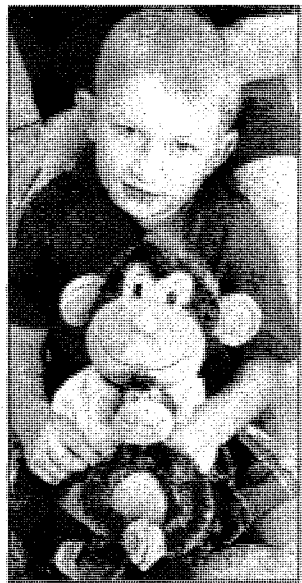
She said he also wanted to transfer that knowledge to his stuffed animal companion, Chuck, the Chemo Duck, a toy that a hospital social worker obtained for him. The duck comes complete with a port for IV medication, play needles and other items, including a head scarf for its owner. Evan never wore it, preferring a baseball cap to the scarf.

Westphal also secured a pair of stuffed animals — big and little monkeys — through the There's a Monkey in My Chair program. Evan keeps the lit-



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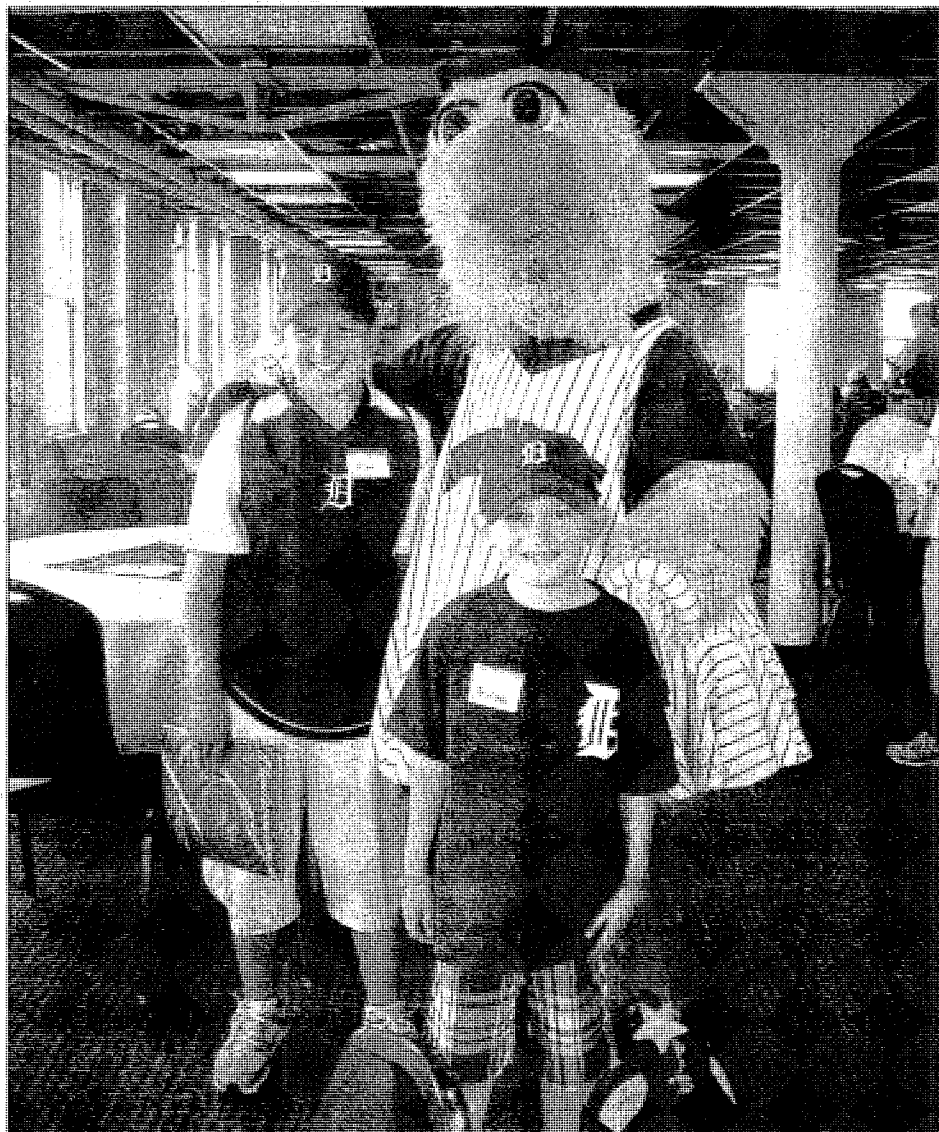
Janice Westphal wears bracelets supporting awareness of leukemia, multiple sclerosis and the injectable medical port her son has.



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STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Evan Westphal holds his special monkey that sits in his chair at school when he is unable to attend.

tle monkey at home. The big monkey, which comes with a backpack containing a camera, notebook, pens and photobook, stays in his seat at school when he's home or in the hospital. Classmates take photos in class, use the pens and notebook to write letters and cards and make sure the monkey is on hand for every lesson.



The Westphal boys, Alex (left) and Evan pose with the Toledo Mud Hens mascot.

His monkey's sponsor, a woman from Kansas named Marge Green, reached out to members of her church, encouraging them to send messages and prayer cards regularly to Evan. Evan's "adventure" hasn't been all needles and pills.

Through a program called Chemo Angel, two women from Oregon and Florida periodically send gifts and cards. His favorite teacher, Charles "Mr. O" O'Laughlin, physical education instructor at Hoover, sent Evan assorted athletic balls and other physical fitness items and a golf pro, Jay Rammler, has taken him under his wing with

golf lessons. His classroom teacher took him to lunch for a little one-

on-one time and a family friend bakes muffins for him every week.

Westphal, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2007, wears three medical awareness bracelets — for leukemia, MS and IV ports — doesn't shy from talking about Evan's leukemia. When he was diagnosed, she reached out through Facebook for support and information. She said online social media kept her in touch with the "outside world" during long periods at Beaumont Hospital with Evan.

When the family planned a trip to the Toledo Mud Hens game with Thrivent Financial, Westphal mentioned her son to the trip's organizers. The next thing she knew, Evan was chosen to throw out the first ball at the game.

"I was a little nervous and it felt weird to be on the field," Evan said. "I got quite the applause, too."

Westphal said the pitch bounced, but went straight and over the plate.

"It made mom cry," she said. "It bounced and the guy kind of caught it on the bounce," but it went straight and over the plate."

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In a quiet moment, Evan plays with a syringe and Chuck the Chemo Duck, that has a medication port in its chest, just like his.

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**WHY INJECTIONS STOP WORKING**

Steroid injections represent good therapy, particularly in osteoarthritis of the knees. However, anyone who has experience receiving injections over time can attest, injection therapy is uneven in its results, eventually working hardly at all.

Why is this the case?  
A tire is losing its tread, but the mechanic can keep the car running by putting air into the tire each time the tire goes flat. The first instance of a flat tire, followed by putting air back in, allows the car to run for another six months. The next time the mechanic puts air in the tire, the car goes for 3 months. The next time the tire needs air, the process lasts for possibly a month to six weeks.

What happens each time the mechanic attends to the flat by putting in air, is that the tire being used, loses even more tread, which in turn makes the tire even more vulnerable to nails and rocks on the road which in turn, makes having a flat tire even more likely.

Eventually, the owner of the car has no choice but to replace the tire.

The same sequence holds for joint injections for knee, and other joint osteoarthritis. Each injection allows the person to carry on with an impaired joint. But, the capacity to use the knee comes with a price: the joint because of further use, deteriorates further. Eventually the joint wears out to the point that injections cannot overcome.

When injection provides only 2-3 weeks or less of relief, then the patient must look to joint replacement as the therapy of choice.

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## Tasteful event benefits victims of violence

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elizabeth Fagan Division, will present its 7th annual "A Chocolate Affair" 2-5 p.m. Oct. 3 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

The event will benefit First Step, which provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic and sexual violence including temporary emergency housing, counseling, a 24-hour help line, children's programs and more.

The Chocolate Affair will feature tastes of chocolate specialties from area bakeries, restaurants, caterers, and chocolate makers, along with a chocolate fountain, entertainment and prizes. A luncheon will be held from noon-2 p.m. to kick off the event. During the luncheon a speaker from First Step will share her inspiring story of survivorship.

Chocolate specialties will be provided by Mary Denning's Bake Shoppe, Treats Catering of Farmington, Sanders Candy, Kilwin's of Plymouth, Armitage Catering, Dove Chocolate, The Claddagh Irish Pub & Restaurant, The Dearborn Inn, Lindt Chocolate, The Kandy Bar, Jo Jo's Treats & Sweets, and more. Entertainment will be provided by Inis Ceol.

Tickets for the Chocolate Affair are \$25 and the luncheon tickets are \$25. A combined ticket is available for \$45. For tickets or more information on the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, call Barbara Weir at (734) 453-1459.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY

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Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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"Dancing with the Stars" pros Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo will perform at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's annual gala.

## Hospital gala features dance stars

*Dancing with the Stars* pros Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo, will perform at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 19th Annual Gala, "Dancing like the Stars" Friday, Oct. 7.

WXYZ-Channel 7 News Anchor JoAnne Purtan will emcee the event which will be held at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia. The gala, which includes a gourmet dinner, dancing and music by the Mel Ball and Colours Band, will benefit the Generations Together Campaign which supports the hospital's new South Pavilion construction project.

In 2005, Sliwinska appeared on the first season of the popular television show, *Dancing with the Stars*, and is the only professional dancer to appear on the first 10 seasons. Born in Poland, she became a suc-



Purtan

cessful ballroom dancer there and has achieved world-class status representing Poland on International competitions all over the world.

Mazo has been involved in five seasons of *Dancing with*

*the Stars* and is best known for being the winner of the first season with Kelly Monaco. He has toured with *Dancing with the Stars* and was featured in the fitness section of the show's new book. He is a five-time U.S. National Finalist

"We're absolutely thrilled that Edyta and Alec will be gracing the dance floor at our gala event. This evening will be filled with elegance and entertainment from start to finish," stated Dan Murphy, gala chair. "The dancers will add excitement to this already enjoyable night."

The hospital's new South Pavilion is an addition featuring all private rooms, a new state-of-the-art emergency center, as well as renovation of current semi-private patient rooms to private rooms.

"This project as a whole pro-

vides the latest technology and design for a healing environment - bringing healthcare in this community to the next level," stated David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "Guests of this gala will be part of the future of the hospital and enjoy a dynamic evening at the same time."

Individual and corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Guest tickets are \$125 per person. A portion of the ticket purchases are tax deductible. For tickets or sponsorship information, call the St. Mary Mercy Development Office at (734) 655-2980, or visit [stmarymercy.org/annualgala](http://stmarymercy.org/annualgala) for more information.

The gala is presented by Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips and family - Phillips Service Industries, Inc.

### GARDEN & NATURE

#### Butterflies

Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) presents "Overwintering Butterflies," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The program will explain how to overwinter butterfly eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises and butterflies. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit [www.sembabutterfly.com](http://www.sembabutterfly.com).

#### Master gardeners

Growing with Master Gardeners Conference is set for Saturday, Sept. 24 at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus. Sponsored by the Dearborn campus' Environmental Interpretive Center and presented by Master Gardener Association of Wayne County Volunteers, the 23rd annual all-day educational program is aimed at environmentalists and gardeners of all levels. It will include two keynote, classes, shopping, and lunch. Cost is \$40 if registered by Sept. 14. Visit [www.mgawc.org](http://www.mgawc.org) or call (734) 786-6860.

#### English Gardens

- Learn about planting spring bulbs at a free presentation at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 24.

- Get tips on pruning and dividing plants at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.

Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

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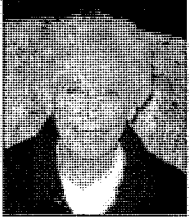
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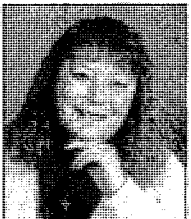
## BERRY, JUDITH ANN

Age 68, of Escanaba passed away at her home in Escanaba. Judy was employed in the banking and finance industry all of her working years in Plymouth, MI until her retirement in 1997. Judy moved back to Escanaba in 1997. Funeral services celebrating the life of Judith Ann Berry was held at 2:00 pm Saturday at the Anderson Funeral Home Chapel. The Anderson Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements and online condolences can be sent to the family at: www.andersonfuneralhomes.net



**FARNWORTH, DELORES A.**

Age 89, September 12, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Cecil Farnworth. Loving mother of Peggy (Walter) Bindner, Christopher (Anne) Farnworth and the late Thomas Farnworth. Dear grandmother of Katie and Sarah Bindner, Laina and Kenna Farnworth. Sister of the late Lorraine Menard. Sister-in-law of Emdee Farnworth. Aunt of Steve (Susan) Carbone, Belinda Farnworth, and Donna (Tim) Keogh. Great aunt of Brian, Laura, Danny and Nathan. A Memorial Service was held at the Birmingham Unitarian Church Tuesday at 3 PM. Please share a memory at: www.cremationmichigan.com



**FRANK, DEBORAH ANN**

Debbie went home to meet her Lord on September 3rd, 2011. A life long resident of Livonia, Debbie leaves her two brothers and sisters-in-law Howard (Virginia) and Phillip (Annette), nephews Brian and Jim, nieces Chelsey and Lauren, godson Seth, and countless wonderful friends and neighbors. A memorial service to celebrate Debbie's life will be held on October 28th, 2011, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 West Six Mile Road, Livonia (phone: 734-427-1414) at 7 PM.

## GALLO, JAMES M.

Age 81. Beloved husband of Alhora for 59 years. Loving father of Jim (Shelley), Pam (John) Gauld, Matt (Dawn), Greg and Jill (Ross) McCarthy. Dear grandpa of Jenny, Vince, Patrick, Andrea, Emily, Amanda, Joe, Brendan and Conner. Preceded in death by his brother Bob, his sister Eleanor and his grandson Justin. There was a Visitation held Tuesday, September 13th 2-8 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. Rosary at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia, MI. The Memorial Mass was Wednesday, September 14th 10:30 a.m. at St. Edith Church 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154. Memorial donations to St. Edith or Poor Clare Nuns. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



**GOEBEL, JEANNINE JACQUELINE**

(Redford) passed away September 12, 2011. She was born in Detroit on October 13, 1928. Jeannine was a native of Michigan and resident of Bloomfield Hills and Novi, graduating from Oakland University in 1972. She studied painting, printmaking and papermaking with Michigan and out-of-state artists. She was active in the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, University of Michigan Artists and Craftsman Guild, Creative Council and Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. She exhibited in invitational and juried shows in Michigan, Ohio and Florida. Jeannine was the wife of Charles Goebel, mother of Mark Goebel and Karen Easley, and grandmother to five wonderful grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Friday, September 23, at 5PM at Christ Church Cranbrook Episcopal Church in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Episcopal Church or the charity of your choice. For online condolences, visit: www.fullerfuneralhome.com



## GREEN, WILLIAM

64 years, of Donnellson, Iowa, and formerly of Farmington Hills, Michigan, died Sept. 9, 2011. Born Sept. 18, 1946, at Detroit, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Green and one daughter, Sarah. Barr Memorial Chapel in Fort Madison, Iowa, is coordinating arrangements: www.barrmemorialchapel.com

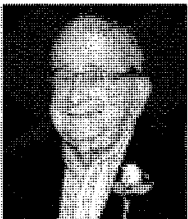


**UZDAVINIS, ANNA ELIZABETH**

September 13, 2011 age 97 of Canton. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Elizabeth (Ronald) Carlson and Joseph (Gisele). Dear sister of the late Albert, Antoinette and Joseph Naujelis. Dear aunt of Donald (Marilyn) Guss, Marilyn Richardson, James (Colleen) Naujelis, Ronald (Rose) Naujelis. Also survived by great nieces and nephews. Visitation and funeral mass was held Saturday at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. Interment at Holy Sepulchre. Memorial contributions may be made to American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education (A.P.P.L.E.). To share memories please visit verneulenfuneralhome.com.

## MCCANN, JOHN JOSEPH

Age 81, from Livonia died September 10, 2011. Arrangements by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.



**RIZZO, EUGENE**

Age 79, September 11, 2011. Loving husband of 50 years to Janet. Devoted father to Marty (Beth), Greg (Kathy), Pam (Kurt) Keller, Bryan and David. Dear grandfather of Mark, Kevin, Amy, Greg, Ari and Travis. He will also be missed by many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Visitation Tuesday 5-9 pm and Wednesday 2-9 pm with a Rosary Service at 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at St. Michael Catholic Church, 11411 Hubbard St. Livonia, MI 48150. Eugene will lie in state at the church from 10 am until the funeral Mass at 10:30 am. Donations to the American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Foundation or St. John Hospice. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

## SMITH (GLENN), ETHEL "JOANN"

Born 6-11-36 passed away 8-28-11. Joann resided in Farmington Hills, MI. She is survived by her husband William (Bill) Smith, and children Ron Smith (Judi), Terri Mahakian (Mike) and grand children, Chris, Nereida, Lisa, and Kelly along with 5 great grandchildren. Joann loved to travel, cook and care for her family. She will be greatly missed.



**WOODS, IRENE MARIE**

Age 91, of Hale, MI died Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at Bortz Health Care in Rose City. She was born February 8, 1920 in Mikado, MI to August Lange and Minnie Lange. Her father was born in Stedine, Germany and her mother in Saginaw, MI. Irene met Henry Carl Woods on a blind date 67 years ago and married him on February 21st, 1940. She enjoyed her small lake home that Henry built for them when he retired from Ford Motor Company as an inspector. Irene also enjoyed playing the piano, accordion and violin. She would play these instruments at her brother's farm in Mikado, MI where they would have home parties with family and friends. Irene was the youngest of 12 children. She is preceded in death by her husband, Henry Woods and sisters, Elsie Clark of Alpena, MI and Selma McMillen of Saginaw, MI, her brothers, Art Lange, Ed Lange, Fritz Lange and Onnie Lange, they all were of Mikado, MI and Mike Lange of Skokie, IL. Irene has two daughters, Sally (Bill) Hurrelbrink of Westland, MI and Judy Drury of Conway, MI. Irene is also survived by her grandsons, Mark Hurrelbrink of Westland, MI; James (Laurie) Drury of Scottsdale, AZ, Thomas Drury of Harbor Springs, MI and one great-grandchild, Tai Jaxx Drury of Harbor Springs, MI. Visitation took place on Monday at 12 until 2pm, funeral service was held at 2pm Monday, August 22nd at Hale Chapel, Buresh Funeral Home, 121 S. Washington, Hale, MI with Rev. Rob Nordin officiating interment: Esmond Evergreen Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to a local hospice of your choice. Those wishing to express words of sympathy may do so at: BureshFuneralHomes.com



**SPARKS, HELEN "PENNY"**

Age 82 of Lake, MI, passed away Sunday, September 11, 2011, formerly of Garden City. Penny is preceded in death by her husband Olin "Sparkie" after 53 wonderful years. She is survived by her children Susan Harrison of Livonia, Kathleen Sparks of Manchester, N.H., Keith (Kathy) Sparks of Canton and Brian Sparks of Garden City; many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Penny was also predeceased in death by her son Robert and sisters Margaret and Rosemary. Penny volunteered for many different organizations. Penny will be remembered as a loyal friend to her children and everyone else that knew her. Services have taken place at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 14th. A visitation was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, Wednesday, September 14th. A Committal Service will be held at the St. Hedwig Catholic Cemetery in Dearborn Heights on Thursday at 10:30 A.M. Memorials may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Oregon, Ohio. Please share a memory of Penny by signing her guestbook at: www.rgrharris.com.

## Milestones



### Green-Jackett

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackett of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, David, to Molly Green, daughter of Joseph and Mary Green of Anoka, Minn. David is a graduate of Michigan State University and works at General Mills in Minneapolis, Minn. Molly is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and works at Northland Securities. A November 2011 wedding is planned in Minneapolis, Minn.

## REUNIONS

Send information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

### BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1971**  
Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

### DEARBORN FORDSON

**CLASS OF 1954**  
A 57-year reunion luncheon is planned for Oct. 6 at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

### DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

**CLASS OF 1961**  
50th class reunion Sept. 24 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at woloni@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

### DETROIT MACKENZIE

**JUNE CLASS OF 1961**  
50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29. For more information e-mail lvnerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

### CLASS OF 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

### LADYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1961**  
Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

### GARDEN CITY EAST & WEST

**CLASSES OF 1966-67**  
A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

### GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1986**  
25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on Facebook.

### GARDEN CITY WEST

**CLASS OF 1981**  
30-year reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, Livonia. \$45 per person; \$90 per couple. Payment must be received by Sept. 1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Send a check or money order made payable to GC West Class of 1981, 32511 Windsor, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions? Call Erin, (734) 751-2424.

### LIVONIA FRANKLIN

**CLASS OF 1966**  
45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3509.

### PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASSES OF 1965-66**  
6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, behind the "old" high school. Attire is "whatever makes you feel good." Cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner, live music, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tour of old high school will run 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Make checks payable to PHS Class Reunion '65 & '66 and sent to Doug Jaskirny, 47237 Hunters Park Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170 for the class of 1965. Class of 1966 members send to Donna (Cook) Marshall 1337 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI. 48170.

### REDFORD UNION

**CLASS OF 1962**  
Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on Oct. 13, 2012. E-mail Linda (Horning) Tracy at lindatray100@gmail.com or call her at (231) 882-7268 or e-mail Madeline Rice at paddlinmadeline@gmail.com.

### ST. ALPHONSUS

**CLASS OF 1971**  
40th class reunion, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Liberty Street Brewing, 149 Liberty, Plymouth and 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Sept. 24, Holiday Inn and Conference Center, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia. The gathering on Saturday costs \$60 per person. For more information call Martie Zawacki McClain at martanmc@aol.com (734) 453-4946

### ST. PHILOMENA GRADE SCHOOL

Class of 1961 50th reunion, Saturday, Oct. 8. Call Phil Ventura at 586 263-4909 or E-mail amvpav@aol.com

### WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1962**  
Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on May 19, 2012. E-mail to Judy (Ramsey) Oleson at joleson@sbcglobal.net or call her at (586) 268-1663 or e-mail to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes at bustchr@aol.com

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

25th anniversary with a \$25 per person plated dinner, speaker and awards. Dr. Wesley Brun is the guest speaker. RSVP by Sept. 19 via phone, mail or Paypal Contact: (248) 474-4701 or visit www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com

faith or parish affiliation  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or www.livoniaistmichael.org

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Time/Date:** 1:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 23

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland  
**Contact:** (734) 722-1735

**FALL FESTIVAL**  
**Time/Date:** 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24

**Location:** New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City  
**Details:** Free, fun-filled family event.  
**Contact:** (248) 766-5977

**BREAKFAST**

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18  
**Location:** St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** All you can eat French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Presented by the St. Theodore Men's Club  
**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

## Sept. 18-30

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Sept. 25

**Location:** Nardin Park Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan celebrates its

**BIBLE STUDY**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday beginning Sept. 20

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of

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## The ABCs for keeping a home healthy

Children often come into closer contact with their environment than adults. They put their fingers in their mouths, crawl on the floor, and touch, taste and breathe things without knowing if they are harmful. Because their organs and respiratory, immune and neurological systems are still developing, children can be more sensitive to harmful substances such as certain chemicals, particles and allergens, according to the Greenguard Environmental Institute.

Dr. Alanna Levine, Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP), reminds parents that allergy symptoms typically begin during childhood. In fact, the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America warns that allergies are the most frequently reported chronic condition in children, limiting activities for more than 40 percent of them.

Levine recommends following the ABC's — Avoid, Balance and Change — to help maintain a healthier home environment for children.

**A is for avoid:** Whenever possible, avoid irritants that often trigger allergies, such as products made of feathers or down. Use hypoallergenic pillows on your child's bed, and limit exposure to perfume, talcum powder, hair spray, air fresheners, fabric softeners or other strong odors or sprays. Strong fragrances and odors may aggravate allergy symptoms, so be sure that children prone to allergies are not



in the house when spraying fragrances or using strong cleaning products.

**B is for balance:** Maintain a consistent balance in the home to help minimize allergens. Keep the windows shut and use central air conditioning during high pollen seasons to help protect children from pollen particles that trees, grasses

and weeds release into the air. These particles can harbor in the eyes, nose, and airways, causing allergy symptoms to flair for those allergic to pollen. Also, give children washable, non-allergenic stuffed toys when possible, and be sure to wash the ones played with the most on a weekly basis, in hot water at least 130

degrees Fahrenheit.

**C is for change:** Change items that are easy to neglect but are important for maintaining a healthier home, such as leaky faucets, pipes and other high moisture areas that are common places for mold growth. Don't neglect the air in the home either. Change your filter every three months,

and use a high performance filter. For those with carpet in the home, vacuum it often and thoroughly, and change the vacuum cleaner bag on a monthly basis.

For more tips to help improve indoor air quality, visit [www.Filtrete.com](http://www.Filtrete.com).

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### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### September

##### YMCA-SPONSORED

• Sandy Baumann talks about the roles of CoQ10, omega-3 oils, magnesium, and vitamin D in reducing risk for such health challenges as arthritis, bone loss, cancer, depression, heart disease, high cholesterol, leg pain, memory loss, and more at a program, 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in room E-13 at Stevenson High School, 33500 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Learn deficiency symptoms, common food and supplement sources, and recommended dosages. Cost: \$22; workbook fee of \$7 due to instructor in class. Register by Sept 19. Call Livonia Family YMCA at (734) 261-2161 or stop by the YMCA office at 14255 Stark, in Livonia.

#### October

##### ST. MARY MERCY

• The Michigan Bariatric Institute at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars, 6-7:30 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery and Dr. Jacob Roberts, bariatric surgeon, present information about laparoscopic bariatric surgery. Sessions are Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) Why-Weight. It's located at 14555 Levan, Suite 311, in the Marian Professional Building, Livonia.

##### EYE SCREENINGS

Cataract and Eye Consultants of Michigan will be offering a day of free eye screenings 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 23800 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 200, Farmington Hills. The screenings will include assessment of vision, as well as checking for glaucoma, diabetic eye disease and cataracts. For more information call the office at (248) 478-8990.

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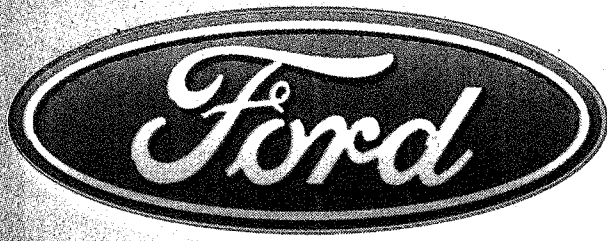
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**UPCOMING HEALTH INFORMATION PRESENTATIONS**

- **Michigan Bariatric Institute Seminar**  
Guest speaker Tallal Zeni, MD  
Thursday, September 8, 6 p.m.  
Call 877-WHY-WEIGHT to register or for more information.
- **Healthy Living. Healthy Woman. Robotics in Women's Health**  
Speakers from Gynecology and Urogynecology  
Thursday, September 15, 6-8 p.m.  
Call 734-655-2281 to register or for more information.
- **The Center for Joint Replacement Seminars**  
Guest speaker Ryan Molli, DO  
Thursday, September 15, 6-8 p.m.  
Guest speaker David Mendelson, MD  
Wednesday, September 28, 6-8 p.m.  
Call 734-655-2400 to register or for more information.
- **911-Act in Time: When to go to the ER**  
Guest speakers Michelle Moccia, RN, MSN, ANP-BC and Andrew Gough, DO  
Wednesday, September 21, 6 p.m.  
Call 734-655-8950 to register or for more information.

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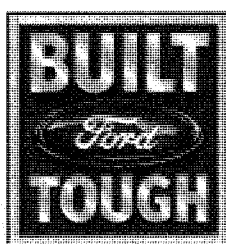
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