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Non-partisan Voters Guides for the candidates running in the Tuesday, Nov. 8, general election are now available on the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County's website at [www.lwvww.org](http://www.lwvww.org). Candidates running for position on the Westland City Council and the Livonia school board responded to questions submitted by the League. The League of Women Voters is a trusted source of non-partisan candidate information, and the Voter Guide provides an easy vehicle for the voters to compare the candidates before the Nov. 8 election.

**Pet blessing**

Pets will be welcome at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland, today (Oct. 9) for a blessing by Revs. Neil Cowling and Drew Tomberlin Jr. The event will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Participants are invited to bring their pets and/or photos of their deceased pets. A special offering will be accepted and will benefit the Michigan Humane Society, Dearborn Animal Shelter, PAWS with a Cause and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

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**'On life support': Council gets report on Westland City Hall**

By **LeAnne Rogers**  
Observer Staff Writer

It's no secret that Westland City Hall has had a long-running problem with basement flooding — reports are the building was constructed 48 years ago over what had been an open municipal storm drain.

Now it seems that some of the remediation efforts have not only failed to keep water out of the basement, but also seem to be undermining the foundation. A sink hole has developed on the east side of the building. "That's the least of your problems, if you have undermined the building foundation," said

Wayde Hoppe, senior architect with city engineers OHM. Council members got the bad news — there were really no positive points in the assessment of the flooding problems at City Hall — from Hoppe during a study session. "Our best guess is floor level (in the basement) is below the

water table," Hoppe said. During a 1999 investigation into water in the elevator pit, engineers drilled a hole to obtain soil samples. "The water came in so fast that they had to pump it. There was so much sand that they burned

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New William P. Faust Library Director Sheila Collins is settling into her new job.

**New director comfortable with Westland library**

By **LeAnne Rogers**  
Observer Staff Writer

A few weeks into her new job as library director, Sheila Collins has positive impressions about Westland's William P. Faust Public Library. "It's been excellent. I feel comfortable with the staff. It's a really nice place to be," said Collins, who most recently had been executive director of libraries at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma. "There is an excellent staff. It's busy all the time. There are always library patrons in

here and that's excellent. I want people to come in. It's great to see the public support. I was surprised at the number of people who come in from other communities." In addition to a master's degree in library science, Collins also has a juris doctorate degree. She went to law school in response to litigation that involved her family dairy farm in upstate New York and later worked as a librarian. "We moved back to Ohio so my daughter could graduate from high school with her friends," said Col-

lins, who was working for a Toledo law firm at that time — a job that included a long commute and demanding hours. "I went to work for the Lima (Ohio) library. It broadened my horizons. I wanted to get back into academia." Collins held positions at Defiance College and Northwest State Community College, both in Ohio, before moving to Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin and Minot State University in North Dakota. Then came the move to

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**W-W looks at roof repairs, renovations**

By **LeAnne Rogers**  
Observer Staff Writer

Roof repairs at Westland John Glenn High School and Franklin Middle School will be the big ticket items in 2012 — the last year of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools sinking fund. The high school roof repairs will cost an estimated \$750,000, while the roof repairs at Franklin are projected at \$700,000. Plans also call for \$150,000 media center upgrades at both Franklin and Stevenson Middle School. "The board (of education) committee wanted to make sure all the roofs were in good shape, they sharpened their pencils and allocated more money for roofs," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services. "The Glenn roof is about one-quarter of the (entire) roof."

Some major work had been done on Glenn's roof using proceeds from the 1998 bond issue, Martin said, but not necessarily replacing the entire roof. He estimated an entire new roof would cost \$1.5 million-\$2 million. "The first floor roof, a 20-year roof, was installed in 1989. It's starting to fail — 22 years is pretty good. It's not leaking yet," said Martin, adding that Franklin's roof was also installed in 1989 and is leaking. The Stottlemeyer Early Childhood and Development Center is scheduled to have parking lot repairs, costing an estimated \$380,000. The parking lot hasn't had maintenance since it was installed in 1989, Martin said, and is in relatively poor condition. The remaining project would be \$100,000 for Life Skills renovations

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**Coleman: Maintain essential services**

By **LeAnne Rogers**  
Observer Staff Writer

Maintaining essential services and improving communications are among the goals for Westland council candidate Kevin Coleman. "I think we are in danger of losing what counts, which is our essential city services that residents depend on," Coleman said, mentioning firefighters, police officers and the Department of Public Services. "Those jobs are crucial to the success of the city." The city budget is another concern. "The general fund balance will be in dire straits if something isn't done," Coleman said. "Maybe we need to consider not fill-



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ing administrative positions. We need to look at sharing services. We need to plan ahead on spending. We have to be careful on what, where and when we spend money." Along with looking at sharing services with other communities, Coleman said to maintain public services, the city should consider not filling administrative positions. "Going forward, we need to look at shared sacrifices between the administration and employees — it always falls on the workers and their families now," he said. "Maybe we can cut administrative perks, for

example, car allowances and gas cards." There aren't specific programs that Coleman said he would target for cuts, adding that he would expand community programs for families and senior citizens. "I want to open the lines of communication between City Hall and the neighborhoods. I think a lot of people they are being neglected, so communications is definitely a big goal," he said. If elected, Coleman said he would be willing to work hard for everyone in the community, adding he has a strong desire for public service. "Westland is looking for inde-

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**KEVIN COLEMAN**  
Age: 28  
Family: Married, no kids  
Education:

Bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University. **Employment:** Employed as a teacher at Synergy Performing Arts Studio and Westland Music. **Community involvement:** Regularly attends council meetings and study sessions; volunteer on elections and with church groups; participates in community group events.

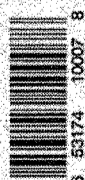
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# Report highlights city hall problems

Among the highlights of the OHM evaluation of Westland City Hall are:

- Westland City Hall was constructed in 1963, two years before Nankin Township incorporated. It is a two-story building with 6,500 square feet of space on each floor and a full basement.
- According to an assessment report prepared in 1999, the basement flooding had been an ongoing issue for more than 12 years, or back to 1987.
- City Hall was originally constructed with under-floor drain tiles beneath the basement slab that lead to an interior concrete encased sump. The sump discharges to the east by gravity to an exterior site storm water structure. Roof sumps are also connected to the under-slab drains.
- In 2005, the perimeter of the

building was excavated and a perimeter perforated drain line was installed, apparently connected to the existing under-slab drain tiles. Another effort to alleviate the flooding was made by installing new under-slab tiles on the north end of the building and connecting the new drains to the existing system.

• During the last 16 years, the under-drain system has sent ground water and water from the roof to the sump. However, the same system is also sending sand to the sump. As a result, every six months for the last 16 years the drain tiles, sump and drain line from the sump have clogged with sand.

The city has hired a contractor to use a high pressure water line to blow out the sand and clean the components of the system.

Each time this was done, four to five yards of sand was removed or approximately 150 yards of sand over 15 years.

As the report from consulting engineers OHM notes, "Removal of any sub-base material from the supporting area of the building may contribute to serious structural failure."

- The typical path for erosion is closest to the drain pipe. Since the under-slab pipes are fairly close to the perimeter foundations, it may be likely that the spread footings have been undermined.
- During the last maintenance, the contractor managed to damage the pipe from the sump to the outside drainage structure, making future bi-annual maintenance no longer possible. As a result, a more permanent solution will be needed.

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out three (pump) motors before they brought in a Vactor truck to pump out enough water to be able to grout the hole," Hoppe said. "Otherwise, the water would have filled the building."

Hoppe estimated that the type of testing needed to determine a long-term solution to the problem — a process that would involve excavating sections of the basement floor — would cost at least \$500,000.

After hearing the report, along with updates on air quality and asbestos tests on the building, some council members weren't interested in spending more money on the building, located in an area with ground water levels estimated at two to four feet below grade or just above the finished floor of the basement.

"It doesn't make a lot of sense to me to continue to

Band-Aid the basement. It's pretty bad. We've got feces in the building. The building is sinking. We've got a basement floor that is eroding," Councilman Dewey Reeves said. "The building is on life support. We need a DNR (do not resuscitate) order. That's my opinion. At what point do we stop spending money on something that will have no results?"

With the current economy, Councilwoman Christine Bryant said she wasn't ready to commit to a new City Hall. "No one is spending to build new things; people are buying old homes and renovating, refurbishing," she said. "We need a cost comparison. We would have to bond out and spend money we don't have. I'd hope we would look at remediating the existing building."

Even if repairs were made, Council President James Godbout said there was no guarantee the flooding problem would be solved with the high water table.

"Prior administrations have looked the problem. It's not only structural, it's a 40-plus-year-old building. The windows leak like a sieve," Godbout said. "There are significant brick and mortar issues. Each year we have to mortar bricks so they don't fall out."

Godbout added that he tended to agree with Reeves about reaching a point of spending money on a deteriorating asset. Air quality studies of City Hall didn't find mold problems within the building or asbestos issues. Hoppe reported other problems stemming from the wet basement.

"I started work on this in April and have been here five times. Some part of the building always had some water standing," he said. "There are electrical panels on the floor. They are not designed to be submersible. It will withstand for a time, but more important is life safety."

To work on equip-

ment in City Hall's east mechanical room, Hoppe said the worker has to wear rubber boots.

"It's just not safe. The west side has dry period, but there is a brown cakey substance on the top of the water and oil," he said. "It appears to be cross contamination of the sanitary sewer and storm sewer lines. The oil is probably from the mechanical equipment that is corroded and leaking."

Council wasn't being asked at this time to make a decision on what to do about City Hall, Mayor William Wild said, adding a follow-up meeting may be needed.

The Westland Tax Increment Finance Authority board had already commissioned a study looking at other buildings that could serve as a City Hall.

"We will review it and see how timely it is," Wild said. "We have a functionally obsolete building."

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pendent voices on the council who aren't part of the current political machine," said Coleman, who is campaigning with his cousin Peter Herzberg. "There would be no hard feelings if only one of us is elected. The one elect-

ed would serve to the best of his ability, the other one, I hope, would remain active and still inspired to public service in the future."

As non-incumbents, Coleman said he and Herzberg have to work harder on their campaigns.

"The people we talk to have been very positive. We have a lot of great people in the

city who care and are interested in this election," he said. "Experience doesn't translate to effectiveness and efficiency. I want to be proactive to deal with things before they come down the road."

A music teacher in Westland, Coleman said his work with local youths inspired him to start attending council meetings and to work

for a strong future for the city.

On the positive side, Coleman said the city does a good job at being business friendly.

"I'm glad they are improving parks and opens spaces," he said. "I think we have a great police force at this point."

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# Kids 'Turn Off the Violence'

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

There will be animals, magic, a circus and a movie — something for the whole family Thursday at Westland's annual Turn Off the Violence at the Bailey Recreation Center.

"This is probably our 18th year. It's a big family night when they can enjoy all the free events," Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said.

There is a time change this year — activities will run 6:30-8:30 p.m., wrapping up 30 minutes earlier.

"We went until 9 p.m. last year, but no one was there. It's a school night," he said.

Cirque Amongus will perform and the movie *Yogi Bear* will be shown outside — a return engagement since the original showing last summer was rained out. The Concrete Jungle Skate Park will be open for skateboarding and skating.

"We will have a whole lot of bouncers — more than you've ever seen — and big ones," Kosowski said.

Nelson Safari will bring animals that will be shown inside the Bailey Recreation Center. The Amazing Clark will perform magic and perform with puppets. Youngster can pledge to

Turn Off the Violence with a Westland police officer and get a prize. Information will be available about personal, home and driving safety, as well as identity protection. Westland firefighters will also be on hand.

"Year to year, we have a lot of the same activities. It's hard to change — people expect the same things like the bouncers, face-painting, outdoor bowling and miniature golf," Kosowski said.

The Grange will be providing pumpkins, which guests can paint and decorate. The Wayne Masonic Lodge will host a child identification program, providing parents a complete a child ID kit at no charge. Each child that goes through the process will receive a dental impression as well as a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and their vital information.

Parents or guardians of children who participate must be present and fill out a permission slip for the child to receive the service.

Turn Off the Violence is sponsored by the Wild About Youth Task Force and the Westland Rotary Club. The entertainment and activities are all free. Food will be available at a nominal cost.

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Oklahoma.

"I prefer the north. A lot of people move to the south. It was very hot (in Oklahoma) and we still had winter. I didn't like the poisonous snakes," Collins said. "We had hoped to settle in Oklahoma. We thought that would be our final destination. It wasn't what we were hoping for."

Collins and her husband Daniel Fisher, who will soon be relocating from Oklahoma, have an adult son and daughter along with a 2-year-old granddaughter. After the last move to Oklahoma, Collins said her husband had difficulty finding a job so he started his own business, offering services ranging from pet and house sitting to handyman repairs.

Living in an apartment currently, Collins said her husband will join her once they find a home to buy locally.

Since her arrival, Collins has done a good job integrating herself into the library, Library Board

President Mark Neal said. "She has met with all of the employees, they seem very happy with her. She hasn't wasted any time making herself familiar with the library and the staff," Neal said.

The staff does a wonderful job, Collins said, but the library is understaffed currently.

"They provide excellent services and a lot of programs, it's amazing what the staff is doing," she said.

A first goal would be to increase the number of library staff who provide service to patrons, she said, along with increasing the budget to provide more materials and services.

"I see those as two things I need to work on right away. I don't make changes just to make changes," she said. "It's what would be most beneficial to the library and community members."

The public will have an opportunity to meet Collins Saturday, Nov. 15, as the library holds a celebration of the its 15th anniversary.

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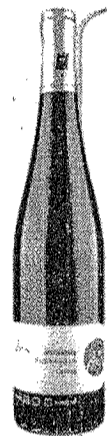
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## Company showers Taft-Galloway with supplies

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

It was a bit like Christmas for a group of students at Wayne-Westland's Taft-Galloway Elementary School in Wayne with the delivery of boxes of school supplies from Rush Trucking Corp.

"They're so excited. The students and teachers need those supplies," Taft-Galloway Principal Laura McKinstry said. "We appreciate this so much."

"We're very happy to be a part of this," said John Dalrymple, Rush's chief financial officer. "I want to take my hat off to our internal team who put this together."

The boxes contained orange backpacks and plenty of scissors, markers, rulers and notebooks that will be given out to children. According to McKinstry, the company was given the go-ahead to do the school colors of orange and blue which go with their mascot, the tiger, and the Detroit Tigers.

"We have so many students that register during the year that when they come in we can provide them with a backpack filled with supplies," McKinstry said.

Dalrymple credited Rush employees Mary Miller and Kim Cada with doing the lion's share of the work in gathering up the supplies provided by the 60 employees at Rush's corporate offices in Wayne.

"We're very excited about the drive and the good results we had," Miller said. "It's the first time we've done this with the school district. Kim organized it. We provided 75 backpacks and tried to make sure to get 75 of everything that was on their list. We did our level best."



John Albrecht, executive director for student and legal affairs (from left),

Employees were encouraged to bring in the supplies. Those who didn't want to do the shopping brought in money. The company took advantage of back to school sales, stocking up on notebooks and protractors for one cent each at Office Max.

"The company donated the backpacks. Our job was to fill them," Cada said.

Amanda Faughnan, coordinator of the district's Family Resource Center, offered kudos to Rush.

"A lot of times at the Family Resource Center, we're asked what supplies to purchase," she said. "If you buy pencils and markers, it's something that we can give to another student."

Four members of the school's safety patrol — Angel Lopez, C.J. Elswick, Julia Wester and Taj Brantley — accepted the donations on behalf of the students.

Also on hand for the presentation was John Albrecht, the district's executive director of student and legal affairs, who "proudly" accepted the gifts on behalf of the school district.

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## ACHIEVERS

**Darrin S. Crawford** of Westland received juris doctor degree during the University of Wisconsin-Madison's spring commencement ceremonies, May 13-15.

**Timothy Smolen** of Westland has been named to the Spring 2011 Academic Honors List at Spring Arbor University. The Academic Honors List recognizes full-time students who have received a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for the semester.

The son of Allen Smolen and Linda Rich-French, Smolen is a junior, majoring in marketing.

**Nicholas Ruppel**, the son of Ron and Debbie Ruppel of Westland, was among 233 medical students who received a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience during commencement ceremonies May 14.

A 2002 graduate of John Glenn High School, he earned a bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degrees in biology and exercise science at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill. He is member of Sigma Sigma Phi, the national osteopathic honor society. While at KCUMB, he served as an ambassador for the Class of 2011.

During commencement, he also was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. He will complete his postdoctoral training in family medicine at Elgin Medical Center in Valparaiso, Fla.

**Jessica Kuder**, the daughter of Kimberly and Donald Kuder Jr. of Wayne, received an associate of art degree during commencement ceremonies May 15 at Cottey College in Nevada, Mo. She was recognized for her scholastic performance by being named to the List for the spring 2011 semester.

The Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association (SEMMA) has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to **Elizabeth Okunrounu**, a Wayne resident and junior at Central Michigan University, and to Britany Washington, a Westland resident and 2011 graduate of John Glenn High School.

They are among 17 McDonald's employees in southeastern Michigan to be awarded a scholarship by local McDonald's owner/operators in 2011.

Washington, an employee at a McDonald's location in Wayne County, and Okunrounu, an employee at a McDonald's location in Oakland County, were chosen to receive the scholarship because they demonstrated a strong commitment to both her work at McDonald's and her performance in the classroom.

**James Gramm** of Westland has been named to the Dean's List at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He had to achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale during summer semester to be named to BGSU's Dean's List.

Gramm is enrolled in the College of Education and Human Development.

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at Marshall Upper Elementary School.

Those projects will get underway in the spring of 2012. The 2011 projects, including media center renovations at Hamilton, Elliott and Wildwood elementary schools, got under way last spring.

"The projects start in the spring and end in the fall typically. It's one to two years (from planning to finish)," said Martin. "This will be the last year of the 10-year 1-mill sinking fund. The last levy will be in August 2012."

That means the board and

community will have to make a decision on what to do about the expiring millage and whether it is time to seek voter approval for another sinking fund, said Martin.

In 2003, voters approved levying 1 mill for 10 years to fund the sinking fund. The millage generated in excess of \$2 million annually although less money than expected, Martin said.

Among the projects already completed using the sinking fund:

- Classroom and hallway lighting upgrades.
- White board installation.
- Parking lot and bus loop improvements.
- Heating and air conditioning improvements.
- High school gym expansions.

• Elevator construction.  
• Media center additions and improvements.

• Roof replacements and major repairs.

• Pool filters.  
• Science and art lab improvements.

• Kitchen remodeling.  
"The buildings are in relatively good shape, you can walk through the buildings and be proud of them," said Martin. "It's just like your house. You get close to paying off the mortgage, then you need a roof or the furnace needs replacing. It's the same with schools. We have a lot of facilities and a lot of needs."

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# Anderson presses for passage of pink ribbon license plate bill

State Sen. Glenn Anderson has introduced legislation that would establish the month of October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Michigan.

"Until a cure is found, education and early detection are the greatest weapons against breast cancer, and establishing October as 'Breast Cancer Awareness Month' will help promote breast cancer awareness across the state and throughout the month," said Anderson. "Funding for research and awareness promotion is also essential, and that is why I am working to establish a Pink Ribbon fundraising license plate as well."

During Senate session today, Anderson also continued to call on his colleagues to support Sen-



Sen. Glenn Anderson's proposed drive pink license plate would help raise money for the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

ate Bill 389, his legislation to create a "Pink Ribbon" fundraising license plate. His bill will provide for the development of a license plate benefiting the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

Breast cancer is the

second-most-common cancer in women and the second-leading cause of cancer death. Each year breast cancer strikes nearly 200,000 women in the United States, including 6,000 in Michigan.

Citizens can visit [mipinkplate.com](http://mipinkplate.com) to get more

information on Anderson's bill and contact their legislators to urge them to support this legislation.

Senate Bill 389 initially received overwhelming, bi-partisan support, receiving co-sponsorship of all 38 sitting Senate members for the first time in a decade. The legislation is also unanimously supported by every chapter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation in Michigan.

The Senate Transportation Committee voted in favor of the legislation on May 24, but it is stalled on the Senate calendar, awaiting action by the full Senate.

"There is no reason why the Legislature shouldn't pass this important and lifesaving legislation

right away," Anderson said. "This bill is ready to go now, it has received co-sponsorship from every member of the Senate, has moved swiftly out of committee, and I have raised private donations to cover the start-up costs. We can start saving women's lives today."

The Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program provides low-income women throughout Michigan access to life-saving cancer screening services and follow-up care, including cancer treatment, if needed. Through this program, breast and cervical cancer will be identified at earlier stages, when treatment is less expensive and the chances of survival are much greater. All revenue gen-

erated through the issuance of the license plate will greatly increase the number of women that this program is able to screen.

Anderson and his family have a long history of advocacy on this cause and he feels especially passionate about this issue because his mother is a breast cancer survivor. He has already personally and privately raised the \$15,000 start-up cost for the plate so no tax dollars will be used in production of the new license plate.

Anderson represents the 6th State Senate District which includes Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township.

# Traditional crafts star in American event

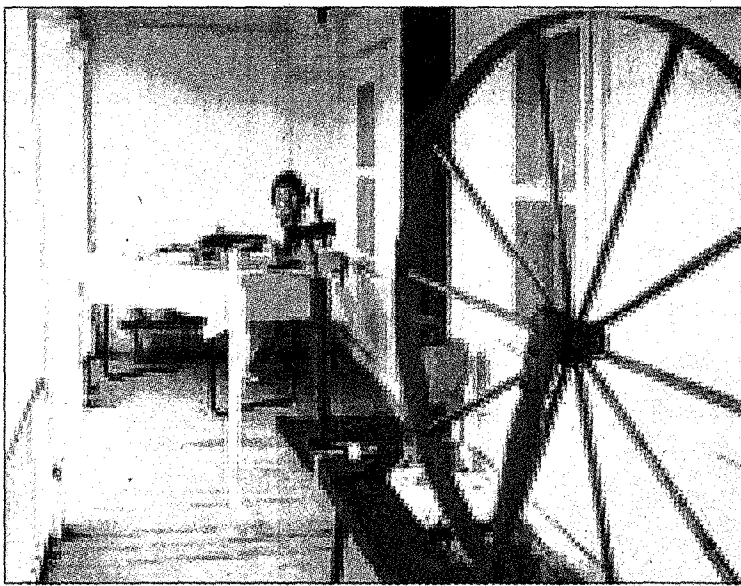
By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Traditional American crafts like spinning, candle dipping and making corn husk dolls will be joined by live dulcimer music and storytelling at Modern Americana, Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Westland Historic Village Park.

"Last year, the event was about American folk crafts. This year, it's about all types of folklore with music and storytelling," Westland Historical Commission member Bethany Stawasz said.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors will have the opportunity to view and participate in a variety of crafting demonstrations, including spinning, weaving, knitting, quilting, paper cutting and chair caning.

"This is the second one we have done. Last year was pretty good. Any first-time event, it's hard to get people to attend or participate — they don't know what it is," Stawasz said. "We had a pretty good turnout



Spinning, chair caning and new this year, dulcimer music, will be featured at Modern Americana Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Westland Historic Village Park.

with seven or eight vendors. I don't have a count on the number of people who attended, but each of the buildings was busy — the presenters got no break from talking."

This year's event will have a special focus on spinning, to celebrate the museum's newest acquisition, an 18th-century Great Wheel. This wheel was donated by Donna Casa-

celi, a local historian who concentrates her study on women's domestic history. Casaceli and others will demonstrate their craft on a variety of spinning wheels, both historic and modern.

Also new this year will be old-fashioned children's games, such as rolling hoops with sticks, graces in which smaller hoops are tossed to be caught with sticks, jacks, marbles and small wooden hand-held games.

The storytellers will include state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, who will read the story of Johnny Appleseed, and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, who will read about John Henry.

"It is my hope that this event will inspire our guests to learn more about a craft, more about an instrument or more about an American folk hero," said Stawasz, who organized the event. "Guests can watch demonstrators, ask questions and try their hands at a number of crafts. The best part is that it's free."

The Westland Historic Village

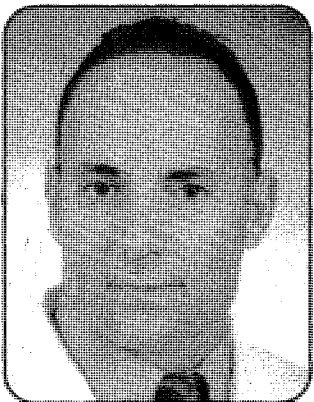
Park is at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. More information is available on the village park Facebook page.

Upcoming events include an appraisal clinic by DuMouchelle Galleries beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Bailey Recreation Center. The appraisal fee is \$10 per item for a verbal appraisal, with a maximum of three items per person. Make an appointment and obtain an estimated time slot by calling Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918. Walk-ins will be accepted at the end of the scheduled appointments.

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# Just Baked opens new production facility

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Sweet. Three years after starting a baking business in Livonia with a couple of kitchen mixers and a few cupcake tins, Pam and Todd Turkin have opened a 17,000 square foot production facility for their Just Baked cupcake business.

On Thursday, the Farmington Hills couple celebrated with a grand opening at their new facility at 31805 Glendale with business partners Garden Fresh Salsa, elected officials, employees and family members.

The company has grown from the early start in 2008 from the site of the former Burkhardt Bakery on Seven Mile near Farmington Road to seven stores in Livonia, Ann Arbor, Brighton, Canton, Novi, Royal Oak and Troy. "It's unbelievable," Pam Turkin said about Just Baked and its rapid growth.

"We're proud of the business and the people who work for us. They work hard. It's a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun." The company employs 75 people at its stores, and as growth continues, the company will hire more, Turkin said.

Turkin said the company needed more space, so they approached the city earlier this year seeking a location with more room. "We were set on staying in Livonia," Turkin said. "We were dedicated to the community that was dedicated to us."

The facility houses a baking and decorating area for the cupcakes and cookies, and a 400-square foot cake studio with three decorators.

**Learning to bake** Turkin taught herself to bake for about a year before she pursued the business. "I'm not a baker; I'm a marketer," she

said. "I think I'm creative."

She started out with ideas for flavors conveying the sweetness aimed at a child's palate and the nostalgia attached to that flavor for adults.

Early flavors included the S'more cupcake, which tastes like the campfire treat, and the Grumpie cupcake, so named because a name that rhymes with it is trademarked. (OK, it's a chocolate cake with a buttercream ribbon buried in the chocolate ganache.)

About two weeks after opening, Turkin hired Jamie Lullove, who is now working in purchasing and marketing for Just Baked. Lullove of Farmington Hills remembers the early days of 2008.

"We had two Kitchen Aid mixers, four cupcake pans and three spatulas," Lullove said. "We'd make six flavors a day. That's all we had for cupcakes in the store."

**The real stuff**

Turkin insists that all real ingredients are used. "We use all real butter, real eggs, real milk, lemons and oranges," Turkin said. The lemons and oranges are freshly squeezed. Everything is baked in microbatches, Turkin said.

She quips that there's no vegetable shortening in the facility, identifying a popular brand by name.

Lullove said the company started with purchases of three cases of butter a week. Today that number has grown to 30. "We always joke that we should have our own farm," Lullove said.

Jordan Conn, co-manager of Just Baked's production facility and Brighton resident, said 2,000 to 7,000 cupcakes are baked and created daily, then delivered to stores.

Conn said the time spent with co-workers at the facility has made Just



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Mural artist Kobie Solomon painted a mural at Just Baked's production facility in three weeks over the summer.



Pam and Todd Turkin offer welcome and thanks.

Baked "like family." "It's interesting that we have found this niche," Conn said. "We're able to grow when everybody

else is laying off."

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Jordan Conn decorates Black and White cupcakes.

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**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15  
**Location:** Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, Hines Drive south of Ann Arbor Trail, Westland  
**Details:** Children are invited to dress in spook-free costumes for Wayne County Parks' Halloween Festival 2011. Wayne County Parks will offer a free afternoon of games and activities, including hayrides, inflatables, costume parade, games and trick-or-treating. In addition to games and activities, this year's festival will feature performances entertainment at 1:15 p.m. and 2 p.m. under the Nankin Mills pavilion.  
**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 261-1990.  
**HALLOWEEN HIKE**  
**Time/Date:** Starting at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21  
**Location:** Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, Hines Drive south of Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

**Details:** For those of you looking for a different type of Halloween event, the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center offers a spook-free Halloween Hike. Hike outdoors and meet some funny forest dwellers. Costumed characters relating to nature will both entertain and educate as they share their stories. Pick from starting times of 6, 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. The hike will last about an hour and afterwards enjoy a short live animal presentation. You must pre-register before the event at Nankin Mills as space is limited. The cost is \$5 per person.  
**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 261-1990.  
**HOWL-O-WEEEN PARTY**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 15  
**Location:** Wayne County Dog Park at Hawthorne Ridge Park along Hines Drive east of Merriman in Westland.  
**Details:** Wayne County Parks is not forgetting four-



legged friends with the first annual Howl-O-Ween Party for dogs. There will be costume contests, pet related vendors, games and giveaways at this free event.  
**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 261-1990.  
**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 West-

land'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.  
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**Time/Date:** 6:30-11 p.m. Thursday and Sunday and 6:30 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday through Oct. 30  
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**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Thursday, 7-11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday and noon-10 p.m. through Oct. 12, open every night beginning Oct. 13.  
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**Time/Date:** 7-11 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29  
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**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  
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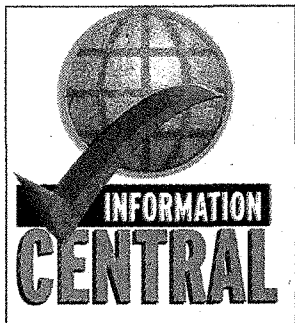
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We currently have four living former presidents. Our longest living president was Gerald Ford who lived to be 93 and the president with the shortest life was John F. Kennedy who was assassinated at the age of 46. The first president to be assassinated was Abraham Lincoln. John Tyler was the first president to be born in the United States. All previous presidents were born British subjects.

George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush were not the first father and son to serve as president and have the same first and last name - 190 years before their offices, John Adams and his son John Quincy Adams also served as president. We have had 10 presidents who never earned a college degree and only Woodrow Wilson had a Ph.D.

Did you know that Calvin Coolidge counted amongst his pets a donkey, a goose, an antelope and a hippo! The interesting facts about presidents just don't end. Learning about the United States presidents is a great way to study our country's history. Stop by the Westland Public Library and check out our extensive biography section where each president's life is featured.

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en days a week and we're always available 24 hours a day at [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org)

### Highlighted Activities

#### Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting: 2 p.m. Oct. 11

The Friends of the Library is an independent group of local residents and library users that helps support and promote the Library and its mission. They plan book sales and other fundraising activities for the library. They meet at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

#### Michigan Harvest - Healthy, Local Eating on a Budget: 7 p.m. Oct. 11

Join Sharon Strebbling of the Plymouth Westland Grange to learn more about local farmers and how to buy your food directly from the people who grow it. Other topics to be discussed are how eating foods grown by Michigan farmers not only supports the local economy, it also benefits the environment, your health and even your checkbook, methods for preserving fruits and vegetables year-round, understanding produce labels and nutrition information and much more. Reserve your seat by logging on to [westlandlibrary.org/events](http://westlandlibrary.org/events) or call the library (734) 326-6123.

# Hearing adjourned in police corruption case

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

A district court hearing to determine if seven individuals charged in a police corruption case has been adjourned to allow defense attorneys to review more than 20,000 pages of information related to the three-year investigation.

The case involves retired Romulus police chief Charles St. Andre and his wife Sandra Kay Vlaz-St. Andre of Garden City, and five Romulus police detectives who are accused of felony racketeering.

According to Maria Miller, director of communications for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, the preliminary examination before visiting Judge

James K. Kersten was adjourned by agreement of both sides in the case so that the defense could review discovery materials. A status conference has been scheduled for Nov. 7.

The charges stem from an investigation by the Michigan State Police into allegations of misconduct, corruption and embezzlement of drug forfeiture funds by members of the Romulus Police Department Special Investigation Unit.

The defendants are accused of repeatedly making or assisting others in submitting expense reports in an effort to seek improper reimbursement; creating fraudulent documents to support improper expenditures of drug forfeiture

funds; obstructing justice; making false statements in police reports; and misusing city of Romulus funds for their own personal gain.

St. Andre, a 28-year veteran of the police department, has been charged with conducting a criminal enterprise, acquiring/maintaining criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, embezzlement by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office, failure to file/false return, obstruction of justice, witness-bribery/intimidating/interfering in a case and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000.

Vlaz-St. Andre has been charged with acquiring and maintaining a criminal enter-

prise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, failure to file taxes by filing a false return and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000.

The couple also is accused of using police forfeiture funds to both purchase and operate the Always Tan at 33712 Ford in Westland.

Also charged in the case are Police Detective Sgt. Richard Allan Balzer and Detectives Richard Bruce Landry, Donald Ralph Hopkins, Jeremy James Channells and Larry Droegge. They could face up to 20 years in prison, if found guilty.

All of the defendants are free on bond. The five police officers also have been suspended.

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## Westland, GC men face trial for non-payment of child support

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

A Garden City man has been bound over for trial in Oakland County Circuit Court on a charged that he failed to pay thousands of dollars in court-ordered child support.

Mark Thomas Lester was among 29 individuals arrested in a sweep of outstanding felony warrants for failure to pay child support by the Michigan Attorney General's office and Oakland County Sheriff last month.

According to a press release from Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, the 42-year-old Lester owes \$55,639.94 in child support. Lester was fourth on the list of those arrested for owing the most

child support. At the top of the list was William Byron Brown of Essexville, who owes \$81,931.94, followed by Angelo Kirk of Detroit, who owes \$63,888.34, and Vincent Edward Cameron of Bloomfield Hills, who owes \$58,974.83.

All together, the defendants targeted in the southeast Michigan sweep owe \$866,103.62 in support to 48 Michigan children.

"Our job is to protect our most vulnerable citizens, our children," Schuette said in announcing the arrests. "If you have the ability to pay child support and refuse to fulfill that responsibility, we will hold you accountable."

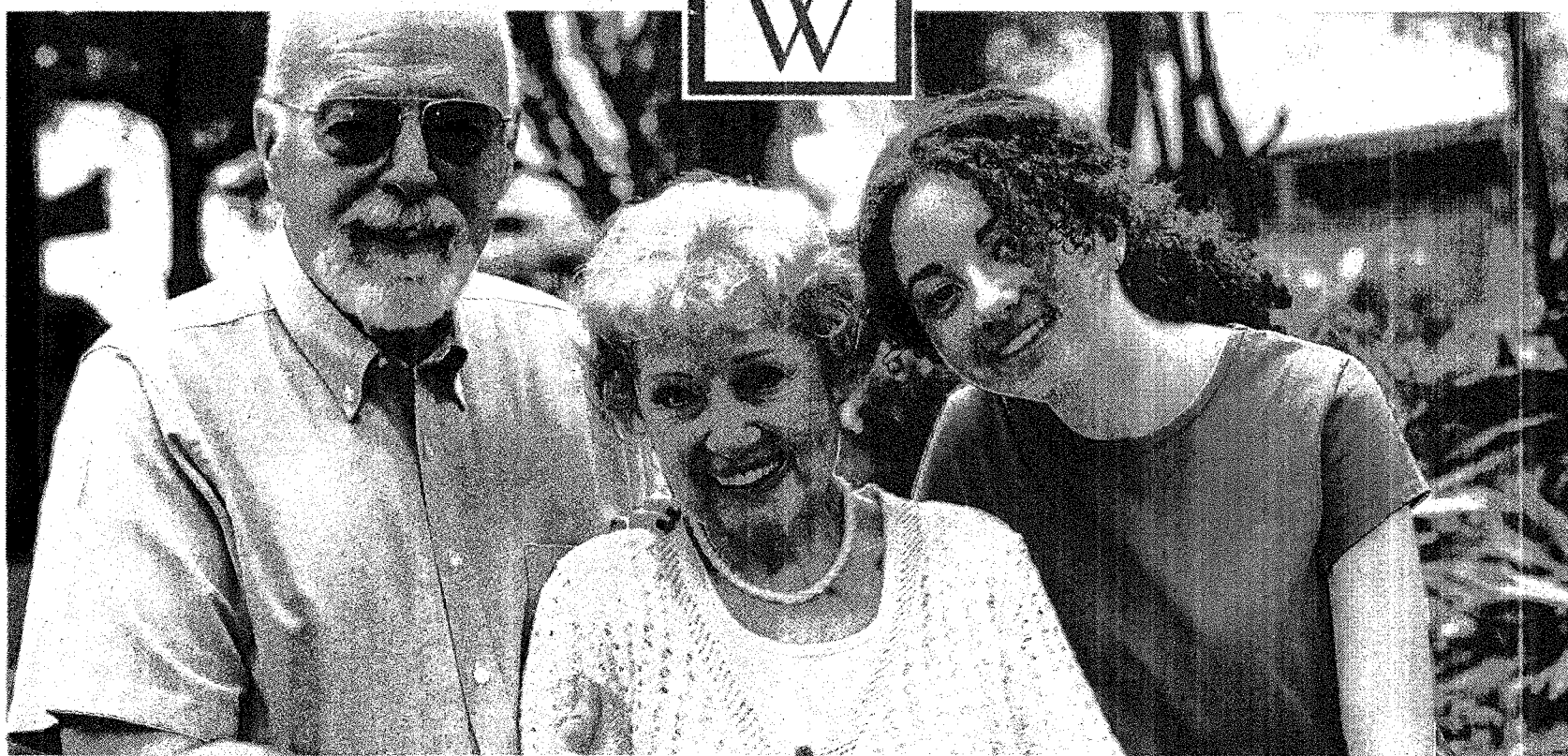
Lester waived a preliminary hearing in Pontiac's 50th District Court. Failure to pay court-ordered child support is a felony, punish-

able by a prison sentence of four years.

The Attorney General's Child Support Division focuses on those parents who have an ability to pay, but refuse to do so. The division receives case referrals from county prosecutors, Friend of the Court offices, custodial parents and law enforcement agencies. Since its inception, the Attorney General's Child Support Division has collected more than \$110 million for Michigan kids.

Custodial parents currently not receiving support may file an online request for review by Schuette's office at [www.michigan.gov/ag](http://www.michigan.gov/ag).

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# Madonna University celebrates 75 years with Diamond Jubilee

The Madonna University community is abuzz with activity in preparation for its 75th anniversary. To kick off the year-long anniversary celebration, Madonna's president and Board of Trustees will host the Diamond Jubilee at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

Along with student and other campus anniversary events, plans are under way for a huge community 75th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, on Madonna's campus. To find more information about anniversary events, browse historic photos, or share a memory on the anniversary blog, visit [www.madonna.edu/75years](http://www.madonna.edu/75years).

Livonia's first university, Madonna was established by the Felician Sisters in 1937 as Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Junior College, on what had been farmland. What began with 18 Sisters as a teaching college to bring education to area Catholic schools, soon grew to include other service-oriented majors, such as nursing, hospice, social work, criminal justice and sign language studies.

"For 75 years Madonna University has remained true to its mission, Felician tradition, and Franciscan values, and that commitment is evidenced in the brilliant shining moments and magnificent milestones that comprise Madonna's history," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, who has served as Madonna's president for the past 10



Sister Rose Marie with students in 2001.

years. Always changing, ever growing, Presentation BVM Junior College expanded to a baccalaureate institution in 1947, was renamed Madonna College and ultimately became a university. Under visionary leaders Madonna formulated the Graduate School in 1982 and expanded its offerings around the world, all the while, adding and improving its academic programs to meet the educational needs of society.

Madonna's athletic program — now celebrating its 25th anniversary — began with volleyball and has grown to 11 men's and women's sports. In 2000, Madonna earned the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' Champions of Character distinction.

Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools since 1959, Madonna University began offering graduate courses in Taiwan in 1989. Today, Madonna also offers programs in Dubai, China and Haiti, as well as study abroad opportunities in some 11 countries.

To address the nursing shortage, Madonna launched its first doctoral program in 2009, the Doctor of Nursing Practice. The first six doctoral degrees were conferred this past May.

Built to house Madonna's growing science and media programs, the recently completed Franciscan Center for Science and Media received Gold status for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. At the center of campus, the building stands as a testament to the vision and values of the Felician Sisters and

Madonna University. Currently, construction is under way for a nursing simulation lab and a sign language studies lab in the main academic building. This month, a distance learning bachelor's degree program in business was launched in Haiti for 20 hand-picked Haitian students.

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"One of the highlights of my long career at Madonna has been working with such dynamic and visionary leaders. Just looking at all the accomplishments of our current president, Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, says a lot about how this institution always strives to better itself and contribute to the community," said Ernest Nolan, provost and vice president for academic administration at Madonna.

"We have had 75 years of this progressive and forward thinking leadership and it has helped make Madonna University a great place for students, faculty and staff."

# Alumi, faculty share memories of Madonna

Some faculty and alumni shared their memories of Madonna during interviews conducted for a Diamond Jubilee video:

When Joan Nardi attended what was then Madonna College, things were decidedly different. One of the first five laywomen to graduate from Madonna in 1951, Nardi and her classmates lived and studied in the former Felician Sisters Motherhouse, today's Presentation Blessed Virgin Mary Central Convent.

And believe it or not, Nardi said, Madonna had a senior prom. "There weren't any men here at the time so we got together with friends and our classmates knew men that could come so we went with friends of friends, many of us never saw the person that took us to the dance before that day and never since, but we had a lovely time."

"I think the experience of being with the sisters, seeing how they conducted themselves ... as well as being able to take religion and moral guidance class was something that really shaped the person I became and am," said Nardi. "It added direction to all of our lives. It gave me a peek into how to use my faith in an adult way, rather than just the understanding we got from grade school and high school."

Sr. Ann Stamm: "I have been here 61 years as a member of the Madonna community. The majority of the majors when I came here would have been education, but now it's like a firework that has gone off in all directions; we serve people of all countries, all colors, all faiths."

"I tell students that if you come here you are going to work, but you are going to have people that will work with you and for you. You are going to have a goal and you are going to meet your goal. We admire and respect our students and see each one as a gift. A gift that comes to us and a gift we give back to the world."

Barry Sherman, chair of Madonna's criminal justice department:

"In 1972 Madonna opened up the school to male officers in the criminal justice program so I was in the first male student group. I graduated in 1974 with my bachelor's degree while I was a police cadet with the city of Livonia. Madonna struck me as being a warm friendly institution. You had your own identity here; you weren't lost in the crowd."

Dan McDougall, chair of the sign language studies department:

"The first day I came on campus I met with the chair of the [sign language studies] department, who at the time was Ken Rust. And I can take you to that place today, where I sat and waited nervously for Mr. Rust to come and have this conversation with me that would change my life. There is no way for me to talk about my work and the things I have done in the community without talking about Madonna University. When I came here I was a very narrow person. I didn't have a lot of experience with diverse people or people different from me. Madonna is the keystone to my understanding of diversity."

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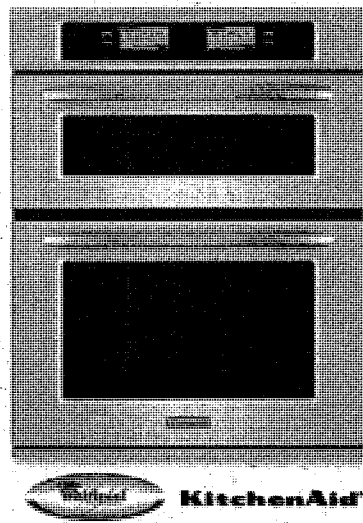
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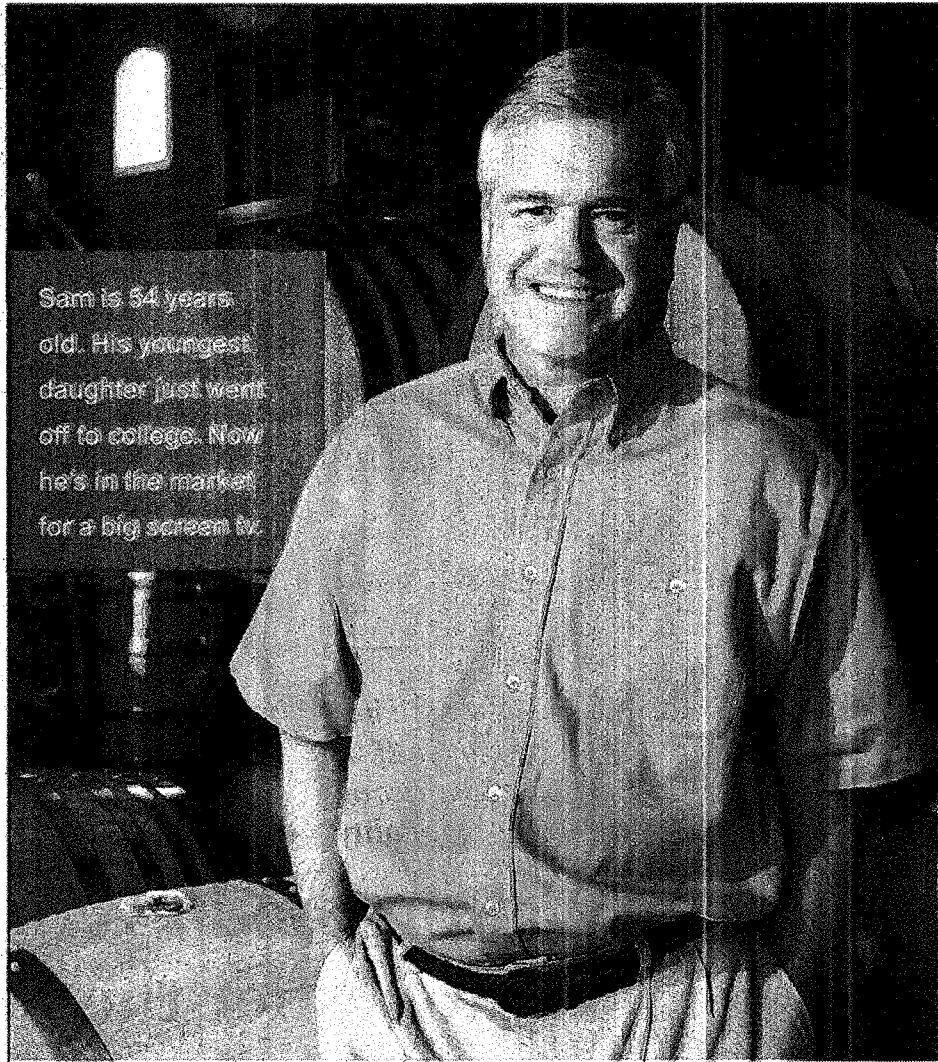
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# Life insurance can be wise move, but not as investment

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Last week I was lucky enough to be able to give a talk at the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Weekly Newspapers' Senior Expo. As a side note, it was a great event and I would recommend it for all seniors. At my talk there were a number of questions with regards to life insurance and I thought I would give my answer for one of those questions.

I was asked whether I thought life insurance was a good investment.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The woman who asked the question said that she had been approached about buying life insurance and using it as an investment. She said the salesperson told her that she would get a guaranteed rate of return and that when she needed money all she had to do was borrow from her policy. She was also told that upon her death, whatever was left in the policy would go to her beneficiary. She wanted to know if I thought that was a good move.

I've addressed this issue many times in the past and it certainly deserves repeating. My answer was that life insurance is not an investment. I explained that even though life insurance has some elements similar to an investment, I don't believe it is a good choice when someone has

to die in order to collect. Life insurance is a matter of risk management, not investing.

In these difficult economic times, many seniors have been approached by salespeople about buying life insurance and using it as an investment vehicle. They are told that with a life insurance policy you can't lose money and you will always get a guaranteed rate of return. Although this is true, the salespeople frequently forget to tell the full story.

Unfortunately, too many people in the insurance industry are only worried about their commissions, not what's good for the client. Of course, that doesn't condemn all people who deal with life insurance, but the best insurance agents I know never worry about their

commission, they only worry about taking care of their clients.

After the talk, I spoke to the woman in further detail about life insurance and she informed me that the salesperson told her it is similar to a CD. I told her that is not the case. The problem with buying life insurance as an investment is the fact that you are paying for life insurance. My view is if you don't need life insurance, why should you pay for it?

Also, it's not like you can get your money out whenever you want. With a CD, you can cancel at anytime and, in most cases, you only pay a small penalty. That penalty is generally at most, three months interest. That is not the case with a life insurance policy. If you cancel out your life insurance policy, the penalties

are severe and are based upon not only the interest earned on the policy, but also on the principal.

Insurance agents like to tell people that they can always borrow against their policy. Unfortunately, they don't tell them that the other part of the equation is you pay interest on the money you are borrowing. It has never made sense to me to pay interest on my own money.

Life insurance is a very valuable tool that people need in order to protect their families. The question that you should always ask with regards to life insurance is whether when you pass away anyone will lose out financially. If no one loses out financially, there is no reason to buy life insurance.

I always analogize to golf balls. I don't have

golf ball insurance even though I lose golf balls every time I play golf. In other words, there's no financial loss to me when I lose a golf ball. The question you need to ask yourself before you buy life insurance is not if you're going to pass away, because we all are; but rather, does anyone lose out financially when you are no longer here. If there is a financial loss to someone upon your death, then life insurance is one option to consider. However, life insurance should never be used as an investment. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his website at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

## AROUND WESTLAND

### 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 pinochle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle 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.

### Friendly Monsters

The Westland Jaycees will sponsor the Annual Friendly Monster on Saturday, Oct. 22, at their Crypt of Carnage haunted house at 1645 Wayne Road, Westland.

The Friendly Monster will be 4-6 p.m. The first 100 children will receive a free pumpkin. There is a free event for children age 12 and under. The Jaycees are asking that participants bring a canned good item to be donated to the Salvation Army.

The Westland Jaycees are a local organization dedicated to training young leaders through community service. For more information on the Westland Jaycees, call (734) 837-8320 or visit their website at [www.westlandjaycees.org](http://www.westlandjaycees.org).

### Folklore Day

The Westland Historic Village Park will celebrate American folk crafts, music and storytelling at its second annual Modern Americana City of Westland Celebrates American Folklore 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.

Guests will have the opportunity to view and participate in a variety of crafting demonstrations, including spinning, weaving, knitting, quilting, paper cutting and chair caning. New this year will be live dulcimer music and storytelling.

For the young and young-at-heart, storytelling and take-home projects will be available. State Sen. Glenn Anderson, State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt will engage visitors with the stories of America's folk heroes throughout the afternoon. Guests also can try their hands at candle-dipping and make a corn-husk doll.

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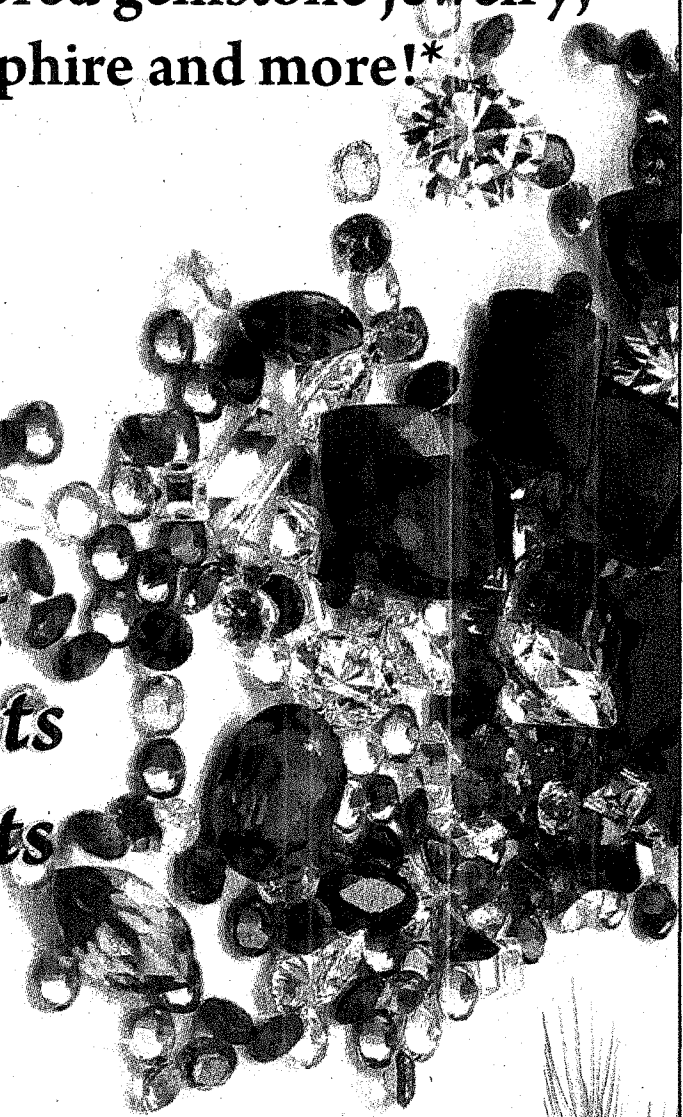
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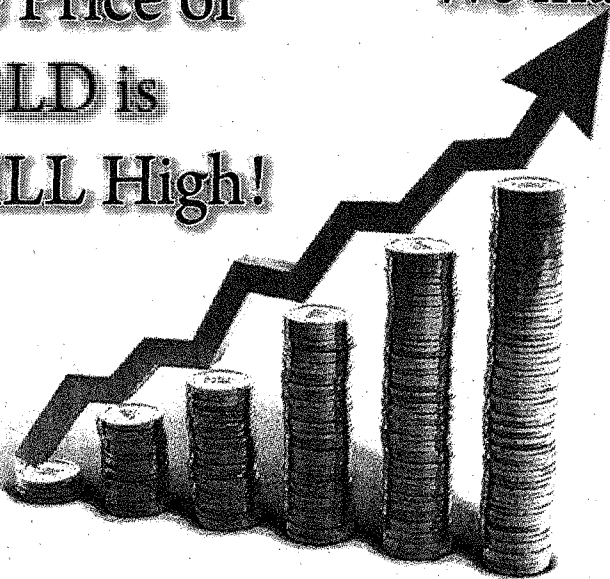
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# SPORTS

## Rockets stave off Wayne, 24-20

Westland John Glenn will own football bragging rights for another year against rival Wayne Memorial, but it wasn't easy.

The Rockets built a 17-0 halftime lead and held on for dear life Friday night as they rallied late to down the host Zebras, 24-20.

Senior quarterback Jeff Kuhary's 1-yard touchdown run with 6:23 remaining in the final quarter gave Glenn the victory.

The Rockets, now 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAAs South Division, led 14-0 after one quarter on a pair of DaMario Jones TDs. The first score was a 35-yard run, followed by a 70-yard punt return.

Glenn increased its lead to 17-0 after Alex Isaevski booted a 42-yard field goal with 5:34 to go in the second quarter. (The junior was also 3-for-3 on extra points).

Wayne (0-7, 0-5), however, refused to fold and got a pair of third-quarter scores — Stefon Perkins on a 24-yard TD run, followed by Devin Korzetki's 12-yard TD run with exactly four minutes left.

Wayne, however, missed both two-point conversion tries to still trail 17-12, but took the lead with 11:24 remaining in the game on Perkins' 23-yard TD run. The

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## Chargers slip by Patriots, 12-7



Churchill junior quarterback Seth Suida engineered the game-winning drive in the final three minutes to beat rival Franklin, 12-7.

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's football team did something Friday it hasn't done since 2004 — beat rival Livonia Franklin.

The Chargers needed 10-play, 77-yard drive during the final three minutes to spoil the Patriots' homecoming night, 12-7.

The win puts the Chargers, now 5-2 overall and 3-2 in the KLAAs South Division, closer to the state playoffs with only two games remaining.

Junior quarterback Seth Suida, who engineered the last-ditch drive, hit 5-of-7 clutch passes for 60 yards, including a 6-yard roll-out scramble pass to tight end Mitchell Adkins for the game-winner with only 31 seconds left.

"This is a good win, it's good to beat Franklin," said Churchill coach John Filiatraut, whose team was coming off a loss. "We've won a couple of games at the end and we've been in games at the end, so this is familiar, I guess, for us. I don't think we panicked at the end. I don't think our kids ever doubted they could make a play to win. It's a good win and it's fun."

The key play was Jaylin Freeman's 28-yard catch down the sideline with just under a minute left. The Chargers then got a critical pass interference call after Frank-

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## Conner sent to Griffins

The Detroit Red Wings announced last Tuesday that Westland native Chris Conner was one of five players to clear waivers and assigned to the Grand Rapids Griffins of the American Hockey League.

The 5-foot-7, 180-pound right winger is a sixth-year pro from Michigan Tech University who was signed on July 7 as a free agent by the Red Wings.

The 27-year-old Conner appeared in a career-high 60 NHL games last season with the Pittsburgh Penguins scoring seven goals and adding nine assists. He had one Stanley Cup playoff goal.

During the 2009-10 season Conner played eight games for Pittsburgh after getting called up from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of the AHL. In his first NHL season Conner scored two goals and added one assist, while making one playoff appearance.

## Crusaders deck Cards

Four different players tallied goals Wednesday as host Madonna University rolled to a 4-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over Concordia University at the Total Sports Complex in Wixom.

Lilliana Serratos and Kristen Black scored just 76 seconds apart during the opening 2:43 of action. Assists went to Nicole Rodriguez and Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin).

Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson) added a penalty kick in the 60th minute and Kaitlyn Krysiak notched her fourth of the year in the 70th minute (assisted by Jenaway).

Goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) made five saves to post her third shutout of the year as the Crusaders improved to 5-4 overall and 1-1 in the WHAC.

The loss drops the Cardinals to 1-5-1 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

## League lauds senior golfers

The Livonia Senior Women's Golf League celebrated another season with its annual awards banquet on Sept. 16 with the first prize awarded to the Fear-some Fourse of Monica Worhach, Karen Eglington, Diana Stimac and Rebecca Viola following its annual scramble and Caddy Shack hole-in-one contest held on Sept. 9.

Several Livonia businesses donated prizes including Kroger, Merri-Craft Florist, Borics, Wine Castle, Oasis Golf Center, Big Boy's, Busch's, ABC Warehouse, Chap's Feed Store & Pet Supplies, Outback Steakhouse, French's Flower & Gifts, Buddy's Pizza, Just Baked Cupcakes, Auto-Lab (Five Mile and Levan), Leo's Coney Island, D. Bennett Consulting and DeLuca's.

The league is open to senior women in the Livonia area. The 2012 season meeting is scheduled for next April. Check the Livonia Senior Center for more information.

### GIRLS GOLF

## Churchill earns trip to D1 finals

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill is going back to the MHSAA Division 1 state girls golf finals for the first time since 2007 when former Miss Golf Shannon Warner — now at Eastern Michigan University — led the way.

Bolstered by junior Jackie Burdette's 84, the Chargers placed third in Thursday's Region 3 tourney at Tanglewood Golf Course with a four-player total of 363 and earned the trip this weekend to Grand Valley State University's The Meadows.

Grosse Pointe South ran away

with the regional title with four players in the top five with a 318, while Troy also garnered a state finals trip with a 337.

"It's been our goal since the beginning of the season because we felt our team was good enough to get there," Churchill fourth-year coach Paul Worley said. "Our low for the season was a 354 and we figured we could qualify if we went in the low 360s or break 360. Everybody played to their average or a little above."

Burdette, who was 11th overall, started off 1-under through the first five holes and led the Chargers despite taking a double-bogey and a bogey on the

final two holes.

"She likes that golf course," Worley said of Tanglewood. "She hit the ball good, she was chipping good and putting good. That was the key."

The Chargers' top player all season long, senior Jordan Shepler, added an 86 to take 13th, while senior Nicole Kruse and Maggie McGowan finished 25th and 29th, respectively, with scores of 94 and 99.

Churchill's fifth player, junior Claire Rose, added a 113.

"Tanglewood was conducive to all of our girls' games," Worley said. "They all hit pretty long off the tee and it was playing about 5,500 yards. It's a pret-

ty good length. That's our strong point — getting off the tee. Our weak point is getting up-and-down around the green, but overall we played well enough."

Worley said the Chargers will head up Thursday to Allendale and begin play Friday for the two-day tourney.

"I was up there four years ago when my daughter played and it's not a friendly course," the Churchill coach said. "It's more like a links-style course, not many trees. It's target golf, there's a lot of water. But I've heard they've cut the high heather down."

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## High elevation



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Churchill's Marissa Pomaville (13) tries to slip a shot past Canton blockers Jordan Tubaro (10) and Kristen Muir (4). Churchill defeated the KLAAs South Division leaders in four sets. For more girls volleyball, see page B3.

### VOLLEYBALL

## Zebras get the best of rival Glenn again

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

When sisters Katie and Keri Horton are heavily involved in the action, good things happen for the Wayne Memorial girls volleyball team.

The twin tower siblings combined for 24 kills and 10 blocks Thursday night as the host Zebras beat rival Westland John Glenn for the third time this season in straight sets, 25-17, 25-18, 25-23.

"Finally we decided to let them single block all the way across so they could set their own pace, so it ended up pretty

good," said Wayne interim coach Samantha Dye, whose team improved to 12-9-1 overall and 4-4 in the KLAAs South Division. "If we can get the block, we're usually good. That's what kills you with the hard hitters."

Keri Horton, a 6-foot senior, recorded six of her team-high 13 kills in the opening set, including the set-clinching tip.

Wayne also took command from the start of the second set, building a 19-9 lead and coasting home while getting four kills from Katie Horton,

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## CHARGERS

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lin defensive back Trevor Mimnaugh came up with an interception in the end zone with only 0:46 remaining.

"The two catches were the difference," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "That long pass (to Freeman) ... we were in position. He outjumped our DB, but you've got to play with the kids that you've got."

Given half the distance to the goal, the Chargers then cashed in two plays later on Suida's game-winning TD pass to Adkins.

"Seth focused up and hit a couple of short ones that they were giving us," Filiatraut said. "And we have some kids that can catch the ball. Hunter Rimatzki had a nice night tonight. He's just another option for us, and Jaylin Freeman and Andre Adams ... we have some kids that can do some things with the ball."

After being stalled on its opening possession at the Franklin 15, Churchill got on the board first when Romello Brown, who had 101 yards on 24 carries, scored on a 6-yard touchdown run with 5:32 left in the first quarter.

But the extra-point attempt was blocked by Franklin's Max Shamus,

leaving the score at 6-0.

Franklin, meanwhile, had only three first-half possessions and couldn't move the ball, but took a 7-6 lead with 2:12 left in the third quarter on Justin Forrestal's 10-yard TD pass to Kyle Madden following a short Churchill punt.

Ryan Tikey, who boomed punts of 48 and 52 yards in the final quarter to keep Churchill pinned in, converted the extra point to make it 7-6.

Franklin then stopped the Chargers at the Patriots' 33 on a fourth-and-eight when Cameron Pogorel knocked down a pass with only 4:33 left.

But the Patriots stalled and couldn't convert a first down and were forced to punt again as Churchill started its game-winning drive on its own 23.

"I told the guys it was a game of inches," Kelbert said. "A couple of first downs that we didn't get, couple breaks, the block on the back on the other side I thought was a crap call (on a Joe McRobb TD run that was nullified early in the fourth quarter), and that pass interference ... it's a matter of interpretation. That's why this game is so tough."

McRobb, a 5-foot-9, 172-pound junior, had 99 yards on 25 carries to lead the Patriots.

"With field position,



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Churchill's Romello Brown (13) slips by Franklin tackler Austin Simmons during first-half action in Friday's KLAAs South Division encounter.

we had trouble punting out of our own end," Filiatraut said. "And they scored on a short field. McRobb is a heckuva player. Whatever we held him to was just enough. He's a good player. We schemed for him and he still broke some big plays on us. Hats off to them."

The loss dropped the Patriots to 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAAs South.

"I'm not real happy with our offensive production, but we're playing with the kids that

we have and we're getting the most out of what we've got," said Kelbert, who has a depleted backfield due to injuries and suspensions. "That's all I can ask of them and that's what I told them. 'If you guys can look me in the eye and tell me you played as hard as you can, then you did everything we were asking you to do.' It's one of the better efforts we've gotten out of our team this year."

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## Clarenceville earns much-needed win

Livonia Clarenceville got back on the winning track Friday night and snapped a four-game losing streak with a 26-12 football victory over visiting Harper Woods.

The Trojans, now 3-4 overall, led 14-0 after one quarter thanks to a 20-yard touchdown run by Kassius Kelly (followed by Romel Wright's two-point conversion play) and a 5-yard TD run by Wright.

Harper Woods (3-4) cut the deficit to 14-6 at halftime on a 5-yard TD run by Cliff Forris.

And the Pioneers kept coming in the third quarter on a Tyrone Watts 36-yard scoring run, but still trailed 14-12 after missing both two-point tries.

Clarenceville then sewed up the victory with a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns - Jalen Bryant on a 5-yard run followed by DeJuan Smith's 8-yard run.

Clarenceville had a total of 238 yards with 231 of it coming on the ground.

Leading rushers for the Trojans included Bryant (11-for-70) and Wright (16-for-65). Quarterback Kyle Kissandi, filling for the injured Zach Kubiak, completed one pass for 13 yards.

Harper Woods had 240 yards in total offense, including 155 on the ground as Forris led all rushers with 100 yards on 24 carries.

### Warriors roll, 35-6

Lutheran High Westland stayed in the hunt for a postseason play-off berth with a 35-6 non-conference victory Friday night over host Hamtramck at Keyworth Stadium.

The Warriors, now 4-3 overall, led only 7-6 at halftime, but pulled away with 28 straight second-half points thanks to Martin Kemp's four touchdown runs.

In the third period, the junior scored on runs of 5, 2 and 5 yards and added a 7-yarder in the final quarter.

Kemp finished the night with 67 yards on 12 carries, while teammate Jacob Richter ended

up with a game-high 106 yards on 17 attempts.

Lutheran Westland got on the scoreboard first on Bobby Miller's 7-yard TD run in the opening period followed by Mitchell Boehm's first of five straight extra points.

Hamtramck cut the deficit to one, 7-6, on a 55-yard scoring pass in the second quarter, but the Cosmos (2-5) failed on the two-pointer.

Lutheran Westland's defense gave up only 18 total yards in the second half.

Ed Abramovich and Dawson Davenport led the way with six tackles each, while Matt Dewitt and Richter added five apiece as Harper Woods had only 135 total yards on the night.

"It was a collective effort, we shut them down the second half," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse said. "Take away their two big plays and I was really proud of our defense. They've stepped up their game the past few weeks."

## ROCKETS

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Zebras converted the two-point-er on a Perkins run to go ahead by three, 20-17.

But Glenn came back on Kuhary's 1-yard sneak to keep Wayne winless.

Wayne outgained the Rockets in

total yards (296-164) and in first downs (17-7).

Zebras senior quarterback Dean Caldwell led all rushers with 118 yards on 18 carries, while hitting 3-of-10 passes for 32 yards. (Michael Cooper was 1-of-1 for 24 yards.)

Jones, a junior, was Glenn's top rusher with 80 yards on sev-

en carries. The Rockets had only 135 yards on the ground in 24 attempts. Kuhary was 2-of-9 for 29 yards.

There was only one turnover in the game, with Wayne's Abdullah Miles coming up with a fumble recovery. Torrey Cooper paced the Wayne defense with seven tackles.

## BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

### KLAAs BRACKET BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Oct. 1, 4 at Novi H.S.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi, 34 points; 2. Northville, 25; 3. Grand Blanc, 16; 4. Hartland, 14; 5. (tie) White Lake Lakeland and Plymouth, 8 each; 7. Livonia Churchill, 7; 8. Howell, 6; 9. (tie) Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Northern, 9 each; 11. Canton, 3; 12. Livonia Stevenson, 2.

### FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Tyler Gardiner (Nville) defeated John Mullane (WLN), 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-1); semifinals: Gardiner def. Alex Kim (Lakeland), 6-3, 7-6 (10-8); Mullane def. Tim Wang (Novi), 6-1, 6-0.

No. 2: Pavan Rao (Novi) def. Anthony Rossi (Nville), 6-1, 6-1; semifinals: Rao def. Jonathan Martin (LC), 6-1, 6-1; Rossi def. Ben Johnson (Hartland), 6-1, 6-2.

No. 3: Andrew Ying (Novi) def. Alex Garrigo (Lakeland), 6-1, 7-5; semifinals: Ying def. Nathan Albanelli (Nville), 6-0, 6-0; Garrigo def. Wes Kujaczski (GB), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4: Shashank Chitta (Novi) def. Rahul Raj (Nville), 6-1, 6-1; semifinals: Chitta def. Rishabh Arivkar (LC), 6-1, 6-1; Raj def. Corey Lewandowski (Hartland), 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Bill Bell-Jason Carless (Novi) def. Matt Evasic-

Matt Satterfield (Nville), 6-0, 6-3; semifinals: Bell-Carless def. Cameron Sloan-Derek Andreen (Hartland), 6-4, 6-3; Evasic-Satterfield def. Adam Novajovsky-Corner Lushin (GB), 6-0, 6-3.

No. 2: Brandon Sanders-Nishant Kakar (Novi) def. Trevor Page-Brian Manney (Nville), 6-2, 6-0; semifinals: Sanders-Kakar def. Ryan Muliatt-Austin Schippers (Howell), 6-0, 6-2; Page-Manney def. Tyler Elias-Justin Noye (GB), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

No. 3: Andrew Cho-Michael Chang (Novi) def. Matt Marilley-Brendan Slovisky (Nville), 6-0, 6-3; semifinals: Cho-Chang def. Michael Li-Michael Ng (GB), 6-1, 6-2; Marilley-Slovisky def. Jon Conn-Dylan Grant (Plymouth), 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

No. 4: Stephen Kovacinski-Jon Thompson (Novi) def. Adam Burau-Sam Lal (GB), 6-3, 6-4; semifinals: Kovacinski-Thompson def. Maverick Tessier-Steven Kundson (Hartland), 6-2, 6-0; Burau-Lal def. Ben Crabb-Andrew Schaufa (Nville), 7-6 (7-4), 6-3.

No. 5: Kevin Xu-Matt Pilat (Novi) def. Veer Shah-Eric Karian (Nville), 6-1, 6-0; semifinals: Xu-Pilat def. Brian Yang-Pat Langan (WLC), 6-1, 6-1; Shah-Karian def. Kyle Classen-Michael Holden (Hartland), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS

#### LIVONIA STEVENSON 7 MONROE 10

Oct. 4 at Monroe

No. 1 singles: Erik Knapp (M) defeated Chad Northey, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Marcus McEachney (LS) def. Josh MacBay, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Sam Tabor (LS) def. Chris Hochradel, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Johnson Yang (LS) def. Mike Carter, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Kaemen Holman Rayos-Jeff Frederick (LS) def. Andrew Rassel-Trevor Michelin, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Doug Giroux-Nick Marsh (LS) def. Itsuke Okamoto-Garret Gilliam, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Chase Tiham-Jason Wysocki (LS) def. Luke Bunge-Sam Snyder, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Neal Adams-Aaron Dziobak (LS) def. Tyler Peterson, Josh Pella, 6-0, 6-0.

Stevenson's dual match record: 12-6 overall.

#### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 6

#### DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD 3

Oct. 4 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Stephen Payne (LF) def. Vincent Colarossi, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Stephen Harvey (DDC) def. Tim Crouson, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Jeremy Mack (DDC) def. Jacob Liberati, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Justin Chandler (DDC) won by default.

No. 1 doubles: Joe Bastas-Chris Sitarski (LF) def. Benjamin Pylak-Albert Grigorov, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; No.

2: Connor Benson-Nick Munro (LF) def. Monty Wonnacott-John Solimanto, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Will Rowley-Aaron Rogers (LF) def. Matt Bustamante-Matt Wilinski, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Tyler Turchan-Joe Vetula (LF) def. Nick York-George Sawaya, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; No. 5: Tyler Albers-Zach Benson (LF) def. (DDC), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Franklin's dual match record: 5-7 overall.

#### LIVONIA STEVENSON 6

#### WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 3

Oct. 3 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Chad Northey (LS) def. Matt Saperstein, 6-0, 6-3; No. 2: Marcus McEachney (LS) def. Vinny Hanasage, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Sam Tabor (LS) def. David Arnold, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Johnson Yang (LS) def. Sandeep Siva, 6-3, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Kaemen Holman Rayos-Jeff Frederick (LS) def. Blake Boedecker-Nori Mochizuki, 4-6, 7-6, 6-5; No. 2: Jai Sura-Mike Kinoyan (WLC) def. Doug Giroux-Nick Marsh, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6; No. 3: Colin Hauer-Ben Rouff (WLC) def. Chase Tiham-Jason Wysocki, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5; No. 4: Neal Adams-Aaron Dziobak (LS) def. Drew Moss-Jordan Engel, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; No. 5: Brian Yang-Pat Langan (WLC) def. Chris Halda-Tom Cwiek, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.

Stevenson's dual match record: 11-6 overall.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 14

Luth. Westland at Parkway, 7 p.m.

(Tentative KLAAs crossovers)

Novi at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Salem at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

S.L. East at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15

Melvindale Bus. at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

### BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Oct. 10

South Lyon at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

S. Lyon East at Wayne, 4 p.m.

S'field Christ. at Luth. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.

Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Luth. W'sld at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.

Liggett at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13

Dearborn at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14

Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

C'ville at O.L. St. Mary, 4:30 p.m.

PCA at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Franklin Road at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Univ. High at Clarenceville, 5:30 p.m.

Luth. N'west at Luth. W'sld, 6:30 p.m.

HVL at Lutheran South, 6:30 p.m.

Wayne at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

South Lyon at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.

Ladywood at Regina, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13

Churchill at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m.

Canton at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

Plymouth at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

PCA at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.

C'ville at Whitmore Lake, 6:30 p.m.

Ladywood at Marian, 7 p.m.

BOYS &amp; GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Churchill vs. Plymouth,

Wayne vs. Canton,

Stevenson vs. Novi

at Cass Benton Park, 3:55 p.m.

Franklin vs. John Glenn

at Nankin Mills, 4 p.m.

MIAC Jamboree

at Nankin Mills, 5 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Mercy

at Bicentennial Park, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15

A.A. Gabriel Richad Inv.

at Hudson Mills, 9 a.m.

### GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Thursday, Oct. 13

Churchill at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Northville at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Cranbrook

at Livonia Rec. Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15

MISCA Meet at EMU, noon.

BOYS TENNIS

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15

(MHSAA Championships)

D-1 at Midland, 9 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15

(MHSAA Championships)

D-1 at Grand Valley State, 10 a.m.

D-2 at Oakland Univ., 10 a.m.

D-3 at MSU (Forest Akers), 10 a.m.

D-4 at MSU (Forest Akers), 10 a.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Ladywood at Sacred Heart, 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13

A.A. Huron at Ladywood, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Schoolcraft at UM-Club, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

N'western Ohio at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13

Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15

Madonna at GLIAC-GLVC

Challenge at Aurora, Ill., TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Jackson at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Concordia vs. Madonna

at Total Sports-Wixom, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15

Muskegon at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

Cornerstone vs. Madonna

at Stevenson H.S., 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 16

Ancilla (Ind.) at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Delta at Schoolcraft, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15

Elgin (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.

Cornerstone vs. Madonna

at Stevenson H.S., noon.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Oct. 13

Plymouth Whalers at Windsor, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14

Niagara vs. Plymouth Whalers

at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15

Samia vs. Plymouth Whalers

at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

### DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD

### FALCON INVITATIONAL

### CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Oct. 1 at Ford Woods Park

### BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 1):

1. Dearborn Divine Child (A), 36; 2. Dearbor Edsel Ford, 58; 3. Westland John Glenn, 73.

Individual winner: Nicholas Soter (Divine Child), 16:16 (5,000 meters).

John Glenn finishers: 7. Ruben Maya

# Churchill knocks off KLAAs South leaders

Canton's KLAAs South Division title celebration plans were delayed Wednesday night as Livonia Churchill stayed in the hunt for first place with a 25-23, 21-25, 25-23, 25-21 girls volleyball victory.

The loss dropped state-ranked Canton to 27-6 overall and 7-1 in the KLAAs South, while Churchill improved to 19-12-1 and 6-2.

Each team has two division matches remaining.

"Canton has some outstanding talent and is very well coached, but we were able to avenge our loss to them earlier this year," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "We really played well, we grew up a lot tonight and we gained a ton of confidence as we push towards the end of the season."

Juniors Emily Norscia and Marissa Pomaville loomed large at the net for the Chargers with 14 and 11 kills, respectively.

Pomaville also came up with seven blocks, while Norscia contributed four. Churchill's defense was spearheaded by Julia Szuba's team-high 22 digs.

Casey Bias, Jackie Tolles, Krystyn Niescier, Audrey Durocher and Courtney Pietruska also combined for 34 digs.

## Pats fall in 4

In a KLAAs South Division match Tuesday, visiting Plymouth defeated Livonia Franklin in four sets, 20-25, 25-19, 25-17,



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Churchill's Erin Menard (16) tries to tip a shot over two Canton blockers during Wednesday's KLAAs South Division encounter.

25-19.

Kelly O'Brien had 13 kills, while Mackenzie Lukas added seven as the Patriots slipped to 11-22-4 overall and 0-8 in the South.

Libero Nicole Williamson added 24 digs and three aces, while Raquel Garza collected 15 digs.

## ZEBRAS

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a 6-foot-1 junior who has committed to Ohio University.

But in the third set, scrappy Glenn (12-12-4, 2-6) got kills from six different players and a pair of aces from Katie McNally to go up 20-15.

But the Zebras rallied to pull even at 23-all on a net violation and got the game-winning block from Keri Horton to close out the match. She finished with 11 kills, five blocks and eight digs.

"Basically what the problem was is that they make one mistake and shut down," Dye said of the third set lapse. "All year we've been struggling with coming back, coming back. Everyone makes mistakes in volleyball. If one shuts down, the whole team caves in — so it just happened there. But they came back and I was happy. I was proud of them."

Dye's timeouts were direct and to the point in Set Three.

"I was saying, 'You've got to push, you've got to push, we're not going five sets,'" she said. "I really pointed that out to my two seniors on the court, and I also said, 'Hey, this is the last time you're going to play Glenn probably this year.'"

Setter Samantha Hersey finished with six digs, while Ciara Frazier added five. Keri Horton served four aces, while Danielle Robbins added three.

Brooklyn Holbrook was Glenn's top attacker with eight kills to go along with seven digs.

Setter Claire Truskowski contributed 24 assists, while Sarah Headrick had a team-best 12 digs.

"We're actually still struggling with the girls coming back off of their injuries," Glenn coach Sharon Hubbard said. "We had one girl in a car accident and the other girl a concussion, and another girl with a hamstring injury — so we're trying to get it back together and it will take a little time."

Trying to control the Horton sisters was Hubbard's top task.

"We always know they're going to be our biggest competition when we play Wayne," the Glenn coach said. "But not to take anything away from the rest of the team, but they play some great defense, they're super scrappy and they seem to be working a lot better together."

Holbrook provided the most energy for the undermanned Rockets.

"Brooklyn stayed in and gave us a little bit more consistent passing, so we were able to run middle and that was the key because if you can't pass, you can't play," Hubbard said.

Dye, just three seasons removed from playing at Wayne, took over the program after first-year coach Robert Kelsch stepped down unexpectedly on Sept. 13.

Meanwhile, Dye has put her own stamp on the Zebras program.

"I changed a lot actually," she said. "Practices are run differently. We have more motivation. Each girl says a speech before the end of the game. We really try to push and unite as a family, team bonding exercises. I changed the lineup totally. Each day we try new things and try to figure it out — a day at a time."

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# Blazers seize field hockey crown

It was Livonia Ladywood's day all the way around in the Catholic League girls field hockey championships held at Birmingham Brother Rice's turf field.

The top-seeded Blazers captured the title Saturday with a 2-1 triumph over Bloomfield Hills Marian on goals from senior Molly MacLenan (penalty stroke) and senior Erin Cronyn (off an assist from Kylie Birney).

Ladywood, now 11-1-2 overall, got three saves

from goalie Mackenzie Holme en route to the victory.

Ann Reinhart scored the Mustangs' lone goal, while goalie Courtney Hellyar made eight saves.

Earlier in the day, Birney scored a pair of goals in a 4-0 semifinal victory over fourth-seeded Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Junior Lauren Kozlowski and Cronyn also tallied goals, while Holme need to make only one save to post the shutout.

Mei-Mei Butcher made 10 saves for Sacred Heart.

Ladywood coach Kristine Sanders was also named Coach of the Year in the Catholic League.

**PIONEER 1, LADYWOOD 0:** Sydney Supica's goal proved to be the difference Thursday as Ann Arbor Pioneer (8-1-1) held off host Livonia Ladywood (11-2-2) in a division match.

Pioneer goalie Cameron Evers made five saves as Pioneer improved to 6-1-1 in the division.

Senior Mackenzie Holme had four saves for the Blazers, who stand 3-2-2 in the division.

# Lemasters sparks S'craft victory

Ryan Lemasters scored two goals and added two assists to lead the No. 2-ranked Schoolcraft College men's soccer team to a 5-0 victory Wednesday at Delta College.

Schoolcraft improved to 14-0 overall and 5-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with the win, while Delta falls to 0-14 and 0-7.

Lemasters and Pat Smith (Livonia Stevenson) each tallied goals to stake the Ocelots to a 2-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Lemasters made it 3-0, while Tom Nevill and Sam Ellis-Stockley completed the rout with Lemasters

assisting on both scores.

"Ryan has had a laser-like focus these past few games," Schoolcraft assistant coach Chris Grodzicki said. "The things he is doing on the field continue to not only show up on the score sheet, but he is positively affecting the whole environment. His leadership is showing heading into the most important part of our season."

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Tom Duquette easily handled three shots to post the Ocelots' sixth-straight shutout.

**ROCHESTER 2, MADONNA 1:** The Madonna University (4-6-1) scored first, but it was host

Rochester College (7-6) answering with a pair of goals during the final 19 minutes to hand the Crusaders a non-conference defeat Wednesday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac. Sophomore Brandon Hess (Livonia/Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) made his season debut and scored for the Crusaders after finishing off a cross from freshman Sean Koza with a header for a 1-0 lead at the 51:28 mark.

Rochester tied the game in the 72nd minute on a Chad Helberg goal before putting in the game-winner in the 82nd minute on a Daniel Seargeant goal.

"Rochester took their chances well and we didn't," MU coach Eric Scott said. "We have to be better at finishing, or inconsistent results will continue. It was great for Brandon (Hess) to score in his first game back and get the reward for his hard work."

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

# Trojans prove tough in clutch

The Livonia Clarenceville girls volleyball team continued to prove Thursday it has staying power.

The Warriors lost the first set, 16-25, but rallied for a 25-15, 28-26, 25-23 victory over host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist to improve to 21-10-4 on the season.

Angela McAlpine had a big night with eight kills, 10 digs and 27-of-28 serving (with five aces).

Also leading the way offensive were Ashley Murphy (11 kills, five blocks), Ayanna Buckley (nine kills, four blocks) and Tonya Vernier (seven kills).

"The scores were tight and both teams played really well we started the set slow, but came back fighting for every point," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merselman said. "Our girls were hitting hard and blocking well the last three games. Inter City was picking up everything we sent over but our serving saved us tonight."

Meanwhile, Jodi Ankiel and Britney Olds paced

the defense with 12 and 10 digs, respectively.

"The thing about this team is they are young doing really well and having fun," Merselman said. "Everyone contributes on this team. We lose focus at times, but we're getting better and it's fun to watch things coming together."

## Warriors lose

Lutheran High Westland couldn't hold a late lead Thursday as visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills stormed back for a 20-25, 25-21, 25-15, 10-25, 15-13 MIAC Blue Division triumph.

The Warriors led 13-10 in the decisive fifth set, but the Gryphons rallied with five straight points to improve to 15-6-3 overall and 5-2 in the MIAC Blue.

"This one stings a bit," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team slipped to 12-9-4 overall and 2-5 in the division. "Greenhills is a very good team and their best players are young, so they are going to be

good for awhile so when you have a chance to beat a good team you need to take advantage of it."

Amanda Terranella record a team-high 14 kills, while Alissa Flury and Hannah Conley added eight and seven, respectively.

Terranella also added two solo and six block-assists, while setter Erica Killian finished with 20 assists.

Defensively, Taylor Wiemer led the way with 29 digs while Marisa Hahn added 12.

"After winning set four convincingly, we had the momentum going into the fifth set and had a chance to go up big early and an error got them right back in it," Wade said. "We need to finish and we all know it and hopefully we learn from it because we did a lot of good things tonight especially coming back and winning the fourth set after playing so poorly in the third. We just need to build on that 4th set win as we move forward in the season."

## COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

# MU spikers clip Saints

Nastija Barnanovska and Emilie Freeman recorded 14 and 13 kills, respectively, as Madonna University earned a 22-25, 25-22, 25-13, 25-22 women's volleyball victory Friday at Siena Heights.

Setter Evia Prieditis finished with 41 assist-to-kills as the Crusaders improved to 18-5 overall and 3-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Amanda Kozzela paced the defense with 15 digs, while Megan Fricke and Miranda Sechler added 11 and 10, respectively.

Lindsey Adams had 14 kills for the Saints (10-9, 0-4), while freshman Halie Baker (Westland John Glenn) added 12.

Setter Bailey Mutter finished with 45 assists and Micala Cherry had a team-high 16 digs.

## Ocelots fall

On Thursday, St. Clair Community College came away with a 25-18, 18-25, 25-18 25-18 MCCA Eastern Conference victory over host Schoolcraft College.

St. Clair is 21-10 overall and 6-2 in the conference, while Schoolcraft falls to 24-9 and 7-3.

On Tuesday, Monika Rudis and Amber Aldrich each had 10 kills

in the setback. Kayla Boose added 22 assists in a 25-10, 25-13, 25-20 victory at Delta College.

On Oct. 1-2 in Grand Rapids, the Lady Ocelots split four matches at the Grand Rapids CC tournament.

On Saturday, the Ocelots opened with a stirring 25-18, 25-15, 15-25, 25-20 triumph over Kalamazoo Valley Community College. They then dispatched a top-notch Lansing Community College contingent, 19-25, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22.

"We scrimmaged with Lansing during the pre-season and they beat us, so our girls wanted some pay back and answered with a real victory," said SC head coach Rod Brumfield.

On Sunday, the Ocelots dropped a pair of matches against nationally-ranked teams, falling to Muskegon CC (25-18, 26-24 and 25-15), and to Grand Rapids CC (25-16, 22-25, 25-20, 25-20).

"We played well in the second set against Muskegon, but we couldn't close the deal," said Brumfield. "We turned up the heat in the second set against Grand Rapids and got a win; unfortunately, we could not put together enough offense to secure another win."

The Ocelots' offense was paced by sophomore Aldrich, who knocked down 48 kills. Sophomore Sarah Suppelsa and freshman Brittany Sprinkles also sparkled at the net, recording 34 and 29 kills, respectively.

Sophomore Chrissy Maleske added 26 while Rudis chipped in with 20. Freshman setter Nicole Kempinski distributed 143 set assists while adding 42 digs and eight aces.

The SC defense was sparked by sophomores Lauren Macuga and Taylor Kerr, who contributed 69 and 59 digs, respectively.

Sprinkles blocked 12 balls while Maleske had 11.

## MU spikers fall

Jodi Grandholm recorded 11 kills and 20 digs Wednesday as host Cornerstone University defeated the 23rd-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team for the first time since the 2007 season, 25-23, 25-23, 25-22.

Setter Kim Weaver added 35 assist-to-kills and Libby Webber added two blocks as the Golden Knights improved to 17-1 overall and 3-0 in the WHAC.

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# State semifinalists



The Livonia City Soccer Club's under-17 girls soccer team reached the semifinals of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup last weekend in Saginaw before losing in an overtime shootout to the Michigan Hawks MRL squad, which LCSC U-17 defeated earlier in the preliminary round match. The 18-member LCSC U-17 squad is made up of players from Livonia, Garden City, Dearborn, Holly, Northville and Brighton. Members of LCSC U-17, coached by Ken Shingledecker, include: Kasey Bunio (Garden City), Liz Danger (Livonia Ladywood), Natalie Desautel (Livonia Franklin), Catherine Garber (Ladywood), Kristi Grden (Dearborn), Erica Horton (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), Megan Kalanik (White Lake Lakeland), Julie Klingsten (Howell), Krissy Kozlowski (Crestwood), Ellen Nedwicki (Divine Child), Carlin O'Malley (Livonia Stevenson), Kirsten Padalis (Farmington Hills Mercy), Taylor Shrader (Mercy), Delanie Thurlow (Stevenson), Abby Urso (Stevenson), Shelby Walsh (Ladywood), Lauren Wozniak (Northville) and Kristen Wozniak (Northville).

# Lutheran Westland finally wins in 2 OTs

It was another double-overtime finish for the Lutheran High Westland boys soccer team, but this time the Warriors reversed their fortunes with a 1-0 victory Thursday at home over Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Nick Andrzejewski took a shot from the right flank and caught the inside post for the game-winning goal at 97:27.

"It was nice to win one," said Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block, whose team had lost three consecutive double-overtime decisions.

Senior Taurrek Fikes made 11 saves to post the shutout as the Warriors improved to 5-9 overall and 2-9 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Andrew Khouri made eight saves for the Gryphons (5-11, 4-8).

**CHURCHILL 6, WAYNE 0:** T.J. DeYoung and Mike Murphy each scored twice Thursday as Livonia Churchill (8-4-3, 6-3-1) blanked Wayne Memorial (3-13, 0-10) in a KLA South Division encounter.

Ryan Kobylarz chipped in with a goal and two assists, while Vince Allen tallied the other goal for the Chargers, who led 5-0 at intermission.

Goalkeeper Colton Robison, a sophomore, posted the shutout.

**CVILLE 3, KENNEDY 1:** Jake Rosen tallied a pair of goals and Masambou Jatta added two assists Friday as Livonia Clarenceville (4-13) turned back host Taylor Kennedy (7-8).

Ian Bunker also added a goal for the Trojans, who led 1-0 at intermission.

Tyler Donahey countered with a second-half goal for the Patriots.

Clarenceville sophomore goalkeeper Evan Gregg stood out with nine saves.

"He played well," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said of his keeper. "He kept us in the game."

On Thursday, Clarenceville lost to visiting Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy, 3-1, as Jatta scored the lone goal for the Trojans.

**S. LYON 1, STEVENSON 0:** An early first-half goal Friday carried the host Lions (5-10-1, 3-6-1) to the KLA Central Division triumph over Livonia Stevenson (9-6-1, 5-5).

Zach Verant and John Boudreau each played a half in goal for the Spartans.

**PLYMOUTH 4, JOHN GLENN 0:** On Thursday, the host Wildcats (7-6-4, 6-2-2) wrapped up second place in the KLA's South Division with four second-half goals to beat Westland John Glenn (8-8-1, 3-7).

Teddy Phillips, Matheo Segovia, Michael Shackelford and Brian Eggenberger scored goals for Plymouth.

Austin Valentine made 13 saves for the Rockets.

"We were able to hold off their attack for most of the game, most of their scores were late in the game," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "They got their first point scrapping for a ball in front of our net. Not soon after they added another goal with a perfectly placed free kick. After they put two on the board, we decided to gamble with our formation to see if we could get some more shots. We got some really good movement around their box, but they were able to limit the number of quality shots we could put on their net."

**CANTON 5, FRANKLIN 1:** Dan Ovesa's hat trick propelled the KLA South Division champion Chiefs (15-1-2, 9-0-1) past host Livonia Franklin (6-8-2, 4-6).

Mitch Pepper and Mitch Posuniak also tallied goals as Canton pulled away from a 2-0 halftime lead.

Craig Beebe scored Franklin's lone goal and goalkeeper Ryan Tikey made 13 saves.

## GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

**DIVISION 1-REGION 3 MHSAA GIRLS GOLF RESULTS Oct. 6 at Tanglewood G.C. TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals):**  
 1. Grosse Pointe South, 318 strokes; 2. Troy, 337; 3. Livonia Churchill, 363 (won tiebreaker); 4. Walled Lake Central, 363; 5. Novi, 368; 6. Northville, 375; 7. Dearborn, 389; 8. North Farmington-Harrison, 393; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 402; 10. Troy Athens, 416; 11. Royal Oak, 437; 12. West Bloomfield, 449; 13. Livonia Frnaklin, 473.  
**Individual medalist:** Claire Boyle (Grosse Pointe South), 78.  
**TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING G.P. South (318):** 1. Boyle, 78; 2. Tenley Shield, 79; 3. Ella Pendy, 80; 5. Lily Pendy, 81; 15. Hanna Buzolits, 88.  
**Troy (337):** 3. Kelly Feng, 80; 7. Christine Doklikan, 83; 11. Daphne Chang, 84; 19. Amanda McCafferty, 90; 21. Maris Oleski, 91.  
**Churchill (363):** 11. Jackie

Burdette, 84; Jordyn Shepler, 86; 25. Nicole Kruse, 94; 29. Maggie McGowan, 99; 51. Claire Rose, 113.  
**W.L. Central (363):** 7. Kathleen Kennedy, 83; 15. Emily Miller, 88; 24. Caitlin Starks, 93; 29. Allie Tisdale, 99.  
**Novi (368):** 13. Lauren Cojei, 86; 18. Hannah Wagenberg, 89; 27. Katelyn Henry, 96; 28. Anna Greulich, 97; Kathleen Koomen, 100.  
**Northville (375):** 6. Camilla Zhao, 82 (sq); 10. Lindsey Matych, 90; 32. Shannon Williams, 100; 36. Bailey Winter, 103; 37. Emily Foland, 104.  
**Dearborn (389):** 21. Elayna Bowser, 91; 23. Elise Kendra, 92; 25. Maddie Renko, 94; 50. Courtney Wensley, 112; 64. Yasmeen Kadouh, 168.  
**N. Farmington-Harrison (393):** 7. Sohie Kollin, 83 (sq); 35. Claire Butts, 102; 37. (tie) Stephanie Korona and Kelcie Roberts, 104 each; 40. Molly Laird, 107.  
**Stevenson (402):** 15. Becca Bubenheimer, 88; 34. Sarah

King, 101; 40. Laura Shureb, 105; 45. Maddie Omietanski, 108; 58. Dana Smith, 123.  
**Athens (416):** 7. Jennifer Yang, 83 (sq); 44. Margaret Richter, 107; 48. Kristen Paavola, 111; 54. Samatha Ruedisueli, 115; 55. Mary-Anne Black, 119.  
**Royal Oak (437):** 42. Olivi Demarco, 106; 45. Dagny Gossett, 108; 47. Sara Uelmen, 109; 53. Sabrina Good, 114; 62. Madysyn Szydlowski, 130.  
**W. Bloomfield (449):** 42. Catherine Change, 106; 48. Oliva Sax, 111; 51. Alex Kotsakis, 113; 55. Britney Burr, 119; 60. Payton Mallory, 127.  
**Franklin (473):** 29. Lexi Smith, 99; 57. Kelsey Gregorio, 122; 58. Kayla Buchanczenko, 123; 61. Jamie Buchanczenko, 129; 63. Allison Karczynski, 153. (sq): addition individual state qualifier.  
**DIVISION 3-REGION 15 Oct. 6 at Orchard Lake C.C. TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals):** 1. Grosse Ile, 343 strokes; 2.

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 352; 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 346; 4. South Lyon East, 386; 5. Tecumseh, 389; 6. Carleton Airport, 399; 7. Livonia Ladywood, 402; 8. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 405; 9. Dearborn Divine Child, 412; 10. Marysville, 413; 11. Trenton, 448; 12. Monroe Jefferson, 455; 13. New Boston Huron, 473.  
**Top 5 individuals:** 1. Greer Clausen (Cranbrook), 80 (medalist); 2. Christine Bonamici (Grosse Ile), 81; 3. Caitlin Hansen (Grosse Ile), 83; 4. (tie) Cordelia Chan (Cranbrook) and Megan Lanard (Country Day), 85 each.  
**Additional state qualifiers:** Becca Nowak (Tecumseh) and Elena Moore (South Lyon East), 90 each; Natalie Blazo (Divine Child), 91 (won sudden death playoff).  
**Ladywood scorers:** Sara Even and Michelle Nelson, 97 each; Christina Briden, 100; Kayla D'Allesandro, 108; Alex Parisot, 110.

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## Expo connects caregivers with each other, experts

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E staff writer

Deborah Grunn has always nurtured others.

She worked as a nanny for 21 years, raising another family's children.

She has rescued countless stay dogs and cats.

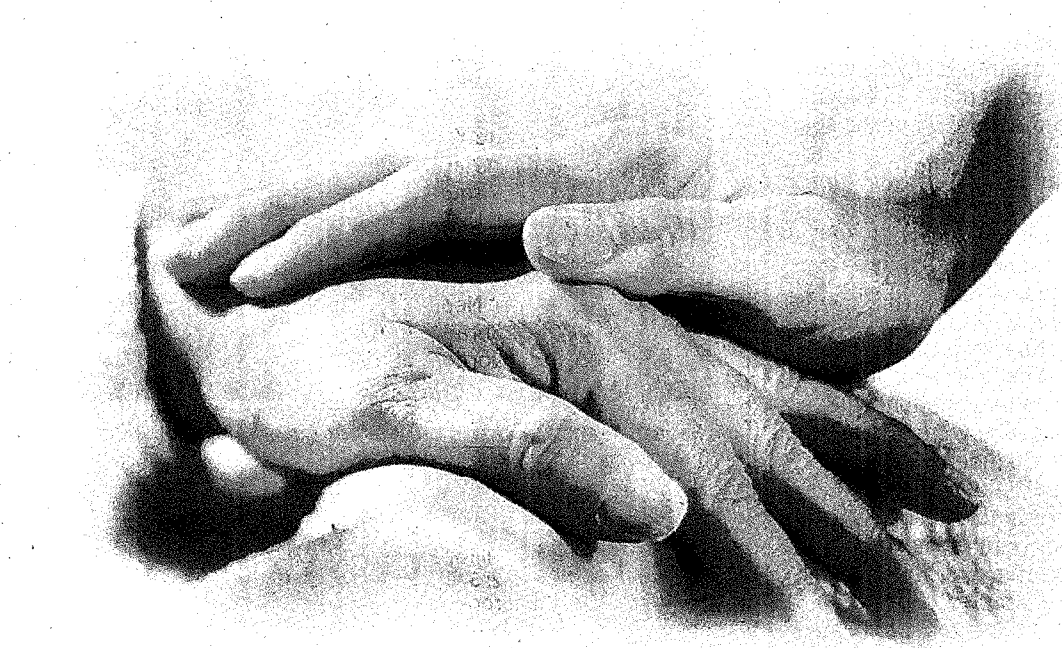
And when her father, who had Alzheimer's Disease, took a turn for the worse in 2008, the Plymouth native left her home in Oklahoma to care for him during his last few months. She and a younger sibling, learned about his catheter, how to feed him and how to turn him in bed every few hours.

"We put a hospital bed outside the kitchen door. People would pass him and touch him and kiss him on the head. He'd grab your hand. He was in the middle of everything going on, always in the middle of family things going on. And with grandchildren and five kids, there were a lot of people around."

Two years later Grunn, 61, returned with her husband and several pets to care for her mother full time. She's here for good, living in her parents' home and assisting her mother, Betty Seymour, 89, who has mild dementia.

"When we first got here it was a nightmare. We were fighting every day. She was on medication she shouldn't be on. She was over-medicated. The doctors she had gone to previously told me to put her in a home."

Grunn switched doctors, took her mom and herself to bereavement counseling and started a search for oth-



### SOLUTIONS FOR FAMILY CAREGIVER EXPO

**When:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

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**Details:** Expert presentations designed to inform and support caregivers; more than 100 exhibitors; answers to questions about Medicare and Medicaid; referrals to local services; free morning refreshments; professional care for loved ones while caregivers attend the expo; door prizes and giveaways; one-on-one help identifying the best 2012 Medicare prescription drug coverage. Admission and parking are free. Call in advance to make an appointment with a counselor for prescription drug counseling or for respite reservation

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er resources, doing whatever should could to improve her mother's life.

"I've got a real strong faith and I do a lot of praying. And I have a good sense of humor and I try to keep that."

Last year, she also discovered the Area Agency on Aging 1-B's annual caregiver expo. This year's program of caregiver workshops and presentations is

set for Oct. 15 in Novi.

Grunn attended the 11th annual program with a younger sister.

"I wanted to be around other caregivers. I wanted resources, to know where to go and what to do and how to do it, even though I have some knowledge of caregiving," she said. "I got a lot out of it by talking with the people sitting around me. The

caregivers interact with each other. You know you're not alone. They are everywhere. These are older children taking care of their parents or an uncle or grandparents and trying to deal with it every day. The connection with them was wonderful."

#### Experts, authors

Sallie Justice, communica-



Betty Seymour of Plymouth

tion manager for Area Agency on Aging 1-B, said the expo drew approximately 1,100 individuals last year. She expects at least that many this year.

"We will repeat the legal tips. We repeat it every year because it's so popular," Justice said, describing a Q&A session with attorney Jim Schuster.

New this year is "Caregiving Survival" by Jill Gaffner, a caregiver and author.

"She's taken care of her husband for 20 years and raised three children. She is an inspiring woman with a lot of positive messages to share," Justice said.

Other sessions deal with advocating for quality care, being a "fearless caregiver," safety at home, Medicare, long-term care, community respite services, Medicaid, memory loss and Parkinson's Disease.

"We'll have a resource room. Our entire call center will be there with laptops and printers to print out resource listings," Justice said.

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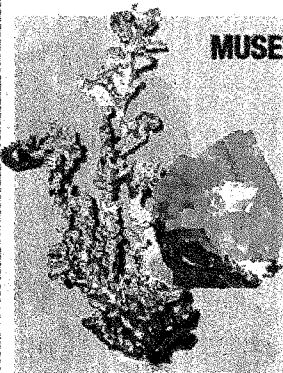
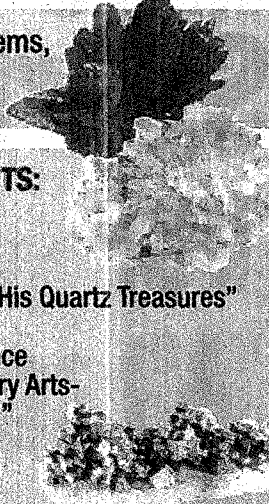
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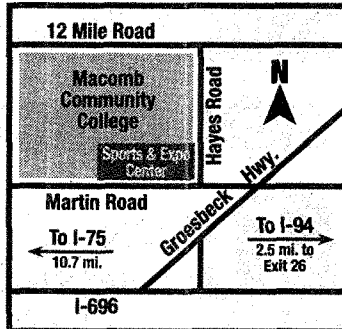
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# Garden City man's career is in the pink

by Sharon Dargay  
O&E staff writer

Jim Cundiff will slip behind the wheel of a pearlized pink-colored Cadillac SRX in December.

The Garden City man has been waiting for the moment since 2005, when he first earned the right to drive the iconic pink car, a symbol of high achievement among the ranks of Mary Kay's independent sales directors.

He's the first man in Michigan to be awarded the use of a pink Cadillac through the cosmetics firm's Career Car Program, an incentives program for star performers.

Since joining the company in 2001, Cundiff has earned the right to use eight different cars, including a pink Cadillac six years ago, but each time he opted for cash compensation instead of new wheels.

"I was stuck in car leases," Cundiff explained. This year, however, when he qualified for his second pink Cadillac, the timing was right. He'll take delivery before the end of the year from Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth.

Cundiff began his association with Mary Kay as a customer. He started using the company's skin care products while working as a United Airlines flight attendant on an overseas route.

"Then 9-11 happened. I had five friends killed," he said. "After that my mom had a stroke and my dad was diagnosed with cancer. I made a

promise they'd never see a nursing home. That was hard to do when I was travelling.

"I talked to the woman who brought me into Mary Kay. She said you could make an executive income. I did what she said to do."

The career switch gave him freedom, flexibility and an income with incentives.

He spent his first year as an independent beauty consultant, holding skin care classes and meeting with clients one-on-one. The following year he became an independent sales director and now heads a unit of some 130 independent consultants.

"I'm out in the field now more than ever before," he said. "I'm out there like everybody else. I lead by example."

He credits his team of beauty consultants for the unit's success. "Without them I'm nothing in Mary Kay. It's all by their doing and wanting to be a strong team."

Cundiff recently added his first overseas recruit — a Malaysian man — to his independent sales force. He heads a team of mostly female beauty consultants who live throughout the country.

Mary Kay offers a line of both men's and women's skin care products in addition to women's cosmetics.

His unit's sales figures will determine what kind of car he will use in two years when he must requalify for the incentive program.

He's not worried about attaining his goals, even in a poor economy.

"We've not been hit because we're recession-proof," he said. "I've yet to see a woman ration her moisturizer."

## ADOPTABLE CATS



Sebastian and Calliope, a brother and sister duo, are looking for a home together.

Sebastian and Calliope are what you'd call "double trouble." They're a brother-sister duo who are looking for a new home together.

The devilishly cute pair are friendly and snuggly and because they are young and full of energy, they love to play. Sitting still is not on their agendas. They've never been around dogs, but get along fine with other cats and kittens. They've had all of their vet work done.

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## Learn about philanthropy at Giving Hope meeting

Rhonda Walker, WDIV morning news anchor, will share her insights on philanthropy and giving at the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle meeting Wednesday, Oct. 12, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Her keynote speech, "Women & Philanthropy: Paying it Forward," will begin at 7:15 p.m. following a reception at 6:30 p.m. The evening also will include a short business meeting, displays from local nonprofits that have received grants from the Circle, dessert and coffee.

In addition to her television news career, Walker is active in numerous philanthropic organizations in Detroit, such as the Cornerstone Schools, Winning Futures Mentor Col-

laboration, and Links, Inc. She is also the founder and president of the Rhonda Walker Foundation that provides programs for inner city teen girls. Her foundation's goals and accomplishments will be highlighted in her presentation.

Formed in 2006, the Giving Circle provides grant-making initiatives that address the needs of local women and their families. By pooling their charitable dollars, the 75 members of the Circle are able to make a greater philanthropic impact. To date more than \$28,000 has been distributed through the fund which is held at the Canton Community Foundation.

Local organizations that have received grants in the

past include First Step, Girl Scouts, Open Door Food Pantry, Starfish Family Services, Plymouth Council on Aging, and the Miracle League.

Major sponsors for the event on Oct. 12 include Providence Hospital, DTE Energy Foundation and Canton Township Leisure Services.

Register for the evening by calling Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200, visit [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org) or e-mail to [givinghope-wg-c@gmail.com](mailto:givinghope-wg-c@gmail.com). Ticket price is \$10 and pre-registration is requested.

A collection of personal care products such as shampoo, soap and toothpaste, also will be taken for Open Door Food Pantry in Canton for distribution to local women in need.

It's homecoming Oct. 22 in East Lansing!

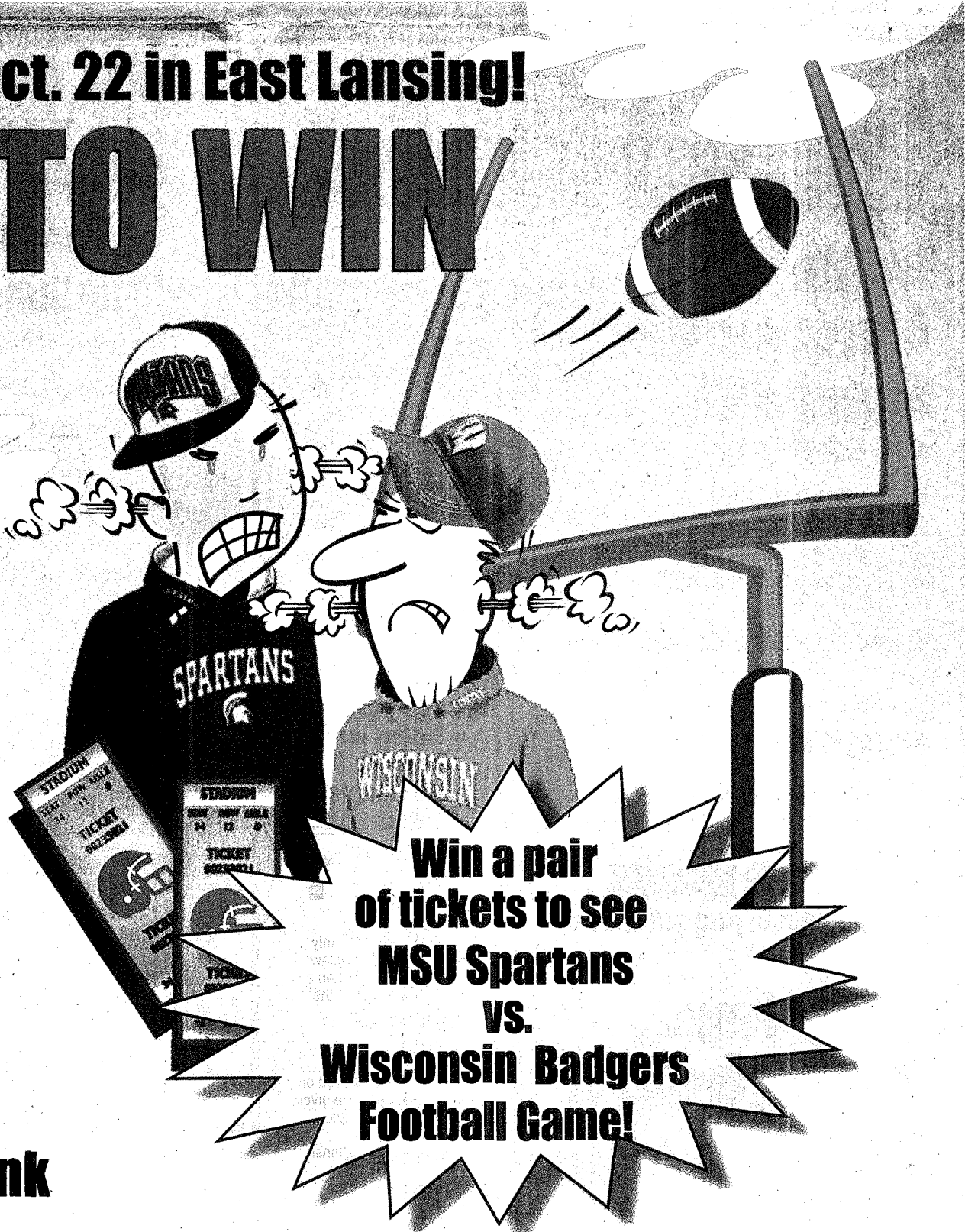
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# Local rescues recruit for spay, neuter

# Dryer fires still a hot topic

Guardian Angels Animal Rescue (GAAR) in Livonia will team with All About Animals in Warren on a spay and neuter project on Oct. 14. The Warren group offered to spay or neuter 50 dogs in Detroit for free. GAAR volunteers went door to door in low income areas in Detroit, offering the service.

"They did get some doors slammed in their faces and some hesitation, but were able to convince dog owners to let us fix their dogs," GAAR president Sandra Mezza wrote in an e-mail. "It may not sound like a lot but imagine all 50 of those dogs making babies, that is that many less to be born in Detroit where most often never make to 6 months old."

The spay and neuter candidates range from Chihuahuas to Pit bulls. The group also gave Igloo dog houses filled with hay to two families for their outdoor dogs.

"We will also keep track of all of these dog owners to insure the dogs will have food through the cold winter months, thanks to Specialty Pet Supplies who has been very generous with keeping us in food for the Detroit homeless dogs."

Specialty Pet Supplies is located in Plymouth.

### Spay, neuter fundraiser

Kat Snips will present Ruth Holmes, certified handwriting and document examiner,



in "Purrrfect Writing" 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$55 and must be purchased in advance by calling (734) 545-2906.

Participants will learn about how Holmes analyzes handwriting and will each receive a personal keepsake. A reception will include an equine demonstration and silent auction.

Kat Snips offers low cost spay and neutering for cats living in Jackson, Livingston and Washtenaw counties. It works with the Humane Society of Huron Valley among other shelters.

Jeanne Spencer, a founding board member, said that although the nonprofit primarily emphasizes Wayne, Jackson and Livingston counties, "we'll help anyone because we're for the animals."

"We have no income restrictions. You can be the wealthiest person on earth, but if you don't spay or neuter your animal, it's not good for the animal."

The group contracts with veterinary clinics to get the job done.

did an interview last week on *The Joe Madison Show* which reaches a worldwide audience on Sirius Satellite radio. The subject matter was the recent death of a 10-year-old boy caused by a clothes dryer catching fire in his home.

This needless tragedy is repeated more than 20 times a year in this country directly attributed to the product called, "the clothes dryer." Let me ask a few questions of all readers of this column. Should the person responsible for a home take the necessary precautions with a clothes dryer? Should that person take it apart or have a technician take it apart to clean the inside? Shouldn't someone make sure the vent line is properly installed and cleaned at least once on a yearly basis? That little boy died because his guardians didn't think about these questions or simply weren't cognizant of how dangerous a clothes dryer really is.

There are 42 dryer fires every day in this country and those are only the ones reported to a fire department. I believe the number may be as high as three times this amount which is fortunate for those folks who were there to extinguish the fire. Some of these fires could have been caused by a

malfunction of the dryer itself but I think that number is very small. I know for a fact that the majority of dryer fires occur because a vent line is packed with lint, the inner cabinet of the dryer is filled with lint in every crevice possible or the vent line is made of the wrong material or possibly travels too long a distance.

I received several e-mails from my recent radio interview and most of those were from people who didn't have a clue how serious problem dryer fires have become.

Some 20 years ago when I first began investigating dryer fires and Frank Felts, the fire chief of Garden City, reported there were 12 dryer fires in the city that year, I could well imagine how big this problem was across the country. When I helped draft and write the law for the State of Michigan pertaining to the outlaw of plastic (vinyl) or tinfoil vent line, it became a national story. I am sure the efforts have saved lives, but that effort was not enough. Several times a year I hear or am involved in litigation caused by tragedy of some sort dealing with dryer fires. I sometimes feel so useless in my endeavors to prevent any of the current 42 dryer fires that occur each day. I need help from every person possible.

I wish the manufacturers would do more and they can. I need people to make this subject important in their daily conversation at the water cooler or a lesson at the din-

ner table. If you had a killer in your or your children's laundry room, wouldn't you take the necessary steps? The following are facts for discussion:

- Plastic, vinyl vent line is against the law. Solid metal or flexible metal is the proper vent line to use. Tin foil is not considered metal according to state codes.

- Vent line should be no longer than 16 feet with the use of only two elbows. More than two elbows makes the vent line too long and only 4-inch vent line is permissible.

- Clean the vent lines completely a least once a year and scrub the lint filter with water and brush every few weeks. Once every two years take the dryer apart and vacuum all excess lint built up throughout the interior of the cabinet. Remember, it's the lint that first ignites to give you a fire.

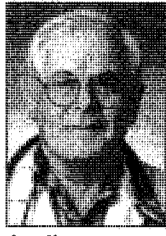
- When the dryer begins to make noises it should not, consider that a warning sign and a fire alert. Take the necessary steps to have it repaired.

- There should be smoke detector installed above clothes dryer.

- Never leave the house or go to bed with a clothes dryer in operation.

Please understand my passion on this subject and help me save lives. Stay tuned.

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## EXPO

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ing in Medicare's prescription drug coverage and respite care on site for their loved one. The respite care, offered by the Alzheimer's Asso-

ciation in conjunction with the Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, will include a continental breakfast, lunch, entertainment and an art project.

"We're also offering compassionate touch massage. It's a type of massage that is specific

to people with dementia and Alzheimer's."

After the last expo, Grunn hired an attorney to help her attain veteran's benefits for her mother. Grunn's father was a veteran of World War II.

She said the commitment she has made to her

mother's care has made her stronger.

"It's a new day every day and a new thing every day," she said. "I wouldn't feel connected if I wasn't doing it. And in the end when my mom goes, I would have spent quality time with her and will have no regrets."

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Another example is the treatment of gout. You may receive a variety of tablets and injections to end the acute attack. When your pain and swelling stops, you doctor may cut out gout medication altogether. The reason? Before you start long term treatment to prevent future gout attacks, your body needs to be free of any gout activity. If medicine against gout starts before that time, the body reacts with a flare of gouty arthritis. Therefore, you need a week or more off all gout medications to prepare for a drug that will keep you gout free hereafter.

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## Group helps MS patients with family traditions, holidays

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E staff writer

Amy Arsenault, 40, navigates her Livonia home in a wheelchair, but says she's blessed by a supportive family and friends who can help when it's time to put up a Christmas tree.

Or shop for party supplies.

Or prep for other seasonal celebrations that he can't easily accomplish on her own. "Family and friends have been an unbelievable comfort, but it's sad because so many people don't have that," said Arsenault, who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis 17 years ago.

When one of her sisters, Laraine Larkin of



Sisters Amy Arsenault (left), Laraine Larkin and Mary Jo Eriksen are members of Stepping Up for MS, along with their sibling, Michelle White, who took the photo.

Livonia, suggested they recruit volunteers to help other MS patients in need of similar help. Arsenault was quick to give her blessing. Her sibling

founded Stepping Up for MS earlier this year and the organization earned its nonprofit status in July. Its first major fundraiser, a benefit chili din-

ner, is Friday, Oct. 21 at St. Edith Parish in Livonia.

The group's mission is to help individuals with MS continue family and seasonal traditions with the help of volunteers. Their services include planting flowers, spring holiday preparation, holiday decorating, wrapping gifts, baking, help with shopping, fall leaf raking and finding ways to beat the heat.

Arsenault said approximately 50 friends and family members have stepped forward to help. Larkin is president. Arsenault's sister, Michelle White of South Lyon, serves as the group's photographer and Colleen MacDonald of Livonia prepares its flyers and business cards. Arse-

nault, one of seven children, said all of her siblings lend their support to the organization in some way.

"We're hoping a lot of people will be willing to call in and request help," she said. "Someone might think 'that's a silly thing. I don't need a Christmas tree.' But we want people to live their best life and not have to give that up. You have to give up so much with MS already."

On the Stepping Up for MS Web site, Larkin, says the organization aims to improve the quality of life for local residents with MS. The group encourages suggestions for helping MS patients.

"One woman had her central air go out this summer. It was one of

those super hot days. A volunteer brought in a rolling air conditioner and let her borrow it until her central air was fixed. Heat is such a problem for MS patients," Arsenault said. A volunteer also recently picked up party supplies so that Arsenault could throw a birthday party for her son.

"People are so eager to volunteer once they know what to do. They might want to bake cookies for someone or help decorate their tree. If you volunteer, we won't call you more times (to help) than you tell us to."

For more information about volunteering or receiving help from the group, visit [www.stepsupforms.org](http://www.stepsupforms.org)

## Pampering



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Melinda Drake of Canton (left) gets her nails polished by Lee Nguyen of Great Lakes Nails during St. Mary Mercy Hospital's "Massages, Manicures, Mammograms & More," on Oct. 1. More than 260 women attended the event, which included free massages, manicures, expert health information, cooking and Zumba demonstrations, and health screenings. The event marked the beginning of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

## Free: hula hoop fitness class

Certified instructor Jan Henry will lead a trial class in Hoopnotica Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Positive Attitude Dance Academy in Farmington.

Hoopnotica combines hula hooping and dance and is taught in a curriculum style that builds skill upon skill until the student can flow from one movement to the next. Adults use large, taped and slightly weighted dance hoops to achieve improved fitness, weight loss and a lighter attitude. The curriculum was developed for adults and is popular with adults and teens across the country.

The class begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free.

The class will focus on waist hooping and other beginning skills. Information about the hoops and the hooping movement will be available, as well as

information about other hooping sessions. Participants may bring an adult hoop if they have one but hoops will be available for the class.

Henry's Moxie Personal Training LLC provides in-home personal training, small group training, and private and class Hoopnotica instruction to Farmington Hills, Farmington and Novi. Positive Attitude Dance Academy is located at 23020 Power Road, just north of Grand River Ave.

For more information about hooping, or to participate in the free hooping session, e-mail Henry at [hooptrainer@henryweb.net](mailto:hooptrainer@henryweb.net). Visit her information site at [www.idealife.com/profile/jan-henry](http://www.idealife.com/profile/jan-henry).

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- If someone is following you try to remember the license plate of his or her vehicle and immediately tell a trusted adult.
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- Who are some examples of "good" and "bad" strangers?  
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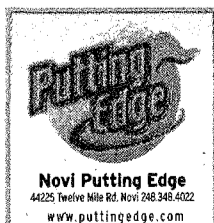
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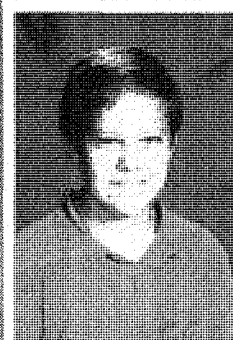
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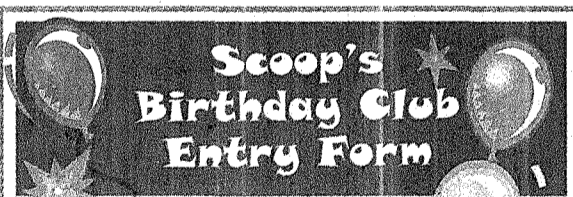
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