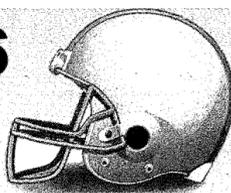


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## Game Night

Stop by the Wayne-Westland's Dyer Senior Center, 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, Westland, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, for Game Night. There's card games like Uno, pinocle and euchre, as well as board games, or bring your own.

The cost is \$5 and includes prizes and refreshments. Tickets are available at the door.

## Ticket winner

Larry Lee of Livonia is the winner in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Tigers Playoff Ticket Contest.

Lee works as a lifeguard and swim teacher at the Farmington YMCA. It's his second sweepstakes win this year. He won a VIP package to the Michigan International Speedway through the Michigan Lottery.

As of Friday, Lee wasn't sure who he was going to ask the game. Monday's first home playoff game will be Lee's first Tigers game this season.

## Celebrate Scoop!

Kid ages 7-12 are invited to celebrate Scoop's birthday 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at Baskin Robbins, 17138 Farmington Road (at Six Mile) in Livonia. Come meet Scoop, have fun, win prizes and enjoy one free 2.5 ounce scoop of ice cream. Parents must accompany their children.

## Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinocle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

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## 2011 First Citizen



Mary Vellardita has a new title to add to Westland Rotary president after being selected as Westland First Citizen for 2011.

## Helping others makes Vellardita 'feel good'

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Mary Vellardita is described as being very organized and having a lot of energy, both attributes that are needed with her busy schedule.

Besides working full time, Vellardita is currently president of the Westland Rotary Club and is a board member for both the Westland Chamber of Commerce and Women of Westland. For her efforts, Vellardita is being honored as the 2011 Westland First Citizen.

"She's enthusiastic and she gets the people around her involved.

She's very well-organized and adopts a program as her own," said Jeff Juenemann, Rotary's immediate past president who nominated Vellardita as First Citizen.

Active in most of Rotary's committees, fundraisers and activities, Vellardita, 57, served as club secretary for six years and also was co-chair of the club's golf outing, a major fundraiser.

"That (secretary) is a behind-the-scenes position doing important stuff that isn't noticed. Reports were filed, minutes were published and we'd get reminders on

where we were supposed to be," Juenemann said. "Mary was secretary for six years before we'd let her be vice president and president-elect. It was work that makes everyone else look good. Now she's getting the glory."

In Westland, Vellardita dates her community involvement to 2000, when she joined forces with Mary Denning to found Women of Westland, originally affiliated with the chamber of commerce.

"We didn't want to promote businesses — we wanted to do chari-

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## City looks to expand recycling

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Two years of curbside recycling has diverted more than 23 million tons of trash from landfill with an average of more than 71 percent participation rate among Westland single family homes.

Moving into phase two of the recycling program to reach condominiums and other multiple family developments is likely to involve a revamped drop-off center at the Department of Public Services rather than curbside collection.

"Eventually, we'll come back with phase two. We've worked with the trash hauler and RecycleBank, not one size fits all," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We'll roll out phase two to apartments and condominiums."

Residents who recycle using the curbside

collection are able to accumulate RecycleBank points that can be used for discounts and gift cards.

"We met with RecycleBank to see if we could give points at the drop-off center, they were receptive," said Wild, adding it might entail auditing the number of vehicles coming to the drop-off center.

"They could come out to DPS to fill out a form or an online application with RecycleBank."

Plans call for the drop-off center to no longer require separation of recyclable materials but allow materials to be commingled like the curbside collection.

"We have to consider whether they will be willing to bring the recycling to us from apartments without incentives," Wild said. "Also, if we give them bags or containers to

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## Hammons: Budget is ongoing issue

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Being involved in the community is important to Adam Hammons as he seeks a second term on the Westland city council.

"Pretty much for me it's about public service. Over the last 18 months, I've shown commitment to the community. I enjoy serving the community," Hammons said. "The council meetings are business meetings. I try to be respectful of others' opinions. At the council meetings, I try to keep it businesslike, professional and have a positive attitude."



Hammons  
ELECTION 2011  
Westland City Council

The budget is going to be an ongoing issue as the city continues to have declining revenues. As a result, the city needs to keep reducing expenses, Hammons said.

"I would like to see the city

## ADAM HAMMONS

Age: 35  
Family: Married to Melissa; one child, Nolan, 3 years old  
Education: Bachelor of science degree in social studies, Grand Valley State University  
Employment: Realtor, Remax Classic Canton, 10 years  
Community involvement: Westland city councilman; former chairman of the Westland Planning Commission; former Westland Zoning Board of Appeals commissioner; Westland Mission Green member.

expand cost sharing, whether services or purchases, to help alleviate the budget," he said. "Maybe we can look at health care costs. Maybe we could go in with a couple of other communities to purchase health care as a group."

Along with health care costs, Hammons said another major concern is the city's infrastructure including City Hall, which has had basement flooding and black mold.

"There are new (roof) leaks in

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From left, Westland council candidates Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer, Peter Herzberg, Kevin Coleman and Richard Ciaramitaro participated in a candidates forum along with City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof (center) who is unopposed for reelection.

## Council candidates voice views at forum

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

City spending, the bill for flood cleanup and how long citizens get to speak at council meetings were among the topics covered at a Westland City Council candidate forum at the Dorsey Center.

Six of the seven candidates — incumbents Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson and Michael Kehrer along with first-time candidates Kevin Coleman, Rick Ciaramitaro and Peter Herzberg — seek-

ing to fill four council seats participated in the Sept. 27 forum sponsored by the Westland Democratic Club. Incumbent James Godbout didn't attend.

Unopposed for re-election on the Nov. 8 ballot, Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof, who is Johnson's sister, also participated in the forum, which was low-key and cordial. Audience members were asked to submit questions that were asked after each

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# HAMMONS

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public areas. We need to come up with options. Do we close it and move to a new City Hall?" Hammons said. "I think we need to build a new City Hall. We could consolidate city departments in the building. We would save in the long run."

Roads need to be replaced, he said, with 40-year old sewer and water infrastructure issues that also need to be addressed. Infrastructure improvements help reduce maintenance costs, Hammons said.

Despite budget cuts, manpower reductions and decreased revenues, Hammons said he thinks the city has been able to continue to deliver top-notch

services to residents. "In talking to residents, they are still happy with police and fire services, trash pickup. They are extremely happy with the recycling," Hammons said. "Central City Park is back on track. That's been outstanding seeing more development there. Being part of that as a councilman is outstanding. It's one of the jewels of the community."

Being fiscally conservative and continuing to provide those top-notch services is a priority for Hammons, along with working to protect property values. "I'm a huge supporter of the vacant property maintenance ordinance. Protecting home ownership and home values has got to be a priority," Hammons said, adding he would also like to see the

second and third phases of the city's recycling program expanded. "My ultimate goal is what is best for citizens. I'm able to work well with the council and the mayor — that goes a long way," Hammons said. "I try to be a voice for residents and keep their concerns and needs in mind."

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# IN BRIEF

## Special honor

Ronald Louis Peterson of Westland is among authors whose work is included in a Library of Congress collection established to commemorate the Peace Corps' 50th anniversary.

The Peace Corps Collection is composed of books written by 264 Peace Corps authors like Peterson, the director of P2R Associates. The books capture in fiction and non-fiction the many diverse experiences Peace Corps volunteers have had over the past half-century in 139 countries around the world.

"It is with respect and gratitude that I recognize you for fulfilling the Third Goal of the Peace Corps with the publication of your Peace Corps books," U.S. Rep. John Garamendi of California, a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia (1966-68), told the authors at the unveiling of the collection. "By telling your story, you have enlightened others about your service, and shared with them the belief that international understanding contributes to world peace."

Peterson's book, "A Time to..." is the fictional story of a Peace Corps volunteer growing up in New York City in the 1950s and 1960s, his service in Ethiopia during a coup, a famine and the worldwide eradication of small pox to his life as a broadcast journalist and public relations counselor. The story begins and ends at Ground Zero on 9/11, where he discovers that love, faith, hope and charity all survived that tragedy.

"A Time to..." is available on amazon.com and signed copies are available at www.ronaldlouispeterson.blogspot.com.

# CITIZEN

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ty work, so we split off," said Vellardita, who was subsequently recruited for Rotary by Lou Toarmina.

"He thought I'd be great at organizing the golf outing," she said. "We raised over \$50,000 (over six years) and were able to support the Salvation Army. It was a lot of work, but worth it." Also a volunteer Salvation Army bellringer, Vellardita said that she thinks there is nothing like the feeling of being able to help someone less fortunate.

"More and more people are seeing that," she said. "We presented a bicycle to Nick Duncan (a local disabled teen). It's not just a bicycle. It

gives him independence — he can't get around without it. We were asking for volunteers to help with a catered Thanksgiving dinner at the (Wayne County) family shelter. Two of Nick's family said they would like to help. It was a pay it forward moment."

Vellardita describes herself as a firm believer in the idea of what goes around comes around — that if you help people out, help will be there for you when you need help. And there are side benefits to getting involved.

"Whether it's church or Rotary, you meet new people and make new friendships," she said. "Helping others makes you feel good. I call it a labor of love when helping others."

A single mother, Vellardita raised daughters Sara Schropp, 28, and

Julia Schoch, 26, manager of Saranda Salon in Westland. Schropp and her husband Mike are the parents of Vellardita's grandson Nicklas, 5.

Following their mother's example, Schropp is involved with a charity Detroit Red Wings fan group, while Schoch volunteers with a rabbit rescue group in Plymouth.

Vellardita is executive assistant to Dr. Amanda Apfelblat of Michigan Chiropractic Specialists in Garden City.

"Dr. Apfelblat herself supports a lot of things in the community. She graciously allows me time to work on Rotary and do charity work," Vellardita said. "I'd like to encourage people, if they've never done charity work, to do it. See how it feels."

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# RECYCLE

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haul the recycling, it would cost \$6-8 apiece. We would need to discuss that. Maybe we can work with the owners of the apartments. We'll be able to offer these folks recycling with rewards."

Once the city's apartments and condominium developments get a recycling program, Wild said recycling can be offered to businesses within the city.

"As long as the market remains strong for recyclables, it benefits us to encourage businesses to bring us cardboard and plastics," Wild said.

Administration provided council with an update on the recycling program which had

removed 20 percent of the solid waste from the landfill.

In addition to revenue gained from selling recyclables, including new programs for electronics and clothing, the city also saves money on per ton tipping fees for trash taken to the landfill.

The city reports that it currently saves more than \$64 per ton on all trash being collected; \$24 from the landfill cost plus approximately \$40 revenue which is generated from the recycled material.

In the first two years of the program, Westland has received more than \$209,000 for the material taken to the recycling center and has saved another \$266,000, in landfill costs.

Original estimates had forecast the sanitation millage increasing in fiscal year 2011-2012. Due to the success of the recycling program and some reductions in costs, the need for the increase has been pushed back to 2013-2014.

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# Blues, Brews, Barbecue: Good time had by all

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland put out an invitation for a party and plenty of people turned out for with live blues music, barbecue from local restaurants and Michigan craft beers.

"It was a grand slam. It exceeded all of our expectations," said Westland Mayor William Wild, about the Blues, Brews and Barbecue event held Sept. 24 on the ground of City Hall. "We're trying to see if we can pinpoint a number (of attendees). Several thousand people came through."

Even the weather cooperated for the event that gathered local restaurants, including Famous Dave's, Knox Restaurant and Catering, Texas Roadhouse, Malarkey's and Marquis Food Service, to sell their barbecue and other dishes. Ashley's of Westland provided a the brews serving a collection of Michigan craft beers. The blues were provided by the Front Street Blues Band, the Boa Constrictors and the Alligators performing live. About 100 cars also participated in the car show.

"We told the restaurants to prep for about 500 people and we are estimating there was close to 5,000," said Wild. "I think they were all ecstatic, they had to keep going for more food. I think all the restaurants were happy with the turnout."

The only complaint, Wild said, was that there was no dance floor — something that will be remedied next year along with possibly holding the event earlier in September.

Malarkey's Pub owner Nick Varnavas, whose restaurant served ribs and corn on the cob, was very happy with the event.

"I don't think it could have gone any better, it was a good cross section of Westland people," said Varnavas. "We were more than happy with the number of people, the quality of the people — the families and peo-

ple wanting to have fun." Blues, Brews and Barbecue was the first time Malarkey's had provided such a quantity of food at a remote location.

"Ribs are not what we are known for — it's corned beef and burgers. We have a complete menu but ribs are not one of the items that people think of us," said Varnavas. "I had some caution about this because we never had done that much food at a remote location."

The city staff couldn't have been more accommodating, he said, adding his biggest fear was that there would be a downpour. The weather turned out to be perfect and Malarkey's sold 420 pounds of ribs during the event.

"That's a tremendous number of ribs when you're selling it two bones at a time," said Varnavas, crediting kitchen manager Steve Mazarek for running the operation. "He made us look good. We'll absolutely be there next year. I think it went exceptionally well."

Some of the other restaurants are also looking ahead to next year when Wild would like to see Blues, Brews and Barbecue expand to a two-day event.

"Famous Dave's wants to be next to Knox again next year," said Wild, noting Knox offered sides like macaroni and cheese, fried green tomatoes and greens that went well with Famous Dave's ribs.

While the Downtown Development Authority sponsored the event, volunteers from various service and community organizations provided volunteers to staff the event. Proceeds from the event are to be divided on a 70-30 basis between the restaurants and the nonprofits, whose share is determined by the number of volunteers provided and hours they worked. The amount raised by the groups will be determined at an event wrap-up meeting, Wild said.

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## HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

### HAUNTED SCRAPYARD

**Time/Date:** 6:30-11 p.m. Thursday and Sunday and 6:30 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday through Oct. 30

**Location:** Maxwell's Art and Treasures, 32416 Industrial Dr., north of Ford, Garden City

**Details:** Maxwell's Art and Treasures is offering a Haunted Scrapyard, with a special Autumn Festival on Saturday, Oct. 29. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under. Get \$1 off your ticket by printing off a flier on Maxwell's website at [www.maxwellsart-sandtreasures.com](http://www.maxwellsart-sandtreasures.com).

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 427-5300.

### HAUNTED FOREST

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. weekdays and 7 p.m. to midnight weekends Friday-Saturday, Oct. 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22, and Thursday through Monday, Oct. 27-31

**Location:** Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh, Westland

**Details:** Death's quiet whisper will accompany you down a Haunted Path. The trees beckon you, the night air welcomes you, darkness reaches into your soul and brings you onto this lonesome path. Unsuspecting visitors will greet you along the way and only their sympathetic guidance will lead you out The Haunted Forest of Skateland West. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$12 for children under age 12.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 326-2801.

### HAUNTED HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

**Location:** Behind the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 Wayne Road, south of Ford, Westland

**Details:** The Westland Jaycees present the "Crypt of Carnage" that ensures each victim that enters a terrifying experience. Don't miss out on our frightening scares, ghastly monsters, and movie quality props. Come pay your respects to the Witches, Warlocks and Ghouls of the Westland Jaycees, who will have you screaming with fright. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. The Crypt



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### HALLOWEEN WALK

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22

**Location:** Bailey Recreation Center, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Come have a Halloween adventure in the Friendly Forest at Westland's annual Halloween Walk. This is a non-scary, guided tour event created for younger children. Meet the Friendly Troll, Little Bo Peep and other story book characters. These guided tours lead youngsters through the forest until the Mystery in the Forest is solved. At the end of the tour, cookies and beverages are provided. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes and bring a trick-or-treat bag. Flashlights are encouraged, and wear good walking shoes and dress for the weather. Event will be outside unless it rains. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$3 per person, with children under 18 months free and are available at the Bailey Center. Program runs rain or shine. In the case of inclement weather, tours will be held inside the Bailey Center. The walk is sponsored by the Shoe String Theatre Company, Westland Civitan Club, Dads' Athletic Club of Westland, Westland Breakfast Lions Club.

**Contact:** For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

### SPOOKTACULAR

**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21

**Location:** Bailey Recreation Center, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Ghosts and Goblins beware, the Amazing Clark will present a Halloween magic and puppet show especially for families. Treat all of your friendly monsters to a frightfully fun experience, all while playing it safe. The performance includes both puppetry and magic, and it is appropriate for all ages. Children may wear their Halloween costumes. The cost is \$5 per person, children under 2 1/2 years are free.

**Contact:** For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

of Carnage will be hosting a Friendly Monster event with no scares and the lights on for children age 12 and under 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Admission to the friendly monster event will be one canned food item, which will be donated to the Salvation Army. Free Pumpkin to the first 100 children at the Friendly Monster event.

**Contact:** For more information call (734) 837-8320.

### HAUNTED HALLOWS

**Time/Date:** Dusk to midnight Friday-Saturday, Oct. 7-8, 14-14, 21-22, 28-29, and dusk to 10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 16, 23, 30, and Monday, Oct. 31

**Location:** Bova VFW Post, 6440 Hix, south of Warren Road, Westland

**Details:** Beware of the Hallows. Enter on a bone-chilling, fear for your life hayride, and if you make it through that, continue on foot, if you dare. Tickets are \$15 per son, all ages. Group rates available, but call in advance.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 772-2443 or [haunted\\_house@bovavfw9885.org](mailto:haunted_house@bovavfw9885.org).

### HAUNTED THEATER

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 21-22

**Location:** O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Garden City.

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# Police arrest man in holdup of two girls

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

A Detroit man has been arrested for robbing two girls Wednesday evening as they were walking along Central City Parkway.

The two girls, both 11-year-old Westland residents, were walking northbound about 5:45 p.m. just north of the William

P. Faust Library when a man grabbed one of the girls from behind.

"He grabbed one girl by her hair and pulled her into the bushes. She had a small bump on her head," said Westland police Sgt. Dan Serrano. "After that, he displayed the blunt-end handle of a handgun that was in his pants pocket."

The man fled on foot with

two cell phones taken from the girls. The man was arrested inside Westland Shopping Center where he was attempting to sell the phones, Serrano said. "He was arrested within 15 minutes. He had approached two teens outside the mall and offered to sell the phones," said Serrano. "Between the information from witnesses and the GPS on the phones, he was

arrested inside the mall."

The man was expected to be arraigned over the weekend. "He said he was trying to get bus money to get back to the city, that's why he said he did it," said Serrano.

Police did not recover a gun from the suspect but Serrano said he expects it was an pellet-type of weapon rather than a real gun.

A second Detroit man, who matched the description of the suspect, was also arrested. The man had no connection with the robbery but was found to be carrying a pellet handgun and marijuana. He is expected to be charged with carrying a dangerous weapon and marijuana possession.

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## CANDIDATES

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candidate make an opening statement.

Incumbents were asked what had been the most surprising thing that happened during their most recent term on council.

"Wrapping my arms around the budget. It's a very complex item, very in-depth. You need to spend a lot of time on that," Hammons said. "I didn't know how in-depth it was with the facets of the budget and dealing with declining revenue."

Looking at the city's finances longer term and seeing the projected deficits due to declining revenues was a surprise, Kehr-er said.

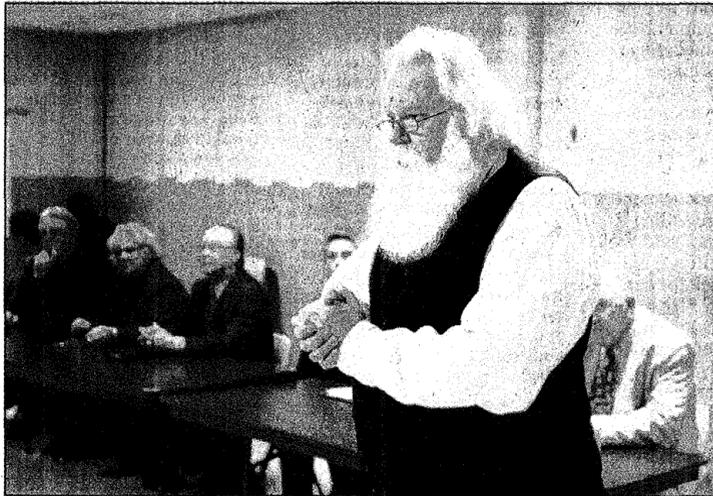
"Everything is on the table," he added.

Receiving a more than \$2 million bill from Belfor following the cleanup of flooded homes in 2010 wasn't a surprise, Johnson said, it was definitely a shock.

"It was like we laid down a blank check. We were billed for coffee on the way to work and the paper the bill was written on," Johnson said.

For the first-time candidates, the question was asked what would be the first thing they would do, if elected.

"I would go to each neighborhood and find a voice in that neighborhood. I would open the lines of communications with the people in the neighborhood," said Coleman, who is campaigning with Herzberg, his cousin. "I think that is a



Mike Short of the Westland Democratic Club moderated the Westland council candidates forum hosted by the club at the Dorsey Center. Before the program began, Short did remind everyone to behave themselves adding he does keep a naughty and nice list.

"The cost-cutting has to be from the top down. We can't cut police and fire. They put their lives on the line for us every day," he said.

Not surprisingly, the non-incumbent candidates supported a return to allowing residents five minutes to speak before council while the incumbents, who voted for the three-minute limitation nearly two years ago, viewed the change as a move to allow more people to speak and keep council meetings moving.

"I believe we (council members) should be confined to three minutes like everyone else. We should not be treated different than anyone else," Johnson said.

About 25 people attended the candidate forum, including current council members Christine Bryant and Dewey Reeves, Wayne-Westland school board member Andrea Clawson, state Rep. Richard LeBlanc and, in a surprise appearance as the meeting was wrapping up, U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit.

"I thought it was great seeing all the candidates, it was great exposure. I've got my mind made up," Democratic Club member Caroline Gaffney said, adding that she didn't have a specific question to submit during the forum.

On Nov. 8, voters will select four council members — the top three finishers will receive four-year terms, while the fourth-place finisher will earn a two-year. The council will take office in January.

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great idea. It should have been done a long time ago."

Ciaramitaro's goal is to be a thorn in Mayor William Wild's side on behalf of veterans.

"I would ask who, what and a lot of whys," he said.

Herzberg commented that he would like to see all of council ask more questions before members cast votes.

Candidates were asked what steps they would take to maintain or increase the city's current general fund balance.

Council recently approved the online citizens guide and dashboard, one of the three prongs of the governor's Economic Vitality Incentive Program, Hammons said, which will qualify the city for about \$1.4 million in state funding. The city is also getting additional revenue from clothing and electron-

ics recycling and the upcoming city garage sale, he said, along with efforts to reduce spending.

"The council needs to come together with citizens to see what the citizens want. The administration should definitely take cuts," Herzberg said. "Compared to surrounding cities, Westland is not an attractive place to buy a home. We need to address crime and upkeep to make the city attractive to families."

There needs to be a closer look at administration perks and costs, Coleman said, rather than more cuts in departments like Public Services, which has already been cut.

"You're squeezing a dry sponge," he said. "We need to review spending with contractors. We need to keep business investments growing."

When the city realizes about \$9 million from refinancing Taylor Towers, Johnson said he would like to see at least half the money placed in fund balance and not spent.

"The auditors have told us that we need \$6 to \$9 million in fund balance. We can't take any more from police, fire or the (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) 1602 represented folks," said Johnson, adding about \$1 million could be cut from administrative spending.

With declining revenues, Kehr-er said the city budgets have been very difficult.

"Anyone with a great idea, we're willing to listen," he said.

Ciaramitaro favored increasing revenues by obtaining grants to assist senior citizens and handicapped residents.

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# Pickers ask McCotter to help save Postal Service

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

A crowd of about 150 letter carriers, their supporters and family members gathered at a rally last week outside Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's office in Livonia, urging him to sponsor legislation to help "restore fiscal soundness" to the nation's postal service.

The national "Save America's Postal Service" was held Oct. 27 in congressional districts across the country aimed at obtaining more sponsors to get House Bill 1351 onto the House floor for discussion, according to James Wolstencroft, executive vice president of Branch 2184 of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

The NALC represents 220,000 letter carriers, mail handlers and others.

The bill, the Postal Service Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act of 2011, would "restore fiscal soundness to the nation's postal service," according to a letter sent by the NALC to members of U.S. Congress.

"He's not signed on," Wolstencroft said of McCotter. "There are 216 other representatives who have as of today."

"We're being forced to prefund the retiree health plan 75 years in advance over the next 10 years," said Wolstencroft, who also lives in Livonia.

Since 2006, the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Members of the American Postal Workers Union and other unions gathered along Six Mile Road west of Newburgh.



Valerie Wheeler, of Farmington Hills, works in a window associate position at the Detroit Post Office as a window associate.

2006 has required the postal service to pay about \$5.5 billion annually to prefund future retiree health benefits. That obligation forces the postal service to operate at a loss, the

union said. The NALC indicated in a letter to Congress that the postal service has recorded losses of \$20 billion over the past four years, though it would have made a profit over this period if not for the burden of pre-funding future retiree health benefits for \$21 billion. "We're pre-funding health benefits for those who haven't been born yet," said Joe Golonka of Westland. Golonka is the director of education for the Michigan Association of Letter Carriers.

The groups believe that the surplus funds of the Civil Service Retirement System should be transferred to the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefit Fund. Golonka and Wolstencroft added that the postal service had adjusted 100,000 routes nationally to save money. "That was 100,000 jobs," Wolstencroft said of the cut.

Organizers also wanted to raise public awareness of the pre-funding issue. "If that is correct, the postal service would be making a profit," Golonka said.

Wolstencroft said his group dropped off petitions at McCotter's Livonia office.

McCotter said Wednesday he would look at the group's request.

"I respect their right to petition government for the redress of their grievances; and will consider their requests as it affects taxpayers in our current fiscal straits," McCotter said.

## AROUND WESTLAND

### Veterans program

Seniors are invited to an informational meeting on veterans benefits which will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at American House, 39201 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland. Rick Lemanski will provide information on veteran's benefits for seniors. Refreshments will be served.

### American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

### Arts and Crafts show

St. Damian Parish is hosting its annual fall arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Westland. Table space is \$25. Call (734) 421-6130 for more information.

### Harvest Dinner

First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold its Harvest Dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at the church, 3 Towne Square, across from Wayne Post Office Wayne. The cost will be \$9 for adults and \$5 for children for a complete turkey dinner, including beverage and desert. Carryouts are available.

There also will be crafts, Rada cutlery, silent auction for quilt, bake sale and more. For more information, call (734) 734-721-4801.

### 'Chocolate Affair'

First Step will hold its seventh annual "A Chocolate Affair" and garden luncheon noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth, to benefit the Wayne County shelter for domestic violence.

Sample chocolate delights from southeastern Michigan restaurants, confectioners and caterers and help support the fight against domestic violence. The event is hosted by Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division. The lunch will be noon-2 p.m., and the "Chocolate Affair" 2-5 p.m.

Luncheon advance sale only tickets are \$25, "Chocolate Affair" tickets are \$25. Tickets are available at First Step in Plymouth or through the Elizabeth Fagan Division LAOH. For more information, call Barb at (734) 453-1459 or Kattie at (248) 449-6570.

### Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at [bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com](mailto:bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com) or visit [www.hope4healinghearts.com](http://www.hope4healinghearts.com).

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**District hours**  
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 • 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Garden City Library, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.  
 • 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Allen Park Public Library, 8100 Allen Park Road, Allen Park.  
 Constan holds office hours and other events throughout the 16th District to meet as many residents as possible and listen to their ideas and priorities regarding state government. Residents also can contact Rep. Constan by calling his office toll-free at (888) 345-8017 or sending an e-mail to bobconstan@house.mi.gov.

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recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the dis-advantaged residents of our community — who are having a difficult time during this economic recession. Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year including a "Baby Shower" for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children, and the Third Sponsor of the scholarship fund in July events to celebrate the school year through its annual Spring Ball and Christ-School-craft competition. The foundation is made up of community and business leaders and raises money and match- ing grants and local organizations like the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and the Family Resource Center. Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

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Twelve graduates of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the Livonia Public Schools have received scholarships from the Westland Community School Foundation. The foundation awarded six \$500 scholarships and six \$1,000 scholarships to the graduates who are Westland residents. The foundation is team and cheer-leading. She plans to attend the National High School-craft competition in July events to celebrate the school year through its annual Spring Ball and Christ-School-craft competition. The foundation is made up of community and business leaders and raises money and match- ing grants and local organizations like the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and the Family Resource Center. Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

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• Alicia I. Lustig, a graduate of John Glenn High School where she was a math tutor and captain of the John Glenn dance team. She also plans to attend Schoolcraft College to pursue a career in culinary arts and hospitality. • Robb Redmond, an ac-chieved national award for Edu-cational Arts and Game design. • Shayne A. Anthony, a graduate of John Glenn High School where she was on the honor roll and treasurer. National member of the National Technical Students of America. She plans to attend Eastern Michigan University. • Amy R. Hein, a gradu-ate of John Glenn High School where she was a graduate of John Glenn High School where she was a math tutor and captain of the John Glenn dance team. She also plans to attend Schoolcraft College to pursue a career in criminal justice. • Heather M. Ser-gechik, where she was an animal res-cue volunteer. She is attending Northern Michigan University where she plans to study hearing, ventila-tion, air conditioning and refrigeration.

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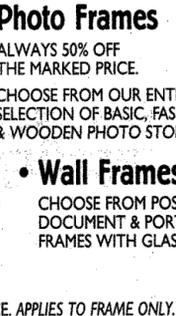


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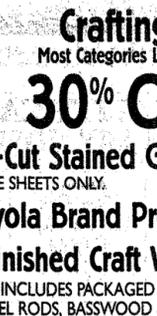


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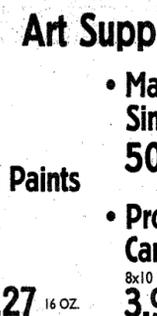


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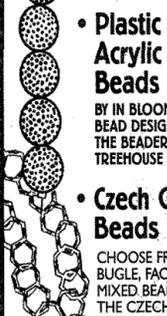
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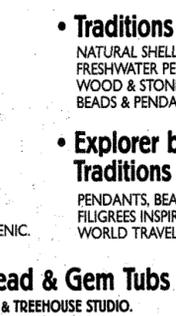
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## ARC grant restores fish passage in Lower Rouge River

As part of the Alliance of Rouge Communities' Wayne Road Dam Removal and Habitat Improvement Project, a \$1 million federal grant will be used to remove the Wayne Road Dam, located in the City of Wayne, and restore the fishery in the Lower Rouge River.

The two-year grant was awarded to the ARC by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which provides financial and technical assistance to remove dams and barriers, construct fish passage, clean up marine debris, restore coastal wetlands, and remove invasive species in the region.

Removal of the dam will restore fish passage for migratory species such as salmon, walleye, northern pike and small mouth bass, while stabilizing and improving shoreline habitat. The project will also reconnect 22 miles of the Lower Rouge River with the Great Lakes.

The Wayne Road Dam was identified by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as a major impediment to restoring fish and wildlife habitat in the Rouge River's Lower Branch which flows through Canton, Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and Dearborn.

"Over the past twenty years, the restoration of the Rouge River is simply unbelievable," said James Ridgway, ARC Executive Director. "This project is yet another example of how the Rouge Communities can work miracles when they work together for the betterment of

our river. The people of the City of Wayne and all of the residents of the Rouge Watershed are lucky to have the type of leadership willing to take the long view and continue to improve our quality of life, one project at a time."

Partners working with the ARC on this project include Wayne County, the City of Wayne, Friends of the Rouge and the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council. The dam removal project is the latest in a series of projects conducted by local communities and Wayne County to improve water quality and restore habitat and recreational uses in the Rouge River's Lower Branch. Other projects include the Rouge Recreational Trail in Canton, five acres of native prairie being installed in Wayne County's Lower Rouge Parkway, the City of Dearborn's habitat restoration in Ford Field, and sewer separation projects to reduce the amount of untreated sewage going to the Rouge River.

The dam removal project is just one of eight projects funded with by NOAA grants to support habitat restoration throughout the Great Lakes areas of concern. NOAA's Restoration Center is also funding three shovel-ready projects and five engineering and design projects. This allows NOAA to support both current efforts to restore the Great Lakes as well as future projects that, once implemented, will have significant benefits to Great Lakes restoration.

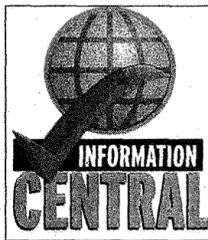
## Issues of capital punishment

The recent execution of Troy Davis by the state of Georgia sparked much interest and outrage not just in our country, but around the world. Issues of doubt about his guilt brought on by lack of evidence and almost all of the witnesses recanting their statements regarding the shooting death of an off-duty police officer caused large numbers of voices to call for his clemency by the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles. The board denied the clemency bid and after a petition to the U.S. Supreme Court was denied, Troy Davis was executed.

Some people have already started speculating that this case may spark a renewal in the battle to completely abolish the death penalty in the United States. Opponents of capital punishment have long been using the problems of doubt, fairness and expense to argue against the further use of it.

Actual death sentences have declined over the years and many states have already abolished it. While there has been a decline in the American death penalty in practice and in politics, there has yet to be a constitutional ban that would affect the entire country.

Here at the library, we have a whole section dealing with capital punishment. There are multiple books that give both the pros and cons such as, *The Death Penalty in America: Current Con-*



troversies. Sister Helen Prejean, the author of *Dead Man Walking*, asks the question: What if we're killing the wrong man? in *The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions*. In *Back From the Dead: One Woman's Search for the Men Who Walked Off America's Death Row*, Joan Cheever exhaustively searches out men who received clemency to see if they were rehabilitated or if they went on to kill again.

Several books take a look at methods of capital punishment. *Edison & the Electric Chair* and *The Last Gasp: The Rise and Fall of the American Gas Chamber* focus on methods that are no longer used today. It's been over 100 years since Michigan abolished the death penalty and *A Hanging in Detroit: Stephen Gifford Simmons and the Last Execution under Michigan Law* tells the story of that ending.

To learn more about both sides of the death penalty argument, come to the library to get started with your research. Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at

www.westlandlibrary.org.

### HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

**Open Mic Night:** 7 p.m. Oct. 6

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**Friday Night Movies:** 7 p.m. Oct. 7, Adults

Come join us as we continue our fall Friday Night Movies. Tonight's movie is *Bridesmaid*. A woman, who after being picked as her best friend's maid of honor, looks to bluff her way through the rituals with an oddball group of women. This movie is rated R. Trivia and prizes before the movie. Snacks and refreshments are available.

**English as a Second Language (ESL) Class:** Oct. 7, Adults

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

**Bloggin' for Beginners:** 2 p.m. Oct. 8, Adults

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

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## Tax laws make figuring minimum distributions confusing

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**Q: Dear Rick: I have questions regarding minimum distributions. I will turn 70½ in November. I have three IRAs and a 401(k). I am still working and I hope to work for another few years. I don't need**

**the money, so I want to delay taking my required distributions for as long as possible. I was told that since I am still working, I don't have to take any distribution. Is that true? I have three IRAs; do I have to take a distribution from each one of those accounts?**

A: When it comes to tax laws, nothing is simple and straightforward. It's unfortunate, but our tax laws are not easy to understand. I wish the conversation in Washington was not focused on amending tax laws, but rather on revamping them to make them easy and straightforward for people to understand. You and I both know that that will never happen.

As to your first question, you are partially correct. When it comes to required minimum distributions, since you are still working and not an owner of the company, at this point in time you are not required to take a required minimum distribution from your 401(k) plan. However, the rules are dif-

ferent when it comes to your IRA. Whether you are working is not the issue. When you turn 70½, required minimum distributions are mandatory.

Like everything else in our tax laws, there are certain quirks. In this case (for the first year) you can delay the distribution until April 1 of the year, after you turn 70½. Since you will be 70½ this year, you are required to make your first distribution no later than April 1, 2012. However, that doesn't mean that you don't also have to take a 2012 distribution. In other words, if you delay your required minimum distribution until April 1, 2012, you must still take a 2012 distribution by Dec. 31, 2012. Therefore, you will have two distributions in 2012. For most people this is not a favorable outcome because it could throw them into a higher tax bracket. However, that doesn't mean in your situation that it wouldn't make sense to delay the first distribution until April 1, 2012. The key is determining whether a double distribution in 2012 will place you in a higher tax bracket. If it would, then it would make sense to take a required minimum distribution this year.

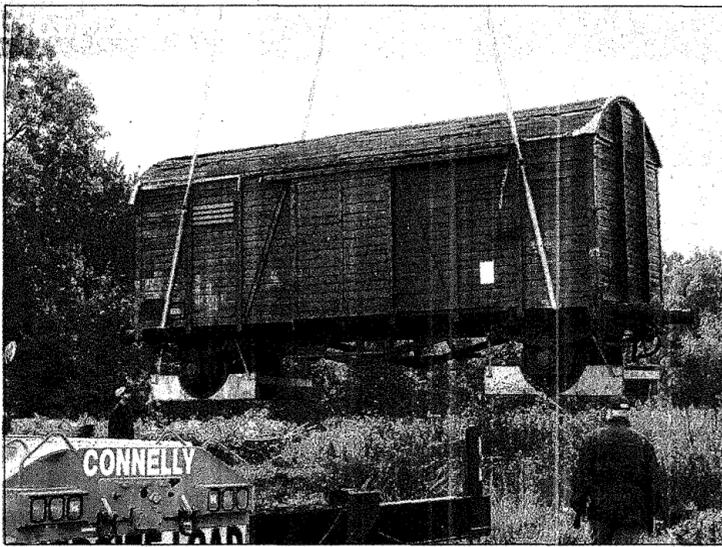
With regards to the IRAs, you do not have to take a distribution from each account. You can choose to take your distribution from one account or multiple accounts. The key is to make sure that you use the balances of all three accounts to determine your minimum distribution.

The one exception to required minimum distributions from IRAs is Roth IRAs. If you have a Roth IRA, there are no minimum required distribution rules. You can let this money grow tax-free for as long as you choose. One of the reasons why I recommend Roth IRAs and Roth conversions is the greater flexibility it provides when you turn 70½.

I am often asked if it is possible to take a required minimum distribution and convert it into a Roth IRA. The answer is no. However, that does not mean that you can not take an extra distribution above and beyond your required minimum distribution and convert that amount.

Our tax laws for the most part are badly written and very difficult to understand. Politicians can do us all a favor by making them straightforward and simple to understand. I believe most Americans recognize that we live in the greatest country in the world and that taxes are a fact of life. What they object to is when their next-door neighbor, who makes the same amount of money as they do, pays a different amount in taxes. If our taxes were fair and understandable, everyone would benefit. Good luck.

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The 10-ton boxcar was lowered onto the Holocaust Memorial Center property by a crane on Friday afternoon.

## Boxcar a 'silent sentinel' at Holocaust Memorial Center

A 10-ton authentic World War II-era boxcar arrived at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills on Friday.

It was acquired with the cooperation of the German National Railroad and the Technical (Railroad) Museum in Berlin.

It will undergo careful conservation at the HMC, located on Orchard Lake Road, just north of 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

Believed to be one of the last in existence and the only one exported to the United States from Germany, this boxcar will be located outdoors on the site and will be shown to school children and other visitors and will stand in mute testimony of the horrors of the Holocaust.

"To be able to display an object of such great significance at our center helps us fulfill our mission of not only remembering those who perished and survived the Holocaust, but also using this

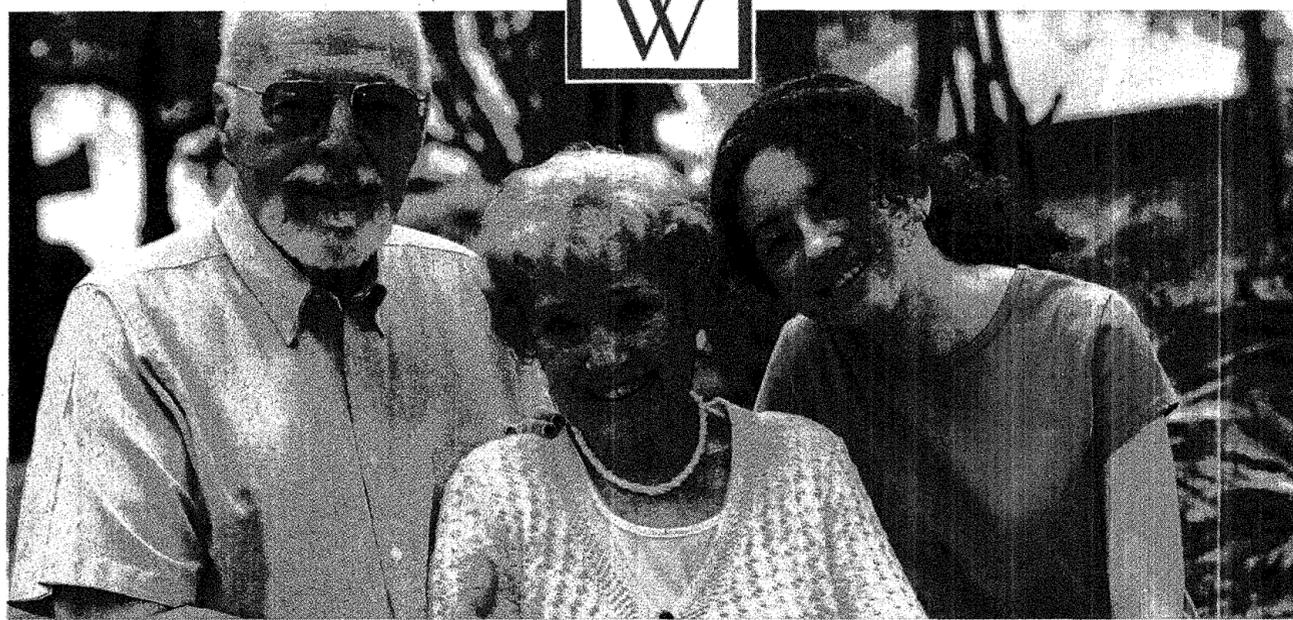
tragic period as a model for teaching righteous behavior and responsible decision-making," said Holocaust Memorial Center Executive Director Stephen M. Goldman. "Hearing about what went on during the Holocaust is one thing, but being able to actually show people, particularly the younger ones, actual physical objects from this period is an extremely powerful tool."

Once completed, this permanent exhibit will be comprised of the boxcar placed on rails in a bed of wood and concrete, reminiscent of the station platforms where Jews and other victims of the Holocaust were gathered, often 100 or more at a time, and then pushed and shoved into a car such as this. The boxcar will be approachable from all sides and close enough to touch or allow the Jewish custom of placing stones. This silent sentinel, itself

a killing place, will be a memorial, or a matzevah, for all to see.

A stone plaza, will provide an area for docents to explain what the visitor is about to see. From this plaza, the car will be visible through a gate in a wire fence, replicating the theme of the Holocaust Memorial Center building. The educational material will be etched on a triangular monument, where visitors can learn about the boxcar's historical significance. The backdrop of this unique exhibit will be a mural on a translucent curtain showing ghostly figures of men, women and children awaiting their unknown and unimaginable fate.

The facility is wheelchair accessible and free parking is available at both the north and south entrances. For more information on the Holocaust Memorial Center, visit [www.holocaustcenter.org](http://www.holocaustcenter.org), or call (248) 553-2400.



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# Chargers shock Canton, 27-26

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Coach John Filiatraut was waiting for his Livonia Churchill football team to bust loose and show what they were capable of this season.

And it came Friday night as the host Chargers raised eyebrows around the state with a stunning 27-26 victory over state-ranked and previously unbeaten Canton.

The Chargers, who improved to 4-2 overall and 2-2 in the

KLAA's South Division, overcame a 14-0 first-half deficit with 27 unanswered points and held on for the victory after a late Canton rally.

"We played our tails off, we played so hard," said Filiatraut, whose team gave up 422 yards in total offense. "We stopped them I believe on three fourth downs. I thought if we made them punt four or five times, we'd be able to score enough and have a chance to win the game."

Canton bolted out to a 14-0

advantage on Zac Merrilat's 27-yard first-quarter run followed by Ryan Jones' 5-yard run with 8:50 left in the second quarter. (Scott Piwowar converted both extra points.)

Churchill then scored three times with less four minutes left in the half with Seth Suida hitting Charlie Yost on a 25-yard TD pass followed by an 8-yard TD toss to Jaylin Freeman (set up by Robert Foster's 50-yard punt return) to cut the deficit to 14-12. (The first Churchill PAT

was blocked and the Chargers missed on the two-point conversion attempt.)

Canton's Kevin Buford then fumbled the ensuing kickoff — recovered by Churchill's Stephen Bank — and with less than a minute left, the Chargers capitalized on Suida's 11-yard TD pass with Lamont Johnson with just five seconds remaining until intermission.

Suida then connected with Fos-

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## Blazers clip Blue Devils

Livonia Ladywood improved its field hockey record to 9-1-2 overall with a soggy 4-2 home victory Thursday over Grosse Pointe South.

Senior Kylie Birney paced the victorious Blazers with two goals, while fellow seniors Erin Cronyn and Emma Ellswood added one each.

Ladywood goalie Mackenzie Holme had to make only one save, while Blue Devils counterpart Ella Calas had 17 stops.

The loss drops South to 1-3-3 overall.

## McRobb's 3 TD runs spur Pats

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin played error-free football Friday night to even its record at 3-3 with a 42-6 triumph over visiting Wayne Memorial.

The Patriots, who improved to 2-2 in the KLAA's South Division, got three touchdown runs of 79, 2 and 68 yards from junior Joe McRobb, who finished the night with a game-high 227 on 14 carries.

Franklin led 14-0 after one quarter on Jesse McCall's 1-run TD run, followed by Brian Johnson's 20-yard interception return.

Cameron Pogorel then hauled in a 17-yard TD pass from Justin Forrestall and McRobb's 79-yard dash made it 28-0 after two quarters.

In the third quarter, McRobb added his second and third scores of the night, sandwiched between a 69-yard TD run by Wayne's Torrey Cooper.

Franklin had a total of 382 yards, including 360 on the ground, with McCall adding 83 yards on nine carries and Pogorel contributing 60 on four attempts.

Forrestall was 2-of-2 passing for 32 yards. The Patriots did not commit a turnover.

"No mistakes," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We had some young kids (in the backfield) step up and fill in spots where we needed them and they did a good job."

Dan Prevost and Nick Ciotta each recovered as fumble as the Patriots held Wayne to 195 total yards.

Quarterback Dean Caldwell was Wayne's leading rusher with 66 yards on 20 carries. He was 3-of-13 passing for 27 yards. Devin Korzetki added 64 yards on 15 attempts.

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Stevenson quarterback Adam Wheeler (7) is pursued on the play by Northville's Billy Mitchell (44) with Joe Scott (51) following up with a block.

# Mustangs whip Spartans

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Unbeaten Northville dominated in all phases of the game on a damp and chilly Friday night and the result was a convincing 49-7 victory over host Livonia Stevenson.

The Mustangs, who galloped to a 42-0 halftime lead, improved to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA's Central Division.

"I'm really proud of the way our team played tonight," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We came out and played a good, overall football game — offense, defense, special teams. They all did well and I'm very proud of them."

Stevenson (2-4, 1-3) was minus starting junior quarterback Joe Mims, who got injured on the final play of the Spartans' 16-14

loss the previous Friday against South Lyon.

Backup quarterback Adam Wheeler was thrown into the fire and Northville scored its first touchdown just 1:32 into the game, when senior Jeffrey Hewlett jumped a sideline route and returned the interception 31 yards for a score.

That catapulted the Mustangs to a 27-0 first-quarter advantage.

Senior quarterback Jeff Gertley hit Brett MacDonald on a 16-yard TD pass. Jack Henderson then blocked a punt and MacDonald scooped up the loose ball and returned it 15 yards for another score, followed by Gertley's 1-yard TD sneak.

Northville's no-huddle, fast-paced offense tacked two more scores on the board in the second quarter, including a 32-yard

run by Gertley followed by a 5-yard run by Brandon Love with only 19 seconds left in the half for a 42-0 advantage.

"That is our philosophy — we try to be high-tempo as we can be — and we were really able to execute well tonight," Ladach said.

Gertley was 4-of-8 passing on the night for 108 yards and added a team-best 75 yards rushing on seven carries.

"That speed messes with you," Stevenson coach Matt Fielder said. "It's hard to get a (defensive) call in and hard to switch personnel in. It has to do with the personnel you have on the field. It's tough."

Northville also got another two points, leading to its final TD of the half, when Andrew

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## MU men's golfers third

The Madonna University men's golf team battled wind, rain and cold temperatures Thursday and shot a team total of 313 to finish in a three-way tie for third at the final WHAC Jamboree of the fall.

Davenport captured the team title with 306, while Siena Heights place second with 309.

MU, Indiana Tech and Northwestern Ohio were deadlocked for third.

With the win, Davenport won the WHAC regular-season title and will host the spring 2012 championship. MU ended in a tie for second in the overall WHAC race.

Senior Vince Carango, who shot 4-over 76, was in a two-way tie for third individually to lead the Crusaders.

Junior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) was part of a four-way tie for fifth with 5-over 77, while sophomore Erik Laurence was in a five-way tie for 16th after shooting 79.

Sophomore Drew Mossioian (Livonia Stevenson) tied for 23rd with 81, followed by Nick Corbiel with 82 to tie for 28th.

The Crusaders close out the fall season Oct. 13-14 at the NAIA Midwest Invitational at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill.

## WHAC lauds Crusader Hall

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference announced that Madonna University's Michelle Hall (Flushing) has been named the Women's Gopher of the Week (ending Sept. 25).

The award is the second straight week that Hall has been selected for the WHAC's honor and the fourth time Hall has been named during her career.

The reigning WHAC champion from 2010, Hall captured her second straight league Jamboree with 6-over 78.

The junior extended her lead in the race for her second straight WHAC title to eight strokes in helping Madonna increase its lead to 23 shots over Indiana Tech.

The Crusaders have won the first two WHAC events as a team heading into the final jamboree of the fall.

# Blazer Mania Day: Spikers block Marian

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The Livonia Ladywood volleyball team put an exclamation point on Blazer Mania Day by knocking off two-time defending state Class A champion Bloomfield Hills Marian for the second time within a week with a 21-25, 25-21, 25-15, 25-19 victory.

Local elementary and middle school students got into the Catholic League Central Division match for free and received free T-shirts. And the Blazers did not disappoint with perhaps their best effort of the 2011 season.

"We've really picked it up defensively lately and we're not letting balls touch the floor, and that gives us a lot of intensity, a lot of enthusiasm, and we ride off of that,"

said Ladywood coach Erin Craggs, whose team improved to 26-14 overall and 2-1 in the Central.

Senior outside hitter Kenzie Kettner proved to be a major thorn in Marian's side with a match-high 21 kills. The 5-foot-7 Kettner also came up with 16 digs.

University of Toledo-bound Alex Hines, the Blazers' standout senior setter, added 34 assist-to-kills and five attacking kills.

"She (Kettner) is incredible," Craggs said. "She attacks from the back row, she attacks from the front row. She hits with a ton of power, always available. She's been our go-to kid."

"She (Hines) is making some great choices out there, attacking well, getting us some points and setting the kids that she needs to set."

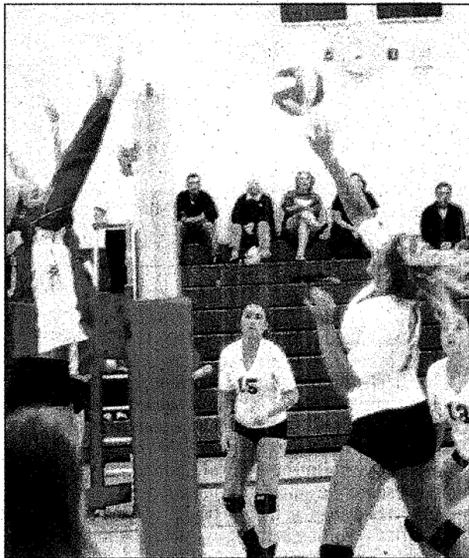
Ladywood trailed by as many as five points (10-5) early in the first set before rallying to knot the count at 19-19. But the Mustangs regrouped behind the outside hitting of 5-10 senior Kari Fidelholtz, who recorded the game-winning block.

But it was all Blazers over the final three sets as they duplicated their win over Marian last weekend in the Portage Central Invitational.

"We knew if we played with that same intensity and that same fire, our kills would come," Craggs said. "We try to focus on serving and defense and everything else comes later and that seems to work so far."

Leading the Blazers' defense was 5-4 senior libero Kristine Aurand, who had 18 digs on the

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Ladywood senior outside hitter Kenzie Kettner had a match-high 21 kills in in Thursday's four-set victory over two-time defending state Class A champion Bloomfield Hills Marian.

## BOYS SOCCER

## Glenn pays back Pats; Novi boots Stevenson

Coach Brian Tomlinson said his Westland John Glenn boys soccer team played Thursday afternoon like a Band of Brothers.

Junior Alex Isaevski scored a pair of goals as the Rockets avenged a 5-0 setback on Sept. 13 to Livonia Franklin with a 3-1 KLAA South Division triumph against the Patriots.

"We played how a team is supposed to play, we played with a sense of unity," said Tomlinson, whose team improved to 8-6 overall and 3-5 in the KLAA South. "From the first minute to the last minute every player on our team played their heart out for their teammates. It was inspiring to see these guys dig deep for each other. This was by no means an easy game, but they never gave up on each other, instead they lifted each other up."

Justin Bean also scored for Glenn, which led 2-0 at halftime. Madalin Pop and Lucas Santana contributed assists, while goalkeeper Austin Valentine made eight saves.

"Getting through tough games like this one and coming out on top the way they did is how brotherhood is forged," Tomlinson said. "I can't say enough about how proud I am of these young men today."

Mike Jacobson scored the lone goal for the Patriots (6-5-2, 4-4) in the second half off an assist from Nick O'Brien.

Franklin goalkeeper Ryan Tikey made eight saves.

"If we were going to have a bad game, we were going to have it today," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We couldn't put a pass together. They (Glenn) outmuscled us. They deserved to win."

**CANTON 10, WAYNE 0:** Brothers Ken Krollicki and Sean Krollicki each scored a pair of goals, while Mitch Pepper also added two Friday as the Chiefs (13-1-2, 7-0-1) clinched the KLAA South Division title against host Wayne Memorial (3-11, 0-8).

Connor Furgason, Mason Bergeson, Mitch Posuniak and Dan Ovesea also tallied first-half goals for Canton.

Goalkeeper Dan Wingate made one save for the shutout.

**CHURCHILL 1, PLYMOUTH 1:** Chandler Olah's shot skipped off the wet grass and slid into the near post with only 15 minutes remaining Thursday to give the host Wildcats (5-6-4, 4-2-2) the KLAA South Division deadlock against Livonia Churchill (6-4-3, 4-3-1).

After a scoreless first half, Churchill's Mike Murphy scored on a cross from Tyler Reetz to make it 1-0.

Goalkeepers Colton Robison (Churchill) and Rene Mejia (Plymouth) each made eight saves.

"I thought we played hard and I thought we played well," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We had our chances to finish at the end."

**NOVI 5, STEVENSON 0:** Mark Wilson pumped in a

pair of second-half goals as the fifth-ranked Wildcats (10-2, 7-1) clinched at least a tie for the KLAA Central Division crown Thursday with a convincing victory over Livonia Stevenson (9-4, 5-3) at Meadows Middle School.

"All you can really say is that it was a comprehensive destruction by Novi and it was a humbling experience to go through," said Stevenson coach Lars Richters, whose team trailed 1-0 at halftime.

"We play the No. 1 team in the state (Saturday at Warren DeLaSalle) and it will show what we're made of." Chase Jabbari added a goal and assist, while Don Nakashima and Aaron Quinley also added goals for the Wildcats. Andy Netter (four saves) posted the shutout in goal for Novi, while Zach Verant went all the way in goal for the Spartans.

**FRANKLIN ROAD 2, CIVILLE 1:** On Thursday, goals by Sam Tracy and Ben Flores enabled host Novi Franklin Road Christian to get past host Livonia Clarenceville (2-11).

Andrew Murphy scored the Trojans' only goal with six minutes remaining off an assist from Alec Jones.

On Sept. 26, Clawson beat host Clarenceville, 8-0.

## GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS  
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 115  
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 70

Sept. 29 at Franklin

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. John Glenn (Asha Wright-Ford, Kali Aloisi, Lindsey Bessinger, Jordyn Davis), 2:14.1; 2. Franklin (Jenna Michniewicz, Kaity Swenson, Rachel Clark, Natalie Modes), 2:18.92; 3. Franklin (Jessica Gnacke, Katherine Montie, Megan Theisen, Isabella Yardley), 2:27.79.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Michniewicz (LF), 2:17.53; 2. Clarissa Roberts (LF), 2:17.8; 3. Rachel Cizauskas (WJG), 2:30.85.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Kaitlyn Kozyn (LF), 2:26.35; 2. Aloisi (WJG), 2:26.35; 3. Bessinger (WJG), 2:46.96.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Nicole Bardel (LF), 29.21; 2. Davis (WJG), 29.95; 3. Modes (LF), 30.39.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Jacquelyn Dzuirgot (LF), 108.60 points; 2. Macalah Williams (LF), 108.00; 3. Samantha Snyder (WJG), 93.05.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Clark (LF), 1:20.93; 2. Wright-Ford (WJG), 1:23.52; 3. Theisen (LF), 1:25.0.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Roberts (LF), 1:03.9; 2. Bardel (LF), 1:04.25; 3. Kim Nolasco (WJG), 1:10.87.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Kozyn (LF), 5:48.77; 2. Merissa Zarczynski (WJG), 6:43.52; 3. Katelyn Stabler (LF), 6:43.74.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Franklin (Roberts, Bardel, Modes, Kozyn), 1:57.47; 2. John Glenn (Aloisi, Davis, Zarczynski, Bessinger), 2:01.72; 3. John Glenn (Nolasco, Cizauskas, Staples, Williams), 2:09.54.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Michniewicz (LF), 1:12.06; 2. Theisen (LF), 1:15.82; 3. Wright-Ford (WJG), 1:19.98.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Aloisi (WJG), 1:22.4; 2. Yardley (LF), 1:31.38; 3. Montie (LF), 1:31.56.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Franklin (Roberts, Michniewicz, Bardel, Kozyn), 4:17.9; 2. Franklin (Amber Elinsky, Nicole Slezak, Ellary Marano, Theisen), 4:53.3; 3. John Glenn (Zarczynski, Cizauskas, Staples, Wright-Ford), 4:53.91.

**Dual meet records:** Franklin, 3-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAA South.

SOUTH LYON 119  
LIVONIA STEVENSON 67

Sept. 29 at South Lyon East

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. South Lyon (Andrea Monk, Erin McCurry, Chanel Bonin, Stormy Malarik), 1:56.08; 2. Stevenson (Shaelyn Dolinski, Julia Hurley, Ashley Reed, Brenna Gabrielson), 1:58.78.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Rachel Green (SL), 1:57.43; 3. Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 2:01.0.

**200 individual medley:** 1. McCurry (SL), 2:18.44; 2. Dolinski (LS), 2:24.26; 3. Hurley (LS), 2:24.34.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Corinne Caldwell (SL), 25.46; 3. Gabrielson (LS), 26.24.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Rachel Eckler (SL), 249.15 points.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Bonin (SL), 59.95; 2. Sara Stemen (LS), 1:01.37; 3. Reed (LS), 1:03.78.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Green (SL), 54.62.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Deidre Gerke (SL), 5:23.86; 2. Evelyn Stein (LS), 5:30.64; 3. Merrill Fronney (LS), 5:37.42.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. South Lyon (Malarik, Caldwell, Gerke, Green), 1:42.51; 2. Stevenson (Gabrielson, Cauzillo, Aidan O'Dowd, Emily Roque), 1:47.05.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Bonin (SL), 1:00.46; 2. Dolinski (LS), 1:05.18; 3. Reed (LS), 1:05.26.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. McCurry (SL), 1:12.54; 2. Hurley (LS), 1:13.11.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. South Lyon (Gerke, Green, Bonin, Caldwell), 3:42.82; 2. Stevenson (Cauzillo, Stein, O'Dowd, Reed), 3:55.83; 3. Stevenson (Roque, Dolinski, Stemen, Kelly Laporte), 4:00.62.

**Stevenson's dual meet record:** 2-2 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central Division.

PLYMOUTH 126  
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 60

Sept. 29 at Churchill

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Plymouth (Alexa Earls, Emily Toro, Lydia Plencner, Stephanie

Matsui), 1:59.12; 2. Churchill (Megan Lancaster, Amanda Washko, Allison Mayer, Christina Fox), 2:07.80; 3. Plymouth (Emily Weiner, Stacey Jedele, Casey Wing, Carolyn Stoddard), 2:14.16.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Linda Erickson (P), 2:09.10; 2. Lexi Ethier (P), 2:14.25; 3. Kristen Gilley (LC), 2:22.85.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Matsui (P), 2:26.03; 2. Stoddard (P), 2:34.90; 3. Lauren Wischer (P), 2:42.08.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Emily Toro (P), 25.92; 2. Washko (LC), 25.96; 3. Mayer (LC), 27.46.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Yumi Nozawa (LC), 156.85 points; 2. Sydney Grenier (LC), 155.10; 3. Katy Telega (P), 120.05.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Earls (P), 1:05.80; 2. Madison Ytterrock (LC), 1:16.38; 3. Mayer (LC), 1:18.39.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Toro (P), 56.74; 2. Wing (P), 1:02.47; 3. Fox (LC), 1:03.77.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Washko (LC), 5:27.26; 2. Matsui (P), 5:37.45; 3. Ethier (P), 6:05.8.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Wing, Erickson, Ethier, Plencner), 1:50.35; 2. Churchill (Ytterrock, Erin McGarry, Allison Hill, Kristen Gilley), 1:58.47; 3. Plymouth (Wischer, Waters, Michelle Jaskolski, Abby Humphries), 1:58.51.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Earls (P), 1:05.56; 2. Weiner (P), 1:10.43; 3. Fox (LC), 1:14.83.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Erickson (P), 1:16.11; 2. Samidha Visai (P), 1:22.39; 3. Wing (P), 1:27.63.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Matsui, Toro, Earls, Stoddard), 3:53.56; 2. Plymouth (Erickson, Weiner, Ethier, Waters), 4:04.37; 3. Churchill (Mayer, Molly Jarvis, Fox, Washko), 4:05.87.

**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 3-1 overall, 2-0 in KLAA South Division; Churchill, 2-4 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.

CANTON 101  
WAYNE MEMORIAL 76

Sept. 29 at Canton

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (Mackenzie Dugas, Abby Madison, Rachel Barszcz, Erin Bensinger), 2:10.87; 2. Wayne (Janelle Schwartz, Holland Boertje, Emily Luke, Bailey Hart), 2:20.65; 3. Canton (Rachel Hughesdon, Grace Irwin, Kimberly Langolf, Emily Pettit), 2:29.68.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Destinee Barmore-Hicks (C), 2:04.35; 2. Delaney Adams (C), 2:05.06; 3. Shelby Lefferts (C), 2:22.15.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Madeline Madison (C), 2:20.79; 2. Claire Green (C), 2:23.59; 3. Christine Pray (C), 2:34.23.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Caitlin Orr (C), 26.43; 2. Barszcz (C), 28.28; 3. Bensinger (C), 29.01.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Melissa Green (C), 129.30 points; 2. Emily Lang (C), 121.70; 3. Pia Simon (C), 106.75.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Barmore-Hicks (C), 1:05.48; 2. Pray (C), 1:09.24; 3. A. Madison (C), 1:10.69.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Hart (WM), 1:04.99; 2. Luke (WM), 1:05.86; 3. Alexa Girouard (WM), 1:07.93.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Kaycee Coffman (WM), 6:26.70; 2. Amber Frost (WM), 6:31.38; 3. Katie Carpenter (WM), 6:54.82.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Wayne (Gema Lopez, Girouard, Frost, Coffman), 2:05.50; 2. Wayne (O'Connell, Boertje, Wilson, Carpenter), 2:08.78; 3. Canton (Sarah Ellis, Alexandria Elliott, Meredith White, Christa Williams), 2:19.59.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Faith Goodwin (C), 1:15.03; 2. Pettit (C), 1:18.92; 3. Janelle Schwartz (WM), 1:19.96.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Adams (C), 1:13.83; 2. Green (C), 1:15.74; 3. Boertje (WM), 1:27.36.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Wayne (Luke, Frost, Coffman, Hart), 4:28.74; 2. Wayne (Girouard, Wilson, Lopez, Aiyanna Moulton), 4:49.23; 3. Canton (White, Hannah Turnbull, Molly Stanford, Natalie Rapson), 4:53.97.

**Dual meet records:** Canton, 1-1 overall, 1-0 in KLAA South Division; Wayne, 3-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA South.

## SPARTANS

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Poterala blocked a Stevenson punt for a safety.

"They (Northville) came off the edge," Fielder said. "Joe (Mims) is our punter and the timing was a little off, too, so we weren't getting the ball off like we normally do."

With a running clock for the entire second half, Northville got its final TD with 7:05 left in the third quarter on sophomore QB Joseph Hewlett's 7-yard run, giving the brothers each a score on the night.

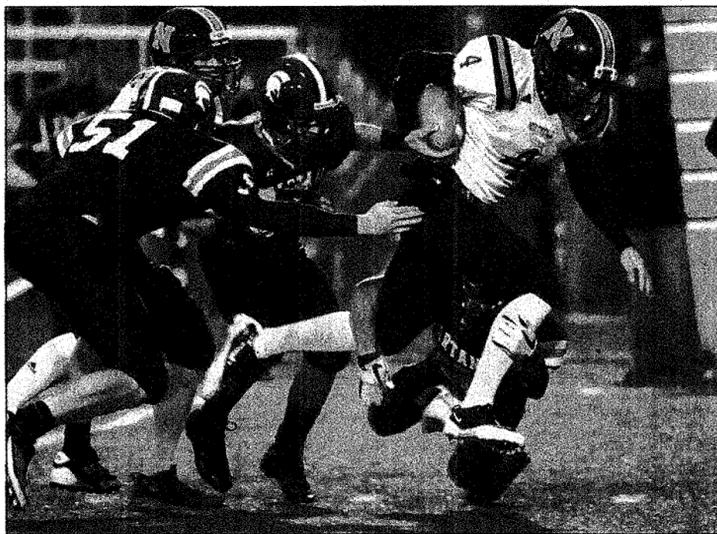
The two also excelled on the defensive side of the ball as well.

"Those kids are tremendous kids," Ladach said of the Hewlett tandem. "I can't say enough about those two boys as people or as football players. I love those boys — great kids. Our society needs more kids like the Hewlett brothers."

"And just like the Hewlett boys, I can't say enough about Jeff Gertley. He's in my opinion the best quarterback in this conference, and there are some good ones."

Stevenson averted he shutout with 10:04 left in the final quarter on Devin Kelly's 1-yard run.

Wheeler was 9-of-16 for 85 yards passing and rushed six times for a net of 25 yards.



Northville quarterback Jeff Gertley (4) is chased by Stevenson tacklers Joe Scott (51), Matt Miller (50) and Tony Wilson (22) during Friday's KLAA Central Division game.

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"We tried to do some things to fit Adam (Wheeler) a little bit," Fielder said. "The fact that we threw an interception early kind of shook us up a little bit, but he did everything and worked his butt off with preparation and stuff. It's tough because you haven't got a lot of reps and all a sudden you're responsible. He did everything he could. We didn't carry him enough as a team and getting a break early would have helped."

Fielder said that Mims, who started all during his sophomore year, will be back for Friday's game against Salem. (Game time is 4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth JV field.)

"We're hoping he's back," Fielder said of Mims. "We can still have a winning season. That's what our goal is going to be and move forward. We've had some bad losses, but our kids are with us and they keep on working hard. They're beaten up a little bit."

Meanwhile, Northville's

defense held the Spartans to only two first downs in the first half and 103 yards total during the opening half.

"Our defensive staff does a really good job," Ladach said. "I cannot say enough about the job they do. And I'm very pleased with the way our players were prepared. A tribute goes to our entire team and the defensive staff, and our players as well."

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## Lakers stop Clarenceville, 13-6

Yards were hard to come by Friday night as Livonia Clarenceville fell to Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes in its homecoming football game, 13-6.

The Trojans, who slipped to 2-4 overall, scored their lone touchdown on the defensive side in the second quarter when Jalen Bryant picked up a pass and ran 57 yards for a touchdown for a 6-0 lead.

Our Lady of the Lakes (4-2) pulled even thanks to a pair of Jake Doetsch field goals of 37 and 31 yards in the second and third quarters, respectively.

The Lakers' Richie Cross, who rushed for a game-high 103 yards on 11 carries, then scored the game-winning TD in the final quarter on a 57-yard run.

Lakes had 186 total yards, all on the ground. The Trojans were limited to 105 total as Romel Wright had 56 on 12 carries.

Clarenceville starting quarterback Zach Kubiak, who left the game in third quarter with an injury, was 1-of-9 passing for seven yards and one interception. Back-up Kyle

Kissandi was intercepted twice in his only two attempts.

Lakes had 10 first downs to Clarenceville's six.

## Warriors win

Lutheran High Westland rushed for 320 yards Friday night in a 36-0 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory over visiting Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

The Warriors, now 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the MIAC, led 27-0 at halftime.

Touchdown runs came from Martin Kemp (53

yards), Bobby Miller (66 yards), Jacob Richter (14 yards) and Luke Bonkowski (9 yards).

Mitchell Boehm also added field goals of 26 and 38 yards.

Richter led the rushing attack (7-for-90) followed by Kemp (7-for-85) and Miller (4-for-81).

Lutheran Westland's defense held the Cougars (1-5, 1-3) to 63 totals yards as Dawson Davenport led the way with eight tackles, including three sacks and three others for losses.

Matt Dewitt also added an interception.

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ter for the two-pointer as the Chargers forged ahead 20-14.

On the first play of the second half, junior Romello Brown took off on 75-yard run and scored on a 4-yard TD with 10:38 to go in the third to make it 27-14 for the Chargers.

Canton then made its comeback.

Kendall Scott scored on a 16-yard TD run with 36 sec-

onds to play in third, but Derek Jakubowski blocked the PAT to make it 27-20.

The Chiefs (5-1, 3-1) then scored again with 7:32 to play in the final quarter on quarterback Kyle Adams' 24-yard run, but couldn't score the equalizer after a bad snap on the point-after resulting in a scramble for an incomplete pass.

Churchill's defense, led by Connor Dwyer and Yost (12 tackles each), then held on fourth down

at its own 44 with 4:45 left and held on for the victory.

"We've been a team this season that has made some mistakes, but tonight we took advantage of Canton's mistakes," Filiautrat said. "They had one or two big plays, but we did not allow them to score quickly and we took away their inside run game. We wanted to make them earn it and we had no major lapses. We played a pretty good

game and I'm real proud of them. It was a good effort."

Churchill had 255 yards total offense with Brown rushing for 123 yards on 15 carries. Suida was 12-of-20 passing for 101 yards.

Adams was Canton's leading rusher with 122 yards on 11 attempts, while Buford was 12-for-68 on the ground.

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## Nevill sparks 2-0 Schoolcraft triumph

The Schoolcraft College men's soccer team moved two spots up in NJCAA Division I national rankings and continued its unbeaten streak with a 2-0 Region XII victory Wednesday at Owens Technical Community College in Toledo, Ohio.

Tom Nevill, a freshman from Notts, England, notched his eighth and ninth goals of the season as No. 2 Schoolcraft improved to 11-0 overall and 8-0 in Region XII.

Nevill tallied his game-winning goal in the 42nd minute off a corner kick from Marco Lobo and put it away in the 73rd off an assist from Gino Pasqualli.

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Tom Duquette made two saves to earn the shutout, while counterpart Jacob Olman had nine saves for the Express (8-4, 7-4).

**MU 1, CONCORDIA 0:** A Ryan Williams goal in the

## MEN'S SOCCER

86th minute allowed the Madonna University (4-4-1) to snap its five-match winless streak Wednesday with a non-conference win over Concordia University (1-6-1) inside the Total Sports Complex in Wixom.

"I thought we did well to create chances," MU coach Eric Scott said. "We just have to find a way to finish better. Our movement was great in the first half, and I give credit to our guys for fighting through a packed box to get the goal."

Williams' goal was his second of the season as the Crusaders (outshot the Cardinals 30-13 and held a 13-7 edge in shots on goal).

Junior Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) made seven saves in picking up his fourth win of the season.

## Spartan riders



The eight-member Livonia Stevenson High equestrian team, coached by parent volunteer Karen Brehob MacKenzie, placed fifth over out of 11 B Division teams this fall. In meets held Sept. 10, 17 and 24 at the Huron Valley Equestrian Center (hosted by Milford), the Spartans placed sixth, fifth and third, respectively. Howell captured the overall team title, while Whitmore Lake and Holly tied for second. Junior captain Shelby McMillan was Stevenson's high-point scorer, while freshman Madison Shea culminated her season with a pair of first-place finishes in the final meet. Team members include (from left): Shea (with Heston); McMillan (with Echo); Lizzie Casella (on Ladyhawk); Caitlin McDougall (on Lefty); Brianna MacKenzie (on Clara); Erin Pauley (on Dipper); and Jessie Earnest (on Wayward Son). Not pictured are Maggie McCandless (and Falcon) and grooming volunteer Sarah Singbiel. Current Stevenson High students or Livonia Public Schools students (grades 6-8) interested in learning more about the team can call Brehob MacKenzie at (734) 367-0368.

## Jenaway, Parent fuel Lady Ocelots' victory

Sophomore Amanda Jenaway and freshman Ashley Parent each tallied a pair of goals Wednesday as the Madonna University women's soccer team extended its winning streak to three with a 5-0 win over Rochester College inside the Total Sports Complex in Wixom.

Senior Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin) added a goal and two assists for a four-point day as MU improved to 4-3 overall with the non-conference win.

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### WOMEN'S SOCCER

al Defensive Player of the Week Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) had to make just one save in picking up her third shutout of the season.

Jenaway, from Livonia Stevenson, got MU on the board early with a goal just 59 seconds into the match off an assist from senior Trisha Bender.

Parent made it 2-0 in the 12th minute as she finished off a pass from fellow Onatario rookie Mo DeGrandis for her

team-leading fourth goal of the season.

Just over three minutes later Jenaway added her second goal of the match and of the season heading home a corner kick from Brda for a 3-0 advantage in the 14th minute.

The Crusaders' lead grew to 4-0 in the 43rd minute when Brda controlled a cross across the box from sophomore Amanda Ferrick and beat Rochester goalkeeper Miranda Viaene.

At the 66-minute mark, Parent got back in on the scoring with her fifth tal-

ly of the season, using a leaping header off of a Brda corner for final Crusader goal.

Viaene finished with 15 saves for Rochester (6-6).

**SCHOOLCRAFT 4, OWENS (OHIO) 0:** In an NJCAA Region XII match Wednesday, host Schoolcraft College (9-0, 7-0) rolled to a victory over Owens Technical Community College (6-4, 2-4).

Despite their ninth straight win without a loss, the Lady Ocelots remain unranked in the latest NJCAA Division I national top 15 poll.

## BLAZERS

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night. Senior Cheyenne Woodall added seven kills.

"I think the seniors have really sucked it up, gathered us together, taken the team on their shoulders and they're dictating everything from here on out and it's been great," Craggs said. "We have freshman (Izabel-

la Porada) and she's been great. She got a few aces and dug some balls for us. She's a great little player."

Fidelholtz led the Mustangs' hitting attack with 16 kills to go along with three blocks, while 5-10 sophomore Jessica Kopymeyer added 15 kills.

"A lot of errors in a lot of areas," said Marian coach Irick Gardner, whose team fell to 28-9 overall and 1-2 in the

Central. "I literally do not know. I've been here eight seasons and I usually have at least something to say. It's usually not a situation where they have a game like last week (vs. Ladywood), but then they usually recover. I literally can't explain it. Out of eight seasons of Marian teams — and we had a couple of bad teams at Marian — we still found a way to win. This team is drastically better, but

those teams found a way to win."

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## Warriors fall to Oakland Christian

Senior Amanda Teranella's 14 kills, four solo blocks and five assist-blocks went in vain Thursday as host Lutheran High Westland was defeated by Auburn Hills Oakland Christian in five sets, 25-20, 20-25, 25-14, 25-21, 15-13.

Darcy Johnston recorded 26 kills and setter Erin Washington added 20 assist-to-kills for Oakland Christian, which improved to 15-6-3 over-

all and 2-3 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"We battled again out there tonight but fell just short," said Lutheran High Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team slipped to 11-8-4 and 1-4. "We know we can compete and we know we are doing good things, it is just a matter of being more consistent now as we begin

October."

Defensively, Taylor Wiemer paced the Warriors with 26 digs, while Marisa Hahn and Chandler Davenport added 14 and 11, respectively.

Setters Erica Killian and Shannon Abbott finished with 13 and seven assists, respectively, while Hannah Conley chipped in with eight kills and Alissa Flury finished with two solo blocks and four block-assists.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL**  
Friday, Oct. 7  
Stevenson vs. Salem at Plymouth H.S., 4:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Harper Wds. at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Luth. W'sld at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.
- BOYS SOCCER**  
Monday, Oct. 3  
Thurston at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 4**  
Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
Inter-City at Luth. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.  
HVL at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 6**  
Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
Greenhills at Luth. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.  
Det. Chavez at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.  
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 7**  
Cville at Taylor Kennedy, 4 p.m.  
HVL at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Tuesday, Oct. 4  
John Glenn at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
S.L. East at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.  
Luth. W'sld at Inter-City, 6:30 p.m.  
Liggett at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 5**  
Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 6**  
Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.  
John Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
HVL at S'field Christian, 6:30 p.m.  
Greenhills at Luth. W'sld, 6:30 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Inter-City, 7 p.m.  
Mercy at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 8**  
East Kentwood Inv., 8:30 a.m.  
Northville Invitational, 9 a.m.
- BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
Tuesday, Oct. 4  
Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne (Flats), 4 p.m.  
Stevenson at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 8**  
Wayne County Invitational at Willow Metropark, 9 a.m.
- GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
Tuesday, Oct. 4  
Ladywood at Marian, 5 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 6**  
Churchill at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.  
Canton at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at Nov., 6:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
Ladywood vs. Grosse Ile at Livonia Rec. Center, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 7**  
Wayne Inv. prelims, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 8**  
Wayne Inv. finals, noon.
- BOYS TENNIS**  
Friday, Oct. 7  
(MHSAA Regionals)  
D-1 at Woodhaven, TBA.
- GIRLS GOLF**  
Tuesday, Oct. 4  
Catholic League Tourney at St. John's G.C., 9 a.m.  
Kensington Conf. Tourney at Pheasant Run G.C., 9 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 6**  
(MHSAA Regionals)  
D-1 at Univ. of Mich. G.C., 9 a.m.  
D-1 at Tanglewood G.C., 9 a.m.  
D-3 at Orchard Lake C.C., 9 a.m.
- GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
Thursday, Oct. 6  
Pioneer at Ladywood, 4:15 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
Tuesday, Oct. 4  
Schoolcraft at Delta, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 5**  
Madonna at Cornerstone, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 6**  
St. Clair at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 7**  
Madonna at Siena Hts., 7 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Wednesday, Oct. 5  
Madonna vs. Rochester at Ultimate Soccer Arena, 2 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Delta, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 8**  
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 2:30 p.m.  
Jefferson (Mo.) at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Wednesday, Oct. 5  
Concordia at Madonna, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 8**  
Madonna at Indiana Tech, noon.  
Schoolcraft at Jackson, 2 p.m.  
TBA — time to be announced.

## COLLEGE GOLF

- MEN'S GOLF RESULTS**  
SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY BOCKWITZ COLLEGIATE  
Sept. 24 at Cascades G.C. (Jackson)
- TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Madonna University, 297-307-604; 2. Cornerstone, 299-310-609; 3. Spring Arbor, 310-302-612; 4. Indiana Tech, 314-308-622; 5. Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio), 305-319-624; 6. Rochester College, 305-320-625.
- Madonna finishers:** 2. Vince Carango, 73-73-146; 3. (tie) Nick Sears, 74-74-148; 14. (tie) Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) and Erik Taurence, 75-80-155 each; 29. (tie) Drew Mossioian, 84.
- (Livonia Stevenson), 82-84-166.  
**WHAC JAMBOREE (No. 3)**  
Sept. 22 at Coyote Creek G.C. (Fort Wayne, Ind.)
- TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Davenport University, 296; 2. Madonna, 311; 3. Siena Heights, 314; 4. Cornerstone, 316; 5. (tie) Aquinas and Indiana Tech, 321 each; 7. Northwestern Ohio, 328; 8. Concordia, 346; 9. Lourdes (Ohio), 376.
- Madonna finishers:** 5. Andy Myers, 75; 7. (tie) Vince Carango and Nick Sears, 77 each; 27. (tie) Nick Corbiel and Erik Taurence, 82 each; 36. (tie) Drew Mossioian, 84.

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# Madonna spikers lose pair

It was a tough outing Friday for the 16th-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team at the Liz Lykowski Memorial Tournament hosted by Indiana Tech.

Despite a career-high 21 kills from Nastija Baranovska, the Crusaders fell to Indiana Wesleyan in five sets, 22-25, 25-21, 23-25, 25-18, 15-12, in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Megan Fricke and Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland) added 17 and 10 kills, respectively, as MU falls to 16-3 overall. Setter Evia Prieditis collected 55 assists in total, while Amanda Koszela and Miranda Sechler added 20 and 19 digs, respectively. Prieditis also had 13 digs, while Fricke added 11.

Indiana Wesleyan (15-3) had four players in double-digits for kills led by Kate Denlinger's 14. Setter Yui Iwase had 54 assists and Kelsey Masuda recorded a match-high 34 digs.

Earlier in the day, MU suffered only its second loss of the season to Camp-

bellsville (Ky.), 23-25, 25-23, 25-20, 25-23.

Baranovska and Fricke finished with 12 and 10 kills, respectively, while Prieditis had 34 assists. Koszela added 18 digs.

Genevieve Collette and Monica Chernichan led Campbellsville (9-6) with 14 and 13 kills, respectively, while Audrey Sander had a match-high 26 digs. Setters Lillian DaSilva and Jackie Schwiager added 29 and 18 assists.

## Ocelots prevail

Flint Mott Community College gave Schoolcraft College all it could handle Thursday night before eventually succumbing to the Lady Ocelots, 25-21, 24-26, 23-25, 25-22, 15-11.

"It seemed every set we waffled and could not get a streak going to make decisive set victories," said Schoolcraft coach Rod Brumfield, whose team is 21-6 overall and 6-2 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference. "We gave up a lot of unforced errors. Yes, there were some nice volleys and

exchanges, but not what we are used to or one should expect with our season to date."

Front-row standouts Sarah Suppelsa (Livonia Churchill) and Amber Aldrich powered the Lady Ocelots' attack with 17 kills apiece.

Sophomore libero Lauren Macuga (Canton) sparked on defense, digging out 36 balls. Freshman defensive specialist Kara Kempinski (Churchill) also made life difficult for Mott's hitters, racking up 19 digs.

Freshman setter Nicole Kempinski (Churchill) was brilliant distributing 69 assists. Brittany Sprinkles registered four blocks.

Sophomore Taylor Kerr (Churchill) and freshman Kara Kempinski served up three aces.

"All in all, it was a win," said Brumfield. "We needed the win after recent losses to Oakland CC and Macomb CC. The team is already looking forward to some payback when we meet OCC and Macomb in October."

The loss drops Mott 8-6 and 2-4.

## Crusaders roll

A double-double - 13 kills and 11 digs - from senior Megan Fricke helped propel the 16th-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team to a 3-0 sweep Wednesday night at home over Michigan-Dearborn.

The 25-17, 25-20, 25-16 victory pushes the Crusaders' record to 2-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

In addition to Fricke's match-best 13 kills, MU got eight kills apiece from junior Nastija Baranovska and Miranda Sechler, along with a career-best seven kills from sophomore Lauren Mora.

Junior setter Evia Prieditis handed out 40 assists, while senior libero Amanda Koszela led all players with 16 digs.

Tiffany Brufladt paced the Wolves (11-12, 0-3) with eight kills and 12 digs. Allie Kyle added 20 assists and 12 digs.

## GRID WRAP

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Sam Ekanem had four solo tackles for the winless Zebras (0-6, 0-4).

## Rockets fall

Two early defensive gems that turned into Plymouth touchdowns set the tone for the Wildcats' 42-14 rout of host Westland John Glenn in Friday's KLAA South Division encounter.

The win clinched a state playoff spot for the Wildcats, who take a 6-0 record (4-0 in the KLAA South) into next Friday's showdown with Canton.

About seven minutes into the contest, Tyler Goble picked off a Duron Govantes pass and raced 57 yards for the interception return. It was 14-0 Plymouth with 1:59 remaining when Nate Emminger scooped up a fumble and took it in for a 43-yard score.

The Rockets (2-4, 1-3) did answer early in the second on Kalyon Massenbergs' 54-yard fumble return, but Plymouth tallied three TDs before halftime to build an insurmountable 36-7 edge.

Scoring 12 seconds apart midway through the quarter were quarterback Shaun Austin and running back Donte Fox, on runs of 16 and 10 yards, respectively. Fox (10 rushes, 118

yards) then scored his second of three touchdowns on the night with just 30 seconds left before the intermission. He took it in from the 3 to cap a seven-play, 52-yard drive.

Both teams scored in the third quarter. Fox finished Plymouth's scoring with a 25-yard gallop, but Glenn came back with a 38-yard touchdown run by Govantes, who rushed for 111 yards on 22 carries.

## GIRLS GOLF

**LIVONIA LADYWOOD INVITATIONAL GIRLS GOLF TOURNEY**  
Sept. 29 at Fox Creek G.C.  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. South Lyon (A), 369 strokes; 2. Warren Regina, 378; 3. Livonia Churchill, 378; 4. Farmington Hills Mercy, 381; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 390; 6. Hartland, 390; 7. Livonia Ladywood, 392; 8. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 392; 9. Macomb Lutheran North, 404; 10. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 404; 11. White Lake Lakeland, 419; 12. Livonia Franklin, 438; 13. South Lyon (B), 456.  
**Individual medalist:** Natalie Dideo (Regina), 78.

**AREA TEAM SCORING**  
**Churchill (378):** 2. Jordyn Shepler, 84; 18. Jackie Burdette, 97; 19. Maggie McGowan, 98; 23. Nicole Kruse, 99; 51. Kaie Shereda, 111.  
**Mercy (381):** 11. Lizzy Schmidt, 93; 13. Katie Baird, 94; 17. Olivia Asta, 96; 19. Kristine Swad, 98; 49. Gillian Hickey, 110.  
**Stevenson (390):** 11. Becca Bubenheimer, 93; 10. Mary Peltz, 98; 23. Sarah King, 99; 28. Laura Shureb, 100; 39. Maddie Omietanski, 104.  
**Ladywood (392):** 13. Michelle Nelson, 94; 19. Christina Briden, 98; 23. Sara Even, 99; 32. Kayla D'Allesandro, 101; 55. Katie Gubachy, 112.

Franklin (438): 3. Lexi Smith, 86; 49. Kelsey Gregorio, 110; 59. Ana Mazola, 118; 62. Jamie Buchanczenko, 124; 64. Kayla Buchanczenko, 128.

**GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**NORTHVILLE 172**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 191**  
Sept. 28 at Tanglewood G.C.  
**Northville scorers:** Lindsey Matych, 37 (medalist); Shannon Williams, 43; Camilla Zhao, 45; Bailey Winter, 46.  
**Stevenson scorers:** Dana Smith and Maddie Omietanski, 47 each; Sarah King, 48; Mary Peltz, 49; Laura Shureb, 50; Rachael Schuit, 68.

**Dual match records:** Northville, 9-0 overall, 9-0 KLAA Central Division (clinched title); Stevenson, 3-6 overall, 3-6 KLAA Central.

**PLYMOUTH 169**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 186**  
Sept. 28 at Fox Hills  
**Plymouth scorers:** Sarah Thompson, 35 (medalist); Kelsey Murphy, 37; Lindsay Dean, 47; Sydney Murphy, 50; Kayla Whatley, 52; Danielle Allen, 56.  
**Churchill scorers:** Jordyn Shepler, 42; Nicole Kruse and Jackie Burdette, 46 each; Maggie McGowan, 52; Claire Rose, 58; Maddie Spooner, 64.  
**Dual match records:** Plymouth, 8-0 overall, 8-0 KLAA South Division (clinched title); Churchill, 6-3 overall, 6-3 KLAA South.

## BOYS TENNIS

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 3**  
Sept. 27, 29 at Churchill  
**No. 1 singles:** Matt Cezat (LC) defeated Chad Northey, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Jonathan Martin (LC) def. Marcus McEachney, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Sam Tabor (LS) def. Joe Mulka, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Johnson Yang (LS) def. Rishabh Arvkar, 6-2, 6-2.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Brian Baumgartner-Mark Denstaedt (LC) def. Kaemen Holman Rayos-Jeff Frederick, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 2:** Nick Marsh-Doug Giroux (LS) def. Mayuresh Iyer-Tejas Sani, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 3:** Riley Prince-Steve VanWormer (LC) def. Chase Tingham-Jason Wysocki, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Braden Swantick-Ian Clemens (LC) def. Neal Adams-Aaron Dziobak, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 5:** Mit Patel-Kishan Trivedi (LC) def. Chris Haldane-Sam Klos, 6-3, 6-3.  
**Dual match records:** Churchill, 9-3 overall, 4-1 KLAA South Division (clinched tie for title); Stevenson, 9-5 overall, 2-2 KLAA Central Division.

**PLYMOUTH 9**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 0**  
Sept. 29 at Plymouth  
**No. 1 singles:** Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Zach Williamson, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Charlie Hon (P) def. Tyler Harnos, 6-0, 4-0; **No. 3:** Josh Heinze (P) def. Jarret Williams, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 4:** Josh Postel (P) def. Chandler Barron, 6-0, 6-0.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Kevin Standifer-Raleigh Belanger (P) def. Michael Battaglia-Sam Herber, 6-2, 3-2; **No. 2:** Jeff Middleton-Praveen Loganathan (P) def. Danny Selvia-Micheil Hood, 6-2, 3-2; **No. 3:** Jon Conn-Dylan Grant (P) def. Antonio Heberling-Danny Lees, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Cameron Earls-Danny Schmidt (P) def. Chris Schmidt-Tyler Dunn, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Ani Hadigali-Rogee Matar (P) won by default.  
**Dual match records:** Plymouth, 5-3 overall, 4-1 KLAA South Division (clinched tie for title); Wayne, 4-7 overall, 0-5 KLAA South.

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## Ski club travels from mountains to rivers



Thunderbird Ski Club members get ready to leave the ski lift area.

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Gary Green has canoed with the Thunderbird Ski Club.

Shirley Cookson has attended parties and picnics with the group.

And Ron Ferenczi has mingled, mixed and met new friends.

All three have skied with the club, of course, but say the organization offers much more than just the Alpine sport.

"We have a lot of social activities going on all the time," said Green, a Livonia resident. "It's a way for people to meet each other and have a good time. You develop a lot of friends in this club. After a while you get to know a lot of people."

Cookson, club president, says canoeing, golfing, bike riding and picnicking are just a few of the activities the club offers in addition to ski trips. The annual Christmas party and April ball are held in Livonia.

"We do many things all through the year. It's a diversified group and that's why I've enjoyed it," she said.

Prospective members can learn more about the club's ski

trips, off-season group activities, social gatherings and more at its annual open house, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh, Livonia. The gathering is open to anyone over 21. Admission is \$3 and will include appetizers, a cash bar, DJ with music for dancing, ski trip information, ski equipment displays from local retailers, and membership applications. Club dues are \$35 for the first year and \$25 annually afterward.

### Company club

A handful of Ford Motor Company employees started the Thunderbird Ski Club in 1949 as the Ford Ski Club. Years later the name was changed and club membership was opened to the public. The club has more than 400 members — a drop from its peak years when its roster included approximately 1,600 individuals — and is one of the biggest clubs in Michigan. In addition to skiing all of the most popular ski resorts in Colorado, Utah, and California, the Thunderbird Ski Club also arranges trips to Whistler and Banff in Canada and to Europe. Closer



Ron Ferenczi, a member of Thunderbird Ski Club, is all thumbs up over the sport. He also likes to canoe with the group.

to home, members take weekend trips to Boyne, Schuss, and other Michigan ski locations. The club has its own instructors for beginners, as well as a race team for advanced skiers.

"We still want people to know we are still a ski club at heart," said Green, who generally takes three ski trips with the group annually. He also has canoed with members during the summer.

### Easy on the wallet

"The prices are so good for these trips that you can't afford to do it on your own. We command those prices because we can take 40-80 people on a trip. We can get better rates. Ski resorts give us special rates on lift tickets and accommodations," he said, pointing out that dai-



Members of Thunderbird Ski Club test out a run in Telluride, Colo.

ly lift tickets can cost upwards of \$100 at some ski resorts. "We're getting them for \$50 and \$60. That's considerably less. We've been able to keep our airfare down. A lot of people try to book trips themselves and find out how expensive it is."

Ferenczi, who taught at a private school in Redford before

retiring, likes the "worry-free travel" the club offers its members.

"You sign up, pay the money and when you arrive at the airport they have a bus waiting for you," he said. "They take the luggage off the bus for you. You go skiing, you go to restaurants. If you don't want to ski, that's okay, too. You can go snowshoeing, cross-country skiing. Women like the shopping and the food at the restaurants is tops."

For more information check out the Thunderbird Ski Club Web site at [www.tbirdskiclub.com](http://www.tbirdskiclub.com) or visit the Thunderbird Facebook page.



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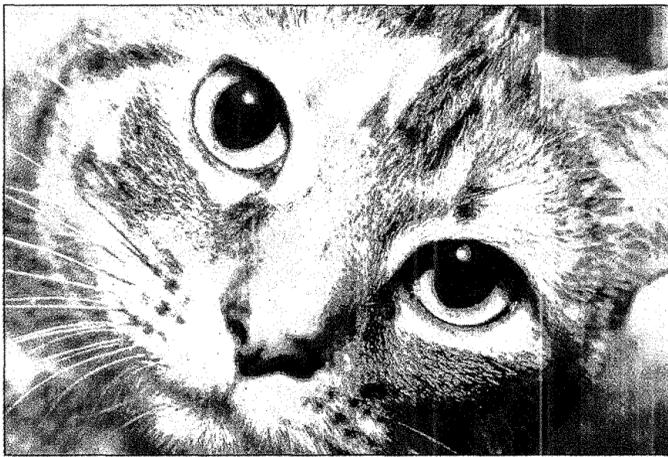


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In response to the question of wellness priorities, seniors answered that of most importance was physical activity, followed by a healthy diet, next came ongoing learning and then social connections.

As for what means they used to reach a state of wellbeing, seniors stated cost, followed by difficulties in transportation, and concluded with the limits imposed by pain accompanying activity.

In response to the inquiry about roadblocks to wellbeing, seniors stated cost, followed by difficulties in transportation, and concluded with the limits imposed by pain accompanying activity.

Of interest is the importance of the community, the significance of residing in a place where one has connections not only with neighbors but with libraries and learning, church and social hall. And transportation. For seniors, a place is not a community if they cannot walk or ride to the classroom or recreation hall.

For physicians the poll of seniors brings out the limits of our role: to provide relief from pain sufficiently so the senior can use his or her own resources to pursue that individual's goal of wellbeing.

**GARDEN & NATURE**

Send garden and nature announcements to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com)

**Livonia Garden Club**

Penrith Goff, steward of the bromeliad collection at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and president of the Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society, will talk about bromeliads at the club's next meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road in Livonia. Visit the club's Web site at [www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagardenclub/](http://www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagardenclub/)

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## Memorial marker ceremony Oct. 8

If you've driven along Five Mile, east of Farmington, you might have noticed a new marker near the road.

The Livonia Garden Club obtained the "Blue Star Memorial" sign and had it installed at Larry Nehasil Park (formerly Dolphin Park) in cooperation with the City of Livonia.

"It's kind of like a pinnacle for every garden club to have one of these," said Lauren Kalmat, garden club member. "It's a big deal for us."

Families, churches and businesses placed blue stars on banners, flags and in windows during World War II to indicate that a son or daughter was serving overseas.

The Blue Star Memorial Program, a spe-



The Livonia Garden Club will dedicate its Blue Star marker Saturday, Oct. 8.

cial project of National Garden Clubs, Inc., started in 1944 when clubs in New Jersey planted 8,000 dogwood trees as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. The notion of planting memorial highway markers throughout the country took root the following year. The program expanded

to include markers at cemeteries, parks and veteran's facilities the following year.

Kalmat said the Livonia Garden Club will dedicate its marker at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Nehasil Park. The ceremony will include refreshments. The dedication is open to the public.

— Sharon Dargay

## Cancer survivors applauded

Each year, the Karmnos Cancer Institute gives the Patricia Milner Sachs Heart of a Survivor Award to a cancer survivor who exemplifies compassion, devotion and goes above and beyond to help others. The award this year went to Sheila Sky Kasselmann, a pancreatic cancer survivor from West Bloomfield. She created the Sky Foundation, Inc., to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer and help researchers develop a blood test to detect pancreatic cancer in its early stage.

All nominees for the award, including Kathleen McFry of Canton, Heather Sarkozi of Westland and Beth Cooke of Farmington, were recognized for their efforts and given nomination plaques.

Cooke began the Relay



Other nominees who joined emcee Alicia Smith and awardee Sheila Sky Kasselmann (center) are Kathleen McFry, (left) Denise Abdullah, Donna Ward, Heather Sarkozi, Donna Bruck and Doug Pergament.

for Life Farmington/Farmington Hills eight years ago. Cooke, a single mother of two boys, helps other survivors with access to information and by offering them an opportunity to participate locally in Relay for Life.

McFry, a stage 4 anal cancer survivor, works as an American Cancer Society volunteer. She shares

her story and makes herself available to listen to other cancer survivors. She serves as chair for "Bark for Life Canton," a Relay for Life event.

Sarkozi has learned to share her story. Since forming a Relay for Life team in 2008, Sarkozi and her family have raised more than \$50,000 in the fight against cancer.

### CRAFT SHOWS, RUMMAGE SALES

#### Craft show

Frost Middle School will hold its annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 5. All of the items are handmade. Admission is \$2. No strollers. The school is located at 14041 Stark, west of Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia; (734) 744-2670.

#### Rummage sales

Churchill High School Music Department will hold its annual rummage sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, in the cafeteria at the high school, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia. For more information, call Amy Coan at (734) 788-3325.

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 25225 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, will sell gently-used items 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. Shoppers also can place orders for holiday spinach pies. Cost is \$35 per tray and payment is due with the order. December pickup; (248) 477-1677.

The Women's League at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills, presents a rummage sale and bake sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 8. Bag sales are \$3 and \$6 on Saturday; (248) 553-3380.

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## BERRIDGE, KATHLEEN A.

September 26, 2011, age 62. Beloved daughter of the late Earnest and Irene Berridge. Dear sister of David and "Auntie" to Brandon and Christopher Berridge. Services were held Thursday at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth. Contribution suggested to the Michigan Humane Society. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

## BORAM, JOAN

Passed away in Royal Oak on Sept. 25. She was born Joan Howard on Sept. 22, 1930. She is survived by brothers, John of Sao Paulo, Brazil, Terry of Sacramento, CA and Tom, of Portland, OR, and sister Carol of Hereford, England. Joan will best be remembered by residents of Ferndale for the column she wrote for many years for the Observer & Eccentric. In addition, she worked as librarian/consultant. Her clients included General Motors and Construction Consultants. No services were held.

## BRICKMAN, VIRGINIA

Age 94, born in Denver, CO, ascended peacefully to her reward on Sept. 20, 2011 from her residence at Superior Woods Assisted Living facility to be reunited with her husband, Arthur & her original family. Mom had been a wonderful, most caring teacher at Wayne-Westland schools for over 30 years, taking the students on nature walks, playing baseball with them, allowing them to earn lunch-time crossword puzzle time. Her only child, Mary Carole, living in Memphis, TN with her husband, will most sadly miss her! Fr. Tom will say the memorial Mass Sat., Oct. 1st at 11am.



## DILLON, WILLIAM

Sept 24, 2011. Loving husband of Katherine. Dear father of William T. (Jill), Laurence (Mary), Kathleen (Dennis) Blaharski, Mary Margaret (James) Bilicki and the late Maureen Ann, Brother of Jacqueline Sferazza. Also survived by 18 grandchildren & 34 great-grandchildren. Past Grand Knight of Cardinal Edward Mooney R of C and past State District Deputy. Share "memorial tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com



## FLUEHR, KUHLMAN

80, of Traverse City and formerly of Bloomfield Hills, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at Boardman Lake Glen. Kuhlman was born on May 27, 1931 in Freeport, IL to the late George R. and Katherine L. (Kuhlman) Fluehr. Kuhlman was brought up in Bay City, MI. He graduated from Bay City Central High School. He then went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Principia College. Kuhlman honorably served in the United States Army as Post Chaplain's Assistant for six different Post Chaplain's at Fort Campbell, KY. During this time in service, he married his high school sweetheart, Janet Marie Deuschler on April 22, 1955 in Carmel, CA. For many years he was Vice President of Corporate Relations for the Kuhlman Corporation. He was instrumental in taking Kuhlman Corporation from a small manufacturing company to a listing on the New York Stock Exchange. Kuhlman was a life-long devoted Christian Scientist. Kuhlman loved people and was a great communicator. He enjoyed introducing friends to friends and building those relationships. He touched many lives in wonderful ways. Life itself was a celebration! He'll be deeply missed by his family and friends. Surviving Kuhlman is Janet his wife of 56 years; daughter, Janet "Jandy" Cooley; son-in-law, James T. Cooley; son, Glenn K. Fluehr; daughter-in-law, Paulina Fluehr; grandchildren: Heather, "Tiffany" and Victoria Fluehr; Paige and Tanner Cooley; brother, David Fluehr; sister-in-law, Janet Meynell Fluehr; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. A memorial service was held for Kuhlman on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed in Kuhlman's name to Principia College, Elsah, IL, or The Pathfinder School, Traverse City or First Church of Christ, Scientist, Traverse City, Camps Leelanau/Kohana, Glen Arbor, or to a charity of one's choice. Please sign Kuhlman's online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

## GERST, GERALD A.

September 25, 2011, age 78. Life-long resident of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Bessie. Dear father of Steven (Nancy) Gerst, Michael (Debbie) Gerst and Denise (Jill) Gerst. Dear grandfather of Katie (Jon) Haywood, Lindsay, Bryan, Rebecca, Kayla and Kyleigh. Services were held Wednesday. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

## GIAMPORCARO, ABIGAIL NICOLE

Suddenly September 29, age 14 of Canton. Precious daughter of Kassandra (Caleb) Gilbert and John (Kaila) Giamporcaro. Beloved sister of Zachary, Kimberly, Henry and Giovanni. Loved dearly by her Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and many Friends. Visitation Monday 3-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Funeral service Tuesday 11 AM at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 West Ann Arbor Road (at Goffredson) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to World Orphans. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

## GOBLE, WYMAN LEE, JR.

Age 43, of Westland, September 26, 2011. Beloved husband of Laura. Loving father of Anthony Lee Goble and Joy Charlotte Rose Goble. Dearest son of Nyoka and Wyman Goble. Dear brother of James Long, Gary (Donna) Goble, Sherry (Donald) Skidmore, Theresa Allread and Marsha (Billy) Norris. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. He was the past president of the Detroit Jokers Motorcycle Club. Service is Friday, 2:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Thursday, 1:00-8:00 PM. He will then be taken by a custom-built motorcycle hearse for a final ride to Michigan Memorial Park for interment. michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com

## MINCH, JOHN

49, of Barton City, MI, formerly of Wayne died 9/20/2011. A private memorial service is planned. Gillies Funeral Home.

## RIEHL, HELEN

Age 90. September 29, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Clyde. Loving mother of Dorene (Ronald) Bellaire, Alan (Kitty) Riehl and Laurie Riehl. Proud grandmother of Jennifer Boucher and Kelly (Tino) Cargnelli. Great-grandmother of Austin, Alyssa (11/18/99/7/22/00) and Jaiden Boucher; Peyton and Zackary Cargnelli. Visitation Saturday and Sunday 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Monday 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak. Memorials to Shrine High School or Beaumont Cancer Center - Sharing and Caring appreciated. Share your memories at: sullivanfuneraldirectors.com



## SITLER, MARILYN A.

Age 79, September 24, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Ralph Sitler, Sr. Loving mother of Ralph, Jr. (Jean), Margaret Draus, Therese (Mark) Oller, Anne Marie (Todd) Meadows, John (Pamela), Thomas (Marisa), Karl (Theresa), Stephen (Stephanie), Karen (John) Currey, Kurt (Kelly) and Erich. Proud grandmother of 29 and great-grandmother of nine. Dear sister of Ellen and Rosemary. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday 2-9 PM with a Scripture Service Thursday at 7 PM. Instate at Christ the King Catholic Church, 20800 Grand River, Detroit, Friday from 9:30 AM until Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Alzheimers Association. Please share a memory of Marilyn at www.rgharris.com

## STOWELL, WENDELL E. Pinckney, MI

His Legacy...Age 71, died September 27, 2011 at his home. He was born January 4, 1940 in Westland, MI, the son of the late Benjamin Stowell and the late Arthur & Vera (Basset) Trost. On June 25, 1999 in Lake Tahoe, NV, Wendell married his loving wife of 12 years Doreen (Flack) Stowell. Wendell was employed as a supervisor for the Ford Motor Company, Wayne Assembly Plant, before his retirement in October of 2005.

His Family...Loving husband of Doreen, beloved father of Steven Stowell of San Antonio, TX, Michael Stowell of Southgate, MI, Daniel (Sandra) Stowell of Pinckney, MI and Elizabeth Foote of Plymouth, Denise (Carl) Lake of Williamsburg, MI and Robert Ferguson of Pinckney. Dearest grandfather of eight, great-grandfather of one. Dear brother of Gale Stowell of Iron River, MI, Gerald Stowell of The Villages, FL, Karen Stacey of Weekiwahee, FL and Kathy Myers of Westland, MI. Preceding him in death are his first wife, Janie Teresa in 1998 and his brother Arthur Trost. His Farewell...The family will gather with friends on Friday from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. A Healing Farewell will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Visit from 1:00 PM until the time of service at 2:00 PM at Borek Jennings, with Pastor Dan Quagliata officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Joseph Livingston Hospice. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Wendell's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit his guestbook at: www.borekjennings.com



## STRUK, BETTE MAE

June 29, 1920 - September 26, 2011. Age 91. Beloved wife of the late John Walter Struk, Sr. Loving mother of John W. Struk, Jr. (Debbie), and Robert C. Struk (Kathy). Cherished grandmother of Jennifer, Shari, and Hannah. Dear sister of Donald Holmes and Mary Renner. A family service was held at the Westland Rock Funeral Home. Rev. Art Ritter officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375



## WHITAKER, JOHN B.

of Traverse City, MI and Clearwater, FL, formerly of Birmingham, MI, passed away September 25, 2011, at the age of 80. John was born in Salem, New Jersey. He graduated from Mt. Hermon Prep School and Gettysburg College. John served his country as an officer in the United States Air Force. John was President of John B. Whitaker, Inc., a Manufacturer's Representative sales firm in the Detroit area. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Helen Lawrence Whitaker; his sister, Jean Whitaker Maharaj; and his children, John B. Whitaker, Jr. (Susan) of Clarkston, WA, Beth W. Dolby (Craig) of Beverly Hills, MI, Laurie W. Wilson (Craig) of Grand Rapids, MI, and Wendy W. Metzger (Charlie) of Bloomfield Hills, MI; and 11 beloved grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 28th at 2:00 PM at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Contributions may be made to Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association at P.O. Box 105, Glenolden, PA 19036 http://www.cmtausa.org.

## In Memory Of



In Loving Memory of CHARLES J. MCPHEE October 3, 1940 - October 3, 2010 Dearest Chuck, You were both my loving husband and my loyal best friend. I will forever love and miss you. You will always have a place within a part of my heart that no one else can ever have. I will love and miss you always ~Mary

## Milestones

### Reilly-Casagrande

Cynthia Casagrande and Charles Reilly, Jr. were married Sept. 4, 2011 at The Knight's Courtyard at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Pastor Glad Remaly officiated.

The bride, daughter of Michael and Virginia Casagrande of Woodhaven, earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Madonna University and works as a pretrial services investigator for Oakland County.

The groom, son of Charles Reilly, Sr. of Westland and the late Patricia Reilly, earned an associate's degree from

Henry Ford Community College and works as a situation analyst for Ford Motor Company.

The bride's attendants were Ava Casagrande, maid of honor and Heather Robinson, matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Overton, Shannon MacDonell, and Tasha Davis.

Jeff Reed was the best man. Derek Strehl, Randy Duty and Jeff Herzog were groomsmen.

A reception was held at The Knight's Castle at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The Westland couple plans to take a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas, Nev., next year.



## BRIDAL SHOW SET FOR CANTON

Forty local vendors will be on hand for the Here Come the Brides Bridal Show, 1-5 p.m., Oct. 9, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton.

Tickets are \$8, but those who bring a canned good for donation to a local food bank will pay \$5. The first 100 brides will receive a free tote bag with gifts and the event will include a prize giveaway and crowd participation games.

Register online at www.herrecomethebridesbridalshow.com.



Robinson-Penn Julie Penn and Tom Robinson tied the knot Sept. 10, 2011, in Livonia. Judge Kathleen McCan, 16th District Court, officiated and family members were in attendance. The couple lives in Livonia.

## 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.

### 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.

### GARDEN CITY EAST & WEST

**CLASSES OF 1966-67** Contact Karen Covard-Domanski at (734) 427-7012 or Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net to attend the reunion of Gar-

den City East and West high schools on Oct. 15 at Saints Peter and Paul Banquet Center in Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$40 per person. There also will be a get together at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14 at Albert's on the Alley in Garden City and noon on Sunday, Oct. 16, at Beaver Creek Tavern in Westland.

### 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.

### LADYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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

### 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 Ruzas at Lruzas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3509.

### REDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1971** 40th reunion, 7 p.m., mid-night, Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Livonia Marriott. Cost is \$45 per person and includes strolling dinner and DJ. Cash Bar. Contact Susan (Brock) Pfeiffer at (248) 360-8437 or Susan (Matthieson) Plaine at (248) 752-3618 for more information and address to send check. Also listed on Facebook.

### REDFORD UNION

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

### 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. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

### Oct. 2-15

#### ANNIVERSARY

**Time/Date:** Celebration at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15; anniversary worship service at 10:15 a.m. Oct. 16

**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile west of Inkster Road,

Livonia  
**Details:** The church will celebrate its 60th anniversary with appetizers, punch and memories. Past and current members may submit photos for the celebration. Tickets are a \$12 donation  
**Contact:** (734) 422-1470  
**APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Oct. 14  
**Location:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School, 800 S. Military in Dearborn  
**Details:** John Pless of Concordia Theological Seminary

will present "Human Beings vs Persons: Conflicting Worldviews; cost is \$10, \$5 for students. Download a brochure at www.emmanuel-dearborn.org  
**Contact:** (313) 565-4002

#### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Oct. 8  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City  
**Details:** All animal friends including dogs, cats, turtles, goldfish, lizards, hamsters are welcome. There will be prizes for the best in a number of categories and treats for the animals and their human friends  
**Contact:** (734) 427-3660

#### BLOOD DRIVE

**Time/Date:** Monday, Oct. 3  
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## Family raises awareness, funds for brain disease

Grandson makes loved ones proud

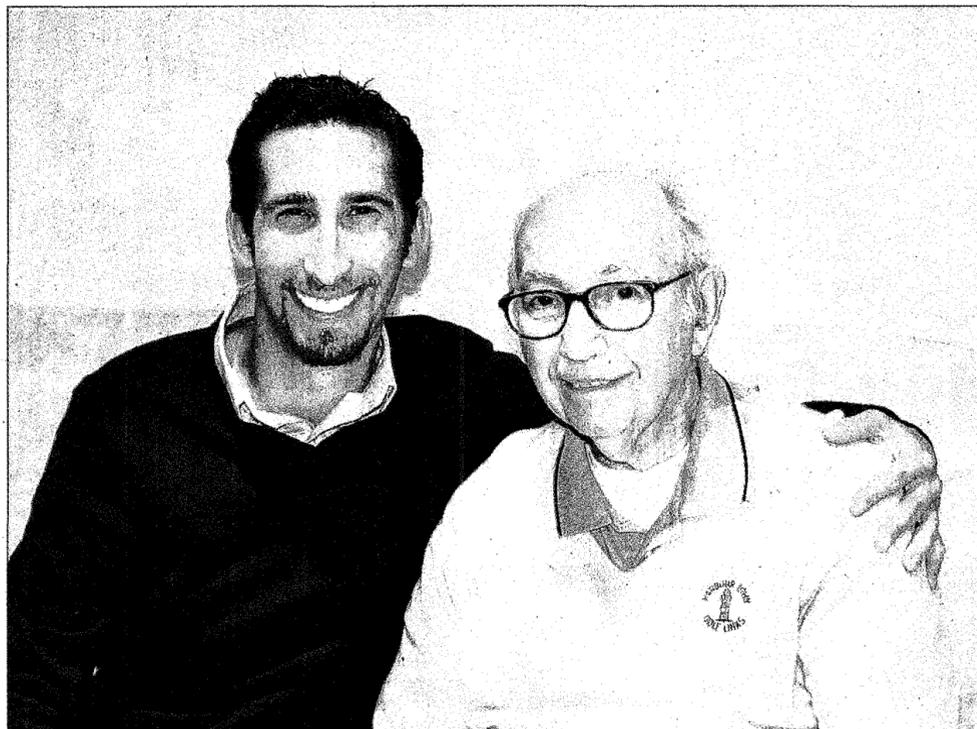
By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Jason Boschan plans to run a 26.2-mile marathon at the Great Wall of China next May in honor of his grandfather, Dr. Louis Heyman, an M.D. and pediatrician who practiced in Livonia for more than 50 years.

His mom, Shelley Boschan, wants to get the word out to former patients that Heyman was diagnosed with a brain disease, primary progressive aphasia (PPA), two years ago. Through a fundraising event at her Bloomfield Hills home next weekend, Boschan also hopes to raise awareness of the disease and money for her son's \$20,000 marathon goal. All proceeds from his run will benefit the Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center (CNADC) at Northwestern University, a prominent research facility for PPA.

The open house event will run 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9. To attend, register with Boschan at [shelley@run4papa.com](mailto:shelley@run4papa.com) or call (248) 225-1700.

"Jason ran the New York Marathon last year and saw all these people running for causes and got really motivated," Boschan said.



Jason Boschan (left) will run in the Great Wall of China Marathon next year to raise awareness of primary progressive aphasia and money for research. He runs in honor of his grandfather, Louis "Papa" Heyman, a retired physician who practiced pediatrics in Livonia and Detroit for many years.

In a letter to friends and family, the North Carolina resident said he realized that athletic events, such as marathon runs, can benefit critical medical causes.

### Making a difference

"My goal now has become two-fold. First, to raise money for and awareness of this devastating illness, and second, to challenge myself physically in a venue that matches the fight my grandfather is facing," he wrote. His mother is focused

on the upcoming fundraiser at her home. She plans a live video chat and Powerpoint presentation about PPA.

"We really want to share what Jason is doing and help other families," Boschan said. "I'm trying to reach out to people who knew him (Heyman). Because of HIPPA (privacy rules) I don't feel comfortable going through his patient list."

Her father, who lives in West Bloomfield, was diagnosed six years ago with a frontal lobe illness. Two years ago it was labeled PPA.

### No cure

According to the Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center, PPA is a form of dementia caused by brain cell degeneration that affects the ability to use language in speaking, understanding, writing and reading. Individuals at first experience difficulty thinking of common words while speaking or writing. As the disease progresses, verbal communication becomes difficult and eventually the ability to read declines. Unlike Alzheimer's Disease, PPA doesn't affect mem-

ory in its initial stages. It's also less common than Alzheimer's Disease and affects individuals at a younger age. No medical treatment has been shown to reverse PPA. Drugs, like Aricept or Razadyne, that are given to patients with Alzheimer's Disease, don't help PPA patients. Treatment generally consists of working on communication skills and strategies. Individuals with PPA can remain physically and mentally active, while learning to cope with diminishing language skills. "Right now he can still



Heyman

read and write, but can't speak well," Boschan said, describing her dad. "He's not well enough to use the computer very well. Here's a man who gave his life to people 24/7. Now he has a communication illness. It's devastating."

Heyman taught at Wayne State University Medical School for more than 30 years and was affiliated with seven hospitals. His Livonia office was located on Farmington Road between Eight Mile and Seven Mile. His practice peaked at 18,000 patients, Boschan said.

After he retired from private practice, he served as a visiting physician for a few years.

For more about Jason Boschan's run, visit [www.run4papa.com](http://www.run4papa.com). For more on PPA, visit [www.brain.northwestern.edu](http://www.brain.northwestern.edu).

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Guest speaker Certified Registered Dietitian  
Wednesday, October 12, 1 p.m.  
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Guest speaker Janice Wheeler, RN, M.Ed. CDE  
Thursday, October 13, 7-8:30 p.m.  
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- **Center for Joint Replacement Seminar**  
Guest speaker Ryan Mollit, DO  
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- **Women's Health Series: Healthy Living. Healthy Woman.**  
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Thursday, October 20, 6-8 p.m.  
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Guest speaker David Mendelson, MD  
Thursday, October 27, 6 p.m.  
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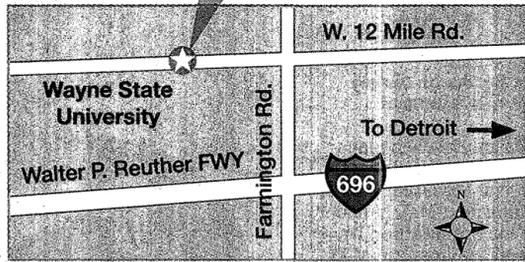
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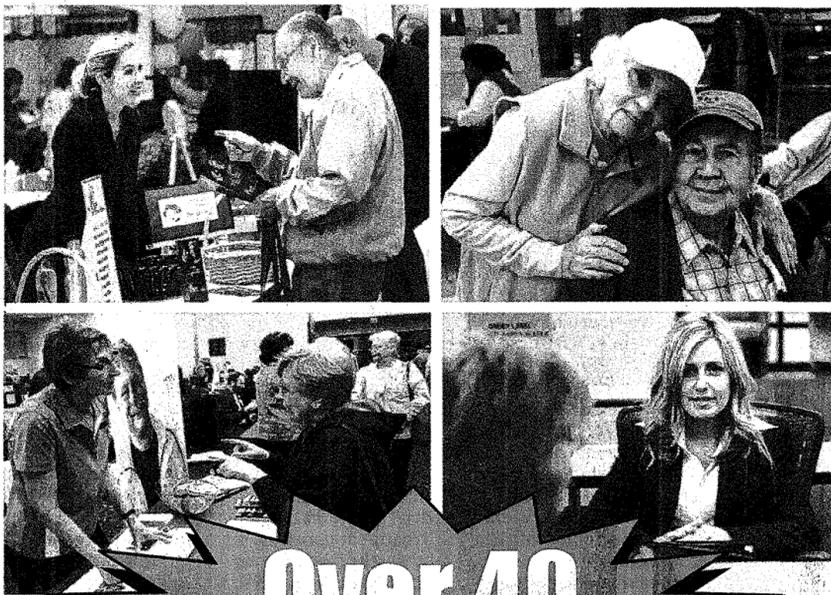
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Topic: Oral Cancer in the Metro Detroit area and Advanced Screening Techniques



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