



Puttin' on Pink

The John Glenn High School boys varsity and JV soccer teams are inviting the community to join them Friday afternoon when they show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness.

The teams, under the leadership of head coach Brian Tomlinson, will be wearing pink Breast Cancer Awareness Soccer Socks in their games against the Garden City Cougars. The varsity plays at 4 p.m., JV at about 5:30 p.m.

The players are wearing the socks to illustrate that a portion of the proceeds from a can and bottle drive last month to pay for alternate jerseys will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness.

"One of the my goals for this year was to use our team to develop each player's social, emotional, academic, moral and civic competency," said Tomlinson. "The boys are sacrificing some of the funds they raised for themselves. Through this activity we can help them understand the importance of being humane, civic responsibility, and giving back to your community even when it costs you."

The John Glenn soccer field is on Cherry Hill just east of Carlson and west of Wayne Road in Westland.

In the Pink

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish is hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon and Card Party 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at the church 32500 Palmer, between Merriman and Venoy, Westland.

Tickets are \$8 and there will be table and door prizes as well as a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds go to breast cancer awareness.

For more information, call (734) 722-1343.

Free workshops

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is hosting a free health workshop in Westland Tuesdays, Nov. 1 through Dec. 6, to help individuals manage long-term health conditions.

The Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) class will meet 6-8:30 p.m. at the Garden City Hospital Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register or learn more, call the Garden City Hospital Community Health at (734) 458-4330.

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Norwayne group plans 1-year celebration party

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

To celebrate a successful first year, the Norwayne Community Citizens Council is throwing a party and everyone is invited.

The gathering will be held noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, in Dorsey Park located right behind the Dorsey Community Center. It's a rain or shine event — if it rains the party will move inside the Dorsey Center.

"We just want to celebrate our

first year as an organization. There are things we can celebrate — the Community Garden being No. 1," said citizens council member Henry Johnson.

A lot of people were hesitant about the garden, which was developed on two vacant lots at the corner of Dorsey and Newway Court, Johnson said.

"They said the Norwayne community wouldn't appreciate it and it would be vandalized," said Johnson. "For the whole year,

nothing was taken or damaged. I knew the community would take ownership of the garden and it did. They got behind it and supported it."

The garden, tended by volunteers, grew about 1,000 pounds of produce that was distributed locally to people participating in the federal surplus food program. Tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and lettuce were among the crops.

"We learned our soil wasn't

good for pumpkins — only one grew — but we know what to do," said Johnson. "This year, we planted strawberries that won't come in until next year. Our goal next year is to double the size of the garden. We have the room."

While that was a nice addition for those getting the food distribution — normally the fruit and vegetables are canned — Westland Community Development

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Westland Deputy Department of Public Services Director Benny McCusker shows off one of the more unusual items being offered at the city's garage sale Saturday. This antique stove was patented in 1928.

Westland sells unwanted items at garage sale

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

When the word went out that Westland was looking for no longer used items to be sold at a public garage sale, city workers dug deep and cleared out a lot of stuff.

"I was surprised how many things we got. I knew we had a lot — it's been collected over 45 years," said Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith. "People aren't willing to throw things away. We haven't had a garage sale in years. We used to do an auction."

Estimating the number of items gathered for auction

is in the thousands, Smith said items available at the garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Department of Public Services come every city department.

"We've got items from the Friendship Center, Parks and Recreation and the library — they are all participating," said Smith. "The items will be fairly priced. The items will all have price tags — we don't want to get into bargaining."

The sale items include heaters, a popcorn machine, a pretzel warmer, a sewing machine, a movie camera, a television, cameras, computer monitors — CRT and

flat screen, a fax machines, copiers, video equipment, CD players, overhead projector, treadmills, pool tables, dumbbells, furniture, shredders, a laminator, an old cash register and adding machines.

There are also boxes of Christmas lights, speakers, extension cords, overhead storage cabinets, wooden stage prop trees, tool boxes, assorted tools, lawn mowers, snow blowers, salt/fertilizer spreaders and a dump truck cap to make a chipper truck.

"The most unusual thing we have is actually a cabi-

Please see SALE, A2

Hearing delayed in assault of teen

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A preliminary examination for a Garden City man charged with sexually assaulting a Westland girl outside an elementary school has been adjourned until Oct. 24.

The hearing in Westland 18th District Court for Alejandro Tovar-Mendez, 25, had been scheduled for Oct. 5. Tovar-Mendez is facing five felony charges including three counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Tovar-Mendez, 25, is charged with sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl he had approached outside Edison Elementary School Sept. 23. In addition to the criminal sexual conduct charges which are 15-year felonies, he is also charged with assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, a 10-year felony, and armed robbery, which carries a sentence of up to life in prison.

The girl told police she was on the school grounds about 8:20 p.m. when she was approached by the man who initially made small talk with her.

When the man asked the girl if she would kiss him, police said she turned him down and began to walk away. The man tackled her, sprayed her in the face with a chemical spray, ripped open her shirt and groped her, police said.

The girl tried to use her cell phone but the man took it from her. Police said the girl hit her assailant in the face and also bit him on the arm before he fled. The armed robbery charge stems from the stolen cell phone — the weapon was the chemical spray.

After the man fled, the girl ran to a nearby apartment complex and police were called. Fire Rescue treated the girl's eyes for the chemical spray. Otherwise, she had received minor scratches and scrapes.

Tovar-Mendez is being held in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond. A not guilty plea was entered at his arraignment.

A similar incident was reported a year ago in the area of Hunter and Central City Parkway. Police said that Tovar-Mendez was identified as a suspect in that incident but there had not been sufficient evidence to charge him. Based on the incident Friday and the victim's description, he was again identified as a suspect.

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Johnson: More needs to be done in city

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Having served six years as a Westland councilman, Bill Johnson cites unfinished business in his decision to seek another term.

"I don't think the work is done yet, there is a lot of work to do. We need to prop up the general fund, we need to get more of the box buildings filled," said Johnson. "And I have a bit of fun with this job."

Getting the large box buildings filled, the general fund and the city's



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Westland City Council

ic Development Director Lori Fodale is doing a pretty good job.

"We need to advertise ourselves more. We have to attract them, they won't come to us," said Johnson.

When the city realiz-

es about \$8 million from the Taylor Towers refinancing, Johnson said he would like to see about half that money be placed into the fund balance for the general fund.

"The general fund will continue to be in trouble. There has to be more cuts. We can't take it from police, fire or (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local) 1602," he said. "We need to look at administrative cuts. I thought we should have made administrative cuts last year. That

needs to be addressed."

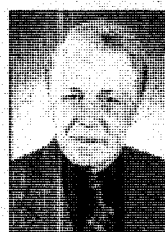
Regarding infrastructure, Johnson said there has been talk about replacing City Hall but he thinks it will be cheaper to rehabilitate the existing structure.

"Our parks need upkeep. We've got to finish Central City Park. There a lot of roads and sidewalks that need work," he said.

When it comes to things the city is going well, Johnson points to what the police and fire depart-

Please see JOHNSON, A2

BILL JOHNSON



Age: 61
Family: Wife Tonya; four children.
Education:

High school graduate.
Employment: Ford Motor Co./UAW.
Community Involvement: Westland City Council, six years; Westland Goodfellows; Westland Veterans; Westland Community Foundation.

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Westland honors First Citizen, top Business Person

Vellardita, Jagacki lauded

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Members of the Westland business community paused last week to recognize two individuals who exemplify the best in volunteerism and business.

Mary Vellardita and Karissa Jagacki were the center of attention as the Westland First Citizen and Business Person of the Year for 2011, respectively, at the Westland Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest, held last Thursday at Joy Manor.

"I'm truly honored, this is a humbling experience," said Vellardita in accepting the First Citizen award, co-sponsored by the chamber and the Westland Observer. "I see many of the previous honorees this evening and I see many who are deserving of this award. I want to thank all of you for giving it to me."

The First Citizen award recognizes an individual for outstanding local volunteer community service. Vellardita was recognized for her charitable work through the Westland Rotary and Women of Westland.

She also thanked her two daughters, who were a part of her volunteer work, and gave a thumbs-up to her grandson.

"Who knew that being a do-gooder could be so much fun," she said. "It's not what you do, it's how much love you put into it."



Mary Vellardita accepts the congratulations of State Sen. Glenn Anderson (from left), Westland City Council members Michael Kehrer and Meriem Kadi and Economic Development Director Lori Fodale as she walks across the stage to receive her award.

Vellardita also used her acceptance speech to encourage those gathered to become volunteers.

"Get involved. The love they get and the love you get in return will make it worthwhile," she said.

"You must have gotten a lot out of the community because you're giving a lot back," said state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, in presenting Vellardita with a joint resolution he co-sponsored with state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. "I can think of no one who deserves this more."

An audiologist, Jagacki is the owner of Personalized Hearing Care Inc. in Westland and South Lyon. She was named Business Person of the Year. "I'm proud to be a business owner in Westland," said Jagacki. "I would not be as successful as I am if I were not for my staff."

The Business Person of the Year Award criteria

includes demonstrating excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession and participate in activities which promote economic development and/or general interest of the community. The award is co-sponsored by the chamber and TDS Metrocom. Jagacki's nomination described her as "compassionate, dependable, trustworthy, knowledgeable and caring," noting that she does everything she can for her clients, including the veterans at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor whom she is helping as part its Veterans Wellness Program.

"We're proud of you, we're proud of your business," said Councilman Michael Kehrer, who presented her with a certificate of recognition from the Westland City Council. "I may have to come and see you, my wife often says I don't hear well."

"You almost give your patients a gift, they get to discover the things they've been missing," added Anderson.

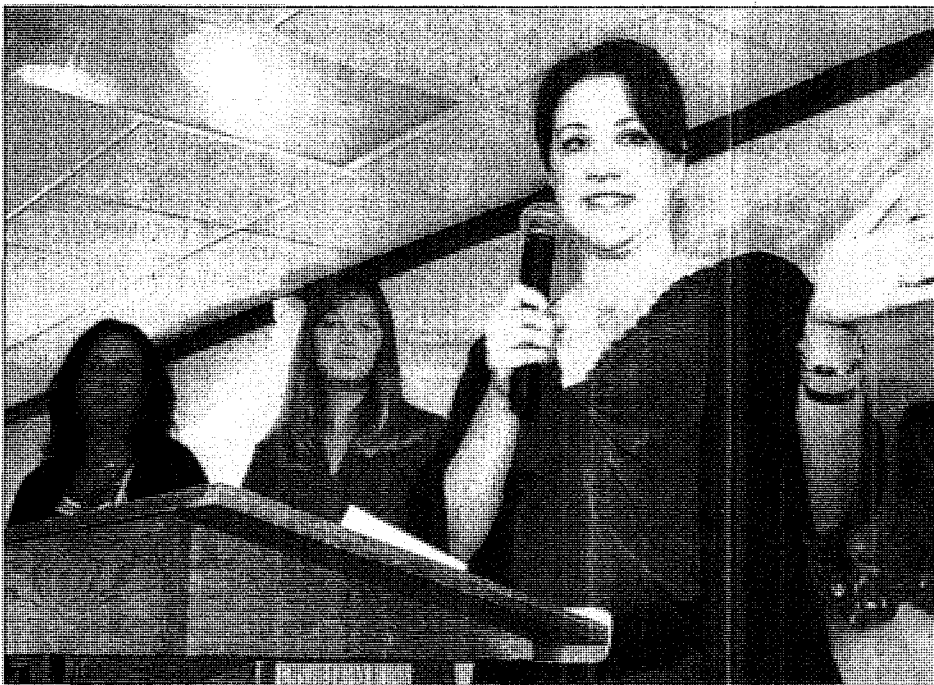
The Oktoberfest also recognized businesses for their many years of membership. At the top of the list was the Livonia Public Schools with 40 years.

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First Citizen Mary Vellardita gets a hug from Westland City Councilwoman Meriem Kadi. Looking on is Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale.



Dr. Karissa Jagacki of Personalized Hearing Care Thanks her staff in accepting the 2011 Business Person of the Year Award. Behind her Cathy Sionkowski of TDS Metrocom and Brookellen Swope of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. TDS Metrocom and the chamber co-sponsored the award.

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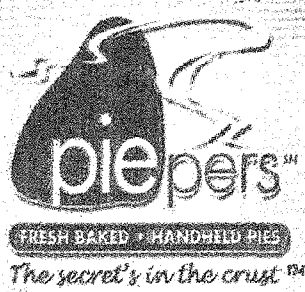
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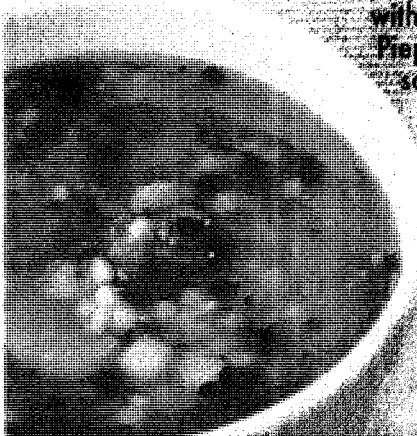
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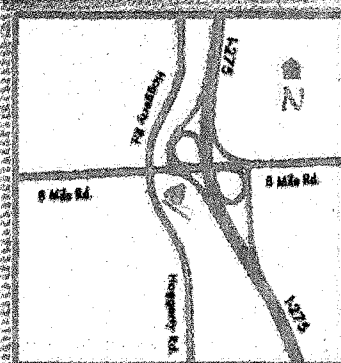
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Pedestrian dies after being struck by two cars

A Westland man was killed Wednesday morning after being struck by two vehicles while trying to cross Merriman north of Michigan Avenue.

Westland police said the 27-year-old man was trying to cross Merriman about 7 a.m. The man was not using a crosswalk and was struck by a northbound vehicle along with another southbound vehicle.

Both drivers stopped after the collisions and were released by police after being interviewed. Alcohol was not reported as a factor in the accident which remains under investigation.

The name of the victim, who was transported to an area hospital, wasn't being released until his family could be notified.

Tires taken from car parked at Westland Lowe's

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Larceny from a vehicle

1 A Romulus man told police Oct. 4 that he was working at Lowe's Home Improvement, 6555 N. Newburgh, when someone stole the tires from his 2011 Ford Taurus. He said he parked in the southeast area of the parking lot at 5:30 a.m. and found the car sitting on bricks shortly after 10 a.m.

Larceny

2 On Oct. 6, a resident of the 400 block of Farmington Road told police that someone had stolen a generator from his work truck. He said the red Honda generator, valued at \$1,000, had been connected to the Comcast truck by a steel cable. Someone had cut the padlock that linked the cable. The resident told police he found the cable and lock on the street near where the truck was parked.

Counterfeit bill

3 Police were called to the Electric Stick, 6581 N. Wayne Road, about a counterfeit \$10 bill Oct. 7. The manager told police that a regular customer had reported receiving the bill when he cashed in his chips. The customer returned with the bill after he tried to make a purchase at a gas station and was informed that the bill was a fake. The manager provided police

with the counterfeit \$10 bill as well as a \$20 fake bill that had been received.

Break-in

4 On Oct. 7, a resident in the 34000 block of Sheridan told police that someone had stolen a lap top computer, a jar of coins and a silverware set, valued at \$1,400. There was no forced entry and the man said he may have left the door unlocked. He told police he suspected a former girlfriend may have been responsible for the theft.

Break-in

5 A resident in the 1600 block of Winifred told police Oct. 7 that someone had entered the home and stolen the keys to a Ford Focus. The resident told police that when he arrived home, he noticed the front door was not closed completely. He said that he then noticed the screen to the front window was pushed back about four inches but couldn't recall if the window had been closed.

The man told police his sister's bedroom had been ransacked and the car keys were missing.

Break-in

6 A Milan man told police Oct. 8 that 50 feet of copper pipe, valued at \$500, had been stolen from home in the 1700 block of Steiber that he is remodeling. He said he had left a window next to the door

open overnight and someone had apparently reached in to unlock the door. The pipe had to be cut to be removed from the house.

Alarm call

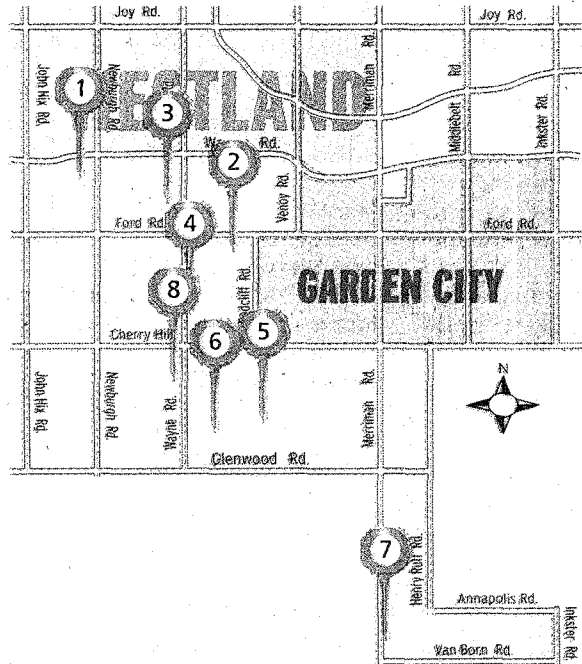
7 Just before 5 a.m. Oct. 9 police were called to Advance Auto Parts, 31200 Michigan Ave., about a break-in alarm call. An officer was nearby and reported being at the store within 30 seconds. A three-foot by six-foot section of reinforced glass on a door had been broken out after being repeatedly hit with a cement block. Officers entered the store but found no one inside. The

manager arrived and told police that three carburetors, valued at over \$1,000, were missing from a front display shelf.

Stolen clothes

8 A Westland woman told police Oct. 8 that she was washing clothing at Scrubbin Bubbles Laundromat, 910 S. Wayne Road, when she saw a woman take her clothes from a washing machine and leave the business. The woman reported that six pair of jeans, five shirts and assorted undergarments, valued at \$800 stolen, were taken.

By LeAnne Rogers



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Picking Medicare prescription plan takes lots of research

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

It's that time of year when seniors must be proactive and start their search for a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. The time period for open enrollment begins Saturday, Oct. 15, and ends Wednesday, Dec. 7. In the past, the open enrollment period ended Dec. 31, however, that is no longer the case.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

If you did your homework last year and selected the right prescription drug plan, it would be nice if you could automatically resign up for that plan.

Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. It seems that every year the prescription drug plans are changing. Whether it is different premiums, co-pays, or benefits, plans change from year to year, therefore, every year you must begin your search anew. In addition, let's also recognize that your prescriptions may have changed over the year. Last year, you may have used one drug and this year you're using another or, your dosage may have changed. These are key factors in determining what prescription drug plan you should select. Therefore, my advice for seniors who have Medicare Prescription D is to begin your search anew every year.

There is no doubt that the Medicare Prescription D Plan is confusing and sometimes difficult to understand. I wish I could tell you which plan was the best but I can't. There is no one plan that is good for everyone. In fact, what you may find is that the prescription drug plan that is good for you may not be good for your spouse. In addition, you can't assume that AARP has the best and most cost effective plans because that may or may not be the case.

In looking for a new plan, it is important to know that all prescription drug plans end Dec. 31 and restart Jan. 1. Therefore, by changing plans you won't have the problem of having a gap where there is no coverage.

I believe the best way to start your search is at Medicare's website (go to the Medicare Plan Finder at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan). The finder is a great tool to help you find the best prescription drug plan for yourself. The key is to know the medications you're using and the dosage.

I recognize that not all seniors are computer-literate. If you don't have a computer or you just don't feel confident in using it, the State of Michigan does have an assistance program. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) does offer assistance over the phone. The toll-free number is (800) 803-7174. Once again, knowing the medications you are using and the dosages is something they will need in order to assist you.

Many seniors will, unfortunately, take the position that if they're happy with their current plan they really don't have to do anything. What was good for you in 2011 may not be good for you in 2012. Therefore, there is no alternative but to re-look at all the Medicare Prescription D Plans available to you.

It is important to understand that you can only make changes in your plan once a year and it's not like if you get in the wrong plan you can change it three or four months down the road because you can't. The open enrollment period ends Dec. 7. Therefore, whether you like it or not, now is the time to be proactive and do your homework so you can get the best prescription drug plan for yourself. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

A royal gathering



John Glenn High School students will find out Friday evening who will reign over Homecoming festivities this weekend. Nominated for the honor of being the Homecoming King and Queen are Sarah Toarmina (front row, from left), Kelli Wakeford, Ashley Tinney, Brooke Femat, Brooklyn Holbrook, Ray Manibog (back row, from left), Commodore Price, Robert Codd, Kalyn Massenburg and Steve Goldberg. The students will have a pep assembly tomorrow afternoon, followed by the annual Homecoming parade at 6 p.m. and travel along Marquette from the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center to the high school. The Rockets will face Livonia Stevenson in a KLAAs crossover game at 7 p.m.

Push on for I-275/Ford upgrade

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Citing a need to improve the I-275/Ford Road interchange and create new jobs, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck has formally joined a push by Canton officials to seek federal dollars to reshape the traffic-snarled area.

Colbeck, R-Canton, has introduced a state Senate concurrent resolution urging prioritization of the I-275 project and imploring the U.S. Congress and federal Department of Transportation to approve funding for it.

Colbeck's move comes as Canton officials, after twice losing out on federal dollars, have

revived their fight for a third round of TIGER — Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery — dollars.

Canton officials hope to secure a \$20.3 million TIGER grant to reconfigure the interchange — a project township officials and Colbeck say could ease traffic congestion and reduce crashes along one of the most accident-prone stretches of road in Michigan, along Ford between the south I-275 ramp and Lilley.

"Every day more than 50,000 vehicles travel the roads in and around the I-275/Ford Road interchange, creating lengthy traffic backups and numerous accidents," Colbeck said. "As the population continues to rise

in Canton Township, this problem will only worsen. The project is not only necessary to make our roadways more efficient, but to also protect human life."

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and other Canton officials have repeatedly voiced frustration over a lack of funding to reshape the interchange. Just last month, LaJoy went to Lansing to make a renewed pitch to gain support from state leaders for the project.

In federal road money, LaJoy has said, a \$20.3 million grant "is chump change," especially considering the far-reaching impact it would have on Canton and neighboring communities such as Westland.

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Families fill GC Fire Station for open house

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Lions Club member Hank Cable praised the turnout at the Oct. 8 Garden City Fire Department Open House.

"It was absolutely wonderful," Cable said. "They (visitors) were coming in both doors. Most of the firemen were there."

The Lions Club co-hosted the open house.

"Their assistance with many of our department functions during the open house is greatly appreciated," said Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman of the club's participation.

Harman thanked the Garden City Downtown Development Authority for coordinating the event with the DDA's Chili Cookoff downtown.

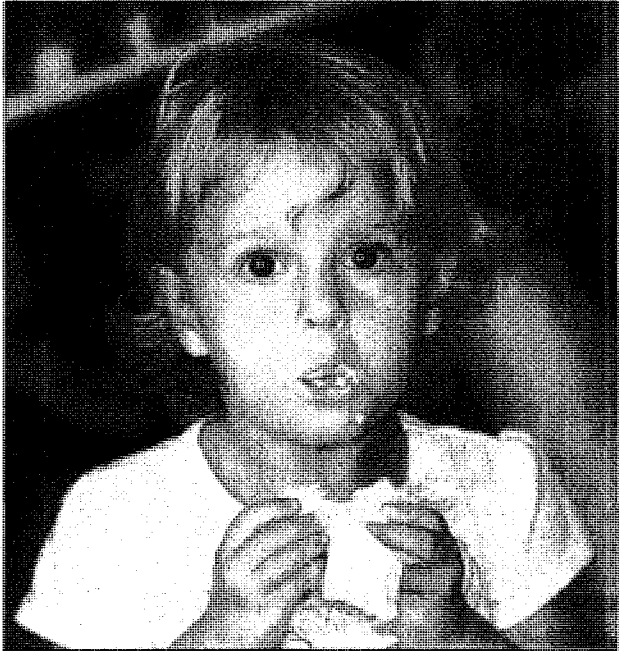
Two Garden City firefighters also participated in the Chili Cookoff, she said.

"Lt. Corey Chandler and Firefighter Michael Terch entered the chili cook off on behalf of the fire department," Harman said.

During the Open House, the fire department offered fire safety and fire prevention demonstrations, a vehicle extrication demonstration and an opportunity to sit in fire trucks and get photos taken.

"We also gave out smoke detectors, literature, small fire-related prizes and offered face painting," Harman said.

Likewise, Susan Nicholas, executive director of the Garden City Community Coalition, also credited the open house as a "good, fun



Riley Little enjoys a powdered treat at the Garden City Fire Department's open house Saturday.



Hunter McGilvray took his firefighting skills seriously as he practiced at the open house.

wholesome and free" event for families in this time of economic stress.

"I gave out 200 coloring books to kids," Nicholas said.

The Community Coalition

along with Gordon Chevrolet and Summer Wind Farms put up information tables. Harman also credited American Pie Pizza and 1-800-Board up and thanked Firefighter/medic Steve



Michael Hodge and daughter, Abigail, have their picture taken with Sparky, the fire station mascot, at the Garden City Fire Department's open house on Saturday, Oct. 8.



Shaun Richey gets the feel of taking a ride in a fire truck.



Kaden Merchant picks out a junior fire hat at the fire department's open house.

Rhea for coordination of the event.

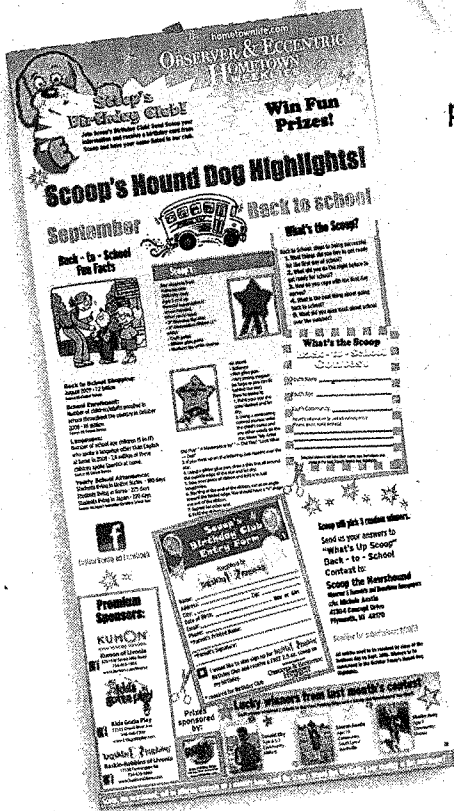
"Thank you to the shifts who put in a lot of effort over the last month preparing the station and vehicles and the huge cooperative effort of the department for supporting the event by working the open house," Harman said.

Elected officials also visited, including Garden City Mayor Randy Walker, Councilwoman Jaylee Lynch, state Sen. Glenn Anderson and State Rep. Robert Constan.

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Gridiron loss doesn't dampen Homecoming spirit

Homecoming didn't quite turn out the way Garden City Cougars fans had hoped. And even dressing in all black couldn't get the team over the top as it lost to Robichaud 33-10 to Robichaud in the traditional Friday night game.

The buildup to Homecoming started early in the week with the window painting contest and culminated with the Homecoming dance Saturday night. Becky Beveridge was elected Homecoming queen and reigned over the annual dance, Escape to Paradise. Also in the Homecoming Court were Jasmine Marks, Ashley Perrin, Ashley Lynn and Rebecca Szczembara.

For the first time, the high school staged a Tailgate Fair before the big game. The family friendly fair let football fans try their luck at the dunk tank, carnival games and pie throwing and enjoy inflatable bouncers and face painting. There also we plenty of food.

Money raised at the fair will support student clubs

and activities.

All eyes will be on the football field again this week for Chevy Field Goal Challenge Fundraiser. The high school has partnered with Gordon Chevrolet for the contest which will have one lucky winner getting the opportunity to win either a 2012 Chevy Silverado or \$20,000.

Raffle tickets are \$3, and one ticket will be drawn during halftime at the last varsity home football game of the season. The winner will have the chance to try and kick a football into the bed of the truck. If the ball stays, they will the truck or the money.

Professional athletes, Olympic athletes, varsity football and soccer players and coaches and individuals have been

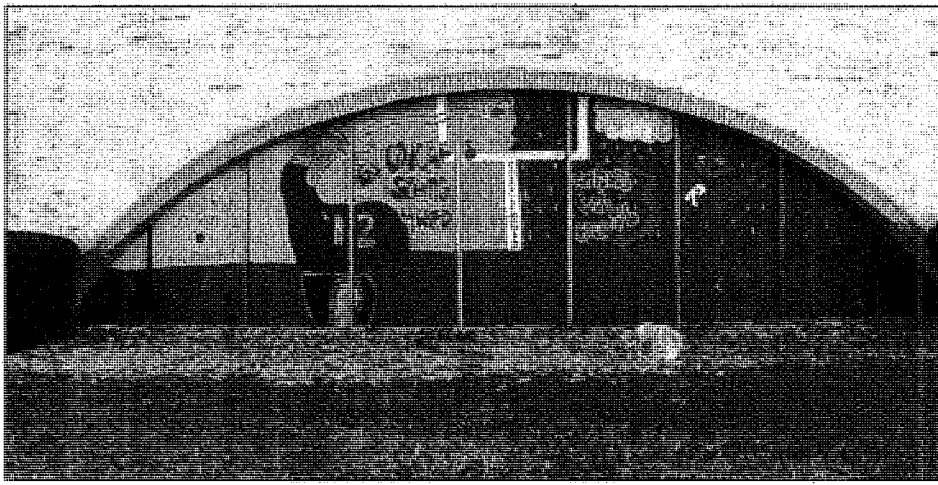
involved in sports at the varsity level within the past six years are ineligible. Tick-

ets are available from the high school varsity coaches or from Associate Principal

Rosemary Gross. All proceeds will go toward high school athletics.



Beckie Beveridge (center) is all smiles just minutes after being crowned the Garden City Homecoming queen during halftime Friday evening. Joining her as members of the Homecoming Court are Ashley Lynn (from left), Ashley Perrin, Rebecca Szczembara and Jasmine Marks.



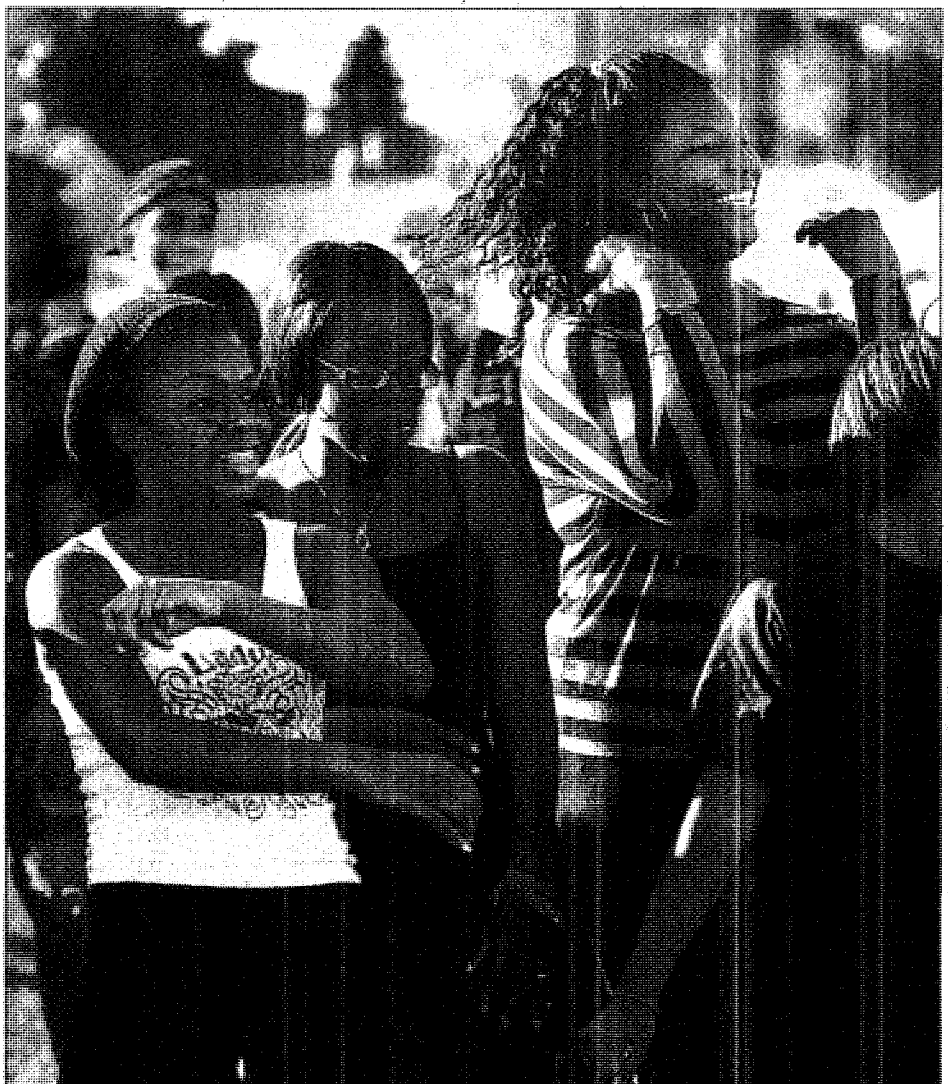
The seniors' window was judged the best during the annual Homecoming window painting contest held Monday.



Kayla Criner gats stuck on the wall and has a blast doing it.



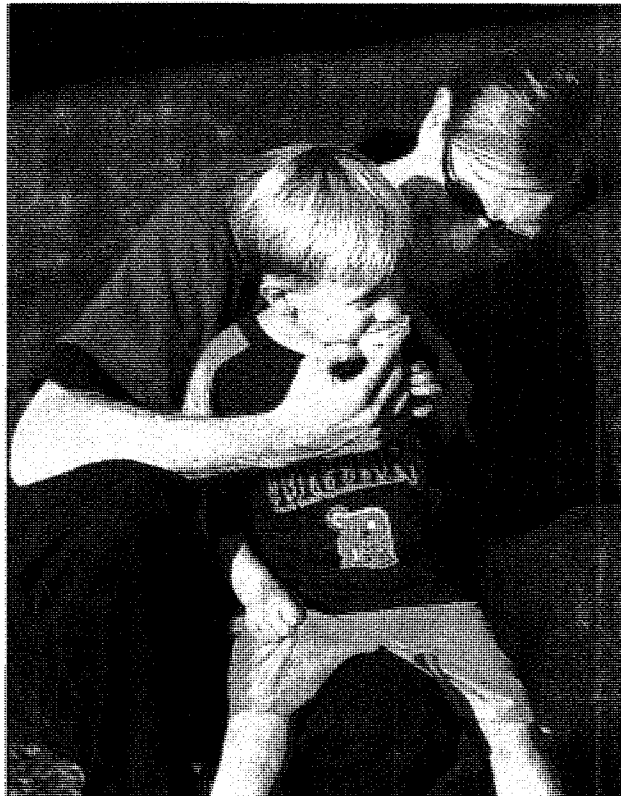
Antonio Armstrong shows his school spirit with his orange and blue painted face.



Heather Shoats, Regina Tobias and Danae Jones dance to the music at the Tailgate Fair.

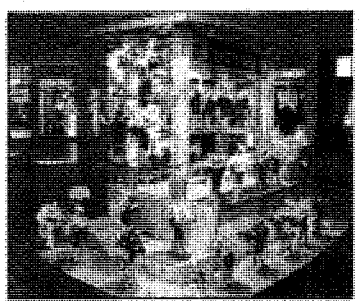


Brooklyn Queen won a prize by knocking rubber ducks off the bench.



New Garden City High School science teacher Tyler Cederlind and son Cranston share a cupcake.

WESTLAND-GARDEN CITY BUSINESS EVENTS



Located just off the center court in Westland Shopping Center, Candy Vases has some "sweet" perfect gifts for Sweetest Day, Oct. 15, and Halloween

New Tenant

Need a "sweet" floral arrangement for a birthday, anniversary, new baby or even to say get well soon.

Candy Vases has the answer.

Located just off the center court in Westland Shopping Center, Candy Vases will be there through October, showcasing perfect gifts for Sweetest Day, Oct. 15, and Halloween. Their sweet arrangements include Hershey Kisses, Dove chocolates, Ferrero Rocher, Rolo, Lindt Lindor and mini candy bars like Milk Way to name a few.

Visit their website to check out the selection at www.candyvases.com.

And while you're online, visit the Westland Shopping Center Facebook page, click on Like and be entered to win a mall gift card.

Westland Shopping center is at Warren and Wayne roads in Westland.

Working out

Anytime Fitness is hosting a "Workout for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital" noon to 5 p.m. Sunday Oct. 23, at the fitness center, 761 S. Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill, in Westland.

The event is open to the public, and the goal is to raise \$5,000 for St. Jude and the kids.

Anytime Fitness is a 24/7 fitness center, offering state of the art cardio equipment, selectorized weight training equipment by Life Fitness, hammer strength machines, free weights and dumbbells from 2 to 120 pounds as well as 24/7 tanning.

The program is very flexible and is based around exercise events like cumulative weight lifted, bike riding, walking, and circuit training. Visit the center's Facebook page or call (734) 326-1550 for more information.

'Pink Pledge'

Throughout October, Dressbarn is looking to attract a minimum of 261,000 "Pink Pledges" from women who will commit themselves to getting a mammogram, eating healthier or taking bold steps to ward off breast cancer or catch it at an early stage.

Dressbarn's goal of 261,000 pledges represents the number of new cases of breast cancer diagnosed in 2010.

A dedicated website - www.yourDressbarn.com/mypinkpledge - is urging women to take the "Pink Pledge," a public promise to take steps toward a healthier lifestyle. The site also shares stories of breast cancer survivors and invites users to add their own stories of inspiration.

Users can customize their pledge by completing the prompt, "I pledge to take care of myself by..." Additionally, once the "Pink Pledge" is taken, there's an option to share it with friends and followers, urging them to take it themselves and pass it along as well. A direct link to Facebook, a tweet including the hashtag #pinkpledge and an option to e-mail is provided.

Dressbarn has been a long-time supporter of breast cancer awareness, specifically through its relationship with the American Cancer Society.

To date, Dressbarn and its sister-brand Maurices have donated more than \$8 million to the fight against cancer. This year, they will once again raise funds by selling a stuffed plush dog named Lilac, with all net profits donated to the ACS. Retailing for \$6, Lilac sports a pink and purple scarf and a pink awareness ribbon on her lower left paw.

Locally, there's a Dressbarn, 37217 6 Mile, Livonia, in the Newburgh Plaza. For more information, call (734) 542-0629.

Use online resources to win your fantasy football league

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Fantasy football season is in full swing and if your league is anything like my leagues, the competition is about to get intense.

Here are some helpful sites and tools that will give you a competitive advantage over fellow owners — without spending any money.

• Free live scoring — Many fantasy football hosting services offer free live scoring. My favorite is Yahoo.com's stat tracker, because it's been offering the service free for years and also has correct stats almost immediately.

If you league isn't on Yahoo, check if the host offers a similar tool for free. Some sites also offer live scoring for a small fee. CBS Sports even offers a stat analysis program for \$24.99, but that is a bit pricey for fancy graphs and charts that you could quickly build yourself in PowerPoint or Keynote.

• TheFootballguys.com — One of the best sites around, theFootballguys.com offers a number of free services to keep you at the top of the standings. Sign up for breaking e-mail alerts for player injuries and news, plug in your players and receive a team rating from site experts and even receive advice on who to start and sit.

• FFtoolbox.com — Are you sick of sites like ESPN

giving predictions based on ESPN standard scoring when nobody uses ESPN standard scoring? With FFtoolbox.com, you can input your league scoring and settings and get customized player projections each week. FFtoolbox.com also offers a number of other useful tools, including a strength of schedule chart, team depth charts, transaction trend reports and more.

• Fantasysharks.com — If you have a league dispute or simply need advice on trades or transactions, visit Fantasysharks.com. The site has busy forums as well as blogs and expert analysis about the players that are most important to your team.

• Fantasy Football Now — The popular ESPN2 television show, which airs at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday, is also available on ESPN.com. So if you don't have cable, or don't receive ESPN, visit ESPN.com and watch live streaming video with up-to-date injuries and projections for upcoming games. *Fantasy Football Now* is the best fantasy sports show. The television personalities and other fantasy sports experts share their knowledge on ESPN.com each week with composite rankings of the best players and start/sit lists.

• Fantasyfootballcalculator.com — Possibly the best pre-draft fantasy site around also serves a big purpose during the season because it shows where players were drafted, helping owners plan fair trades.

• Mobile apps — This was mentioned in the last tech tips article, but it is worth repeating. Check and see if your league hosting site offers a free app with scoring, transaction information or other tools. This will help you stay on top of league happenings when you are traveling or not near a computer. Yahoo and ESPN mobile fantasy football apps have received great reviews this season and I plan on using them both each Sunday. Fantasy Football Insider also offers news and information plus premium content for *Pro Football Weekly* subscribers. Of course, most of that information can be found on other sites, and breaking news can be seen on Twitter. To find new fantasy football tweeters that can help you win your league, visit Twitter.com and type "fantasy football" into the search bar to find the most influential football tweeters.

These apps and sites will help you have better in-season management. And coupled with a solid draft and some good luck, you might be taking home your league trophy and bragging rights this winter.

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Comcast Essentials reaches out to low-income families

Comcast has launched the western Wayne County launch of Internet EssentialsSM, an ambitious and comprehensive broadband adoption experiment.

The launch was announced recently at an event co-hosted by Kathy Walgren, CEO of the YWCA of Western Wayne County and Lisa Birmingham, vice president of Government and Regulatory Affairs, for Comcast's Heartland Region at the YWCA in Inkster. Joining in the launch were State Reps. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, and Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights, Westland Mayor William Wild and Wayne Mayor Al Haidous.

The Internet Essentials program addresses three of the primary barriers to broadband adoption that research has identified — 1) A lack of understanding of how the Internet is relevant and useful; 2) the cost of a home computer, and 3) the cost of the Internet service.

Available to low-income families in western Wayne County and across Michigan with children who receive free lunch under the National School Lunch Program, the goal is to help close the digital divide and ensure more Americans benefit from the Internet.

Internet Essentials participants will receive:

• Residential Internet service for \$9.95 a month plus tax, no price increases, no activation fees, or equipment rental fees, a voucher to purchase a low-cost computer for \$149.99 plus tax and access to free digital literacy training in print, online or in person.

Additional benefits include a complementary Norton™ Security Suite (\$160 value) for comprehensive online security

protection. A household is eligible to participate in the Internet Essentials program if it is located where Comcast offers Internet service, has at least one child who receives a free school lunch under the NSLP, has not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days and does not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment.

Comcast will sign up eligible families in the program for at least three years and through the end of the 2013-14 school year. Any household that qualifies during this three-year period will remain eligible for Internet Essentials provided the household still qualifies for the program until that child graduates from high school.

Parents looking to enroll in the program can call (855) 846-8376.

WESTLAND CHAMBER CHAT

By Brookellen Swope
Guest Columnist

The Westland Chamber of Commerce is seeking potential leaders to serve on the Board of Directors. Each candidate must be a member in good standing and willing to represent the chamber in a positive way throughout the community.

Board members are elected to serve for a three-year term. Members have the opportunity to nominate his- or herself or another member in good standing as a candidate for the 2012 Board of Directors. Candidates are required to fill out the Nomination/Information Request form included in the October newsletter, and return it to the Westland Chamber of Commerce on or before Oct. 20.

The Board of Directors is composed of 16 voting members. Elections take place annually. Its members represent a cross-section of the business and professional leadership in the community. The board determines

the goals of the chamber through an approved Program of Work.

Each director plays an important role on the chamber board. The requirements and responsibilities are:

• Directors must attend and participate in the Annual Planning Conference to develop the Program of Work for the coming year.

• Directors must attend and participate in the Annual Business meeting Luncheon in January of each year.

• Directors are required to attend regular or special board meetings, normally the first Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. Directors who miss more than three regularly scheduled board meetings a year shall be automatically dropped from the board unless confined by illness or other absence approved by the majority of the Board of Directors.

• A minimum of 50 percent attendance is expected at all chamber-sponsored events.

• Directors are required

to assist in chamber fundraising activities to include the sale of sponsorships and tickets.

• Directors are required to serve as chairperson or member of at least one committee per year.

• Members will maintain the confidence of all meetings of the Board of Directors.

• The Board of Directors is the legislative arm of the Chamber. They make all policy decisions, including but not limited to approving the annual budget, reviewing and establishing the dues structure, recommending changes in the by-laws, reviewing and recommending changes in the Policy & Procedure Manual and determining the Program of Work each year.

More information is available by calling the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Brookellen Swope is the president and CEO of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Information is online at www.westlandchamber.com or by calling (734) 326-7222.

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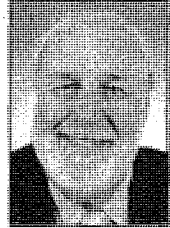
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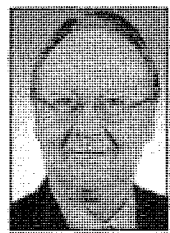
Incumbents have experience needed to lead city

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, Westland residents will decide who will represent their interests on the City Council. The decision is important and one that all residents should be involved. Unfortunately, few people will take the time to cast their votes.

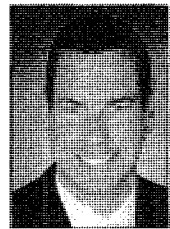
Elections are part of our democratic life blood. Elections allow all of us to have a say in what government does. Seven candidates hope they will have that chance — incumbents James Godbout, Michael Kehrer, Adam Hammons and Bill Johnson and newcomers Rick Ciaramitaro, Kevin Coleman and Peter Herzberg. Three candidates will receive four-year terms and the fourth a two-year term.



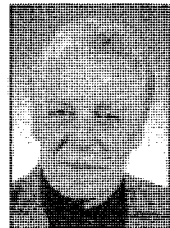
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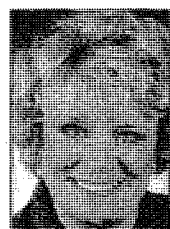
Kehrer



Hammons



Johnson



DeHart Schoof

We listened closely to what the candidates have said about the issues facing the city, the things the city does right and the skills they believe they would bring to the seven-member council. And, in the case of the incumbents, we have looked closely at what they have done during their time in office.

While we are glad to see new people showing an interest and a willingness to get involved in city government at a difficult time, we don't find them having a sound understanding of the difficulties the city faces. In the end, we believe that the city and its residents would be best served by re-electing James Godbout, Michael Kehrer, Adam Hammons and Bill Johnson to Westland City Council.

As seated members of the council, they have had to make some hard decisions to help the city move forward and remain fiscally solvent. All four have experience and an understanding of the city government processes. They know what the issues are and are willing to make decisions that are in the best for the entire community.

On their watch, the city has been able to balance the budget and maintain services and hang on to a modest fund balance. Westland has budget issues similar to other communities and much of the credit for the city's current condition goes to the mayor and administration who do the grunt work.

They were in support of a two-year budget, while keeping an eye on the third year. They kept their focus on that in study sessions and didn't get bogged down by minutiae. That, in and of itself, speaks volumes about Godbout's ability to lead the council and build a consensus among its members.

They understand that infrastructure issues, like the condition of city hall, need to be addressed. They've had a hand in maintaining city services to the point where most residents haven't felt any real impact.

Under the leadership of Godbout, the council members have shown a willingness to make tough and likely unpopular decisions like raising water rates. They have also showed a willingness to vote their own minds. Johnson was staunch in his opposition to paying the \$2 million bill for cleaning up flooded homes in 2010, and Godbout was just as adamant in his opposition to paying AT&T to have city channel on its U-verse cable service.

Residents also will be electing a city clerk in the November general election. Eileen DeHart Schoof is unopposed in her bid for a third four-year term. DeHart Schoof didn't have an easy start to becoming the city's first elected clerk, but over the past eight years has done a masterful job of heading up the clerk's office. She is responsive to the needs of the public and has worked hard to increase efficiencies in the department.

On election day, we urge all registered voters take time to cast their ballot. We recommend Eileen DeHart Schoof for city clerk and James Godbout, Michael Kehrer, Adam Hammons and Bill Johnson for Westland City Council.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite thing to do in the fall?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"I like to go to the apple orchard for cider. I go to the one in Northville."

Caitlin Ison
Garden City



"I like hanging out with the family and being around family a lot."

Shawn Kuzicki
Saline



"I take a drive to see the fall colors."

Oralía Soto
Canton



"We like to go to the cider mill, down in Romulus."

Don Rondy
Dearborn Heights

LETTERS

Council is out of sync

Why is it when citizens of Westland go to City Hall to look for sympathy and some financial help for their flooded basements, City Hall can only offer sympathy, but no real financial help? Then when City Hall has a similar flooded basement problem council looks to its citizens for more than sympathy. Really? I'm finding it difficult to have sympathy for a council that couldn't offer more than letters, explaining "it's not our problem," for its citizens when they had flooded basements.

This council made its residents feel like they'd known about their basement flooding problem for years they should've done something about it before the rains came. OK, council, practice what you preach. You've known about city hall building flooding problem for years. In 1999, you found out City Hall's floor level was below the water table. You had engineers investigate and tell you of this problem but you only put Band-Aids in place and now you have a sink hole problem in the east side of the building among other building issues.

You've known about these building problems for years, but instead of taking real effective measures to remedy these problems effectively, during better economic days, past and present council only put Band-Aids in place.

So here we are in 2011, during rough economic times, and council wants to finally do more than Band-Aid fixes to the City Hall building. Really? Why are we even discussing this now? We have many empty buildings in our city, and council wants to spend money to fix an ailing building or build a new building.

This is the problem I have with our City Council. Instead of being creative, they operate out of sync with our economic times. We have a building that has become difficult to operate in, we understand. Westland is financially strapped, we are all aware of this. Our city employees need new safer office space to work in, we understand. But this is not a reason to dump \$500,000 in a sinking ship or build a new city hall in 2011?

In 2011, we improvise we find space for city workers in one of the many empty buildings around town. We have Internet available to us in 2011 that allows people to work from home. We set up new counter space in one of the many empty store fronts around town. Instead of adding another building to Westland, when we can't afford it, make use of the resources you already have available.

U.S. economists have already done studies that answer the question, is it better to rent or own and maintain a building. Westland residents are handling their foundation problems economically. It's time City Hall did, too.

Carlos Manzo
Westland

Misuse may be dangerous

As a Wayne County taxpayer, I am happy that the Wayne County Parks and Recreation spent money for an expanded bike and pedestrian bath on the south side of the Hines Drive. Driving from Westland to Dearborn twice a week, I observe many bicyclists and walkers utilizing the path.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at www.hometownlife.com.

But I am concerned about the apparent misuse of the path by some bicyclists who insist to ignore the bike path and instead travel on the shoulder of the road, on the north side of Hines Drive. Using the shoulder creates a potential safety problem since the bikers and cars are separated by only a few feet. A motorist or a bicyclist who unconsciously drifts a little from their path could collide.

I hope the county recreation staff uses all of its communication devices to post signs or get the message out that the new bike-pedestrian should be used and avoid the Hines Drive shoulder on the opposite side of the road.

Leonard Pogor
Westland

Gasping for breath

Every day should be a safe day to breathe, but on far too many days, children and seniors in the Detroit area and across Michigan are exposed to dangerous smog pollution. According to a new Environment Michigan report, residents in the Detroit area were exposed to air quality that made it dangerous to breathe on 12 days last year, ranking it the 23rd smoggiest large metropolitan area in the country. Smog pollution leads to more asthma attacks, increased respiratory difficulty, and reduced lung function, and the impacts are worse for children, the elderly and people with respiratory illnesses.

Rather than updating smog standards this year, President Obama abandoned any strengthening of the standard until 2013. Michigan's children deserve better; President Obama should establish an updated standard for smog pollution that is based on the science. Additionally, Michigan's members of Congress should stand up for Michiganders' health and oppose any attacks on the Clean Air Act — including the "TRAIN" Act (H.R. 2401) — which would roll back existing clean air protections for smog-forming pollution and other deadly pollutants.

Jessica Surma
Environment Michigan,
Ann Arbor

Must have priorities

Edmund Burke once said, "Government is a contrivance of human wisdom to provide for human wants. Men have a right that these wants should be provided for by this wisdom."

But there are so many people these days who think our problem is too much government.

When we start talking about cut-

ting things like Social Security and Medicare and aid to schools and unemployment benefits when there are no available jobs, then we have to decide what our priorities are as a nation.

Do we take care of our elders, or do we tie them to a plank and float them out to sea? Who says Social Security must pay for itself? Aren't our parents and grandparents entitled to some dignity and self-respect in their old age, rather than having to perhaps live in your basement? So what if some money has to come out of the general budget.

Of course, without sufficient Medicare funds, maybe we won't have to worry about them. Just let them die off.

What about our children? Since they're probably going to have to take care of us when we have no Social Security, or our pensions are raided by greedy corporations or emergency financial managers, hadn't we better be sure that they get a decent enough education that they can take care of us?

Oh, charter schools will solve your problems? Or maybe privatizing of all the services associated with them. What about the whole concept of public education? Aren't many of these charter schools, and other services, "for-profit" entities? Not your worry, you say, you'll take care of your own kids. But what happens to the whole tax base with an undereducated, underemployed population?

Before we start cutting government spending willy-nilly, we have to stop arguing and decide exactly what we want for our community and our nation. Burke also said "Mere parsimony is not economy. ... Expense, and great expense, may be an essential part of true economy."

Irene Pollands Hall
Farmington Hills

Opposes SB 618-624

The Senate introduced a package of seven bills patterned after Gov. Snyder's education message which in effect dismantles public education by increasing charter schools, privatizing teachers, mandating schools of choice, expanding cyber schools, using tax dollars to support private school students and allowing parents to convert their neighborhood school to a charter school.

None of this has anything to do with improving teaching and learning and helping students succeed in school and in life. This is about privatizing public education to for profit companies who will make all the decisions about curriculum and how my tax dollars are spent. No more community schools. No more local control.

Currently, if a college charters a school that institution collects 3 percent of the foundation allowance for each child. So if the foundation allowance is \$7,000 and there are 300 students in that school, the college collects over \$60,000 off the top. Money that might have been used to lower class sizes and/or purchase materials for that school. Why would we want our tax dollars to go anywhere except to our local schools?

Please urge your state legislators to vote no on Senate Bills 618-624.

Karen B. Zyczynski
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Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRAIN SHOW

Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Sunday Nov. 27
Location: Parish Hall of Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriam, Westland.

Details: Ss. Simon and Jude Church' Ushers Club is holding Railroadiana Train Show. Buy, sell or swap toys and trains. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free. Contact: To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

DINE TO DONATE

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, to 2 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21

Location: Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Buffalo Wild Wings will donate at least 20 percent of your dining bill to the Johns family to help care for Kevin, who was diagnosed with a rare early onset form of Alzheimer's at age 46 years old and is now in assisted living. Enter raffle for a chance to win two tickets to a Red Wings game, autographed memorabilia, wine baskets, gas cards, gift cards and more. Raffle tickets on sale now and will be sold until the drawing at 6 p.m. Oct. 20. There also will be hourly 50/50 raffles all day.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 747-1852 or send an e-mail to kevin-johns.fund@gmail.com.

SCRAPBOOKING

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland,

Details: Join Ss. Simon and Jude for its seventh 12-hour crop. All of the proceeds raised during this event will go directly to Ss. Simon and Jude. All you will need to bring are your pictures, scrapbook/stamping supplies, and a couple of friends to keep you company while you all crop. We will supply a light breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and beverages. Vendors will be available for you to purchase scrapbooking and stamping items. There also will be raffle. Also, embossing will be available during the event. The cost is \$35 per person for a full day and \$20 per person for a half day.

Contact: For more information or to register, call Sandy Kopcak at (734) 721-4867 and Karen Kopcak at (734) 634-3934.

VIOLET SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor

Details: The Michigan State African Violet Society is holding its Semi Annual Display and Sale of African violets and Gesneriads. There will be a free growing skills seminar 1 p.m. Experts will be on hand all day to provide growing advice and answer questions.

Contact: For more information, e-mail LynnAllen0413@comcast.net.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

Contact: For information, contact Ann Christensen,



Wish You Were Here

Vicki Parker of Garden City, a guest artist and former dancer with the Deborah Chase School of Dance in Livonia, took the Garden City Observer with her on her recent trip to London, England. She had the privilege of attending the International Dance Teachers Conference at the Royal Ballet School, where she danced with and engaged in learning from teachers and great performers from all around the world. She said that the international opportunity was the perfect compliment to her dance, arts and instructional training. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050.

FREE WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 1 to Dec. 6

Location: Garden City Hospital Westland Specialty Center, located at 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland

Details: The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) is hosting a free health workshop in Westland to help individuals manage long-term health conditions. The Personal Action Toward Health

(PATH) workshop provides information and skills to adults with chronic health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, bronchitis, asthma, and depression. Workshops are conducted by trained leaders who hold informal, small group discussions and provide easy-to-understand course materials. Facilitators discuss ways to reduce pain and stress, cope with fatigue, use medications wisely, and benefit from physical activity. Participants also learn about self-help devices that can enhance

daily activities. Registration for PATH is required and space is limited.

Contact: To register or learn more about this program, call the Garden City Hospital Community Health at (734) 458-4330. For other PATH classes at nearby locations, contact the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at (734) 222-9800 or www.nkfm.org.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14

Location: Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights

Details: Itching to make money? The Eton Senior Center is currently in search of people to take part in their indoor flea market. The cost to rent an eight-foot table is \$15. Sellers are responsible for pricing and selling all of your items, the center will advertise the sale. All proceeds are kept by the seller. Table position will be based on first come basis. Crafters and vendors are welcome. Registration for a table can be made at the Eton Senior Center. Deadline for table rentals is Friday, Sept. 23. Proceeds will go towards the Eton Senior Center Building Fund.

Contact: For more information, call (313) 277-7765.

CLASS REUNION

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 15

Details: Garden City High School Class of 1986 is holding a 25-year reunion. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on Facebook.

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

CRAFT SHOWS

ST. DAMIAN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: St. Damian Parish, 30055 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Westland

Contact: For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

ST. THEODORE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22

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

Details: Admission is free for St. Theodore's CCW fall craft show.

BIZARRE BAZAAR

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 22

Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville,

Details: Crafters, vendors, and entrepreneurs are being sought for a Bizarre Bazaar. Don't miss the opportunity to showcase your talents and products to hundreds of local customers and support Village Banking. Grow your business and help women in desperately poor countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank you helped create by participating in Bizarre Bazaar. Reasonable entry fee, friendly community atmosphere and a great cause. For details and to reserve a space, go to fmcnorthville.org/#/missions-and-service.

Contact: Send an e-mail to fmcbaazaar@gmail.com, find it on Facebook, or call (248) 446-8175.

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: Saturday, Nov. 12

Location: William Brennan Activity Center, 20700 Colgate Dearborn Heights

Details: Crafters and vendors are needed for the St. Sebastian Catholic Church-St. Anne Altar Society's Christmas Craft Show: Eight-foot table rental is \$25 and \$45, electricity \$5.

Contact: For more information, call Phyllis at (313) 561-1807.

It's homecoming Oct. 22 in East Lansing!

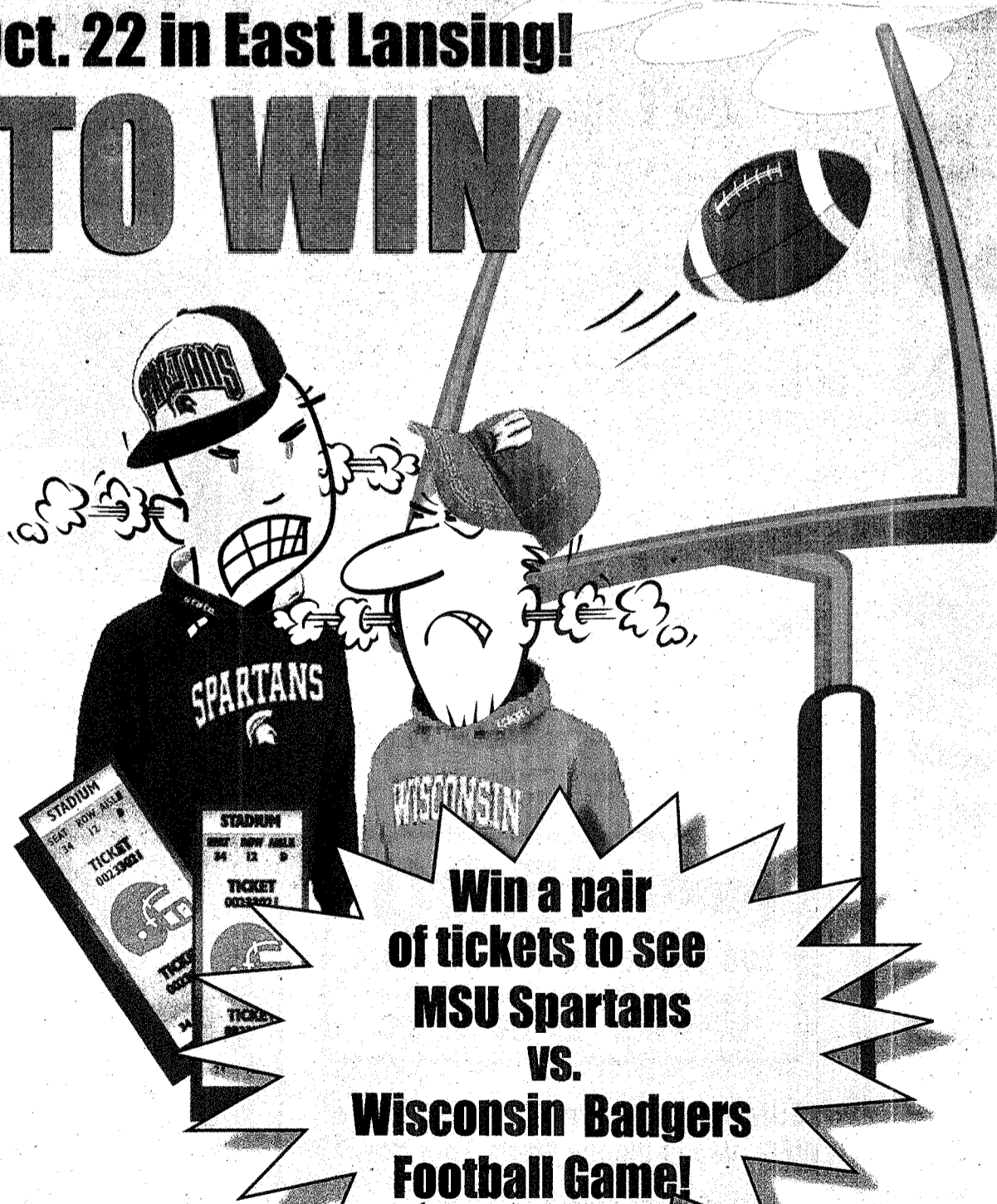
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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Football challenge

Garden City High School is partnering with Gordon Chevrolet in a Chevy Field Goal Challenge fund-raiser.

One lucky winner will have the opportunity to win either a 2012 Chevy Silverado or \$20,000. The drawing will be held Friday, Oct. 14, during half-time at the last varsity home football game of the season.

Raffle tickets are \$3. One ticket will be drawn and the winner will have the chance to try and kick a football into the bed of the truck. If the ball stays, they will win the truck or the money. Professional athletes, Olympic athletes, varsity football and soccer players and coaches and individuals have been involved in sports at the varsity level within the past six years are ineligible.

Tickets are available from the high school varsity coaches or from Assistant Principal Rosemary Gross at Garden City High School. All proceeds will go toward high school athletics.

District hours

State Rep. Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights, is inviting residents to meet with him and share their concerns during his upcoming office hours. The informal gatherings will be held:

- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Garden City Library, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City
- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Allen Park Public Library, 8100 Allen Park Road, Allen Park.

Constan holds office hours and other events throughout the 16th District to meet as many residents as possible and listen to their ideas and pri-

orities regarding state government. Residents also can contact Rep. Constan by calling his office toll-free at (888) 345-8017 or sending an e-mail to bobconstan@house.mi.gov.

E-waste recycling

Do you have a collection of old electronic devices in your home that you want to get rid of but don't want to put in the trash because of environmental concerns?

Wayne County's Department of Public Services can help you solve this problem. Wayne County along with Vintage Tech Recyclers Inc. and local communities has scheduled several Electronic Waste (e-waste) collections where residents can drop off their old electronic waste free of charge.

Items that will be accepted for recycling include computers, TV's, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, keyboards and mice, laptops, printers, fax machines, copiers, VCR's, DVD players, CD players, microwaves, stereos, speakers, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game consoles, miscellaneous cables, mp3 players, etc. No other household appliances will be accepted.

Collections have been scheduled for:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Livonia DPW, 12973 Farmington, Livonia.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Wayne County Community College District Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty, Belleville.

The E-waste collections are open to Wayne County residents and small businesses with 10 or fewer employees. For more information, contact Wayne County's

Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

Social Media seminar

Social Media is quickly becoming a powerful business tool and is immediately usable for value-added initiatives in marketing, branding and improving customer service.

More than three-quarters of Americans and two-thirds of internet users are using social media. The Social Media and Your Business seminar will assist business owners in developing a comprehensive understanding of social media and how to use it for your marketing, advertising, and increasing higher sales volume.

Hosted by the 5 Star Business Group, the seminar will be Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Henry Ruff School, 30300 Maplewood at Henry Ruff, Garden City. The featured speaker will be Jay Johnson of Partner WorldLink Communications. Registration and continental breakfast is at 7:30 a.m., with the seminar taking place 8:15-10 a.m.

Limited seating is available. Register by Oct. 20. The cost is \$20 for preregistered chamber members and \$25 non-members and walk-ins, space permitting. Call the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448 to reserve a seat.

At the market

The Garden City Farmers Market is opens 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Oct. 26. Currently available are root vegetables, pumpkins, mums, apple cider, caramel apples, pies and much more.

The market is at the northeast corner of Ford

Road and Middlebelt in the Kroger shopping center in Downtown Garden City.

Call the Garden City Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 422-4448 or visit the website at www.gardencity.org for more information.

Craft-Vendor Show

Garden City High School will be hosting a craft and vendor show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. There will be more than 85 tables of home vendors such as Pampered Chef, Avon and Creative Memories, as well as a great variety of home made arts and crafts.

There also will be door prize raffles, 50/50 drawings, a Bake Sale, and Concessions available throughout the show. Admission is \$1 and includes a free raffle ticket.

Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt between Ford and Warren.

For more information or for table availability, e-mail Sheryll at vendorshow@gmail.com or call 73 367-0898 and leave a message. All proceeds will benefit the GCMS PTSA.

Community Chat

Join Kerry Partin every Thursday night at 9 p.m. for GC Community Chat at <http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757>, a talk show dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City and the surrounding area.

Listeners can call-in live at (724)444-7444 and enter the call ID 82757, or they can join in a live chat room at <http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757> where they can just listen to the show or also type their questions and comments.



The Exchange Club presented an award to Sgt. Paul B. Walkowiak (center), shown here with Jim Rozelle, president of the Exchange Club of Livonia, and Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, president of Madonna University.

Exchange Club dedicates shrine

The Exchange Club of Livonia held a dedication ceremony Sept. 23 for the Freedom Shrine installed at Kresge Hall on the campus of Madonna University. The Freedom Shrine is a collection of 30 historic U.S. documents dating from the 1600s to the 1900s. The documents serve as windows to America's past.

This was the first donation and dedication of a Freedom Shrine at any university in Southeastern Michigan. Several hundred people attended the ceremony, which included remarks by Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and a representative of Sen. Carl Levin.

Jim Rozelle, president of the Exchange Club of Livonia, said in a keynote address, "The Freedom Shrine should be used as a frequent reminder of the fundamental principles on which our great nation was founded."

He challenged Madonna students to take the Freedom Shrine seriously, and study and understand what the documents say and how they affect our lives. "Most of all, you need to be ready to accept the responsibilities that will soon be yours to assure that future generations will still have the blessings of liberty that God has blessed us with as citizens of this great nation," he said.

As a reminder that freedom is not free, the Exchange Club presented a special Sacrifice for Freedom Award during the dedication ceremony to Sgt. Paul B. Walkowiak of Romulus, a 25-year Army veteran who was seriously wounded during a rocket attack in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan on Jan. 10. He is still receiving treatment for the wounds he suffered, and for which he was awarded the Purple Heart. The Exchange Club of Livonia has also established a fund to provide care packages to Walkowiak's son, Cpl. Christopher Walkowiak, and other members of his unit, still serving in Afghanistan.

Music for the ceremony was provided by the Madonna University choral group No Strings Attached. Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Vice Presidents Dr. Connie Tingson-Gatuz and Dr. Ernest Nolan along with Dean Dr. Karen Ross and Dr. Roger Crowover also participated in the program.

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1-2 Churchill, Spartans Midland-bound

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Going to the MHSAA Division 1 state finals is becoming old hat for the Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson boys tennis teams.

Churchill earned its fifth consecutive state finals berth by capturing Friday's Brownstown-Woodhaven regional title with 21 points followed

BOYS TENNIS

by runner-up Stevenson, which earned its second straight trip this weekend to the Midland Community Tennis Center with 19.

Southgate Anderson was third with 16, but did not earn a team qualifying berth.

Churchill captured only one flight at the regional as Jonathan Martin ran his team-best record to

19-2 overall by taking the No. 2 singles crown with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Stevenson's Marcus McCathney.

But the Chargers racked up three points each with runner-up finishes at No. 4 singles (Rishabh Arvikar), No. 2 doubles (Tejas Soni and Mayuresh Iyer); and No. 3 doubles (Riley Prince and Steven VanWormer).

Arvikar is 14-8 overall; Soni and Iyer, 9-9; and

Prince and VanWormer, 12-10.

"The great weather brought out the best in us," said Churchill's John Webster, who was named Region 3 Coach of the Year. "My assistant coach Chris Martin and I are extremely happy with the growth and development of this young team."

Stevenson, meanwhile, boasted three champions including Sam Tabor and

Johnson Yang at No. 3 and No. 4 singles, respectively, along with the No. 3 doubles team of Jason Wysocki and Chase Tingham.

While Churchill scored at least two points in every flight, the Spartans came up empty in two doubles flights.

"I was very pleased with our performance

Please see TENNIS, B3

OU spiker gets salute

Oakland University junior middle hitter Brittany Holbrook (Westland John Glenn) earned her first Summit League Offensive Player of the Week honor after leading the Golden Grizzlies to a 2-0 week.

In a 3-0 sweep of Missouri-Kansas City, Holbrook was perfect at the net (8-for-12) with a .667 hitting percentage. She also posted a .417 hitting percentage with eight kills and only one error in 17 attempts in a 3-1 win over South Dakota.

Holbrook tallied a total of 16 kills and only one hitting error in 29 attempts for a .517 percentage as Oakland improved to 10-7 overall and 5-3 in the Summit.



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Jockeying for position in Saturday's Wayne County meet at Willow Metropark are Churchill's Bethany Pilat (298), Stevenson's Lindsey Gallagher (515), Churchill's Sydney Anderson (273) and Northville's Alison Robison.

Charger girls run 3rd in County

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South showed why it has the No. 2-ranked girls cross country team in Division 1, topping the 32-team field at Saturday's Wayne County cross country meet.

The Blue Devils, with a total of 31 points, had four of the top five finishers at Willow Metropark in New Boston — with only Livonia Churchill's Kerigan Riley cracking the group. The junior finished fourth with a 5,000-meter time of 19:03.34.

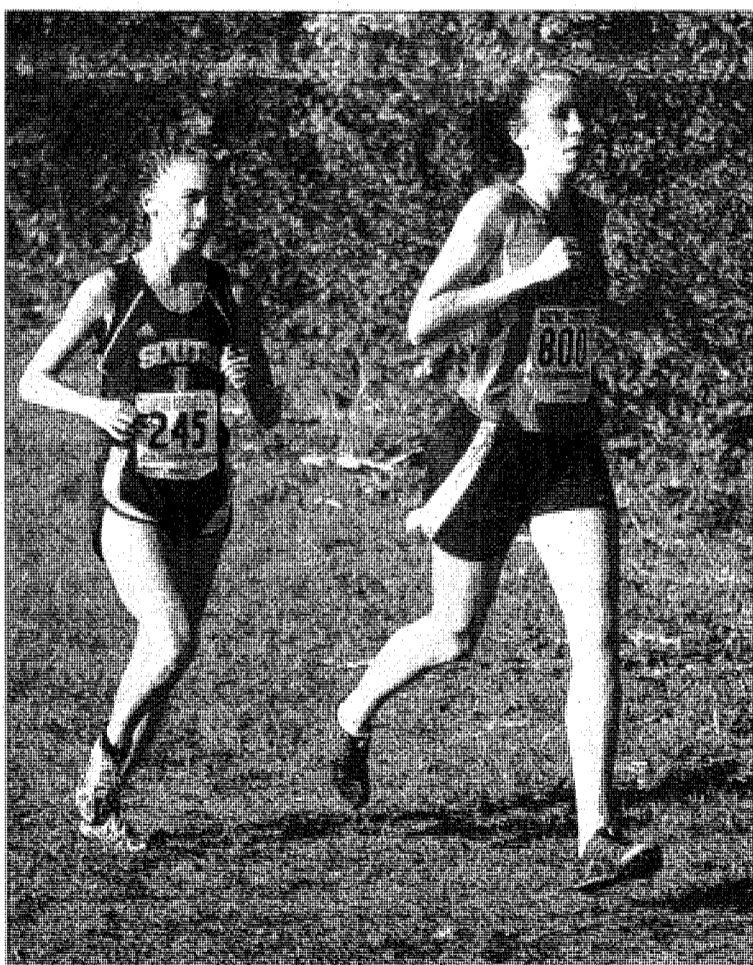
Hannah Meier of South was the individual winner in 17:48.69.

Also strong was second-place Northville (41 points), comfortably ahead of Livonia Churchill (third, 83 points) and meet host Salem (fourth, 101 points).

The Chargers earned a plaque for third place.

"It was what I expected, that we'd take third," Churchill coach Sue Tatro said. "We were hoping to get as many girls into the top 35 as possible in order to medal. "This meet is the first big meet of a series of meets that are coming up. So this is always a good measuring stick to see where we're at, especially against such

Please see CROSS COUNTRY, B2



Churchill's Kerigan Riley (right) and Grosse Pointe South's Kelsie Schwartz were up high in the pack during Saturday's Wayne County meet held at Willow Metropark.

2001 Trojans return to glory

Is it really 10 years? Man, time does fly. It was 2001 when a high school football team that I covered captivated parts of three communities in Livonia, Redford and Farmington.

After going 9-0 during the regular season, Livonia Clarenceville made it all the way to the Division 5 state finals before running into a talented Jackson Lumen Christi team at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy, who was the team's defensive coordinator, confirmed that 21 of the team's 35 players have responded via e-mail and will return for the team's 10-year reunion as the Trojans will face Melvin-

Brad Emons

Please see GLORY, B3

VOLLEYBALL

Wayne pulls off stunner vs. Churchill

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

So much for being an underdog.

The nine-member Wayne Memorial girls volleyball team certainly turned a few heads Tuesday night with a 25-22, 25-27, 25-17, 25-22 KLAA South Division victory at Livonia Churchill.

"It's the best match the girls have played all year," said Wayne interim coach Samantha Dye, whose team is 13-9-1 overall and 5-4 in the South.

"The girls played with fire that I have seen from them this year. They were aggressive and hungry for the win."

Once again, the Horton sisters figured prominently in the upset victory.

Keri, a senior, finished the night with 28 kills, while Katie, a junior, added 17.

Katie Horton also had 15 blocks and a team-best 15 digs, while Keri Horton added eight blocks.

Meanwhile, Danielle Robbins also contributed five kills.

Despite injuring her wrist in the third set, setter Samantha Hershey stayed in the match and added eight digs, while Ciara Frazier finished with five.

"Our goal was to shut down Churchill's number 16 and number 13 at the net," Dye said. "They are aggressive hitters and our main concern, especially with the slide hits. We worked hard in practice Monday night and prepared ourselves for those two hitters. Our players did their job on defense."

The Chargers fell to 22-14-1 overall and 6-3 in the KLAA South.

"Were not playing well and we have lost our confidence," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "However, a lot of credit goes to a good Wayne team."

Spartans prevail

Double-doubles by senior

Please see VOLLEYBALL, B3

MU women downed, 2-1

Indiana Tech scored twice in the final 10 minutes Saturday to beat host Madonna University, 2-1, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer match.

Ashley Parent gave the Crusaders a 1-0 lead at 76:05 off a cross from Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin), but at 81:31 Rikki Singstock tied it for the effort on an unassisted effort off a flip throw-in.

Natalie Zimmerman then tallied the game-winner at 82:08 on a shot to the corner with Jess Stanton assisting.

Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) made eight saves for the Crusaders, who fall to 5-5 overall and 1-2 in the WHAC.

Jordan Roell had seven stops for the Warriors (9-4-1, 2-1).

Blazers stop Sacred Heart

Senior goalie Mackenzie Holme made five saves Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood blanked Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart in girls field hockey, 2-0.

Senior Erin Cronyn had a goal and assist as the Blazers improved to 12-2-1 overall and 4-2-1 in the division. Senior Emma Ellswood tallied the other goal, while junior Jackie Snyder drew an assist.

Mei-Mei Butcher had eight saves for Sacred Heart (2-9-1, 0-7-1).

All-MIAC golf

Olivet College sophomore Adrienne Jones (Redford Thurston) was named first-team, while Albion College senior Erica Mazur (Livonia Ladywood/Northville) earned second-team All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association in women's golf.

Kubicki leads

For the third straight race, Bianca Kubicki (Canton) led the Madonna University women's cross country team, which placed 12th in the annual Michigan Intercollegiate meet hosted by Hillsdale College.

Kubicki finished 33rd overall with a 5,000-meter time of 20:02 in the followed by Jaclyn Sawasky (53rd), Livonia Stevenson's Karli Kuchka (59th), Cassie Yarnall (106th) and Livonia Franklin's Kari Saarela (107th).



WHAC golf champs

The Madonna University women's golf team, coached by Scott Marzolino and Charlie Suder, captured its second Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title in three years after finishing third in final jamboree Saturday at Walnut Creek Country Club. By virtue of winning the regular season title, MU will now host the 2012 WHAC Spring Championship with a berth to the NAIA National Championships on the line. Team members include (from left) Megan Fleischer, WHAC individual medalist leader Michelle Hall, Becca Porter, Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson), Kaitlyn Brasher and Chelsea Collura.

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stiff competition." Riley said it was rewarding both for herself and the team to have such success at the county meet.

She added that Tatro's encouragement "helped us to do our best" as well as the fact the varsity race started earlier than the junior varsity race, when the sun started to really cook. The earlier start preserved some energy.

"It wasn't so hot for the varsity race, which was good," Riley said. "We were lucky."

Other Churchill medalists were Bethany Pilat (14th, 19:59.69), Sydney Anderson (15th, 20:06.67), Vivien Okechukwu (18th, 20:20.74) and Michelle Azar (34th, 20:56.54).

The Chargers and fourth-place Salem had a healthy edge on nearest competitors Livonia Stevenson (fifth, 200), Canton (sixth, 209) and Plymouth (seventh, 217).

Livonia Franklin finished ninth with 259 points.

Stevenson's Lindsey Gallagher took 10th in 19:52.53, while just missing the cut was Franklin's Tiffany Lamble, whose time of 21:00.48 was 36th best.

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GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

WAYNE MEMORIAL GIRLS SWIM INVITATIONAL
Oct. 7-8 at Wayne H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Ladywood, 383 points; 2. Wayne Memorial, 310; 3. Westland John Glenn, 216; 4. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 118; 5. Garden City, 104; 6. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 12.

FINAL HEAT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood (Heather Pijor, Caileigh Griffin, Allana Tarnacki, Jessica Arabi), 2:07.95; 2. John Glenn, 2:11.48; 3. Wayne, 2:17.24; 4. Annapolis, 2:27.8; 6. Garden City, 2:31.06.

200 freestyle: 1. H. Pijor (LL), 2:15.33; 2. Tiffany Pijor (LL), 2:15.71; 3. Kaycee Coffman (WM), 2:21.25; 4. Amanda Clark (DHA), 2:26.83; 5. Amber Frost (WM), 2:27.58; 6. Alexa Girouard (WM), 2:33.09.

200 individual medley: 1. Abby Pelon (LL), 2:32.77; 2. Griffin (LL), 2:34.37; 3. Arabi (LL), 2:37.18; 4. Kali Aloisi (WJG), 2:38.14; 5. Lindsey Bessinger (WJG), 2:41.08; 6. Krysta Forrester (WM), 2:57.45.

50 freestyle: 1. Hannah Weaver (LL), 27.7; 2. Alaina Stevenson (LL), 27.72; 3. Bailey Hart (WM), 29.02; 4. Emily Luke (WM), 29.92; 5. Kim Soklak (LL), 29.93; 6. Gema Lopez (WM), 31.41.

1-meter diving: 1. Macalah Williams (WJG), 197.15 points; 2. Samantha Snyder (WJG), 166.15.

100 butterfly: 1. Pelon (LL), 1:08.64; 2. Bessinger (WJG), 1:12.6; 3. Lopez (WM), 1:25.1; 4. Renee Metcalf (GC), 1:25.46; 5. Brianna Wilson (WM), 1:28.49; 6. Allyson Ruther (WM), 1:30.73.

100 freestyle: 1. Stevenson (LL), 1:00.09; 2. Weaver (LL), 1:00.28; 3. Tarnacki (LL), 1:04.93; 4. Luke (WM), 1:05.11; 5. Hart (WM), 1:05.22; 6. Girouard (WM), 1:10.07.

500 freestyle: 1. H. Pijor (LL), 5:51.63; 2. Nicole Munson (LL), 5:52.23; 3. T. Pijor (LL), 6:06.06; 4. Coffman (WM), 6:24.55; 5. Merissa Zarczynski (WJG), 6:30.02; 6. Frost (WM), 6:35.93.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Stevenson, Tarnacki, Weaver, Pilon), 1:53.84; 2. John Glenn, 1:59.54; 3. Wayne, 2:01.74; 4. Garden City, 2:12.45; 5. Annapolis, 2:18.17.

100 backstroke: 1. Munson (LL), 1:12.19; 2. Arabi (LL), 1:12.68; 3. Tarnacki (LL), 1:15.5; 4. Forrester (WM), 1:18.82; 5. Asha Wright-Ford (WJG), 1:19.92; 6. Janelle Schwartz (WM), 1:21.54.

100 breaststroke: 1. Griffin (LL), 1:16.72; 2. Aloisi (WJG), 1:21.37; 3. Soklak (LL), 1:22.8; 4. Holland Boertje (WM), 1:26.06; 5. Emma O'Connell (WM), 1:26.45; 6. Charity Elias (DHA), 1:27.58.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Stevenson, H. Pijor, Weaver, Pelon), 4:02.34; 2. Wayne, 4:28.46; 3. John Glenn, 4:48.66; 4. Annapolis, 4:48.74; 5. Garden City, 5:07.7.

Charger boys fare well in Wayne County meet

By Tim Smith
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Northville's varsity boys cross country team coasted to victory in Saturday's Wayne County meet at New Boston's Willow Metropark.

But several Observerland squads were in the hunt for second and third place, with Livonia Churchill earning the third-place plaque (138 points) after winning a tiebreaker against Canton.

Taking second place was Dearborn Divine Child, with 124 points. In fifth and sixth place were Livonia Stevenson (151) and Plymouth (184).

"We were running a good pack," Churchill coach John McGreevy said. "Our

second, third and fourth runners stayed really close together. That makes a big difference."

The top Charger was Ryan Wise, who placed seventh with a 5,000-meter time of 16:51. Other All-County finishers (top 35) for Churchill included Robert Howard (18th, 17:13) and Ben Yates (32nd, 17:29).

All-County finishers for the Spartans were Stephen Fenech (5th, 16:41), Jake Colley (20th, 17:16), and John Lynch (29th, 17:26).

For Plymouth, the sixth-place finish ended a string of three consecutive championships at the Wayne County meet. But they did boast the number two individual finisher in Derek Gielarowski. He finished



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Stevenson's Stephen Fenech (297) and Canton's Miles Felton are both exhausted following Saturday's 5-kilometer boys race at the Wayne County meet held at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

in 16 minutes, 15 seconds, edging Novi's Dan Sims (16:19).

Divine Child's Nicholas Soter won individual honors with a blistering time of 15:43.

"I raced Dan (Sims)

before, against Northville last week," Gielarowski noted. "The same kind of finish sort of happened. Me coming in fourth and him coming in sixth."

"But he's a good competitor, I stuck on him most of the time, and it was just a great race."

Other Observerland runners in the top 35 were Wayne Memorial's Daniel Malcolm (23rd, 17:19) and Livonia Franklin's Keenan Jones (31st, 17:28).

In the team standings, Westland John Glenn took 13th place with 376 points, followed by Franklin (15th, 473), Wayne Memorial (17th, 476) and Lutheran High Westland (21st, 599).

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

WAYNE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Oct. 8 at Willow Metropark
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:
1. Northville, 92 points; 2. Dearborn Divine Child, 124; 3. Livonia Churchill, 38; 4. Canton, 138; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 51; 6. Plymouth, 84; 9. Salem, 227; 13. Westland John Glenn, 376; 15. Livonia Franklin, 473; 17. Wayne Memorial, 476; 21. Lutheran High Westland, 599.

Individual winner: Nicholas Soter, Dearborn Divine Child, 15 minutes, 43 seconds (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 7. Ryan Wise, 16:51; 18. Robert Howard, 17:13; 32. Ben Yates, 17:29; 39. Derek Puihes, 17:33; 42. Joe Hage, 17:35; 44. George Bowles, 17:37.

Stevenson finishers: 5. Stephen Fenech, 16:41; 20. Jake Colley, 17:16; 29. John Lynch, 17:26; 48. Michael Sopko, 17:42; 49. Ryan Petrul, 17:43; 59. Andrew Stratton, 17:53; 74. Drew Graham, 18:10.

John Glenn finishers: 46. Ruben Maya, 17:37; 60. Jason Suarez, 17:54; 71. Jewell Jones, 18:07; 79. Micah Orr, 18:13; 122. Chris Codd, 19:10; 129. Ed Maya, 19:24; 162. Keven Wacker, 20:44.

Franklin finishers: 31. Keenan Jones, 17:28; 52. Ross Cecil, 17:45; 117. Nick Robertson, 19:04; 139. Mike Witt, 19:45; 140. Richie Wiczorek, 19:46; 148. Andrew McGaughey, 20:09; 160. Mike Elrod, 20:35.

Wayne finishers: 23. Daniel Malcolm, 17:19; 55. Devin Gibson, 17:48; 99. Michael Gibson, 18:40; 138. Zack Williams, 19:41;

168. Avery Barron, 20:52; 208. Jordan Whitehouse, 24:24.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 51. Jake Fairbairn, 17:44; 100. Eric Smith, 18:41; 127. Daniel Bunge, 19:21; 156. Peter Silanpaa, 20:31; 177. Caleb Kempf, 21:33; 178. Ian O'Banion, 21:36; 200. Phillip Welte, 23:33.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grosse Pointe South, 31 points; 2. Northville, 41; 3. Livonia Churchill, 83; 4. Salem, 117; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 200; 6. Canton, 209; 7. Plymouth, 217; 9. Livonia Franklin, 259; 12. Lutheran Westland, 384; 14. Westland John Glenn, 44; 26. Wayne Memorial, 778.

Individual winner: Hannah Meier, Grosse Pointe South, 17:48.69 (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 4. Kerigan Riley, 19:03.34; 14. Bethany Pilat, 19:59.69; 15. Sydney Anderson, 20:06.67; 18. Vivien Okechukwu, 20:20.74; 34. Michelle Azar, 20:56.54; 43. Lauren Bernhardt, 21:23.05; 44. Megan McFarlane, 21:23.34.

Stevenson finishers: 10. Lindsey Gallagher, 19:52.53; 40. Aphrodite Palazis, 21:18.67; 46. Julia Capeneka, 21:28.54; 54. Jackie Deacon, 21:40.74; 58. Karlie Gallagher, 21:48.04; 76. Barbara Scupholm, 22:28.59; 79. Emily Kwasiak, 22:34.06.

Franklin finishers: 36. Tiffany Lamble, 21:00.48; 45. Madeline Herman, 21:27.82; 47. Christi Shoemaker, 21:30.05; 55. Amanda Pokryfky, 21:44.32; 86. Natalie Desautel, 22:52.39; 93. Tina Olter, 23:13.25; 98. Katelyn Kovach, 23:27.55.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 48. Erin Lyle, 21:31.54; 56. Jessica

Rice, 21:47.43; 57. Erin Hardin, 21:47.75; 105. Michelle Greening, 23:42.94; 135. Jessica Drief, 25:14.99; 138. Angela Morrison, 25:17.56; 146. Kelsey Kruger, 25:38.58.

John Glenn: 49. Abbey Wright, 21:33.11; 81. Shekinah Johnson, 22:38.69; 108. Kaitlyn Mitchell, 23:48.70; 109. Kayla Hall, 23:49.28; 113. Caroline Mahalak, 23:53.36; 116. Barb Messics, 23:58.84; 172. Madysin Gehr, 28:19.12.

Ladywood finishers: 84. Alexandra Darr, 22:46.36; 102. Katarina Gaffka, 23:36.76; 115. Meaghan Mulcahy, 23:58.54; 120. Brett Quick, 24:11.14; 133. Megan Talty, 25:03.00; 148. Mackenzie Darr, 25:43.25; 150. Pilar Furlong, 25:46.99.

Wayne finishers: 144. Megan Maccek, 25:29.65; 145. Kendelle Hood, 25:31.73; 175. Carlita Jones, 29:00.37; 182. Vicki Poleski, 37:18.75; 183. Navreet Bhangu, 42:39.0.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 22
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 34
Oct. 11 at Cass Benton Park
Plymouth finishers: 1. Derek Gielarowski, 16:43.9 (5,000 meters); 2. Brandon Dalton, 17:21.4; 3. Liam Cardenas, 17:30.95; 6. Ben Yates, 17:32.3; Jimmy Maciag, 17:43.9; 10. Zane Berlanga, 17:50.1; 14. Garrett Neumann, 18:33.6.

Churchill finishers: 4. Ryan Wise, 17:28.7; 5. Joe Hage, 17:30.95; 6. Ben Yates, 17:32.3; 8. Robert Howard, 17:41.5; 11. Derek Puihes, 17:54.9; 12. George Bowles, 17:58.7; 13. Sam Yurgil, 18:22.9.

Dual meet records: Plymouth,

4-1 overall, 4-1 KLA South Division; Churchill, 3-2 overall, 3-2 KLA South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 26
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 29
Oct. 11 at Nankin Mills
Franklin finishers: 1. Keenan Jones, 17:30.1 (5,000 meters); 2. Ross Cecil, 17:35.8; 5. Mike Witt, 18:24.0; 8. Nick Robertson, 18:57.5; 10. Richie Wiczorek, 19:33.5; 11. Gabe Martinez, 19:35.2; 12. Andrew McGaughey, 19:41.1.

John Glenn finishers: 3. Jason Suarez, 17:51.0; 4. Ruben Maya, 18:06.0; 6. Jewell Jones, 18:34.7; 7. Micah Orr, 18:56.3; 9. Ed Maya, 19:26.3; 13. Chris Codd, 19:50.0; 14. Keven Wacker, 20:29.0.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-3 overall, 2-3 KLA South Division; John Glenn, 1-4 overall, 1-4 KLA South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 25
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Oct. 11 at Cass Benton Park
Stevenson finishers: 1. Stephen Fenech, 17:17.5 (5,000 meters); 2. John Lynch, 17:27.3; 3. Jake Colley, 17:28.0; 8. Alex Chase, 18:08.2; 11. Andrew Stratton, 18:21.9; 14. Michael Sopko, 18:30.0; 16. Matt Garon, 18:35.8.

Novi finishers: 4. Kevin Hanlon, 17:40.8; 5. Brian Barnes, 17:45.9; 8. Eric Gardner, 17:53.0; 7. Dan Lee, 18:05.6; 9. Ben Jenkins, 18:14.5; 10. Allen Potter, 18:14.7; 12. Mike Benkarski, 18:27.4.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLA Central Division; Novi, 3-2 overall, 3-2 KLA Central.

Dual meet records: Plymouth,

Glenn soccer team raises awareness

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

This won't be any ordinary game for the Westland John Glenn boys soccer team.

On Friday, the host Rockets will be sporting Breast Cancer Awareness soccer sock during its regular season finale against Garden City.

The varsity game starts at 4 p.m. followed by the JV match at 5:30 p.m.

"One of my goals for this year was to use our team to develop each players social, emotional, academic, moral and civic competency," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said.

"When we distribute the socks I would like to explain to the boys that they are sacrificing some of the funds they raised for themselves to bene-

fit strangers. Through this activity we can help them understand the importance of being humane, civic responsibility, and giving back to your community even when cost you."

The Glenn players coordinated a bottle drive a few weeks ago on a rainy Saturday morning to raise money for an alternative jersey.

"So with their hard work, dedication and help from the boosters and coaches, they want the community to know that they care and support each other," said Rhonda Gates, who is part of the fund-raising effort.

The John Glenn boys soccer field is located off Cherry Hill, just west of Wayne Road.

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Spartans get best of Pats, 4-0

Chris Liepa scored twice, while Alex Vrzoovski chipped in with a goal and two assists Monday night to lead Livonia Stevenson to a 4-0 boys soccer win over host Livonia Franklin in a KLA Kensington Conference crossover.

The Spartans, who improved to 10-6-1 overall, tallied a pair of goals in each half.

Zack Atwood also added a goal, while Christian Gajor collected an assist.

"It was an enjoyable night and an outstanding team effort," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said.

John Boudreau, who played the first 62 minutes in goal, teamed up with Zach Verant to earn the shutout.

Franklin goalkeeper Ryan Tikey made 13 saves.

"We gave up too much space between the forwards and midfielders and that gave them through balls for them to attack," said Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos, whose team slipped to 6-9-2 overall. "We held the ball too long and didn't find the open man."

NORTHVILLE 2, CHURCHILL 0: Ben Holbrook's free kick from 35 yards out midway through the second half propelled the Mustangs (8-5-3) past Livonia Churchill (8-5-3) in a KLA Kensington Conference crossover.

Chris Palushaj's goal in the final minute off a breakaway then sealed the victory for Northville.

"He (Holbrook) hit it hard," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said of the game-winner. "I thought we played really well other than that. Defensively they did not have as many opportunities in the first half. After they scored we had to push up after that. The chances were pretty even until they got the breakaway."

Northville goalkeepers Zach Mouaikel and

Andy Smith combined on the shutout, while sophomore Colton Robison went all the way in goal for the Chargers.

SOUTH LYON 4, JOHN GLENN 2: Goalkeeper Austin Valentine made 12 saves Monday, but it wasn't enough as host Westland John Glenn (8-9-1) fell to the Lions (6-10-1) in a fifth-place matchup of Kensington Conference divisional teams.

"Austin played out of his mind, he made many point-blank saves," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "He is continuing to keep us in games."

Jacob Prud'homme scored twice for the Lions, while Pablo Robles Vivas and Alex Stowe added one each.

Alex Isaevski and Justin Bean talled goals for the Rockets.

S.L. EAST 1, WAYNE 0: David Roskins' goal with 15 minutes remaining proved to be the difference Monday as South Lyon East held off Wayne Memorial (3-14) in a KLA crossover.

Zach Huffman was in goal for the Zebras, who also got a defensive lift from Sean Kunde.

LUTH. WESTLAND 1, LUTHERAN N'WEST 0: Nick Andrzejewski's second half goal from Nick Flanery proved to be the difference Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland (6-10, 3-10) knocked off host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (4-11-1, 1-11-1) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division encounter.

Goalkeeper Taurrek Fikes made three saves to record his fifth shutout of the season.

S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 3, LUTH. WESTLAND 2: Kevin Nimmo scored twice and brother Garrett Nimmo added a goal as Southfield Christian (7-8-1, 4-6-1) scored three goals within a span of 9 minutes and 14 seconds early in the second half Monday to beat host Lutheran High Westland (5-10, 2-10) in a MIAC Blue Division.

After going down 3-0, the Warriors clawed back on goals by Troy Gotschev (52:01) and Nick Andrzejewski (78:03), but couldn't score the equalizer.

Taurrek Fikes made 10 saves for Lutheran Westland.

No. 2 Schoolcraft boots Jefferson College, 5-1

A battle of top 10-ranked NJCAA men's soccer teams turned out to be a lopsided affair Saturday afternoon.

Host Schoolcraft College scored early and often en route to a convincing 5-1 victory over Jefferson (Mo.) College.

The Ocelots, ranked No. 2 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll, improved to 15-0 overall.

In the third minute, Schoolcraft's Ryan Lemaster received a clever back-heel pass from Tom Nevill and dribbled around the Jefferson keeper for the Ocelots' first goal.

Six minutes later, Marco Lobo

made it 2-0 when he converted a penalty kick after a Jefferson defender was whistled for a handball in the box.

Jefferson (12-3), ranked 10th, got one back in the 18th minute when Daniel Arrazola's free kick found its way around the wall and past a diving Schoolcraft keeper Scott Shewfelt.

In the 25th minute, Doug Beason headed home a re-directed corner kick to make it 3-1.

John Heslop then cored off a direct free kick from 35 yards out in the 40th minute that the Jefferson keeper saw the whole way, but had no chance to stop

for a three-goal advantage.

In the 53rd minute, Tom Nevill danced down the end line and gently crossed it to a streaking Adrian Tash, who hammered home the only score in the second half.

Shewfelt made four saves for Schoolcraft.

MADONNA 1, INDIANA TECH 1: In a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match Saturday, Madonna University (4-6-2, 0-1-1) and host Indiana Tech (8-3-1, 1-0-1) battled to a draw.

Brandon Hess (Livonia/Detroit Catholic Central) scored in the fifth minute off a corner kick from Joe Carver, but Tech's Sam Terman answered in the

82 minute to send the game into OT.

Following an ejection to Steve Templeton, the Crusaders were forced to play down a man the remaining 90 seconds of overtime and both overtime periods.

"I'm extremely proud of the result," MU coach Eric Scott said. "The boys' effort was awesome today, especially after we went down to 10 men. Mustapha (Olorunnimbe), Willy (Ryan Williams) and Brandon (Hess) did a great job creating chances when they could. Our backline held strong and AD (Adrian Motta) was excellent again."

Motta, a junior from Livonia Churchill, made eight saves for the Crusaders, including stop in the second overtime to preserve the tie.

GLORY

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dale Academy & Business Technology in a 7 p.m. start this Saturday at home.

The team's star Tim Shaw, now special teams captain and linebacker for the NFL's Tennessee Titans, is expected to be in back in town during his NFL bye week, while the co-star, Steve Meadows, can't be located.

Meadows, a chiseled 6-foot-1, 215-pound linebacker and fullback, was a Big Ten caliber talent who played one season at Grand Rapids Community College before drifting away. Efforts to locate him have gone unsuccessful and his whereabouts are unknown.

"Last time I heard he was somewhere in Chicago," said former head coach Greg Hudkins, who resigned from Clarenceville following the 2003 season after a stirring five-year run where he finished 51-6 overall.

Hudkins left Clarenceville after the 2003 season to return to his alma mater at Monroe where he coached from 2004-07 before being hired as East Kentwood's coach. He will be in town along with his assistant coach Justin Robbins, an offensive lineman on that Division 5 state runner-up team.

What I remember most was P.A. announcer Dave Lengel greeting the Trojans as they took the field to a raucous AC/DC song *Thunderstruck* from the Back in Black album. And usually when a Metro Conference opponent came into David McDowell Stadium, it was over by halftime as Shaw racked up state records that season for yards rushing and touchdowns.

It was a unique and talented group with several players going on to play college football besides Tim Shaw

(Penn State), including the quarterback Pete Shaw (Albion), wide receiver Josh Silvermail (Albion), tackle Frank Poynter (University of Buffalo).

Back-up tight end Brian Renchenski, meanwhile, served as the school's drum major and would lead the band in his football uniform during halftime shows.

"The thing that sticks out about is their sense of toughness and willingness to do what they were coached to do in a lot of different situations," Hudkins said. "They were blue collar. They would get in there and mix it up, work hard in practice. They bought in, and the guys who were the leaders, jumped in with both feet. That got us going right away."

Maybe underdog Clarenceville had no business beating Detroit Country Day (27-20) and Detroit Crockett (22-16) in the state playoffs; but the Trojans persevered and always believed, which led to a 13-1 season.

"They didn't want to lose," Hudkins said. "They went into games with a good feeling about themselves. They wanted to play CC (Detroit Catholic Central). They talked about it, but I really didn't encourage it (laughing)."

Hudkins has kept in contact with many of his former players including starting guard and linebacker Andrew Shaw, Tim's younger brother and now coaching high school football in California.

"I ran into four of my guys at the Tiger opener this year," Hudkins said.

Yes, it's hard to believe that it's been 10 years since these Trojans set the world on fire.

It should be a fun evening to reminisce.

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STAFF GRID PICKS

Week 8	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
Friday, Oct. 14				
Dearborn Fordsop (5-2, 4-0) at Thurston (6-1, 5-0), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Fordson
Harper Woods (3-4) at Redford Union (0-7), 7 p.m.	Harper Woods	Harper Woods	Harper Woods	Union
Edsel Ford (3-4, 2-2) at Garden City (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Edsel Ford
Stevenson (2-5, 1-4) at John Glenn (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.	Stevenson	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Salem (3-4, 2-3) at Franklin (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.	Salem	Salem	Franklin	Franklin
South Lyon (5-2, 4-1) at Churchill (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	South Lyon	Churchill
Novi (3-4, 3-2) at Canton (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
South Lyon East (1-6, 0-5) at Wayne (0-7, 0-5), 7 p.m.	Wayne	S.L. East	S.L. East	Wayne
Northville (7-0, 5-0) at Plymouth (7-0, 5-0), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Luth. Westland (4-3, 2-2) at Parkway Christ. (4-3, 3-1), 7 p.m.	Parkway	Parkway	Parkway	Luth. Westland
Andover (0-7, 0-6) at North Farmington (5-2, 5-2), 7 p.m.	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington
Harrison (7-0, 6-0) at Lake Orion (6-1, 5-0), 7 p.m.	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Harrison	Harrison
Farmington (5-2, 4-2) at Pontiac (4-3, 4-3), 7 p.m.	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Saturday, Oct. 15				
Melvindale ABT (3-4) at Clarenceville (3-4), 7 p.m.	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Last week	7-4	9-2	7-4	11-0
Overall	71-21	63-29	74-18	82-10

Stevenson gridders' late rally falls short

A furious Livonia Stevenson fourth-quarter rally fell short Saturday as host Salem held on for a 28-27 KLAA Central Division football win at the Centennial Educational Park turf field.

Stevenson trailed 28-7 after three quarters before scoring three unanswered touchdowns capped by Joe Mims' 41-yard touchdown strike to Mitch Deacon with just over two minutes remaining.

Spartans' first-year coach Matt Fielder then decided to go for the two-point conversion attempt and the win, but the Rocks stuffed a power running play and held on for the victory.

Salem is 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAA Central, while Stevenson falls to 2-5 and 1-4.

Salem led 13-7 after one quarter thanks to a 40-yard TD run by Nick Troher and a 35-yard scoring

pass from Jacob Deprez to Evian Pardo. (Alex Kenrick converted one-of-two extra points for a 13-7 advantage.)

Sandwiched in between Salem's two first-quarter TDs was a 91-yard kickoff return by Tony Wilson.

In the second quarter, Salem scored again on a 2-yard run by Marcus Houston followed by Kenrick's PAT.

The Rocks increased their lead to 28-7 when Troher scored on a 1-yard run set up by Houston's 50-

yard jaunt. Deprez then converted the two-point conversion with a run.

Stevenson mounted its comeback in the fourth when Mims hit Wilson on a 15-yard TD pass followed by a 31-yard scoring run by the junior quarterback on a scramble. Tyler Szerlag's PAT cut the deficit to 28-21.

The Spartans then scored again on the Mims-to-Deacon pass, but came up one point short after the ill-fated two-point conversion attempt.

Five first-half turnovers led the Stevenson's undoing.

"We fumbled on the one going in to score and threw an interception in the red zone," Fielder said. "The last six minutes (of the game) was some of the best football we played, but we recovered too late."

Salem's leading rushers were Houston (11-for-127) and Troher (16-for-100). Deprez hit 7-of-15 passes for 83 yards and one interception (by Stevenson's Devin Kelly).

VOLLEYBALL

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Kelly Vellucci and sophomore Katie Tomic carried Livonia Stevenson to a 25-23, 23-25, 25-9, 25-14 KLAA Central Division victory Tuesday at home over South Lyon.

Stevenson improved to 30-9-2 overall and 6-3 in the Central.

Vellucci finished with 21 assists, 13 digs, eight kills and three blocks, while Tomic had 17 kills, 13 digs and three blocks.

Also getting into the act was Jordan York (18 digs), Amanda Hawkins (three kills, four blocks), Allie Koestering (10 assists) and Holly Mossioan (seven digs).

On Saturday, Stevenson went 2-1-2 in the Northville Invitational as Tomic and Vellucci led the way with 42 and 29 total

kills, respectively. Northville (Orange) defeated the Spartans in the quarterfinals, 25-11, 19-25, 15-12.

In pool play, Stevenson beat Midland Dow (25-7, 25-21) and Wyandotte (25-16, 25-13), while splitting with Northville twice (9-25, 25-22 and 25-21, 26-27).

Digs leaders included Tomic (19), Vellucci (18), Mossioan (12) and Koestering (10).

Tomic also had eight blocks, while Vellucci and Koestering combined for 63 assists.

On Oct. 6, Stevenson downed host Salem, 25-11, 25-14, 25-21.

Chiefs clinch

On Tuesday, host Canton wrapped up the KLAA South Division crown on Senior Night a 27-25, 25-11, 25-13 win over Livonia Franklin.

Kelly O'Brien and Mackenzie Lukas had

seven and five kills, respectively, for the Patriots (11-27-4, 0-9). The Chiefs improved to 8-1 in the South.

HVL victorious

Sophomore Lexus Medina had a match-high 25 kills Tuesday to propel Westland Huron Valley Lutheran to an 18-25, 25-15, 9-29, 25-17, 15-13 victory over host Newport Lutheran South.

Madison Dest added 10 kills and setter Paige Schmidt added 21 assists as the Hawks improved 15-9-2 overall and 6-1 in the White Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Allison Dest also chipped in with nine digs.

The Hawks captured three-of-five matches in Saturday's University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational after disposing Southfield Christian, 3-0, on Oct. 6.

TENNIS

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as a team," Stevenson coach Don McCathney said. "The high point for us is that we had the most teams in the finals with five and also the most flight winners with three. It was a complete team effort. This is our second most exciting outcome closely followed by our

city championship from earlier in the season.

"We expected number three and four singles were once again our strong points and they gave us eight points between the two. At number two singles, along with one and three doubles, we overachieved and got three more points than we expected."

Meanwhile, Livonia Franklin senior Ste-

phen Payne will be making his third consecutive trip to the finals as individual state qualifier at No. 1 singles after defeating Southgate's Cordeiro Sheets for the regional title in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1.

Payne enters the tournament with 104 career wins.

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

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FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Stephen Payne (LF) defeated Cordeiro Sheets (SA), 6-0, 6-1; **semifinals:** Payne def. Ameen Thalji (DF), 6-3, 6-2; Sheets def. Matt Cezat (LC), 6-4, 6-3.
No. 2: Jonathan Martin (LC) def. Marcus McCathney (LS), 6-0, 6-1; **semifinals:** Martin def. James Birmingham (SA), 6-1, 6-0; McCathney def. Mo Onais (DF), 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.
No. 3: Sam Tabor (LS) def. Mo Akhdar (DF), 6-4, 6-0; **semifinals:** Tabor def. David Carlson (DBN), 6-2, 6-0; Akhdar def. Joe Mulka (LC), 6-4, 6-4.

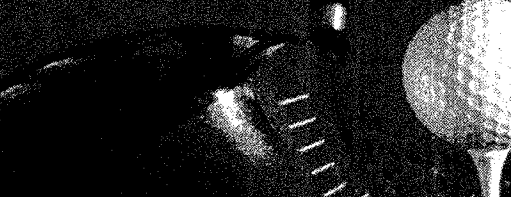
No. 4: Johnson Yang (LS) def. Rishabh Arvikar (LC), 6-3, 6-2; **semifinals:** Yang def. Jarret Williamson (WM), 6-1, 6-1; Arvikar def. Charles Bell (DBN), 6-7, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Freddy Karn-Jarad Fernandez (SA) def. Kaemen Holman-Rayos-Jeff Frederick (LS), 7-5, 4-6, 7-6; **semifinals:** Karn-Fernandez def. Brian Baumgartner-Mark Denstaedt (LC), 7-6, 6-1; Holman-Rayos-Frederick def. Caleb Abston-David Stretanski (DBN), 7-6, 2-6, 6-4.

No. 2: Tommy Pruett-Mike Watson (DBN) def. Teja Soni-Mayureh Iyer (LC), 5-7, 6-4, 7-6; **semifinals:** Pruett-Watson def. Connor Benson-Nick Munro (LF), 7-5, 6-2; Soni-Iyer def. Alex Gordon-Joe Taurence (W), 4-6, 6-4, 7-6.

No. 3: Jason Wysocki-Chase Tinham (LS) def. Riley Prince-Steven VanWormer (LC), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; **semifinals:** Wysocki-Tinham def. Aaron Bettinger-Nick Hadley (DBN), 6-3, 6-3.

No. 4: Zach Wooten-Kyle Enriquez (SA) def. Ali Habhab-Tyler Katona (DBN), 6-2, 6-3; **semifinals:** Wooten-Enriquez def. Braden Swantick-Ian Clemens (LC), 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; Habhab-Katona def. Bucky Khan-Neel Raval (W), 7-6, 6-3.



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Church's spooky venue raises funds for missions

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia will open the doors to its Halloween attraction on Friday, Oct. 14.

It's the second year the church has turned a storage building into a "haunted annex" complete with skulls, skeletons and creepy spider webs. The spooky venue is larger this year, its list of beneficiaries has expanded and it will remain open an additional weekend.

"It was pretty well received," said Sarah Nadeau, youth and young

adult ministry coordinator, recalling the event last year. "I'd say we had 300 people come through ... people from the community and other church youth groups and neighboring churches that wanted to support it."

The Halloween attraction is housed in a storage building, that at other times of the year is filled with items for the church's rummage sales. Several tents expand the attraction beyond the building.

Members of the church's mission committee and a crew of some 20-40 other church members help plan and devel-

op the scenes inside the attraction under the direction of members Mike and Katy Filion. Mike is an actor at Erebus, a haunted house in Pontiac. Katy chairs Newburg's mission committee and is a frequent short-term missionary to Jamaica and Appalachia.

"Mike has gone out to Appalachia a few times, too," Nadeau said. "Both have a mission focus but they also have a passion for Halloween. It's a nice combination of gifts and skills."

Many young members of the church serve as actors and "try to be as scary as possible"

Nadeau said.

"I think it's pretty spooky. It's mostly creepy bolts in the head type of thing ... skulls, skeletons, spider webs. The witch was the greeter at the door last year," Nadeau said. "Workers have walkie talkies, so if a family comes through with little kids, they can give a code word to tone it down and make it more family friendly."

"It's a fun thing that families can do. We wanted to do a community event that was not expensive and was of high quality."

The event last year raised more than \$1,000 for Nothing But Nets, a global effort to end Malaria. This year,



Denise Klein gets ready to welcome visitors to the Haunted Annex last year.

Health Clinic and Community Development Corporation; Justice for Neighbors Southeastern Michigan, a local immigration legal aid provider; Cass Community Social Services; Appalachia Service Project, a youth and adult summer mission trip; and a team of Newburg members who plan to assist with reconstruction work in Haiti.

Admission to the Haunted Annex is \$6 per person. Call (734) 788-4580 for information on group rates.

The attraction is open 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15, Friday, Oct. 21 and Friday-Sunday, Oct. 28-30. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, in Livonia; (734) 422-0149.

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BERRY,

WALLACE MALCOLM

Age 50, Wally was born on November 3, 1960 in Dearborn and died at his home in Plymouth on October 7, 2011. He is survived by his father Tom, brothers and sisters Eileen, Phyllis (Zana Easton), Gordon (Dianne), Sandra (Mark LaPointe), Ron, Marcia Coll, Stuart, and his twin Craig (Laura); nieces and nephews Dan Easton (Kari), Kerry Iaconelli, Brent Iaconelli, Sharilyn Keller, Jill Danbert, Leah Coll, Gina Coll and George Berry. He was predeceased by his mother Jean, brother Bruce, and his grandparents, including grandfather Y.G.T. Rehner with whom Wally had a very special relationship. The family wants to thank the many caregivers at Plymouth and Redford Opportunity Houses for all the love and care they gave Wally. Wally was a gentle and loving soul, and the world was a better place because of him. Memorial contributions can be made to the Community Opportunity Center in Livonia, MI.

May you find comfort in Family and Friends

SLOAN, TIMOTHY J.

Age 47 of Toledo, passed away Sunday, October 2, 2011 in Perrysburg OH. He was born in Detroit on February 9, 1964 to John Jr. and Christine (Manning) Sloan. Tim was most recently a bartender and server at the Elephant Bar in Toledo, and had been employed in the Food Service Industry in Southeastern Michigan and Northern Ohio for more than 25 years. Tim's wonderful sense of humor brightened his family's and many friends' days. He loved geo-caching, power boating and water sports, and was an avid fan of Detroit's professional sports teams and the University of Michigan. He is survived by his parents John Jr. and Christine of Livonia; his wife Stacey (Lucas) of Toledo; his children Patrick (Foley) of Spokane Washington and Shaun of Toledo; his brother John III of Birmingham, Alabama; and his sister Kathleen (Kietur) of Westland, Michigan. A memorial service for Tim will be held Saturday, October 15th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 East River Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551. Blanchard-Strabler Funeral Home

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

TIBUS-BRICE,

BARBARA

Age 80, September 28, 2011. Beloved wife of Donald and a wonderful loving Mom to her children Dawn, Cheryl, Shawn, Janice (deceased) and Joe. Also survived by grand and great-grandchildren. Barbara was born in Detroit, Michigan and predeceased by her parents, Leo (Doc) Derkis and Jean Thomason. Barbara attended Wayne State University and for many years owned a breeding, boarding and grooming kennel. She will be sadly missed by her family and dear friends. A memorial service will be held at RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, Michigan on October 22, 2011. Visitation: 10:00 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation.

IN MEMORIAM OF ROBERT WILLIAM PRESTON

Born February 14, 1970, killed in motorcycle accident September 23, 2011 in Missouri. A Memorial was held for him in southern California by his motorcycle club. Mr. Preston is survived by his fiancé, Jeri Laratta of Livonia, Michigan. Jeri wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, condolences, and donations. All donations are being forwarded to Forgotten Harvest in Robert's name. She asks that any future donations be given to Forgotten Harvest at www.sharedharvest.now.org or at .org. If you prefer, call F.H. at 1-800-352-3063 or donate to your favorite charity in Robert's name.

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Time/Date: Through Oct. 16

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Meet a 'Munster' at Redford Theatre screening

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

How long did it take to apply wolf boy makeup? Was "Spot" a dragon or a dinosaur? Who was your favorite co-star?

If you've got questions about *The Munsters*, you'll get a chance to quiz one of its stars at a special screening of the 1966 movie, *Munster, Go Home!* Friday-Saturday, Oct. 21-22, at the Redford Theater.

Butch Patrick, who played Eddie Munster in the film, as well as the popular 1960s television show, *The Munsters*, will be on hand to sign autographs and meet fans.

Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, at the theater, located at 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., Detroit; (313) 537-2560. Tickets are \$5.

In the meantime, we recently chatted with Patrick, who's on a personal appearance tour this month, and asked a few questions of our own:

Q: Have you been to Detroit?

A: I did some stuff for Little Caesar's years ago and came into town and did some stuff at the Fox Theatre. I've never been to the Redford. I'm really looking forward to it.

Q: How long have you been doing the Munster personal appearances?

A: I've been doing this since I was a kid. I have pictures at the Hollywood Bowl on Easter Sunday from 1966. I've got stuff from Marineland... from the Shrine Circus and various parades.



Butch Patrick as Eddie Munster in the television series that ran 1964-66 on CBS.

Q: It never gets old for you?

A: There was a period when I was about 18-30 when I didn't do too much. And then promoters started putting together these autograph collectible shows and toy collectible shows, comic book shows and car shows.

Q: How does being on the road compare with an acting gig?

A: Acting is acting. This is very much a fan-based situation, very casual and impromptu, answering questions, posing for photos and offering

merchandise.

Q: Talk about some of the folks you've met. What have been the most memorable appearances?

A: You're talking about a lot of appearances — probably hundreds of thousands of people. But in general, the types of groups I usually like the most are families that come in with three generations. They're all watching the show together. That's nice.

Q: How does *The Munsters* compare with the other work you've done in

your career. Where does it rate for you?

A: It's good times, it really is. It's the most popular by all means, but I did a year of *The Real McCoys* and *General Hospital* before *The Munsters*. Afterward I did a couple years of *My Three Sons*. I did a show called *Lidville* by Sid and Marty Krofft. So, that's five series and around that I did commercials and a lot of guest star roles in, *I Dream of Jeannie*, *Mr. Ed*, *The Untouchables*, *Ben Casey* — all the top



A poster for the 1966 film, "Munster, Go Home!"

shows of the period. I went into westerns because I could ride horses. Between them I did 17 movies. It was all happening in and around 12 years. I got in at about 7 and out at 19.

Q: When you left acting at 19, was it to pursue other interests?

A: No, I just wanted to be a kid, kind of run wild like everyone else. I did a lot of traveling.

Q: What brought you back into the business?

A: In 1982 was the start of MTV with rock videos. I did (the song) *Whatever Happened to Eddie?* and that led me back into the *Munster* angle. And from that things started happening and people started offering me parts. Halloween had grown from one night of trick or treat to a full month-long of haunted houses and venues and theme parks.

Q: It expanded your ability to do personal appearances?

A: Yeah. But now, I'm going in a new direction. The Redford Theatre kind of planted a seed. I came up with

movie and a meeting. You know, I've been in recovery for most of the year now. So, I asked the powers that be at AA (Alcoholics Anonymous), would it be okay if showed a movie at a meeting — *Lost Weekend* or *Days of Wine and Roses* or *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* — big movie themes with alcohol abuse in the scripts.

You get people to come to the movie and once the movie is over, they can listen to a panel in which local celebrities explain how (AA) works. You know a lot of people are resistant to going to a typical AA meeting in a church basement or a little room in a government building, but I think they would be receptive to going to a theater and seeing a movie and local peers talk about their problems, to educate them and introduce them to the program. They agreed it was a good idea, so I'm setting some of those up for next year.

Q: Are you working on a new television show?

A: We're documenting this whole trip and I'd like to do something about traveling the country, meeting people who have collectible hobbies, meeting fans, a little bit of Americana, traveling the countryside. There are a lot of recovery overtones in it. The more I get out there and the more I get into the public eye, the more people come up and introduce themselves. It starts to build. It's really pretty cool.

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The event will help bring the Canton Farmer's Market to a close for the season.



Look for cider, pumpkins, gourds, hay bales, cornstalks, mums and a variety of apples at the market.

Pumpkin Carver, Ed Moody, also known as "Pumpkin Ed," from Frankfort, will carve a large pumpkin on site and Chef Paul will cook with apples.

Youngsters can parade in costumes at noon. Prizes will be awarded for different categories.

Families, groups and businesses may join the scarecrow decorating contest that will start at 9 a.m. at the park. The entry fee is \$10 and will include hay, hanging materials and a chance to win a scarecrow trophy and Canton Leisure Services gift certificates. Visitors to the market will vote on three winners.

Call Camille Ulrich for scarecrow contest details at (734) 394-5474.

It's pumpkin time
The Pumpkin Fest at Wilson Barn in Livonia is in full swing, with pumpkins, gourds, and cornstalks for sale 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily through Oct. 30.

Check out the Pumpkin Fest Craft Show 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16, 21-23, and 28-30. Admission to the Haunted Barn is \$1. It's open 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, 21, 28; noon-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, 22 and 29; and 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, 23 and 30. Children, 3-10, can make a Halloween craft at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Cost

is \$1. Doughnuts, cider, coffee and hot chocolate is sold at the Barn 11 a.m.-8 p.m. every weekend. Proceeds benefit the Barn.

The Wilson Barn is located at Middlebelt and W. Chicago Road, in Livonia.

Pumpkin Palooza
Mark Sunday, Oct. 23 on your calendar for games, contests, activities, entertainment, trick-or-treating and more in downtown Plymouth.

The first annual Pumpkin Palooza will run noon-4 p.m. with fun — including costume contests — for kids of all ages. There's even a pet costume contest.

For more information visit www.plymouthmich.org/events.



Flappers and tap dancers

Evan Philips (left) of Belleville, Clare Shortal of Plymouth, Cora Dessert of Farmington Hills and Connor Keliikuli of Northville are cast in Spotlight on Youth's production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr." Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 20-21, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 and 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. "Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr." tells the story of a small town Kansas girl who comes to New York City during the sultry Jazz era of the 1920s, seeking a thrilling new life. Millie bobs her hair and seeks to marry her boss for money, not for love. Then she meets a special someone and everything changes. Tickets are \$13-15. For more information about Spotlight on Youth or Spotlight Players call at (734) 480-4945 or Visit: www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

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Art

LIVONIA ART CLUB
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16
Location: Livonia Civic Center, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington Road
Details: 13th Annual Affordable Art Sale will offer unframed, small framed paintings, note cards and art objects at affordable prices
Contact: Al Weber at (734) 454-7421
NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE
Time/Date: through Oct. 22; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m.
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "Outside In," an all-media landscape exhibit juried by plein air painter, Heiner Hertling
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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY

ARTS COUNCIL
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday in October
Location: 744 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Details: Works by photo journalist Douglas Elbinger
Contact: (734) 416-4278
VILLAGE THEATER
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday through Oct. 26
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Works from the 19th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition
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VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Location: New Five Village Shopping Center, 37653 5 Mile, Livonia
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Contact: (734) 424 1566
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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays
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JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
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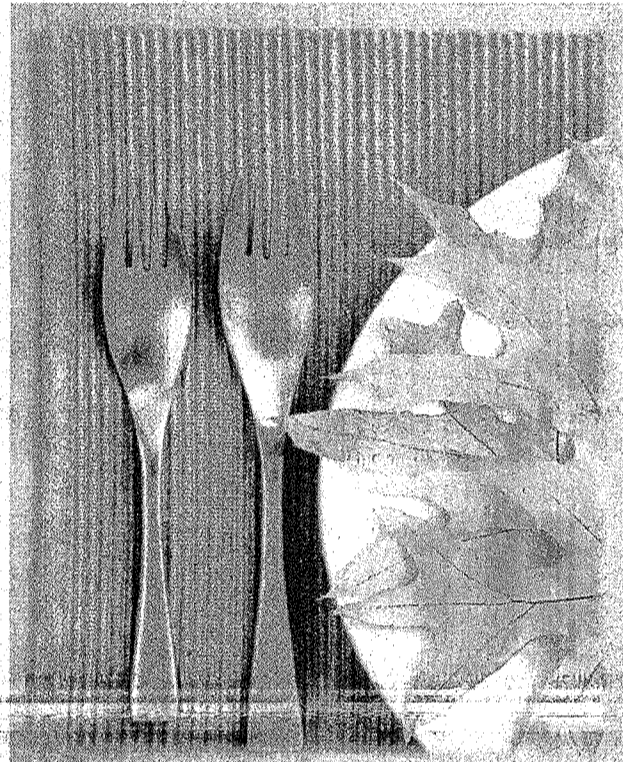
Dance
MOON DUSTERS
Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.
Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members
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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15
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• Need something to spice up spaghetti? Make Fiesta Spaghetti Tacos, which serve up spaghetti and meat sauce in a fun fiesta form.

• Chicken nuggets, again? Spice up the flavor by adding taco toppings such as lettuce, sour cream and salsa and serving in hard and soft taco shells.

Visit www.OldElPaso.com for coupons and more ways to put some fiesta into your weeknight dinner routine.

Fiesta Spaghetti Tacos

Prep Time: 25 minutes

Start to Finish: 25 minutes

5 servings (2 tacos each)
5 ounces uncooked spaghetti, broken in half

1 pound lean (at least 80 percent) ground beef

1 package (1 ounce) Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups tomato pasta sauce (any variety)

1 box (4.7 ounces) Old El Paso Stand 'N Stuff taco shells (10 shells)

1 medium tomato, chopped ($\frac{3}{4}$ cup), if desired

2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

Cook spaghetti as directed on package; drain.

Meanwhile, in 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered 3 to 4 minutes or until thickened. Stir in pasta sauce; cook over medium heat until hot. Stir in cooked spaghetti.

Meanwhile, heat taco shells as directed on box. Spoon about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup spaghetti mixture into each taco shell; top with tomato and Parmesan cheese.

Variation: If you like corn, add 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn with the pasta sauce. Cook about 5 minutes or until hot.

Kids love participating in meal time, so gather the whole family to pitch in and make taco night right — and let the fiesta begin.

Amazing Bacon Cheeseburger Tacos

Prep Time: 25 minutes

Start to Finish: 25 minutes

6 servings (2 tacos each)

1 pound lean (at least 80 percent) ground beef

1 medium onion, chopped ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup)

1 package (1 ounce) Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Old El Paso Cheese 'n Salsa dip (from 15-ounce jar)

1 box (7.4 ounce) Old El Paso hard and soft taco shells (6 hard corn shells and 6 soft flour tortillas)

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded lettuce

1 large tomato, seeded and chopped (1 cup)

6 slices bacon, crisply cooked, crumbled

In 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef and onion over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water. Reduce heat to medium; cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring frequently, until thickened. Stir in dip until well mixed.

Heat taco shells and tortillas as directed on box.

Fill heated taco shells and tortillas with warm beef mixture, lettuce, tomato and bacon.

Substitution: Can't find the Cheese 'n Salsa dip? Try 4 ounces Mexican prepared cheese product, cubed, or another soft cheese that melts easily. If you prefer less spice, use regular prepared cheese product.

Chicken Nugget Tacos

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Start to Finish: 30 minutes

6 servings (2 tacos each)

24 frozen breaded cooked chicken nuggets

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup sour cream

2 teaspoons Old El Paso 40 percent less-sodium taco seasoning mix (from 1-ounce package)

1 to 2 tablespoons milk

1 box (7.4 ounces) Old El Paso hard and soft taco shells (6 hard corn shells and 6 soft flour tortillas)

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup shredded cheddar cheese (3 ounces)

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded lettuce

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Old El Paso Thick 'n Chunky salsa

Bake chicken nuggets as directed on package. Cover to keep warm. Reduce oven temperature to 325°F. Heat taco shells and tortillas as directed on box.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, mix sour cream, taco seasoning mix and enough milk for desired consistency. Set aside.

Fill each taco shell and tortilla with 2 chicken nuggets, cheese, lettuce and salsa. Drizzle each with sour cream mixture.



Chicken Nugget Tacos

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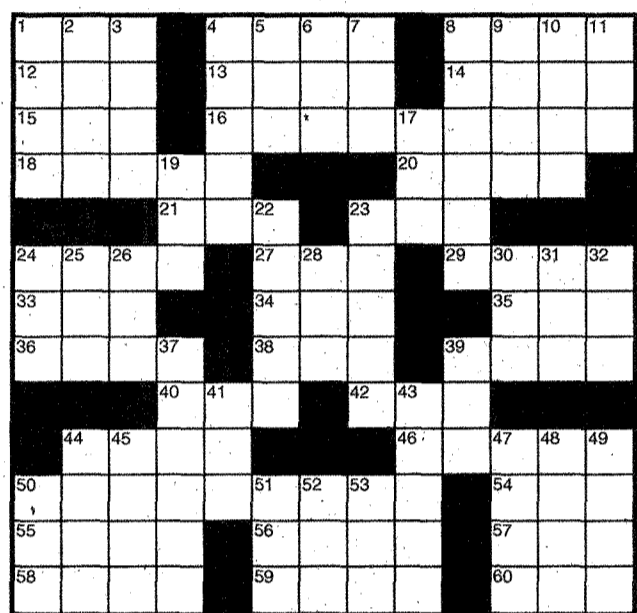
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 15 S&L offerings
 16 Blend together
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 20 Nautical speed unit
 21 PC button
 23 Scottish river
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 27 "Have you — wool?"
 29 Valley
 33 Garden-pond fish
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 35 Military addr.
 36 Sour, as cream
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- DOWN**
- 1 Baste, in sewing
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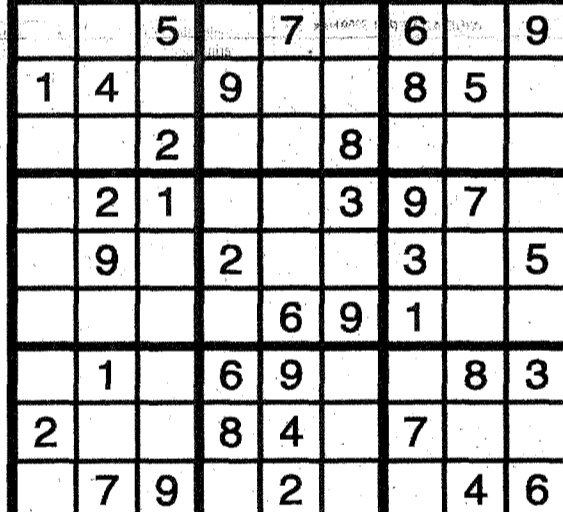
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 11 — out a living
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 22 Small role
 23 Protest music name
 24 Dog show org.
 25 Rank above maj.
 26 Guanabara Bay port
 28 Fabric surface
 30 Perfume label word
 31 RN helper
 32 Hearth's need
 37 Pluck
 39 Rock network
 41 Kennel sound
 43 Exercise, as power
 44 Brief upturn
 45 Deep tracks
 47 Drama prize
 48 Composts
 49 "Star Wars" guru
 50 Lingerie item
 51 Chap Stick target
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 53 Won — soup

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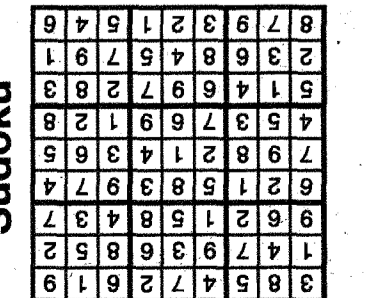
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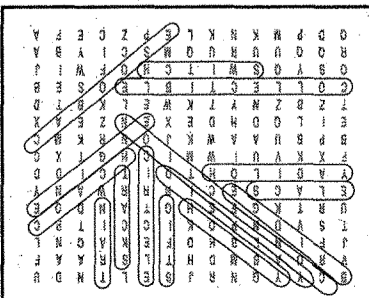


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Mortgages by Golden Rule (800) 991-9922	3.75	0.625	3.25	0	J/A/V/F
Talmer Bank & Trust (800) 462-2786	4.125	0	3.625	0	J/A/V/F

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