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Kid friendly

The Westland Jaycees are holding special hours for a kid friendly visit to their annual haunted house located behind the Wayne-Ford Civic League on Wayne Road south of Ford. Stop by 4-6 p.m. Saturday for the less scary fun for youngsters 12 and younger. The kids are encouraged to wear their costumes and their will be trick or treating.

Admission is one non-perishable food item per person. The regular scarier haunted house will be open 6-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 29. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youngsters 12 and under.

Trunk-or-Treat

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is inviting the community to celebrate Halloween at its Trunk-N-Treat and Other Halloween Fun 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30. Activities include a Cupcake Walk, Paint a Pumpkin and trunk-N-treating. Come with or without a costume.

The church is at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 728-1088.

Take a Hike

Looking for a different type of Halloween event? The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is offering a spook-free Halloween Hike Friday, Oct. 21.

Hike outdoors and meet some funny forest dwellers. Costumed characters relating to nature will both entertain and educate as they share their stories.

Starting times are 6, 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. The hike lasts about an hour and afterwards there's a short live animal presentation.

Participants must pre-register before the event at Nankin Mills as space is limited. The cost is \$5 per person.

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

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Volunteers profit from Blues, Brews & Barbecue

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

It wasn't the first check presentation at a Westland council meeting but dividing up proceeds from Blues, Brews & Barbecue Festival may have set a record for most checks presented at one time.

Nine local nonprofits received donations ranging from \$250 to \$4,500 for their volunteer efforts at the event which will expand to two days next September. The event, held last month on the City Hall grounds, was sponsored by the Westland Downtown Development Authority and the Westland Chamber of

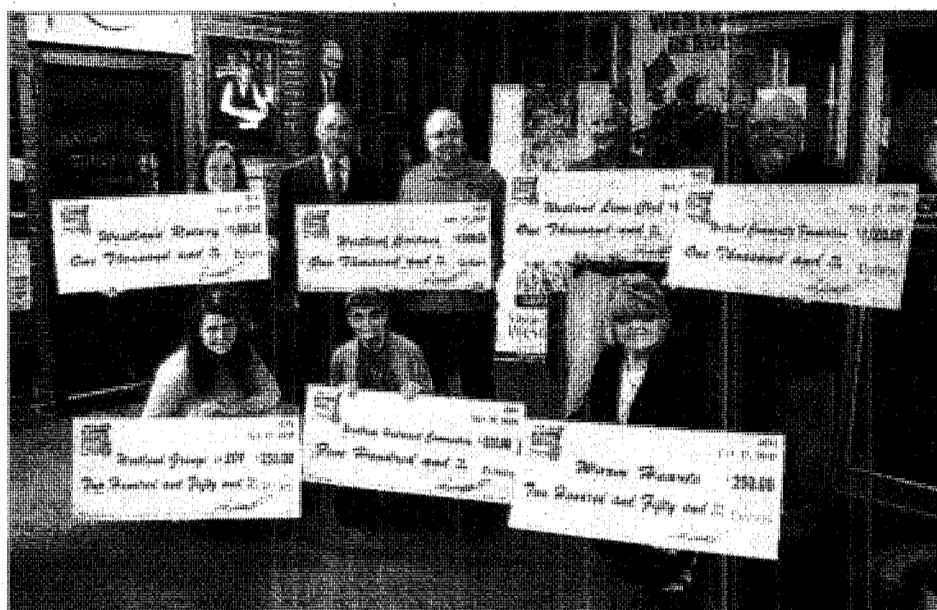
Commerce.

"The first Blues, Brews and Barbecue was a very successful event. We reached out to the nonprofits — if there were any proceeds left after the bills were paid, we would share it," said Mayor William Wild. "The nonprofits were out there for the whole event from set up to cleaning up. It was a great day and good times."

The largest check of \$4,500 went to the chamber of commerce which Wild credited for getting local restaurants on board for the event.

"Working with the city and all the nonprofits was

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Westland Mayor William Wild (center) poses with representatives of local non-profit groups who received donations for their efforts volunteering at the Blues, Brews and Barbecue Festival held last month.

Royal couple

Seniors Brooke Femat and Kalya Massemburg were elected Westland John Glenn High School Homecoming Queen and King. The Rockets went on to beat Livonia Stevenson in the game Friday night. Find more on Glenn's homecoming on Page A6.



Accident victim identified

The name of a Westland resident killed after being struck by two vehicles on Merriman has been released.

James Tooley, 27, was fatally injured Oct. 12 crossing Merriman eastbound from Grand Traverse. The accident happened about 7 a.m. as Tooley was walking to work at Kroger, according to Westland police.

After being struck by a southbound vehicle driven by a Westland man, police said Tooley was thrown into the northbound lanes where he was struck by a second vehicle driven by an Allen Park man.

Both drivers stopped at the scene and no tickets or charges have been brought against either driver, said Westland Police Officer Kevin Yudt of the Traffic Bureau.

"I'm waiting for the report from the medical examiner. That usually takes four to six weeks," said Yudt. "We write it up for the prosecutor's office but the pedestrian was at fault — he stepped in front of the car."

At 7 a.m. when the accident happened, police noted it was dark and there is no crosswalk or traffic signal at Grand Traverse.

Another collision occurred when a third driver stopped on the road to use his vehicle to protect Tooley, who was on the street after being hit. That stopped vehicle was hit from the rear.

Garage sale attracts bargain hunters

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

It's said that one person's junk is another's treasure. If so, those treasures were going at bargain prices as the City of Westland held a garage sale to clear out some obsolete equipment and furniture.

"The obsolete equipment sale was an unqualified success. Obsolete was a positive way to characterize it," said Mayor William Wild. "Residents helped us not have to discard the items. The doors opened at 9 a.m. and like any good garage sale, you have to get there early."

City staff had collected their obsolete items at the Department of Public Services garage for the sale held Saturday. The items offered for sale included office furniture, tools, a couple commercial refrigerators, typewriters, a sewing machine, a pret-

zel warmer, an antique stove, an organ and rows of old computer equipment.

"The sale raised \$3,500 that will toward balancing the budget next year," said Wild. "It doesn't seem like a lot of money but otherwise we would have to throw away or scrapped. We are saving on landfill costs."

Even before the sale, city staff expected that much of the outdated computer would go unsold and need to be scrapped or recycled. The city has an electronics recycling program that pays a per pound amount depending on what type of devices are recycled.

The obsolete items were collected from all city departments — it had been a number of years since the city had this type of sale.



Ricky Hicks (left) and Dick Bond leave after buying an office chair, ashtrays and other items from Westland's sale of obsolete equipment held at the Department of Public Services.

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Write-in candidate files to run against school trustee

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Loyd Romick, a frequent critic of the Livonia school board, filed Monday as a write-in candidate to run against Trustee Randy Roulrier in the Nov. 8 election. Romick said he decided to oppose Roulrier after Roulrier endorsed Lynda Scheel, who led the effort to give Superintendent Randy Liepa a \$50,000 raise last October after the board had cut programs and services and just before it asked employees for concessions. Roulrier was appointed to the board in February

to replace Trustee Dan Lessard, who resigned. Roulrier previously was unopposed in his bid for election to the unfinished term ending Dec. 31, 2013. "He not only chose to endorse Lynda Scheel, he waited until after the deadline had passed for someone to run against him," Romick said. "Scheel was the architect of the raise, and pushed it through despite widespread community anger. "The \$50,000 raise was unconscionable, and by endorsing the architect of the raise, he has endorsed the raise as well." Romick said Roulrier had talked about fiscal

responsibility and shared sacrifice, but hadn't gone on the record about the raise until now. "Unfortunately he hasn't spoken publicly about it (the raise) and has refused to attend any of the candidate debates," Romick said. Roulrier said he endorsed Scheel because she's a good school board president. "I think she does a nice job," he said. He said when someone endorses a candidate, it doesn't mean he or she



Romick



Roulrier

agrees with every decision the candidate has ever made. However, he said, in retrospect, the raise was the right decision even though the timing was bad. "It's hard to look back and say it was a poor decision," he said, adding that since the raise was approved, the district negotiated concessionary contracts with all of its employee groups and it currently has a "positive" fund equity. Scheel, who has publicly defended the raise in the past, said external factors, including a demand for several highly qualified superintendent candidates in the area, the increasing challenges of running a successful and efficient district and rising compensation packages for superintendents, drove the need for the raise. She said Liepa was getting less than other superintendents in the area, that he is a known and respected leader and the district saved money by retaining him, including about \$30,000 on the cost of a search firm. Romick said he didn't

run against Scheel because another candidate who had publicly opposed the raise, Eileen McDonnell, had already filed. "Frankly I am not a politician," he said. "However, the purpose of this is not to get elected. Write-in candidates simply don't win elections. I chose to file so that the voters of Livonia will have the opportunity to send Mr. Roulrier a clear message." Scheel, McDonnell, Dianne Laura and Lee Yesh are running for two, four-year seats on the board.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Back to the '60s

St. Damian Parish is holding its Fall Family '60s Mingle 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at the church, 30055 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Westland. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. Catered by Halina's, it'll feature city chicken, pork chops, mostaccioli, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, butter, lemonade, coffee, or tea and dessert. There also will be a cash bar and 50/50 raffle. The Show and Family Fun will be 7-9 p.m. with the Whatabouts, a '60s girl group that sings, dances and entertains with the big girl group songs of the '60s. The also will be a Hula Hoop contest, and there will prizes for the best '60s

styles (encouraged but not required!). Advance tickets are required. They cost \$15 for adults and \$6 for children age 11 and under. They're available at the available at the Parish Office weekdays and after all Masses until sold out. Call (734) 421-6130 for ticket information. **Medicare enrollment** Seniors can bring their Medicare cards and prescriptions to the Westland Friendship Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, for the Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Changes event, sponsored by the Senior Alliance and the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program.

MMAP counselors will be available to enroll attendees in the Medicare Part D plan, apply for Medicare Savings Program for Medicare Part B, apply for Extra Help Program for Medicare Part D and answer all Medicare questions. The event will also feature a flu clinic, thanks to collaboration with CVS Pharmacy. For more information, call (734) 722-7628. **Spaghetti dinner** The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6. The center also has pinocle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Westland City Hall parking lot at 36601 Ford Road, through Oct. 25. Stop by and enjoy a wide array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, jams, flowers, crafts and many other great items. For more information, call Robert Kosowski at (734)722-7620. **American Legion** The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehler VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

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, micro-waves, stereos, speakers, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game consoles, miscellaneous cables, mp3 players, etc. No other household appliances will be accepted. A collection is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 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. **Free workshop** Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey east of Venoy. Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation. The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood. To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@national-faith.org.

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a thrill. The restaurants stepped up without question. The nonprofits came in without knowing if they would make any money," said chamber President Brookellen Swope. The amount of money received by the non-profits was determined by the number of hours their volunteers spent working at Blues, Brews and Barbecue. Warm Hearts and the Westland Grange #389

each received checks for \$250. "This is really wonderful and exciting. Everyone was happy," said Carol Sharp of Warm Hearts, which hosts a baby shower for needy mothers at the Westland Salvation Army. "It was the first one and it couldn't have gone any better." Accepting a \$500 check, Westland Historic Commission member Jo Johnson agreed. "It was a great event. I hope it continues yearly," said Johnson. Checks for \$1,000 were presented to the Westland

Goodfellows, Westland Rotary Club, the Westland Community Foundation, the Westland Lions and the Westland Civitans. "This is so cool. We were thrilled to be part of such an awesome event," said Mary Vellardita, Rotary president. "We're so pleased to part of it and the great things happening in our city." The \$1,000 donation couldn't have been timed better, Vellardita joked, adding Rotary can now pay the \$1,000 the club owes the city for its recent sponsorship of Turn Off the Violence.

"I want to thank everyone — we couldn't have done it without you. Just doing what was asked of you without griping was a pleasure," said Swope, announcing Blues, Brews and Barbecue would be a two-day event Sept. 15-16, 2012. Next year, Wild said he hoped that the nonprofits would again participate and additional service groups would want to participate with the expansion into a two-day event.

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CITY OF WESTLAND GENERAL ELECTION November 8, 2011

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time the following non-partisan offices will be voted upon: **City Clerk and City Council for the entire City of Westland and Livonia School Board Trustees and Taylor School Board Trustee** for Westland residents in the Livonia and Taylor School Districts respectively.

The places of voting for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, will be as follows:

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

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

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American crafts featured at Historic Village Park



Marisa Szpytman worked with her spinning wheel during Modern Americana at the Westland Historic Village Park.



Quilter Brenda Lizbinski showed off some of her during Modern Americana.

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

American folk crafts, music and storytelling were featured as the Westland Historic Village Park hosted Modern Americana Saturday. The crafting demonstrations included interactive candle making and corn husk dolls which guest were able to complete and take home, spinning, weaving, knitting, paper cutting and chair caning. Added this year to the free event were live dulcimer music and storytelling. "It went very well. We had a slow start in the morning which was pretty attributable to the weather," said Bethany Stawasz, a Westland His-

torical Commission member. "In the afternoon, it was steady — people told us how much they enjoyed it." Andrew Donovan demonstrated traditional candle making, a process that involves dipping the wick into melted wax for two seconds, then letting it cool for 10 seconds and repeating until the candle is formed. "He was able to complete two candles between helping kids make the candles," said Stawasz. Modern Americana was organized to let visitors learn more about traditional American crafts and folk arts by letting people see the work done firsthand. Events are also aimed at getting more



Andrew Donovan dipped candles - an interactive craft during Modern Americana. Visitors to the Westland Historic Village got to make candles to take home.

people visiting the Westland Historic Village Park, located on Wayne Road and home to histor-

ical buildings including the Octagon House. "One lady said that she had lived in Westland

for many year but didn't know that we were here," said Stawasz. The first Modern Americana was held last year in September. Due to weather and other conflicts such as football, Stawasz said a move back to an earlier date is being considered for next year. The Westland Historic Village Park, located on Wayne Road south of Marquette, is open each 1-4 p.m. each Saturday. An upcoming event to benefit the historic village is an Appraisal Clinic beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Bailey Recreation Center. DuMouchelle Galleries will provide verbal

appraisals of items for up to three items at a cost of \$10 each. "It's a chance for all of you people who have gotten something from Aunt Molly or your grandmother or a treasure you bought at a garage sale, to see what it is worth," said Jo Johnson, an historical commission member. For an appointment, call (734) 522-3918. Appraisal items must be able to brought inside the Bailey Center. Walk-ins will be accepted at the end of the scheduled appraisals.

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Break-in reported at vacant business

Break-in

Police were called to a strip center at 2174 S. Newburgh Oct. 16 after finding a break-in at the business. The owner, a Westland man, told police that someone had broken a window of the adjoining unit at 2720 S. Newburgh, then entered the second unit by breaking through a shared wall.

The owner told police that both units were vacant and nothing appeared to have been taken. He reported last being at the strip center on Oct. 2. Damage from the break-in was estimated at \$2,000.

Break-in

A 32-inch flat screen television, a Wii game system, gold diamond stud earrings and a small personal safe valued at \$975 were reported stolen along with \$2,300 in cash from a home in the 1500 block of Berkshire Oct. 13. The resident told police that he has been living at the address for three months and rents the home from his brother, who was also present.

The resident told police he returned home from work to find the rear door to the home open and that a window in a spare bedroom had been pried open. The brother told police he had owned the home for seven years and rented it to various family members without any problems.

Stolen vehicle

A Romulus man is being sought for vehicle theft and fleeing police after running away when officers attempted to stop him for a traffic violation early Oct. 17. Attempting to stop a 1995 Ford Ranger pickup truck for an improper turn at Van Born and Merriman, officers reported the vehicle fled north on Merriman at 60

miles per hour through a 45 mph zone.

The vehicle stopped in a parking lot at Merriman and Michigan Ave. but as the officer approached to speak with the male driver and female passenger, he said the driver put the truck back into drive and fled west in the east-bound lanes of Michigan Ave.

A short time later, police located the vehicle in the Payless Used Cars lot, 31615 Michigan Ave. The driver's door was open and the driver was gone. The female passenger, also a Romulus resident, was standing by the vehicle and arrested. The officer noted the ignition was missing and the truck steering column had been damaged.

The woman told police the driver was a friend but she only knew his first name and the street where he lives in Romulus. A full name and address was obtained by Romulus police, who had previous contacts with the man.

The truck had been reported stolen from Wayne on Oct. 2. Surveillance video at the auto lot showed a man jumping the rear lot fence at Michigan Collision and running through the lot.

Larceny

A wood sided utility trailer was reported stolen Oct. 16 from a home in the 39000 block of Palmer. The owner said the trailer had been parked beside his garage unlocked and had nothing stored inside.

Break-in

A resident in the 1100 block of Rahn told police Oct. 15 that as he came into his home through the side door, he heard the front door open. He said he checked, found the front door open and noticed that his mother's bedroom door was also open. The bed-

room window screen was ripped and three jewelry boxes containing several rings, bracelet, necklaces and earrings were missing.

A witness told police he was visiting a nearby home when he saw two males about 13-15 years old knocking on the side door of the victim's home. He said the pair ran into the rear yard. Since he didn't know who lived at the home, he said didn't think anything about it until he saw police arrive.

The homeowner's brother-in-law lives across the street and told police that he also saw the two teens who were coming out the front door of the home with a duffel bag. He said he thought the teens might be the children of the homeowner's new girlfriend.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 600 block of Ravencrest told police Oct. 7 that someone had stolen her lap top computer and GPS unit, valued at \$1,350, from her vehicle while it was parked in her driveway. She said the vehicle had been left locked but officers found no sign of forced entry.

Larceny

The owner of a vacant home in the 1800 block of S. John Hix told police Oct. 4 miscellaneous tools, an air conditioning unit and trash cans had been stolen from the yard over the previous week.

Break-in

A resident in the 35000 block of Florence told police Oct. 11 that she arrived home to find someone had kicked in her front door. The door was found completely open and the frame was splintered. Nothing was reported missing.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY

Jewelry reportedly stolen from home

Jewelry taken

A resident in the 30800 block of Hennepin reported Oct. 18 that more than \$1,500 in jewelry was taken from the home between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. There were no signs of forced entry but it was noted that a window had been left unlocked, according to Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery.

Fraud

A 64-year-old Garden City resident called police Oct. 18 after receiving calls from Discover Card and American Express in which both companies were attempting to confirm requests for new accounts. The resident had not applied for a credit with these companies and stopped the transactions.

The resident then ran a credit check and discovered several other attempts to obtain credit had been made in her name.

A fraud alert was placed with the various credit reporting companies.

Drug possession

A 26-year-old Garden City woman was charged Oct. 17 with possession of heroin after officers responded to check her well-being.

Passing motorists reported the woman appeared to be sleeping on the sidewalk in front of 30043 Beechwood.

The arriving officers reportedly discovered narcotics and narcotic paraphernalia on the woman. She has been arraigned and is currently lodged in the Wayne County Jail.

Stolen car

A 2003 Dodge Intrepid was

reported stolen Oct. 16 from the lot of Garden City Hospital at 6245 Inkster Road.

The owner, a 63-year-old Canton woman, told police she had gone into the hospital at about 6:30 p.m. and when she returned two hours later, she discovered the car was gone.

Break-in

A resident in the 30800 block of Beechwood called police at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 16 when he heard what sounded like someone trying to break in the back door.

The suspect ran off carrying a pry bar before police arrived but the back door was damaged. Investigators also discovered the garage of the home had been broken into and several tools were taken.

Police were unable to locate the suspect.

Fire

A truck fire was reported to police and fire officials in the area of Florence and Brandt. The 2000 Silverado sustained heavy fire damage. Police are investigating the matter, Muery said.

Accident

A 56-year-old Detroit man was arrested after he was reportedly involved in an injury accident at Marquette and Middlebelt on Oct. 15.

Officers discovered the man was driving with a suspended license and was also wanted by Westland authorities, Muery said.

After being cited for running a red light, driving while suspended and failure to display proof of insurance, the man was turned over to the Westland Police Department.

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Senate comes to Canton for Ford Road public hearing

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

In what Canton officials hope could become a crucial turning point as they battle for federal dollars to improve the I-275/Ford Road interchange, the state Senate Transportation Committee has agreed to a public hearing to help gauge the need for the long-sought project.

Saying traffic snarls along Ford Road threaten motorist safety and could choke the bustling corridor's economic vitality, township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, confirmed the hearing is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, inside the ballroom of Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center.

LaJoy and Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas plan to roll out an array of Ford Road traffic studies and accident statistics to document what they call a dire need to reshape the troubled interchange. Local leaders hope to pack the hearing with a strong show of bipartisan support from residents and local and state government officials representing Canton and communities such as Westland, Plymouth, Northville, Livonia and the townships of Plymouth, Northville and Van Buren.

"It's a regional issue," Colbeck said, and though residents may choose not to speak during the hearing, "just by showing up they can indicate their support and help us get this (project) across the finish line."

Gaining support

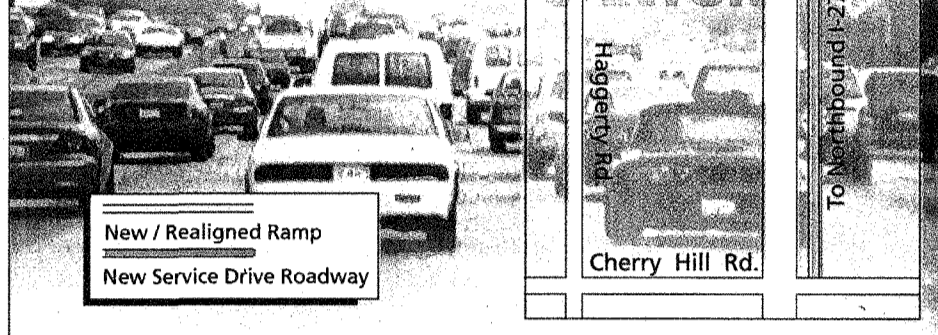
Local leaders hope to gain much-needed support from the Michigan Department of Transportation as they seek \$20.3 million in third-round federal grant dollars from TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery. Federal highway officials have twice snubbed the project.

The project involves

I-275/Ford Rd. Recommended Enhancement Concept

Features:

- Access to Northbound I-275 from Cherry Hill Rd. without use of Haggerty Rd., bypassing Ford/Haggerty intersection.
- Access from Southbound I-275 to SB Haggerty Rd. and Cherry Hill Rd. without use of the Ford/Haggerty intersection.
- Access from Southbound I-275 to NB Haggerty Rd. without use of the Ford/Haggerty intersection.
- Potential for improved access to development parcels east of I-275, relieving congestion at Ford/Lotz intersection.



adding two new ramps, or slips, allowing drivers from the southbound I-275 exit ramp to access northbound and southbound Haggerty Road without using Ford Road. The slips would provide alternate routes for motorists driving home and ease traffic along Ford for drivers headed to shopping areas. Moreover, the project

includes adding a northbound service drive on the east side of I-275 from the Cherry Hill Road area, giving motorists access to Ford or allowing them to continue north and merge onto the interstate. LaJoy said Westland, especially, would benefit.

Despite a nine-year push to reshape the interchange, LaJoy said the

project has largely gone unnoticed by state officials, though it has won support from Wayne County and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, among other local government entities.

Convincing argument

LaJoy and Faas, who

have lobbied from Lansing to Washington, D.C., hope the Senate Transportation Committee, chaired by Tom Casper, R-Escanaba, can be convinced of the need and help push it forward.

Consider why:
• Local officials say the project would create some 200 construction jobs, with an additional economic uptick as workers spend money in area restaurants and other businesses.

• LaJoy said Canton and Westland share only two I-275 interchanges, compared to eight interchanges for five communities to the north — Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township. However, LaJoy said Canton and Westland have a combined population similar to that of the other communities, in the 170,000 range.

• Canton had an 18.1 percent spike in population in the last U.S. Census, which reported 90,173 residents. Colbeck said he is worried that continued growth and traffic woes could threaten the ability of people to shop the traffic-snarled Ford Road strip.

"There is a huge economic quotient to what we're talking about," he said.

• Faas said a regional study based on a six-year period ending in 2010 found there had been 2,411 traffic accidents between Can-

ton Center Road and the Westland line. Of those, 815 occurred along the busy stretch east of Lilley Road.

Faas said the accident statistics reflected only those compiled by Michigan State Police. He estimated that twice as many crashes likely occurred, though many at lower speeds simply didn't get reported.

• Studies have indicated that 50,000 to 55,000 vehicles each day travel Ford Road near Haggerty — a number local officials say is even higher during weekend shopping hours. Officials say traffic volume has escalated as the township's population has grown.

• Faas said the \$20.3 million TIGER proposal reflects a bargain, considering it would take an estimated \$240 million to completely rework the I-275/Ford Road interchange. He predicted the TIGER project could pay for itself within seven to nine years from reduced traffic-crash costs.

Meanwhile, if the project receives funding, Faas said an environmental impact study would be necessary before work could begin. That could take a year.

Barring any glitches, he said the road work would take one year to 18 months to complete after construction crews begin the job.

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Members of the Westland John Glenn High School class of 2012 celebrate homecoming.

Crowning of queen, king Homecoming highlight

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Students at Westland John Glenn High School showed their school spirit all last week in activities that included crowning their 2011 Homecoming King and Queen.

Cheerleader Brooke Femat and football player Kalyn Massenbourg were elected Homecoming Queen and King during the weeklong voting open to all students. Only seniors can be nominated for the titles.

"They were both in their uniforms when they were crowned, which was nice," said Glenn Assistant Principal Adam Martin, adding the Homecoming Court included 10 seniors.

Femat and Massenbourg were crowned during halftime at the Friday night football game which saw the Rockets beating the Livonia Stevenson Spartans, who weren't as successful as their

college namesakes. There had been spirit days earlier with students dressing to different themes and a competition for showcase decorating which was won by the senior class.

On Friday, the Homecoming festivities included a assembly with introduction of players and teacher vs. student games. Later in the day, there was a parade that started at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center and traveled west on Marquette about half a mile to Glenn.

Along with some floats, student organizations and booster groups carried banners and the Glenn marching band performed along with the band from Stevenson Middle School.

The Westland police and fire departments brought vehicles to participate in the parade along with the Wayne-Westland Schools transportation department.



The Glenn High School color guard performed during the Homecoming parade.



The Westland John Glenn High School Junior ROTC marched in the Homecoming parade.



Performing in the Homecoming parade, the Westland John Glenn High School marching band joined forces with the Stevenson Middle School band.

Westland John Glenn High School Theatrical Guild members wore costumes as they walked in the Homecoming parade.



Glenn High School Homecoming court member Brooklyn Holbrook rides in the parade with her mom.

Teacher signs her children's book Sunday

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Written from experience

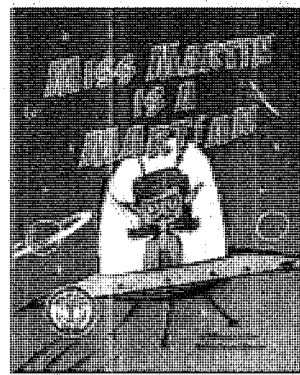
A Livonia school teacher has written a children's book about a boy who believes his teacher is a Martian. Livonia Public Schools teacher Colleen Murray Fisher will be signing her award-winning book, *Miss Martin*, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Haggerty and Six Mile in Northville.

Fisher, who teaches fourth grade at Hayes Elementary School in Westland, said she tried to write the book from her own experiences as a teacher, but focused on a kid's perspective that teachers and parents seem to have eyes in the back of their heads. "I elaborated on that and that power was Martian power," Fisher said. The boy figures his teacher is a Martian because she can figure out

what he is up to with his shenanigans, like sneaking off to the bathroom and soaping up his hair for some mischief. He can't figure out why she knows, but she quickly figures it out because his hair is wet. Convinced she is a Martian, he makes it his mission to stop her before she takes over the planet. After undertaking a thorough investigation, complete with scientific tests of his theory and a detailed journal, he realizes the "truth" and along the way discovers just how amazing her "teacher

er powers" really are. Fisher learned of a writing contest sponsored by Mackinac Island Press. The winner would get his or her story published in a book. But Fisher didn't have a lot of time. It would need to be post-marked the day after she returned from a family vacation in August 2009. "I wrote it on a 10-hour trip to North Carolina," Fisher said. "It had to be turned in on the day back from the North Carolina trip. We came back, and I typed it on the computer the same day."

The story is geared toward children ages 6-9, as the boy in the book is a second-grader. Parents and children will enjoy the book, Fisher said. "The boy is writing in a journal format," Fisher said. "The overall message is the strong relationship and bond between teacher and student. It's fun and humorous for both students and teachers how teachers can see through walls and read minds."



The boy in this story figures his teacher is a Martian because she seems to have eyes in the back of her head, always knowing what he is up to.

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Anytime has F.I.T.T. for expectant mothers

A resistance training exercise routine can be beneficial to mother and child and has no correlation to increased risk of complications during pregnancy, according to a recent study conducted by Michigan State University in partnership with Anytime Fitness and AnytimeHealth.com.

The first-of-its-kind study focused on 214 women who had given birth within the last five years, 57 of whom performed resistance training an average of 2.9 days per week for 30 minutes a session using what's called the F.I.T.T. principle — focus on frequency, intensity, time and exercise type — during the first trimester.

Of the women studied, 56 percent primarily used free weights and 37 percent used weight machines. Overall, the study found that the women who performed resistance training during

pregnancy were similar to those who did not in respect to maternal weight gain, gestational age at delivery, length of infant at birth and birth weight.

"We know aerobic activity has been shown to improve the health of mother and child during pregnancy and with this new research we can now say that resistance training can be beneficial as well during the first trimester," said Michigan State University Kinesiology Professor, Dr. Jim Pivarnik. "These preliminary results suggest that not only is this type of exercise safe, but the study also found that weight lifting may help reduce the risk of gestational diabetes, induced hypertension, and weight gain during pregnancy, since the women in the study who resistance trained had a lower pre-pregnancy body mass index (BMI)."



"We're very proud of the fact that Anytime Fitness played an essential role in this ground-breaking research project," said Mohan Paruchuri, owner of the Anytime Fitness club in Westland. "Anytime Fitness members participated by completing a comprehensive survey on AnytimeHealth.com."

The F.I.T.T. principle is an easy way for expectant mothers to begin to improve their muscular strength and endurance, and includes four easy steps to a healthier lifestyle:

Frequency: 3 days a

Intensity: Low amount of weights and higher repetitions (around 12 to 15)

Time: 20 to 30 minutes a session

Type: Free weights, weight machines, resistance bands or kettle bells

"Staying fit and active during pregnancy can have positive effects on mother and child and the F.I.T.T. principle is a great place to start to improve muscular strength and endurance," said Brian Zehetner, Director of Anytime Health, one of the study's co-sponsors.

"In addition to resistance training, it is important to combine that with aerobic activity throughout the week as well."

Pivarnik and Zehetner recommend the following tips for pregnant women to stay motivated and to make exercise more enjoyable:

- Start slow and build up to your goal.
- Work out with a friend,

- Find a group exercise class—many options, such as yoga, Pilates, or Zumba, will improve both cardio and muscular strength.

- Sneak physical activity into daily life by taking a 10-minute walk at lunch or during breaks.

- Find exercises to do at home with resistance bands, so you can work out while the kids are napping.

The findings of this research are part of an ongoing study by Michigan State University that is available to all women who belong to Anytime Fitness and AnytimeHealth.com.

Anytime Fitness of Westland is celebrating the study's preliminary findings with a "Good news about exercise" special offer for new members. Visit the club at 761 S. Wayne Road for details.

Franchise can work, but proceed with caution

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Over the last few weeks a number of people have asked my opinion about



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

franchises so I thought it would make an interesting column. Many people who find themselves without a job are looking at franchises as an opportunity to work again. Franchises do provide opportunities for many people. However, not all franchises are alike. It's sort of like mutual funds — there are good mutual funds and there are bad mutual funds. The same can be said about franchises. Therefore, the key is finding a good franchise and one you can be successful with.

The first issue is deciding whether a franchise is for you. Remember, what you are purchasing with a franchise is a business that comes with its own methodology, rules and regulations as to how it is run. Just because you purchase a franchise doesn't mean you can do whatever you want with that business. Some franchises have

stricter rules than others, however, they all have rules. Therefore, if you are very entrepreneurial and like to tinker with a business, you may find that a franchise is not for you. On the other hand, if you're an individual who likes the idea of everything in place, a franchise is something that you may wish to consider.

Before you get involved with a franchise it is important to understand the fees involved. Some people are under the misunderstanding that once you purchase the franchise there are no other fees but that is not the case. Just about every franchise has some sort of ongoing fee structure. In addition, there may be separate advertising charges that you are responsible for as the franchisee. Understanding all the fees involved in purchasing and operating franchise is important.

I always recommend to anyone who's purchasing a franchise is that they talk to other franchisees. You'd be amazed at how much information you can find.

A franchisee is the purchaser while the franchisor is the company establishing the franchise. Talking to others will give you a good idea as to how the franchisor runs things. A good franchisor makes it easier to be

successful. On the other hand a bad franchisor is something that could lead to all sorts of problems.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to research a franchise inside and out before you invest your money. Franchises may be easy to buy but they also can be somewhat difficult to sell. Do your homework ahead of time before you invest your hard-earned money.

It also makes sense to have an accountant review the financial information. Not all franchises are profitable and it's important that someone with an expert eye review the numbers. In addition, I strongly recommend having an attorney review the legal documents. When you enter into a franchise there are lots of obligations you are assuming and it's important to know those up front. It's also important that you know your rights. In many franchise agreements, you waive your right to bring an action

against the franchisor in court and instead are limited to an arbitration procedure. There's nothing wrong with this, however, you should know what rights you are waiving by entering into an agreement.

Franchises have been around a long time and there've been many that have been hugely successful for the franchisee and the franchisor. On the other hand, there has been many franchises that have been very successful for the franchisor but not for the

franchisee. Therefore, proceed with caution. On the whole, there is nothing wrong with franchises. They provide a great opportunity to be in your own business and to potentially be very successful. However, a coin has two sides and when a franchise is not successful it can cost you dearly. Good luck!

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Rustic designs

As certain as the chilly winters is the mass exodus from southeast Michigan to the North Country on weekends during our beautiful summers. Ask anyone living in the Detroit metropolitan area, and you will find that either they have a cabin up north, or spend time there with someone who does. Even Kid Rock, who sings of the Northern escapades of his youth in his hit, *All Summer Long*.

When it comes to decorating cabins, log homes, and hunting lodges, methods are as diverse as personal tastes. Some mix and match by dragging old furnishings up to the place. Others take pride in searching the state for that perfect piece for each individual space.

One decorating item that is growing in popularity with cabin dwellers is rustic switchplates and outlet covers. An online search for the plates yields thousands of styles — mostly mass-produced metal, ceramic and resin — depicting cute little black bears, pinecones and other northern scenery.

For those homeowners looking for the ultimate in rustic executed with finesse and class, there is one company offering plates that are a cut above the rest: Rustic Wood Studio.

Garden City West High School graduate Mark Neracher, whose home is on a lake outside Kalkaska, is the owner and artist. He developed the concept after failing to find plates to compliment the knot-pine, heavy beams, and

planked flooring of the place he shares with his wife. None of the plates he found fit his idea of the distressed barnwood plates that he had in mind.

"Most of the stuff online is made in China," he said. "That just doesn't speak rustic to me."

Each of his plates are hand-carved in the USA; no two are alike. With eight colors and such styles as Buckboard, Old West, and Northwoods, there is something for all decorating tastes. And if that is not enough, you can contact Neracher direct to work to create a style and color specific to your décor.

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Fighting for life

Canton family wages dual battle with cancer

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Pat and Joanne Savage were already reeling from the pressure of Joanne's upcoming surgery to treat pseudomyxoma peritonei, the abdominal cancer she'd already beaten back once before she found out about its return in April.

Then, a week after Labor Day, Pat Savage went to the emergency room with a fever that caused doctors to do a CAT scan of his torso. It was the culmination of a week of diabetic episodes and a four-day stay in the hospital that ended with devastating results.

At age 50, Pat Savage had Stage 4 esophageal cancer.

"I was obviously devastated," said Savage, a Canton resident and youth baseball coach with three young sons. "The first doctor told me I should go home and be with my children for a couple of months, and then arrange for hospice care."

Pat took part of the doctor's advice: He went home to be with Joanne and their three children — 14-year-old Colin, 11-year-old Jack and 7-year-old Nolan. And the family decided one thing for sure.

While it might become necessary in the long run, the hospice care was going to have to wait.

"I decided to go a different route," Pat said. "I saw an oncologist who said, 'If you want to fight this, we can fight it.' I'm not going down that easy."

Two-front battle

Pat's ordeal began

with a diabetic episode around Labor Day. He lost 25 pounds and, on Labor Day, wasn't speaking to anyone. His family got him to the hospital, where he stayed for four days until being discharged without a diagnosis — "They couldn't find anything wrong neurologically," he said — the following Friday.

Two days later, he was in the emergency room with a fever. When doctors ordered the CAT scans, more than a dozen tumors were found.

Meanwhile, 46-year-old Joanne faced surgery of her own. She was first diagnosed with cancer four years ago, and had surgery to remove it then. She was told it would likely come back, and it did. Doctors decided to try a kind of chemotherapy — called HIPEC — during which the peritoneal cavity is bathed in chemotherapeutic solution.

The problem, according to Joanne, was that no facilities in Michigan were set up to perform the treatment. She said she found a doctor at St. John Hospital in Grosse Pointe who was willing to essentially rent the equipment to do the treatment.

She had the surgery two weeks ago and came home Tuesday.

"They got it all, and I'm thankful for that," she said.

Support system

But now the family has to deal with not only her recovery, but her husband's illness as well. They haven't had to do it alone, because Pat has seven brothers and sisters (with additional help coming from wives and husbands). The fifth of eight children, Pat has

HELPING HAND

What: Spaghetti dinner fundraiser to benefit the Savage family of Canton
When: 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22
Where: VFW Hall, 1426 Mill in Plymouth
Cost: \$10 for adults and children 12 and older; \$5 for children 11 and under
Other ways: Those unable to attend but who want to help can go to www.PatSavageSupportFund.org to make an online donation, and any Chase Bank branch will accept donations to the Pat Savage Support Fund.

been able to count on his support system.

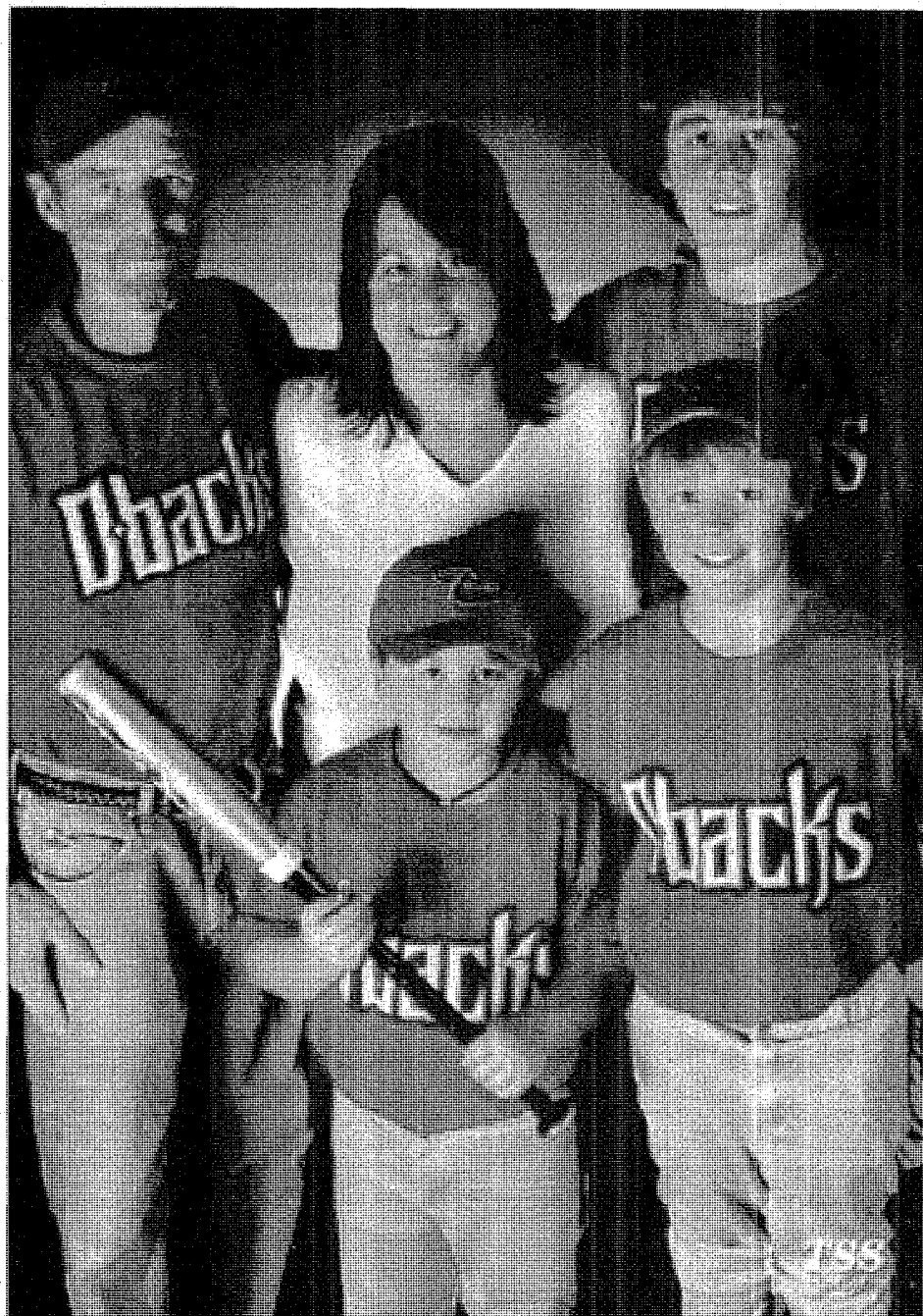
"At 50 and 46, these aren't the things you expect to deal with," said Tim Savage, the "baby" of the family (with his twin brother Mike) at 43. "We're taking turns helping. We're trying to make sure the kids' lives are as normal as we can make them."

"It's been a challenge, but there are plenty of us," he added. "It's been crazy."

While the family has strived to make life as normal as possible for the boys, the impact of their parents' medical conditions isn't lost on their sons. Colin, a freshman at Salem High School, said the news has been "tough."

"I found out my dad's going to die way earlier than we hoped, and my mom was in the hospital," Colin said. "I had to be the adult. It's tough."

Unfortunately, the family has to face it all with-



Family and friends will hold a fundraiser to help the Savage family of Canton — (clockwise from left) Pat, Joanne, Colin, Jack and Nolan — as Pat and Joanne battle different kinds of cancer.

out medical insurance, and the bills are piling up. Pat, who works for Andrew Tree Service of Canton, which services Canton, Plymouth, Livonia and surrounding areas, said he spent some \$1,800 in one short period on prescriptions alone. With his chemotherapy and the cost of Joanne's surgery, they're struggling.

Helping hands

That's why the family has organized a fundraiser Saturday at the VFW

Hall in Plymouth. They're getting a lot of help with that, too. Palermo's has donated food for 100 people, Leo's Coney Island is donating salads and Benito's Pizza has stepped up to help.

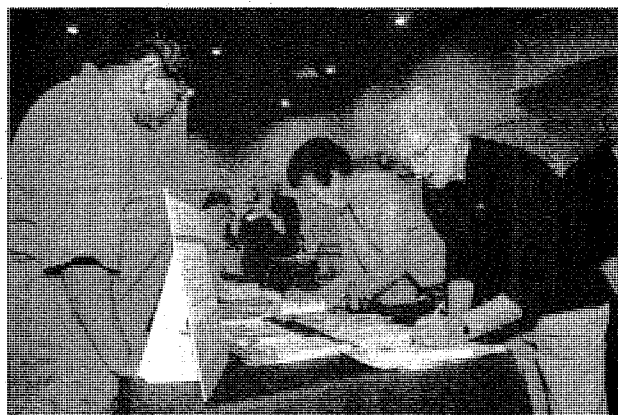
"I have tremendous thanks for everyone who has helped," Pat Savage said. "The outpouring of help has been incredible. It has been absolutely brilliant."

Pat has already had one round of chemotherapy, with another scheduled next week. He's 55

pounds off his 175-pound frame during the ordeal, but has already gained some 20 of that back. He knows ultimately the treatment won't save his life, but he's grateful for the time it's buying him.

"We know it's palliative, not curative," Pat said. "I know what the future holds. But at the same time, I've got these guys, and my wife, so I'm going to fight to stick around as long as I can."

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DTE Energy staffer Lisa Armstrong signs up Shirley Johnson, of Redford, and Joan Somjak, of Garden City, for energy use consultations.

Senior Celebration Day a success

It's hard to tell what attendees like best about the annual Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day organized by state Rep. John Walsh and Senior Citizen Achievement Needs, a local nonprofit organization for seniors.

"Bingo's always popular, I have to say. They love the vendor fair, and they also really enjoy the hot lunch," said Valerie Knol, a legislative aide to Walsh. And, "a lot of people come just to hear that band (the Mike Wolverton Band)," which plays swing, big

band and polka music.

"We had a couple of them even dancing to it."

The 17th annual event, held Friday at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center in Livonia, drew about 365 seniors, slightly more than last year. A lot were regulars who attend each year, but there were some new faces as well.

The purpose of the event is to thank seniors for their many contributions over the years in helping to build Livonia.

"It went wonderful," Knol said, crediting

her boss, Walsh, for the event's success.

For \$5 each, attendees received a hot dinner of salad, bread, pasta and dessert; a free flu shot; preventative health screenings for bone density, blood pressure and the like; raffle and bingo prizes and goodies from vendors.

Knol said the price of admission is a bargain. "Even if you only want to go to the lunch, where can you get a hot lunch like that for \$5?"

No tax dollars are used to put on the event. Instead, vendors pur-

chase sponsorships and local businesses and officials donate prizes like gift certificates to grocery stores, pharmacies and restaurants.

After expenses are paid and seed money is set aside for the following year, any proceeds are donated to the Livonia Senior Center. This year, \$2,000 will be donated, Knol said.

The event is a great way for vendors to support seniors, she said, and the money goes back into the community. "It's a win-win."

By Karen Smith

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS
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November 8, 2011

Absent voter ballots are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan for those persons that are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for ballot.

There will be ADA compliant equipment for use at every polling place.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2011.

Eileen DeHart, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185, on or before November 1, 2011 @ 11:00 a.m. local time at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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OUR VIEWS

Go pink

Beating breast cancer is everyone's fight

If you've been wearing pink this month, then you probably know that this is Breast Cancer Awareness month, a local, state, national and international effort to increase public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer and to encourage women to get screened for this deadly disease.

Although October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, breast cancer does not confine itself to a 31-day period: It is a relentless, daily reality for millions of women and their families. According to the National Cancer Institute, there are more than 194,000 new cases and 40,000 deaths per year in the U.S. In addition, there are currently more than 2.5 million women alive who have had a history of breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in Michigan and is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among Michigan women. It's estimated there will be 1,320 deaths due to breast cancer and 7,890 new cases diagnosed this year.

The first Breast Cancer Awareness observance took place in October 1985 and 26 years later, the message is still the same: The best way for a woman to reduce the

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women after skin cancer. It is the second-leading cause of cancer death in women after lung cancer, and is the leading cause of cancer death among women ages 35 to 54.

risk of dying from breast cancer is early detection, through regular self-examinations and scheduling annual mammograms after the age of 40.

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women ages 35 to 54.

About one in every eight women will develop the disease in her lifetime and while the disease is about 100 times more common among women, some men do contract it. According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 1,910 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed among men in the United States in 2010.

Every woman is at risk of developing breast cancer, so early detection is the key to survival. While early screening for breast cancer can reduce deaths by more than 20 percent, only 56 percent of Michigan women age 40 and older report experiencing appropriately timed breast cancer screening.

Likewise, mammography is a woman's best defense against breast cancer because finding it in early stages not only increase survival rates, it is less costly to treat than cancers that have progressed to a later stage and possibly spread to other areas of the body.

Despite billions of dollars spent on research over the last two decades, increased mammography screening and a plethora of pink products meant to increase "awareness," there hasn't been a significant reduction in the number of women dying from breast cancer. In 1991, 119 women died from breast cancer every day in the United States. Twenty years later, that number is 110 women every day.

Last year, the National Breast Cancer Coalition set Jan. 1, 2020, as the day to end breast cancer. While much of that will come from research, we can do our share to help eradicate the disease. We encourage women to take control of their own breast health by practicing regular self-breast examinations, getting mammograms as recommended, scheduling regular visits with their physician for breast care, following any prescribed treatment and learning as much as they can about breast cancer and breast health.

Wear pink and stay in the pink. Let's work together to end breast cancer once and for all.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you decorate for Halloween?

We asked this question at the Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"Yeah, I got some things on my door."

Judy Brown
Brownstown



"It depends on what I can afford that year. By Sept. 1, I'm going strong."

Jennifer Gomez
San Antonio, Texas



"I've already started, I do inside and outside. I like to decorate with the candy and I put my corn stalks and hay bales."

Gina Griffin
Detroit



"No, Christmas is my favorite time to decorate. I don't like that spooky, scary stuff."

Ora Gomez
San Antonio, Texas

LETTERS

Editor's note: The Livonia Public Schools includes the north end of the city of Westland.

McDonnell best

I am writing this letter to express my singular endorsement for the only candidate worthy of being elected to the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education as a trustee. No other candidate, including any of the incumbents, has shown the dedication, knowledge and understanding of what our public schools require at this time. No other candidate, including the incumbents, has spoken on the issues with the facts at hand, and shown the ability to understand what will be necessary to continue to provide the level of the quality of education that the Livonia Public Schools had been known for.

I am asking all of my friends, neighbors and all voting members of the public to cast their vote for Eileen McDonald for Livonia Public Schools trustee. There are no other candidates who can protect the future of our children and communities better than Eileen McDonnell.

If you are a concerned parent, citizen, taxpayer or homeowners in the LPS district, please cast your informed vote for Eileen McDonnell on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Brad Wolkan
Livonia

Our turn to vote

In politics, it's a common assumption that the public has a short-term memory. Take for example how Livonia Public Schools President Lynda Scheel spearheaded a \$50,000 raise for the superintendent, Randy Liepa.

Despite intense disapproval from the public, Scheel pushed the raise through. We didn't get a vote on that raise. Until now.

Now, Lynda Scheel is up for reelection. Now it's our turn to vote on the \$50,000 raise.

I would like to ask all of you to join me in voting for Eileen McDonnell on Nov. 8.

Eileen's background isn't politics. She's in finance. She won't be the one with the "smooth as silk" speeches. She'll be the one ready to go through the books with a fine-tooth comb and make sure that taxpayer money is being spent wisely. She is also the only candidate to publicly oppose the raise.

This Nov. 8, vote no on wasted tax dollars. Vote yes for Eileen McDonnell.

Lloyd Romick
Livonia

McDonnell no 'yes man'

I'm very interested in seeing Eileen McDonnell on the our school board. She is the only candidate against the superintendent's raise. She is a watchdog. We don't need another "yes man." We need someone like her constantly questioning and speaking out for what our schools need.

Gina Pargoff
Livonia

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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Laura a proven leader

Dianne Laura is an excellent candidate for our Livonia school board. She has the experience, the education and the qualifications needed to make her an important addition to the school board.

Dianne Laura was employed in the Crestwood school district as one of their school principals. In this position, she saw firsthand what it takes to operate a school and how important it is to see our children get a good education. In her role as principal, she also used many of her leadership skills and can relate to the problems our schools face today. She has a B.A. and a M.A. degree in education.

She previously served on the school board when appointed in January 1996 and then was elected to a position in June of 1996. Dianne was school board president from 1998 to 1999. In addition, she held the positions of secretary and vice president. She was a member of the school board from January 1996 to June 2000.

I don't think you will find a better set of qualifications in a candidate to elect to the Livonia school board. Dianne has the knowledge and the experience to intelligently make important decisions that affect our school system, our children and the great City of Livonia. I would also like to mention that she is a genuinely nice person and would work well with her fellow board members.

I am a senior citizen and I hope all seniors realize how important it is for Livonia to have a great school system. It helps to maintain our property values.

We must have good schools to keep our families with children and also to attract new families to Livonia. That is why I came here 41 years ago, so that my children would have the opportunity to get a good education.

Please consider a vote for Dianne Laura for the Livonia school board. She is a proven leader.

Patricia Holmes
Livonia

Three letters too many

During the recent debt ceiling debate I called Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's office to urge the congressman to work with the president and find compromise and avoid a financial crisis.

As we all know a crisis was

avoided but the situation should never have gone as far as it did.

Recently in response to my calls to McCotter's office, I received a reply in letter form, actually three letters. One letter addressed to Chuck Tindall, one addressed to Charles Tindall and one addressed to Chuck Pindall, all addressed the same day, all stating the same thing and all received on the same day.

This not the first time this has happened. It shouldn't take a genius to see these are probably all the same person and with a little checking the duplications could be avoided. This is a perfect example of the wasteful spending our president speaks of and asks that we eliminate.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

No more GOP for me

Back in the 1930s, Adolf Hitler blamed the Jews for the economic conditions at the time. Today, the Republican Party is blaming unions and the working middle class for the economic conditions the Republican corporate America created by sending millions of jobs to Mexico, China, India and elsewhere, when Bill Clinton signed NAFTA. The Wall Street fiasco, mortgage fraud, Enron, and other corporate fraud — all Republicans — added to our present recession.

Republicans are brain-washing the public by creating a lack of confidence in teachers and the public educational system and unions in general. If legislators can weaken the rights of workers in the public sector, private sector workers will be next. Apparently, corporate America wants labor conditions as they were in the 1930 and before — low wages, no benefits and oppressive management controlling our workers' lives. With these conditions, executives can enjoy even higher obnoxious salaries and bonuses at the expense of the working middle class.

Requiring workers to take pay cuts may be necessary in today's economy, but it is mean-spirited and despicable to legislate laws interfering with workers' rights to bargain and strike.

Republicans say President Obama is in the back pocket of the unions. Obviously, Republicans are in the back pocket of corporate America. The only way our economy is going to improve is to mandate American-owned companies bring back the jobs they sent out of the country. If they don't, in a set time frame, the present and former executives should be charged with treason for creating an economic calamity in this country. When workers know their jobs, are safe and earn good wages, then the economy will improve with increased spending.

I have always split my votes between Democrats and Republicans, depending on ones that may do a better job in office. But, seeing what is going on in Lansing, Wisconsin, Ohio and other states with a Republican majority, I am now voting straight Democrat.

Edward Parrine
Farmington Hills

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Explaining why we celebrate International Credit Union Day is important

International Credit Union Day (ICU Day) is designed to create awareness and celebrate the ways credit unions improve the lives of their members around the world.

There are more than 49,000 credit unions in the world serving nearly 184 million people in 97 countries.

This year's theme, "Credit Unions Build a Better World," celebrates the important economic and social contributions credit unions make to their communities worldwide. It also aligns cooperatively owned and controlled credit unions with the greater cooperative business sector and the United Nations as they launch the International Year of Cooperatives 2012 later this year.

Here are some points that make credit unions unique.

Equal Ownership - Credit unions are democratically controlled and member-owned and operated. Each member has equal ownership and one vote regardless of

how much money he or she has in savings.

Not For Profit - Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that provide a safe, convenient place for members to save money and access loans and other financial services at reasonable rates.

Social Purpose: People Helping People - Credit unions exist to serve their members, not to make a profit. Every member counts, including those of modest means. This "people-first" philosophy impels credit unions and their employees to get involved in their community and support worthwhile causes.

Volunteer Leadership - Each credit union is governed by a volunteer board of directors elected by and from the credit union's membership.

Financial Education for Members - Credit unions place particular importance on educational opportunities for their members and the public to help everyone become better educated consumers of financial services.

On October 20, 2011, credit union members around the world will celebrate International Credit Union Day, an event to commemorate the credit union movement's impact and achievements.

Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that provide an effective and viable alternative to for-profit financial institutions for more than 184 million members in 97 countries worldwide. They exist to serve their members, providing a safe place to save money and access affordable loans.

Since 1948, International Credit Union Day has been celebrated annually on the third Thursday of October. Each year, the international event affords the opportunity to remember credit unions' proud history and promote awareness of and support for the credit union difference. This year's theme, "Credit Unions Build a Better World," celebrates the important economic and social contributions credit unions make to their communities worldwide. It also aligns cooperatively owned and controlled credit unions with the greater cooperative business sector and the United Nations, which will launch the International Year of Cooperatives 2012 later this year.

Credit unions are recognized as a force for positive economic and social change and have provided significant value in both developed and emerging nations. World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU), the international trade association and development agency for credit unions worldwide, and numerous national credit union trade associations and federations around the world sponsor International Credit Union Day.

International Credit Union Day salutes a history of community ownership and support

This is the story of an idea. A simple idea: that people could pool their money and make loans to each other. It's the credit union idea, and it evolved from the cooperative activities of early 19th century Europe.

The first of these cooperatives was an 1844-marketing cooperative organized by a group of workers in Rochdale, England. That same year in Germany, Victor Aime Huber began developing and publicizing some of the early European cooperative theories. The idea of credit societies was a part of this effort.

Credit Societies are considered the birth of Credit Unions. Moved by the crop failure and famine that had devastated Germany in 1846-1847, Hermann Schulze-Delitzsch and Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen created the first true credit unions in the mid-19th century. After organizing a cooperatively owned mill and bakery, Schulze-Delitzsch founded the first "people's bank" in 1852 to provide credit to entrepreneurs in the city. Raiffeisen had established a credit society in Flammersfeld, Germany in 1849 that depended on the charity of wealthy

men for its support. He remained committed to that concept until 1864, when he organized a new credit union for farmers along the principles of cooperative interdependence, a community-first mentality and a volunteer management structure that are still fundamental today.

The credit societies in Germany, and similar institutions founded by Luigi Luzzatti in Italy, were the forerunners of the large cooperative "banks" which abound in Europe today.

Over the years, credit unions spread to communities around the world. In the early 1900s Alphonse and Dori-mene Desjardins started a credit union (caisse populaire) in Lévis, Quebec. Shortly thereafter, Alphonse, along with Americans Edward A. Filene and Roy F. Bergengren, helped establish credit unions in the United States.

As time passed, a desire emerged to establish an annual occasion to acknowledge both the credit unions' important role in creating opportunity for their members and communities and the achievements of pioneers who laid the foundation

for ongoing credit union success. Hence, The First Credit Union Day.

On January 17, 1927, the Credit Union League of Massachusetts celebrated the first official holiday for credit union members and workers. They selected January 17 because it was the birthday of America's "Apostle of Thrift," Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), who early credit union founders believed symbolized "the life and teaching embodied in the spirit and purpose of credit unions."

Ironically, rapid growth within the North American credit union movement meant that people were either too busy to celebrate or too new to the movement to recognize the significance of the celebration. After a brief trial period, Credit Union Day quietly disappeared.

The celebration received a Second

Chance. In 1948, the U.S. Credit Union National Association (CUNA) decided to initiate a new national Credit Union Day celebration. CUNA and CUNA Mutual Insurance Society set aside the third Thursday of October as the national day of observance. By then, many more of America's credit union leaders believed there was a need for an occasion that would bring people together to reflect upon credit union history and achievements and to promote the credit union idea across the country.

Credit unions state credit union leagues in the United States and many of the informal credit union chapters in each state were encouraged to celebrate the new holiday in some way. It was to be a time for raising funds for movement causes and to pay homage to the men and women who had dedicated

their lives to credit union development.

During the 1950s, CUNA's World Extension Department provided technical assistance and philosophical guidance for credit union development worldwide. So many countries had established credit union movements by 1964 that CUNA formally expanded its mission and launched CUNA International.

New movements joined the credit union family each year, and an increasing number of people were interested in celebrating their uniqueness and unity with a special holiday that could be enjoyed by everyone-regardless of religion, political beliefs, cultural differences or language. Many credit unions and leagues began to distribute publications; banners, slogans and kits, and Credit Union Day became an international celebration.

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Police: Protect your identity

National Protect Your Identity Week is Oct. 16-22.

Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery said that his department receives reports of identity theft and fraud on a weekly basis.

"We encourage residents to protect their personal information and to conduct regular credit checks to deter identity theft," Muery said.

The Federal Trade Commission has information to help consumers, businesses and law enforcement officials safeguard personal information and take action if an identity thief strikes, Muery said.

He provided some websites where consumers can receive no information.

These include:
 • www.ftc.gov/idtheft, a one-stop national resource to learn about the crime of identity theft. Consumers can learn how to avoid identity theft - and what to do if their identity is stolen. Businesses can learn to help their customers deal with identity theft and prevent problems in the first place.

• www.YouTube.com/FTCVideos has a short educational videos that help consumers learn more about identity theft, phishing, reducing spam, and protecting their computers against unwanted intrusions.

• www.onguardonline.gov games lets consumers test their cyber smarts with interactive games on everything from phishing and computer security to social networking and e-mail scams.

• www.ftc.gov/freereports offers details about a consumer's right to get a free copy of his or her credit report from each of the three national credit reporting companies, upon request, once every 12 months.

Reviewing one's credit report regularly is an effective way to deter and detect identity theft.

Retiree's book garners renewed interest

By Sue Buck
 Observer Staff Writer

A 2004 book by Garden City Hospital Guild volunteer Betty Walton has generated renewed interest.

That's because others recently learned that Walton, who has volunteered at the Garden Cafe for two days a week the past year, has had a rich and full life.

For 18 years, she was a sorority house mother.

Her book is called, "They Called Me 'The W,' — 'I Was 'Mom' to 2000 Plus Sorority Girls" has attracted interest among hospital employees, too.

Even now, the young-at-heart Walton, who won't reveal her age, said that she became bored and decided to seek volunteer work after "retirement."

She spent 20 years in advertising on the board of directors and also at the former Bendix Aerospace during the 1960s as a secretary.

"I was typing material about the very first vehicle that they sent to the moon," she said. "It was all secret. It collected material and sent information back."

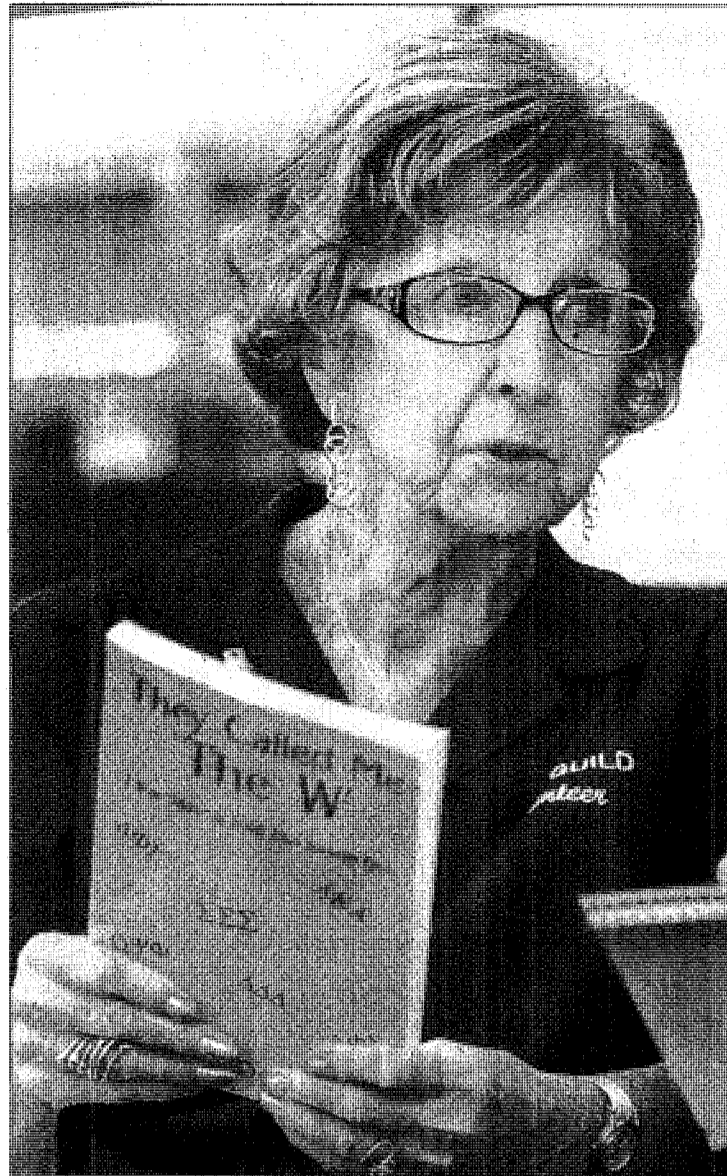
Walton, a Westland resident since 2004, added that she thinks it is sad that NASA is suspending research now.

The book

Walton talked about her experience with the Delta Delta sorority in Ann Arbor, which is at the University of Michigan, and other sororities like Delta Zeta which is off campus and Collegiate Sororitis, which is no longer in existence, both also formerly in Ann Arbor.

Through the years, house mothers became known as directors. The widowed and retired Walton sought the job as a house mother because she wanted to stay active.

"I lived with 62 girls at a time, per year," Walton said. "The girls were all different



Betty Walton, an energetic author and grandmother who volunteers at Garden City Hospital, keeps young with her work and by enjoying ballroom dancing.

and they changed through the years."

She recorded many anecdotes about the collegiate Greek world.

She didn't always like the rules, which she considered too lenient. They allowed the girls to have male visitors until 2 a.m. in their rooms and until 4 a.m. on weekends.

She began writing her remembrances because she couldn't sleep with the noise and "boys running around the house" at night.

"It became a book," she said.

"That's campus. That's a different world."

The book also includes notes from the girls to Walton and vice versa. They didn't always agree yet, they expressed their appreciation.

"Their notes are really nice," Walton said.

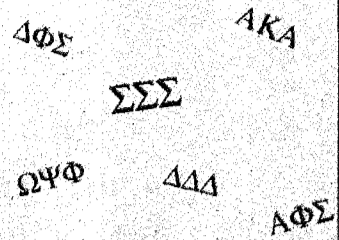
When a girl became sick, Walton took her to the health center.

Family life

Some wondered when Walton took her job as house mother if she could adapt to

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I Was 'Mom' to 2000 Plus Sorority Girls



W. B. Devine

Betty Walton disguised her identity somewhat when she used her maiden name. The "W" stands for Walton, her current last name.

"I lived with 62 girls at a time, per year. The girls were all different and they changed through the years."

BETTY WALTON, AUTHOR

all girls because she raised two boys.

Walton spoke lovingly about her job, especially enjoying the time the girls took to chat with her.

Some girls were challenges but Walton didn't regret the 18 years she worked as a house mother.

Walton is widowed with two grown sons, John and Jim and has grandchildren. Her husband, John, and both sons served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

She was born in the Upper Peninsula. After living in California and Tennessee, she moved to the Lower Peninsula in 1950.

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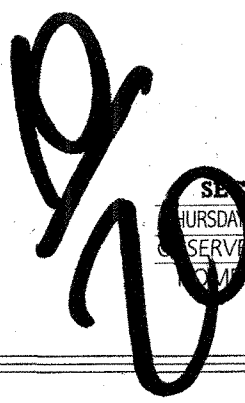
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SPORTS

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Churchill gets top-10 finish at state finals

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Conditions wreaked havoc during Saturday's final round of the 2011 MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 1 girls golf finals held at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows.

But paced by senior Jordyn Shepler, Livonia Churchill was able to earn a top-10 finish.

Grosse Pointe South captured the team title with a two-day aggregate score of 348-344-692. Rochester Hills Stoney Creek was runner-up with a 360-353-713 and Plymouth took third with a 354-378-732.

"Scores soared as the wind speed went up and gusted to 45-50 MPH on Saturday making it very difficult to choose the right club, as well as putting on the lightning fast greens," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "Friday was no picnic either with winds at 20-25 MPH gusting to 35 mph on a wet golf course."

Shepler stood in sixth after Friday's opening round with an 83 and added a 90 on Saturday to place ninth overall with a 193, earning a medal and All-State honors.

"What a great way to end her senior season," Worley said.

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Franklin linebacker De'Angelo Peete, who fractured his cervical vertebrae in three places during a game Sept. 30 against Wayne, is on the road to recovery at home thanks to the care of his mother Courtney.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Count your blessings

Pats' LB recovering from neck injury

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

With Livonia Franklin comfortably ahead and on cold and rainy night, Courtney Peete and her mother, Annjeanette, decided to leave at halftime of the Patriots' home football game Sept. 30 against Wayne Memorial.

Courtney's son, De'Angelo, a 6-foot-1, 190-pound senior linebacker, was making a routine tackle in the third quarter when something went wrong.

"The (Wayne) quarterback went to scramble out and Allen Steele (Franklin's junior line-

backer) hit him before I did," De'Angelo Peete recalled. "Their momentum both went into me. I wrapped up, but they were not going down. My neck was messed up. Something started vibrating. And when I dropped, I felt something pinched. I didn't feel that bad at the time. I thought I had a pinched nerve, but I couldn't move my neck."

Peete even threw his helmet off, but was immediately sent to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia where his neck was stabilized before being later transported to Children's Hospital in Detroit.

That's when Courtney Peete found out her son had something more serious than a pinched nerve. He had fractured his C1 (cervical) vertebrae in three places.

"One of the players called from coach (Chris) Kelbert's phone," Courtney Peete said. "It was midnight when I got to the hospital. I got there before the ambulance. De'Angelo told me he had hurt something, but nothing was broken. He told me he was concerned. He wanted to take the collar off and he could deal with

Please see PEETE, B4

Brandon gets MAC honors

Bailey Brandon (Livonia Churchill) earned Central Michigan's State Farm Scholar-Athlete of the Week and the MAC's Defensive Player of the Week honors Monday after helping the Chippewas extend to 31 their unbeaten streak at the CMU Soccer Complex.

Brandon tallied three points in Sunday's 2-1 women's soccer win over Bowling Green, scoring her first goal of the season in the 17th minute before assisting on the eventual game-winning goal in the 70th minute of the contest.

A law and economics major, Brandon boasts a near-perfect 3.93 grade point average.

MU spikers win twice

The Madonna University capped its two-day stay in Aurora, Ill., by winning both matches Saturday in the Mizuno GLVC/GLIAC Challenge.

The Crusaders ran their overall record to 21-6 with victories over Maryville-St. Louis (Mo.), 25-17, 32-30, 25-10, and the University of Illinois-Springfield, 25-15, 25-15, 15-14.

Senior NAIA All-America Karie Altman racked up a match-high 19 kills in the victory over Maryville-St. Louis, while Megan Fricke and Nastija Baranovska added nine and eight, respectively.

Setter Evia Prieditis collected 46 assist-to-kills and 13 digs, while Amanda Obyrcki collected 16 digs for MU.

Ashlee Brockenbrough led Maryville-St. Louis (6-12) with 10 kills.

In the win over Illinois-Springfield (3-18), Altman and Baranovska led the way with 12 and 10 kills, respectively. Fricke and Emilie Freeman (Lutheran Westland) added eight and seven, respectively, while Prieditis finished with 35 assists.

Obyrcki, the freshman, notched a team-high 13 digs.

District preview: Chargers clip Spartans

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

With an impending first-round Class A district matchup on the horizon, both the Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson girls volleyball teams did show much of a hand in Tuesday night's KLAA Kensington Conference crossover match.

Churchill beat visiting Stevenson for the first time in three meetings this season, 25-18, 25-16,

25-22, in a match where both coaches experimented with their lineups.

The stakes will be much higher as the two rivals will square off again at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Churchill in the opening round of the state tournament.

"It was an opportunity for both teams to play kids," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier, whose team improved to 24-15-1 overall. "Both teams did a great job

VOLLEYBALL

putting their poker face on. It sets up a good city rivalry for districts.

"Our goal was to play the bench and to get every one an opportunity to play. And in a crossover match that's just kind of what you want to do."

Junior outside hitter Emily Norscia led the Chargers' hitting attack with nine kills, while

junior setter Emily Ehr had 16 assist-to-kills. Junior Krystyn Niescier paced the defense with 16 digs.

"It was a bummer that we drew Churchill for our crossover given that we play them in the first round of the districts," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "I would have liked to utilize this play date to play a competitive game with our lineup to prepare for conference (tournament), but

the girls wanted to just have fun tonight, play with different lineups, as well as give some of our kids a chance to play and not pay too much attention in a win or loss. We just wanted to go out and have fun."

Stevenson (30-12-2) got 11 kills and 23 digs from sophomore Katie Tomasic, while senior Kelly Vellucci and sophomore Abbey Whitehead each

Please see SPIKERS, B3

Elusive AB&T QB stymies Trojans

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville's defense felt like it was chasing Harry Houdini around during Saturday's football encounter against Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology.

Diminutive quarterback Darryl Notay Hines was a cross between Fran Tarkenton, Denard Robinson and Barry Sanders as he rushed for 154 yards and completed 6-of-9 passes for 93 yards as the Gators spoiled the Trojans' 2011 Division 5 state runner-up team's reunion night, 32-16.

"The kid was very talented," said Clarenceville coach Ken Fry of Hines. "That's what we were scared of most of all was the run, and we couldn't stop him at all. And that proved to be the point tonight."

"We're fast, too, but he was really quick. He just

seemed to be very elusive and our kids just seemed to go for air most of the time."

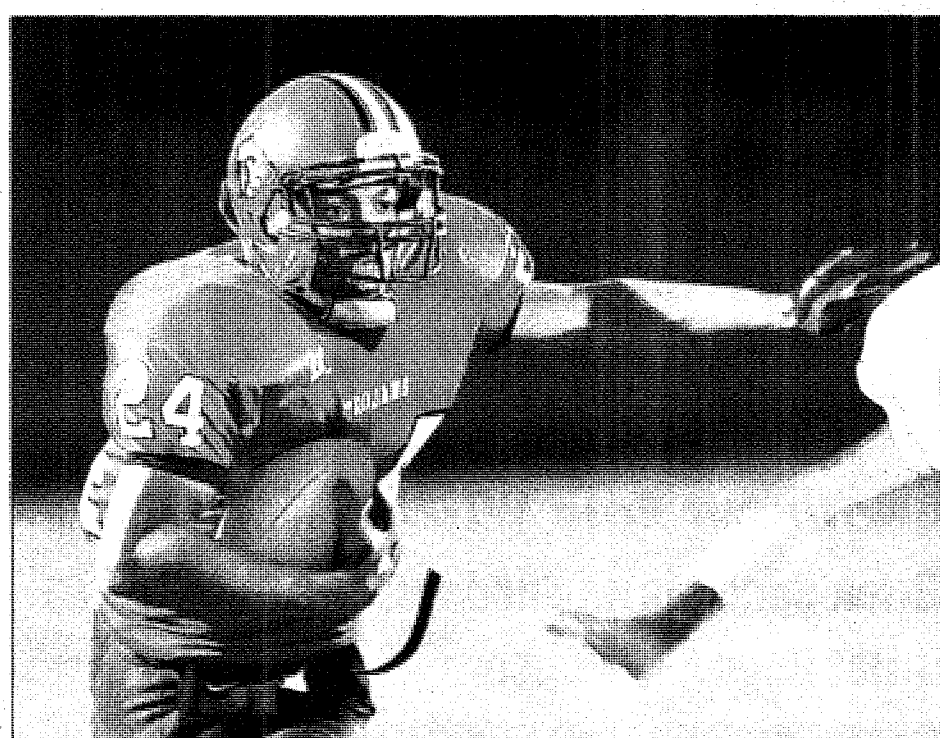
The 5-foot-5 Hines, running AB&T's offense out of a spread formation, made several highlight reel plays including a 47-yard touchdown in with 8:22 to go in the first quarter. Hines then converted the two-play conversion play on a keeper for an 8-0 lead.

Jadell Douglas (20-for-82) then scored on a 14-yard run with 52 seconds remaining in the first to give the Gators a 14-0 advantage.

Clarenceville (3-5) ran just four plays in the first quarter, missed a chance to score with 9:12 left in the second after when they fumbled the ball at the AB&T 15.

The Trojans got the ball back on the AB&T 15 after the Gators muffed the snap on a punt attempt.

Five plays later, Clarenceville's Jalen Bry-



Clarenceville running back Kassius Kelly looks for daylight in Saturday's 32-16 loss to Melvindale AB&T.

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ant (22-for-58) scored on a two-yard TD and quarterback Kyle Kissandi hit Austin Douglass on the two-point conversion pass to cut the deficit to 14-8 with 2:57 left until half.

AB&T then drove down to the Clarenceville 4 with just three seconds, but were unable to convert any points.

The Trojans put together

their best drive to start the third quarter, marching 65 yards in 10 plays, capped by Bryant's five-yard TD run.

Kissandi's two-point pass to DeAnthony Price gave the Trojans their first and only lead of the game, 16-14 with 8:27 to play in the third.

AB&T then responded with a 14-play, 72-yard TD drive resulted in a

nine-yard run by Hines with 27 seconds to go in the same quarter.

"He's a very gifted young man, actually," AB&T coach Wayne Poole said. "He improvises. You never know what's going to happen with him. It's what he's been doing all year. It's every game. It's not a

Please see GRIDDERS, B4

Blazers roll over Marian

Senior Erin Cronyn tallied a pair of goals to go along with one assist as Livonia Ladywood ended the regular season with a 4-0 girls field hockey victory over visiting Bloomfield Hills Marian.

Junior Briana Sultana also added a goal and assist, while senior Emma Ellswood tallied the other goal as the Blazers improved to 13-2-3 overall and 5-2-3 in the division.

Goalie Mackenzie Holme, a senior, had to make just one stop for the shutout. Marian (6-7-1, 3-7) got eight saves from Courtney Hellyar.

Ladywood has a bye in the first-round of the state playoffs before taking on the winner of Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood or Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart in a 3 p.m. matchup Saturday at home.

STAFF GRID PICKS

Week 9 Friday, Oct. 21	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
Warren DeLaSalle (6-2) at Plymouth (8-0), 4 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	DeLaSalle
Luth. Westland (5-3) at Star International (0-8), 5 p.m.	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland	Luth. Westland
Farmington (5-3) at Harrison (8-0), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Waterford Kettering (0-8) at North Farmington (6-2), 7 p.m.	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington	North Farmington
Waterford Mott (1-7) at Redford Union (0-8), 7 p.m.	Union	Mott	Mott	Mott
Redford Thurston (7-1) at Wayne (0-8), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Garden City (6-2) at Edsel Ford (3-5), 7 p.m.	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Edsel Ford
Clarenceville (3-5) at Annapolis (3-5), 7 p.m.	Annapolis	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Annapolis
Churchill (5-3) at Stevenson (2-6), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Franklin (4-4) at A.A. Pioneer (6-2), 7 p.m.	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer
John Glenn (4-4) at W.L. Central (5-3), 7 p.m.	Central	Central	Central	Central
Salem (3-5) at Canton (6-2), 7:30 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Last week	6-8	8-6	11-3	7-7
Overall	77-29	71-35	85-21	89-17

Area netters finish strong at Division 1 state tourney

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonian Michael Trupiano brought home a state title at No. 3 singles in Saturday's MHSAA Lower Peninsula Boys Tennis Finals held at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

The junior from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, seeded second, defeated top seed Kevin Mei of Ann Arbor Huron for the title, 6-1, 6-3.

Trupiano reached the championship final with a 6-0, 3-6, 6-1 semifinal victory over third seed Tyler Zdanowski of Ann Arbor Pioneer, following wins over Dan Dykens

BOYS TENNIS

of Holland West Ottawa, 6-0, 6-4, and Ben Greenman of Traverse City West, 6-2, 6-2.

Livonia Franklin senior Stephen Payne reached the quarterfinals at No. 1 singles before falling to eventual runner-up Andrew Cahn of West Bloomfield, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1 tiebreaker).

Cahn, the second seed, lost in the finals to Tyler Gardiner of Northville, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5, after defeating Livonian Michael Dube of CC in the semifinals, 6-2, 6-3.

Payne, who has over 100 career victories, captured his first two

matches on Friday defeating Justin Betrus of Port Huron Northern, 6-3, 6-4, and Alex Swanson of Grand Blanc, 6-2, 6-2.

Dube, the third seed, advanced to the semifinals with victories over Jack Petersen of Ann Arbor Huron, 6-1, 6-3, and Richard Zhang of Troy Athens, 6-1, 6-1.

Huron captured the team title with 30 points, while Birmingham Brother Rice and CC took second and third with 26 and 24, respectively. Novi and Northville followed with 20 and 13.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL**
Friday, Oct. 21
Luth. W'sld at Star Int., 5 p.m.
Clarenceville at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Wayne, 7 p.m.
- BOYS SOCCER**
DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1
LIVONIA CHURCHILL (Host)
Friday, Oct. 21: Championship final, 5 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m.)
Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Saline vs. Saline district champion.)
FARMINGTON HARRISON (Host)
Thursday, Oct. 20: Livonia Stevenson vs. Farmington, 5 p.m.; Farmington Harrison vs. Royal Oak, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 22: Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m.)
Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Sterling Heights Stevenson vs. Utica district champion.)
- DIVISION 4**
PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN (Host)
Friday, Oct. 21: Championship final, 4 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m.)
Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Jackson Christian district champion.)
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**
Thursday, Oct. 20
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
S'field Christian at C'ville, 7 p.m.
(CHSLA-B Playoffs at Mercy)
Ladywood vs. A.A. Richard, 5 p.m.
Mercy vs. A-B winners, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 22
KLAAT Tourney at Lakeland, 9 a.m.
Washtenaw Christian Tourney; TBA.
- BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**
Thursday, Oct. 20
Kensington Conference Meet at Huron Meadows, 4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 21
MIAC Meet at Oak. Christian, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 22
Catholic League meet at Kensington Metropark, 9:30 a.m.
- GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**
Thursday, Oct. 20
Ladywood at Mercy, 6 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
- GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**
STATE PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Oct. 17
Kingswood-Sacred Heart winner at Livonia Ladywood, 3 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**
Thursday, Oct. 20
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 21
(Crusader Classic at Madonna)
Madonna vs. Malone (Ohio), 3 p.m.
Madonna vs. Bellevue (Neb.), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 22
Madonna vs. Rochester, 9:30 a.m.
Madonna vs. SCAD (Ga.), 1:30 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**
Saturday, Oct. 22
Cincinnati St. at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
Madonna vs. Aquinas at Stevenson H.S., 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 23
Owens (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**
Saturday, Oct. 22
Madonna vs. Comerstone at Stevenson H.S., noon.
Cincinnati St. at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

Franklin topples East with Senior Night win

Four-year varsity player Kathryn Chinavare's made her season debut Tuesday following ankle surgery in June and it certainly gave Livonia Franklin an emotional lift on Senior Night.

The host Patriots defeated South Lyon East in a Kensington Conference girls volleyball crossover, 25-22, 25-8, 27-29, 25-21.

"Kathryn's goal was to make it back for Senior Night," said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez, whose team improved to 12-24-4 overall. "It's been hard work and a struggle for her, but she did it. She is a determined and dedicated player."

Junior Kelly O'Brien had a big night attacking with 21 kills.

Junior Mackenzie Lukas and senior Andrea Thompson added 10 and seven kills, respectively.

Senior setter Rachael Kapchus finished with 35 assist-to-kills and 13 digs, while senior libero Nicole Williamson added 15 digs and three ace serves.

Also contributing to the defensive cause was senior Raquel Garza (10 digs), senior Sarah Bo (seven digs) and junior Afton DeWyse (seven digs).

ed 23 assists.

"We're happy to get the win even though we didn't play our best," said HVL coach Mike Dest, whose team improved to 16-9-2 overall and 7-1 in the White. "We have to get ready now for districts."

The loss drops Roper to 2-6 in the MIAC White.

C'ville victory

Livonia Clarenceville improved to 22-11-4 overall with a 22-25, 25-23, 18-25, 25-20, 15-13 victory Tuesday night at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Angela McAlpine paced the Trojans with 10 kills and 16 digs, while Jodi Ankiel chipped in with 12 assists and was 21-of-21 serving with three aces.

Also getting into the act was Ashley Murphy (nine kills); Tonya Vernier (eight kills, five blocks); Christine Hurmiz, (15 assists); and Britney Olds (11 digs).

Spartans split

Livonia Stevenson sophomore Katie Tomasic earned all-tournament honors in the Michigan Elite Invitational held Saturday in Warren.

Tomasic finished with team-high total of 35 kills, to go along with 22 digs and five aces as the Spartans (30-10-2) split four matches on the day.

Stevenson defeated Troy (25-14, 25-11) and Detroit Cass Tech (25-13, 25-9), while falling to top-ranked Farmington Hills Mercy (25-21, 13-25, 15-10) and No. 3-ranked Bloomfield Hills Marian (16-25, 23-25).

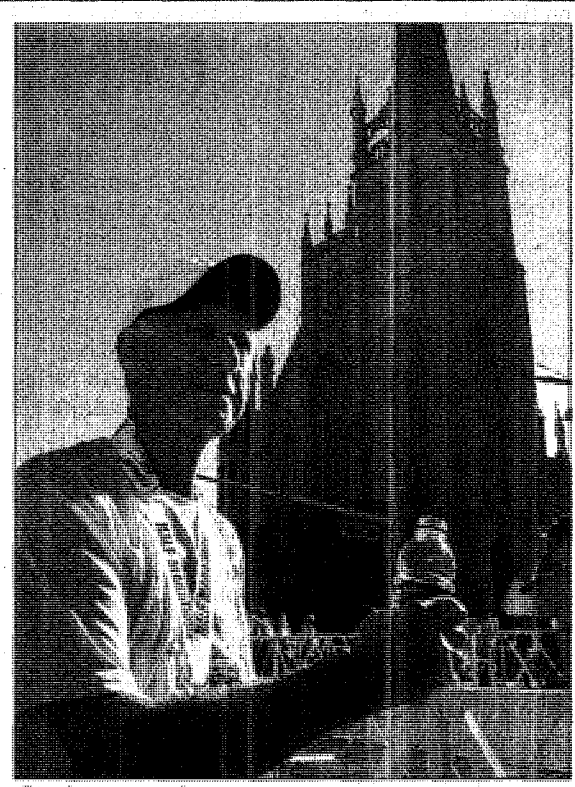
Other statistical leaders for the Spartans included Kelly Vellucci (26 kills, 31 assists, 17 digs); Jorden York (30 digs); Annie Macdonald (19 digs); and Allie Koesterling (17 assists).

Hawks clinch title

Madison Dest led the way with 15 kills as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran clinched a share of the MIAC White Division title with a 25-12, 23-25, 25-22, 24-26, 15-6 victory over host Birmingham Roper.

Allie Dest added nine ace serves and closed out the match by serving eight straight points in the fifth and deciding set.

Lexus Medina chipped in with nine kills, while setter Paige Schmidt added



Still going strong

Longtime Wayne resident Joe Yurich, who just turned 83 in July, completed Sunday's Detroit Free Press/Talmer Bank half-marathon in 3 hours, 34 minutes and 22 seconds. Yurich averaged 16:22 per mile over the 13.1-mile course, which covered the Ambassador Bridge and the Windsor Tunnel.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WYAA volleyball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association girls volleyball will be from 10 a.m. until noon beginning Saturday, Oct. 22 at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Registration will continue from 7-9 p.m. each Wednesday and 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays through November (or until teams fill) for the following age groups: 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17.

Games and practices will be at the Bailey Center.

For more information, call Keith DeMolay at (734) 722-1251; or (734) 516-9269. You can also call the WYAA Compound at (734) 421-0640.

Outdoors speaker

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Livonia Ladywood is seeking a girls varsity track and field for the

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Men's basketball

The Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a managers meeting for its 2012 men's basketball league for new teams at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The registration deadline for returning teams is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28.

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Franklin's Gabe Edwards (8) gets sandwiched between Cass Tech's Syed Haque (15) and Zakir Hussain (7) during Monday's Division 1 district soccer opener.

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True grit

Wayne stuns Glenn in overtime

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

DISTRICT SOCCER

Routed 8-0 in a previous meeting on Sept. 22 by rival Westland John Glenn, the Wayne Memorial boys soccer team pulled off a surprising result in Monday's Division 1 district opener held at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

The Zebras, who improved to 4-14 overall, got a goal from Gabe Drake during the second 10-minute overtime to stun the Rockets, 2-1.

David Crummey assisted on the game-winner in the 98th minute and goalkeeper Zack Huffman stood on his head with 30 saves to preserve the victory.

"My defense was stellar, it was top-notch," said Wayne coach David Daigneau, who received sterling play from Sean Kunde and Sheldon Crummey on the backline. "I've never seen those guys play as hard."

After a scoreless opening half, Glenn got on the board first in the 45th minute on Tyler Simpson's goal.

Wayne's Daniel Pelkey answered with a goal of his own just seven minutes later.

The Zebras were missing senior defender Kevin Diehl, who was out

with an injury, along with two other players serving 10-day school suspensions resulting from a bench-clearing brawl during a home match Oct. 10 in a KLAAs crossover against South Lyon East.

"We had three other players go out with injuries in this game," Daigneau said. "We were down to 11 players and had no subs at the end, but these guys worked their tails off."

Goalkeeper Austin Valentine made four saves as Glenn ends its season at 9-11-1 overall.

"Wayne came out with a great effort," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "We had our chances to put the game away early, but we couldn't convert and Wayne hung in there and beat us. My hat goes off to them."

Wayne met host Edsel Ford in Wednesday's district semifinal.

STEVENSON 5, BERKLEY 1: Chris Liepa notched two goals and two assists Tuesday as host Livonia Stevenson (12-6-1) advanced in the Division 1 district against the Bears (8-9-1).

Zack Atwood also scored twice, while Johns D'Agostino collected a goal and assist. Other assists went to Alex Vrzovski and Jeremy Kozler. Eric Braun scored from John

Dinuzio for the Bears, who trailed 4-1 at halftime. John Boudreau played the first 65 minutes in goal for the Spartans before Zach Verant took over.

"I'm very proud of the whole team," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Every single player contributed and I'm glad we get a chance to play again."

CHURCHILL 1, FORDSON 0 (OT): Michael Murphy tallied the game-winning goal off an assist from Bryan Barnum with 30 seconds into the first 10-minute overtime to give Livonia Churchill (10-6-3) the first-round Division 1 district win over Dearborn Fordson.

"It was our kick-off play, we served it into the corner, got a good pass across and finished it," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. Sophomore goalkeeper Colton Robison also made a key save with 90 seconds left in regulation to sent it into OT.

"We played well, but we couldn't finish," Friedrichs said. "We hit two posts and two crossbars. But we got the one and that's all that we needed."

FRANKLIN 8, CASS TECH 0: On Monday, host Livonia Franklin (7-10-2) advanced to the semifinal round of the Division 1 district tournament with a mercy-rule victory over Detroit Cass Tech (3-7-1).

Gabe Edwards, Jake Talarek and Matt Freed each tallied two goals for the Patriots, who led 6-0 at halftime.

Andrew Crechiolo and Aidan Reynolds rounded out the Franklin goal scorers. Goalkeeper Nick Rende did not have to make a save in posting the shutout.

Meanwhile, 30 of Block's former Lutheran Westland players appeared for the final regular season home match.

"We started the program and first started playing games on the football field, but we started and built our own (soccer) field and today it looked glorious," Block said. "The grass was green and the field seemed flatter. It was fun."

MONROE CC 2, C'VILLE 0: Dan Iott scored the game-winning goal with 25 minutes left Tuesday as host Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central ousted Livonia Clarenceville (4-15) in the Division 3 district opener.

Sophomore goalkeeper Evan Gregg made 11 saves, while junior Ma Sambou Jatta stood out at sweeper. "We had some strong opportunities to score," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said.

PCA 11, HURON VALLEY 0: It was no contest Monday as host Plymouth Christian Academy (6-6) scored all 11 goals during the first half to beat Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-17) in a Division 4 district opener.

Dan Ross scored four goals and Ryan Machonga added two for the victorious Eagles.

18-0 Ocelots slip by Ancilla, 1-0

Tom Nevill's unassisted goal – his 14th of the season – enabled the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team to remain unbeaten with a 1-0 victory Sunday over Ancilla College of Indiana.

Nevill's game-winning goal came in the 61st minute as the Ocelots, ranked No. 1 in the latest NJCAA Division I coaches poll, improved to 18-0 overall, 14-0 in Region XII and 8-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Schoolcraft outshot Ancilla 11-1, as Alex Howe made 10 saves in a losing cause.

The Ocelots' Tom Duquette needed only

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one save to preserve the shutout.

The loss dropped Ancilla to 7-6-1 overall and 2-4-1 in the MCCA.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft earned a 3-0 win over Muskegon Community College thanks to goals by Nevill (from Ryan Lemaster) in the 43rd minute; Juan Garcia (from Anthony Lourenco) in the 63rd; and Gino Pasquali (from Nate Motta) in the 81st.

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Scott Shewfelt made one save in the win, while Muskegon (9-7-1, 4-3-1) got four saves from Tyler Lane.

CORNERSTONE 1, MU 0:

Isaac Grotenhuis notched his ninth goal of the season in the 88th minute to give Cornerstone University (9-5, 3-0) the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Saturday over host Madonna University (5-7-2, 1-2-1) in a match played at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Junior goalkeeper Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) made five stops for MU in suffering his fifth loss of the season.

Kyle Breckan made just one for the Golden Knights in a physical match that featured the two sides whistled for 37 fouls and four yellow cards handed out. "Cayle (Lackten), Franco (Giorgi) and Derek (Rosiek) all played well today," said MU coach Eric Scott said. "Give credit to Cornerstone, they created and took their chance well."

MU comeback falls short, 3-2

The Madonna University women's soccer team rallied from a three-goal deficit late in the second half, but could not complete the comeback, falling Monday to host Marygrove College, 3-2.

Sophomore Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson) and freshman Ashley Parent each scored for the Crusaders, who slipped to 5-6-1 overall.

Marygrove scored first in the 20th minute on a goal from Cheyenne York before going on top 2-0 just before halftime on a score from Nicole Polite in the 43rd minute.

The Mustangs added their third tally in the 50th minute on a Sarah Kator score before the Crusaders got on the board.

Senior Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin) assisted on Parent's goal in the

64th minute to cut the deficit to 3-1.

Jenaway then pulled the Crusaders to within a single goal just nine seconds later finishing a pass from freshman Kaitlyn Krysiak.

MU continued to pepper the Marygrove goalkeeper Deanna Lints (12 saves) with shots, but could not score the equalizer.

Marygrove improved to 7-7-3 overall with the win.

Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) made three saves for the Crusaders.

SCHOOLCRAFT 3, ELGIN (Ill.) 1: On Saturday, host Schoolcraft College (13-1-1) turned back Elgin Community College (Ill.) in a non-conference encounter.

On Thursday, Ashley Welch (Livonia Stevenson) tallied a pair of goals and Lauren Badalamente added two assists as the Lady Ocelots (12-1-1, 6-0) clinched the MCCA

championship with a 3-1 win over visiting Delta College (4-3-1, 4-3-1).

Alejandra Mesa (Livonia Franklin) also scored for Schoolcraft, while Renee Boudreau (Stevenson) chipped in with an assist.

Emily Kraska scored in the 77th minute off Schoolcraft backup goalkeeper Kelly Twigg (Livonia Churchill) to spoil the shutout bid started by Megan Bauman (Churchill), who played the first 67:49.

MADONNA 1, CORNERSTONE 1: Kaitlyn Krysiak's fifth goal of the season in the 42nd minute proved to be the equalizer Saturday as host Madonna University (5-5-1, 1-2-1) deadlocked Cornerstone University (4-6-3, 0-2-1) in a double-overtime Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference encounter at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Maile Carigon scored unassisted for the Golden Knights in the 27th minute, while Krysiak scored unassisted off her own rebound.

Chelsea Gregg made three saves for MU, while Kathy Butt had four stops for Cornerstone.

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added six kills. Junior Allie Koestering was 48-of-52 setting with 20 assist-to-kills.

Vellucci and Tomasic each donned the libero jersey in sets two and three as Graham tinkered with her lineup.

Meanwhile, both teams finished second in their respective divisions in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Churchill was runner-up to Canton in KLAAs South and now prepares for Saturday's 12-team Association Tourney at White Lake Lakeland featuring the top three finishers in each of the KLAAs's four divisions.

"We have Lakeland and Milford in our pool," Grenier said. "We're excited about that opportunity. We're going to gear up and get ready to play."

Stevenson, runner-up to Novi in the KLAAs Central, will face Brighton and Walled Lake Central

in another pool.

"We're now back to our main focus with the remaining most important part of our season, conference tourney and districts," Graham said. "It's nice to see the girls have as much confidence in their play and the success they have had this season. It has been a lot of fun to watch. That makes the coaching part of it easy."

Matches begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Lakeland.

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Warriors stay alive for outgoing coach

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Rich Block's swan song as longtime Lutheran High Westland boys soccer coach got an extension Monday afternoon during the opening round of the Division 4 district tournament.



Block

The Warriors got three goals from Mitchell Boehm and two from Ernie Babon to beat Detroit Universal Academy, 7-0.

Nick Andrzejewski also added a goal and collected four assists, while A.J. Seltz tallied the other goal for the Warriors, who led 5-0 at intermission.

Senior goalkeeper Taurrek Fikes made nine saves to record his sixth shutout of the season as Lutheran Westland improved to 7-11 overall.

Block has served all 21 seasons as the Warriors' coach compiling

an overall record of 228-147-34, including a trip to the 2003 Division 4 state finals.

During the preseason, Block told Lutheran Westland A.D. Mike Unger and principal Steve Schwecke that he would be stepping down after the 2011 season.

He made his intentions public during a player-parent picnic following a game Sept. 22 against Universal.

Last Friday, Lutheran Westland lost 4-0 in its regular season finale against Plymouth Christian Academy, ironically the Warriors' next opponent in Wednesday's district semifinal.

It was 0-0 at halftime before PCA exploded for four second-half goals as senior All-Stater Dan Ross led the uprising with pair of goals and one assist. Chris Scagnetti and Adam Poulos also tallied goals for the Eagles.

Lutheran Westland finished 3-11 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

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Penalty-prone Whalers feel Sting

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers are happy to have rugged forward Jamie Devane back with the Ontario Hockey League club. Now if he could just stick around for all 60 minutes.

Devane, a 6-5, 220-pounder just returned from Toronto of the American Hockey League, scored just 18 seconds into Saturday night's game against Sarnia at Compuware Arena.

But Devane was kicked out of the game after a skirmish in the second period. That left a gaping hole for the Whalers — especially against the Sting's high-flying power play — and Plymouth let a late lead slip away, before losing 5-4 in overtime.

Plymouth, playing in the team's fourth annual "Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness" game, led all night until left wing Reid Boucher scored with 1:11 left in the third to make it 4-4.

Then just 1:21 into OT, defenseman Anthony DeAngelo scored his first-ever OHL goal to give Sarnia the victory.

"We took too many dumb penalties, and there were some questionable calls," Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci said. "But we took some dumb penalties and you got to stay out of the box against their power play."

Some of Vellucci's frustration stemmed from the sequence that led to Devane's ejection, at the 13:17 mark of the second period and Plymouth leading 3-1.

Devane and Sarnia's Craig Hottot seemed to go to it near the Sting net. But Devane wound up with an instigator minor, a fighting major and game misconduct while Hottot merely collected a roughing minor. "I thought it was a hor-

rible call," Vellucci said. "The other guy punched him in the head three times and Jamie fought him and then they said he didn't have a fight. We'll have to figure out what that is all about."

Sting buzzes

In the third period, which began with Plymouth leading 4-2, Sarnia outshot the Whalers 14-4 and kept the pressure on goaltender Scott Wedgewood (46 saves).

The Whalers hung on for a while. But hulking winger Brett Ritchie tipped a shot taken by right wing Nail Yakupov past Wedgewood to make it 4-3 with 5:53 remaining.

Then Boucher, stationed near the Plymouth goal crease, chipped in the rebound of a point shot by defenseman Alex Basso to send the game into overtime.

On the winner, Ritchie brought the puck down the left half-wall and sent a shot toward the Plymouth goal. But the puck hit a leg and bounced over to DeAngelo for the tap-in.

"A couple broken plays there," Wedgewood said. "But we have to bear down at the end of the game when you're playing with the lead."

"Still a young season, we've got time. Guys will learn, we'll grow as a team and we'll get better."

Plymouth (4-4-2-0) got off to a rousing start and Devane was in the middle of things.

Before nearly 2,500 Compuware fans were in their seats, Devane knocked in the rebound of a slapshot from Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) past Sting goalie and Canton native Brandon Hope.

Bonus bid

Another Hope rebound led to Plymouth's second marker, by center Mitchell Heard with

13:20 to go in the first. "Plymouth comes out hard, it's their building and they're trying to set the tempo," said Hope, who stopped 25 of 29 shots before giving way to Brandon Maxwell for the third. "I just got to control those rebounds a little bit better."

Hope settled down, however, and kept his team from falling behind 3-0 with just under five minutes remaining in the first.

Aleardi broke in up the middle of the ice, cut in on Hope and tried to slip a backhand-er inside the left post. Hope's fully extended right pad denied Aleardi of his fifth goal of the season.

Yet even though a decent shot was taken, officials ruled a penalty shot.

Aleardi thus had another chance, this time cutting wide to his right. But Hope stayed with the forward and stopped the stuff attempt at the right post with his left leg this time.

The two-goal cushion stayed until 10:51 left in the second when Yakupov tallied a power play marker. Sarnia went 2-for-6 on the power play.

Plymouth took a 3-1 lead with 9:03 remaining. Heard, skating down the right wing, slipped a nifty pass over to center J.T. Miller above the left circle.

Miller one-timed a shot high over Hope's trapper for his first of two goals in the middle stanza.

Sarnia (7-1-0-1) scored again on the power play at 16:51 when Basso rocketed a shot from the left circle under the crossbar.

The Whalers answered with 45 seconds to go. Miller batted a rebound past Hope after Sarnia failed to clear the zone.

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De'Angelo Peete stopped by Monday's Franklin football practice and talks with teammates Austin Simmons, Nick Ciotta and Marquise Smith.

PEETE

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the pain. I didn't find out until getting to Children's when I was told how severe it was."

Peete will be wearing a halo with screws attached to his head for 12 weeks.

But thankfully, the prognosis is bright. No paralysis or spinal cord damage.

"He's trying to get used to balancing the halo," Courtney Peete said.

"His biggest challenge is to sleep with it. He's got a reclining chair like they had at the hospital. He can adjust it at a 90-degree angle. He's doing fine, he's adjusting."

Six days after the incident, De'Angelo was released from Children's and was able to attend Franklin's home game against Livonia Churchill.

"You just have to stay positive," Courtney Peete said. "He's been playing football since he was with the (LJAL) Blue Jays. All his friends have gotten hurt at one time or another, but he had been blessed. It was the first injury he ever had and I wasn't concerned. But it was always in the back of my mind as a parent, 'What if ...' I was glad I wasn't there."

Peete T-shirts and signs were all around the Franklin football

field during that homecoming game (Oct. 7). And the outpouring of love and support following the injury overwhelmed him.

Calls came from not only Franklin teammates, coaches and students, but also from players of rival Livonia Stevenson, Canton and Churchill. Get-well cards came pouring in and Stevenson players signed an autograph football.

"It touched me, I cried," De'Angelo said. "It made me feel good. I didn't know how many people cared."

When De'Angelo found out he had a broken neck, he said it "freaked me out."

"I didn't think it was that serious," he said. "The c1 connects to the spine. I was so shocked that I could walk or move at the time. I feel really blessed because I could have been paralyzed or dead."

Peete, who turns 17 in November, will never play football again, but has plans to attend college. A teacher comes over twice a week to help him with his schoolwork. He does get bored while staying at home.

"We don't have cable TV," he said.

Franklin's season ends this Friday at Ann Arbor Pioneer and Peete feels a void when not playing football.

"I'll miss going out and having fun, the big plays,

the big hits, everything about it," he said.

Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said Peete's absence has left a huge void on the defense.

"He plays with a lot of passion," Kelbert said. "That's why he was one of our captains. A lot of the kids looked to him for the emotional leadership. That's the one thing we miss with him not being in there. He always had energy and he loved playing."

"I think the biggest compliment I can give him is one of the assistant coaches from (Livonia) Stevenson called up and said a couple of kids wanted to go visit him in the hospital — because over the summer, and then after our first game, they thought he was really a stand-up guy and he congratulated them. It kind of shows, not only to our teammates, but to other teams he was a good kid."

Kelbert, meanwhile, said he is still mystified how Peete got so severely injured.

"It was an every day tackle, one that he's made hundreds of times before," Kelbert said. "Everything seemed stable on the field when they checked him out. Both the doctors and EMS ... nobody realized until after the X-ray. It's just bad luck."

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Stoney Creek's Gabby Yurik took medalist honors with a 78-75-153 followed by Sarah White of East Kentwood (75-82-157) and Plymouth's Kelsey Murphy (74-84-158).

Churchill's other scorers included Jackie Bur-

dette, 98-94-192; Nicole Kruse, 103-109-212; and Maggie McGowan, 109-110-219.

Claire Rose shot a 122 on Friday, while Taylor Cutting was moved into the lineup on Saturday and shot a 152.

"Our goal was to finish in the top 10," Worley said. "Given the extremely windy conditions both days and the difficulty of the golf

course, I was very proud of the way the girls played and kept things positive. They really hung in there.

"This will be two days they will remember not only for the fun they had, but for persevering through the elements Mother Nature handed out."

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GRIDDERS

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surprise to us. It's a surprise to the teams that see him. He's a very special young man, a very gifted athlete."

Holding a 20-16 advantage, AB&T controlled the fourth quarter and scored twice with Kevin Darden adding a three-yard TD run with 6:17 remaining followed by Hines' 25-yard scoring pass to Allen Davis with only 1:39 remaining.

The TD by Darden came after Clarenceville fumbled at its own 36.

"That seems to be a big point — we make a major mistake halfway through the game where we need to put something forward," Fry said. "That's how we're snake bit this year."

AB&T had a total of 300 yards, while Clarenceville had only 113. The Gators also had 17 first downs to the Trojans' six.

With the win, AB&T improved to 5-3 overall and can make the state playoffs with a win Friday at Riverview Gabriel Richard (3-5). The charter school is only in its second year of varsity football.

"We still have faith in our kids no matter what," Poole said. "One of the major things we had to overcome earlier in the season was when we go down, to be able to overcome that adversity and get through it. So the last five games, starting with the Saginaw Nouvel game, our kids have shown they've been able to overcome adversity." Meanwhile, Clarence-



Clarenceville coach Ken Fry (background) hopes first-year senior Kassius Kelly, the Observerland Relays 100-meter dash champion, can provide big-play capabilities.

ville lost Kissandi, who is a back-up to starter Zach Kubiak, to an injury late in the game along with lineman Cam Shepich. Another lineman was ejected late in the game.

A depleted Trojans' squad closes out their season Friday at Dearborn Heights Annapolis (3-5).

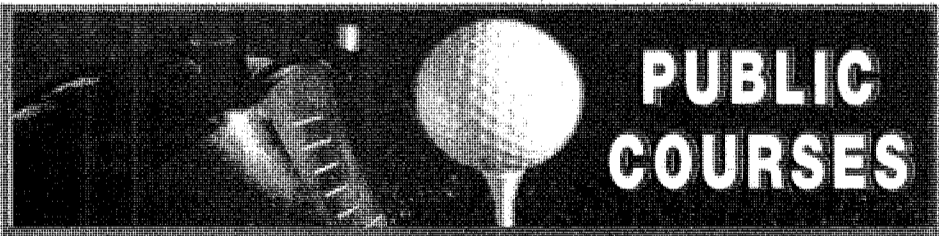
"It's looking real bad, but we'll pull it together," Fry said. "We'll have a good week. It's the seniors' last, so we'll play it for the seniors and we'll go from there."

Over 20 players returned for the 2001 reunion, including the team's star, Tim Shaw,

who was enjoying his bye week as a special teams captain with the Tennessee Titans.

"That was nice," Fry said. "It showed the kids that we really do have a tradition here and it started actually 13 years ago when they were freshman. And they were able to put a face to them as far as what they were talking about. Coach (Greg) Hudkins was able to talk to them. It was nice to see all the guys there and it was truly enjoyable. It was good."

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Rosary rally draws Catholics for prayer

A crowd of 206 individuals braved a strong, cold wind Saturday, Oct. 15, to pray the Rosary at Madonna University.

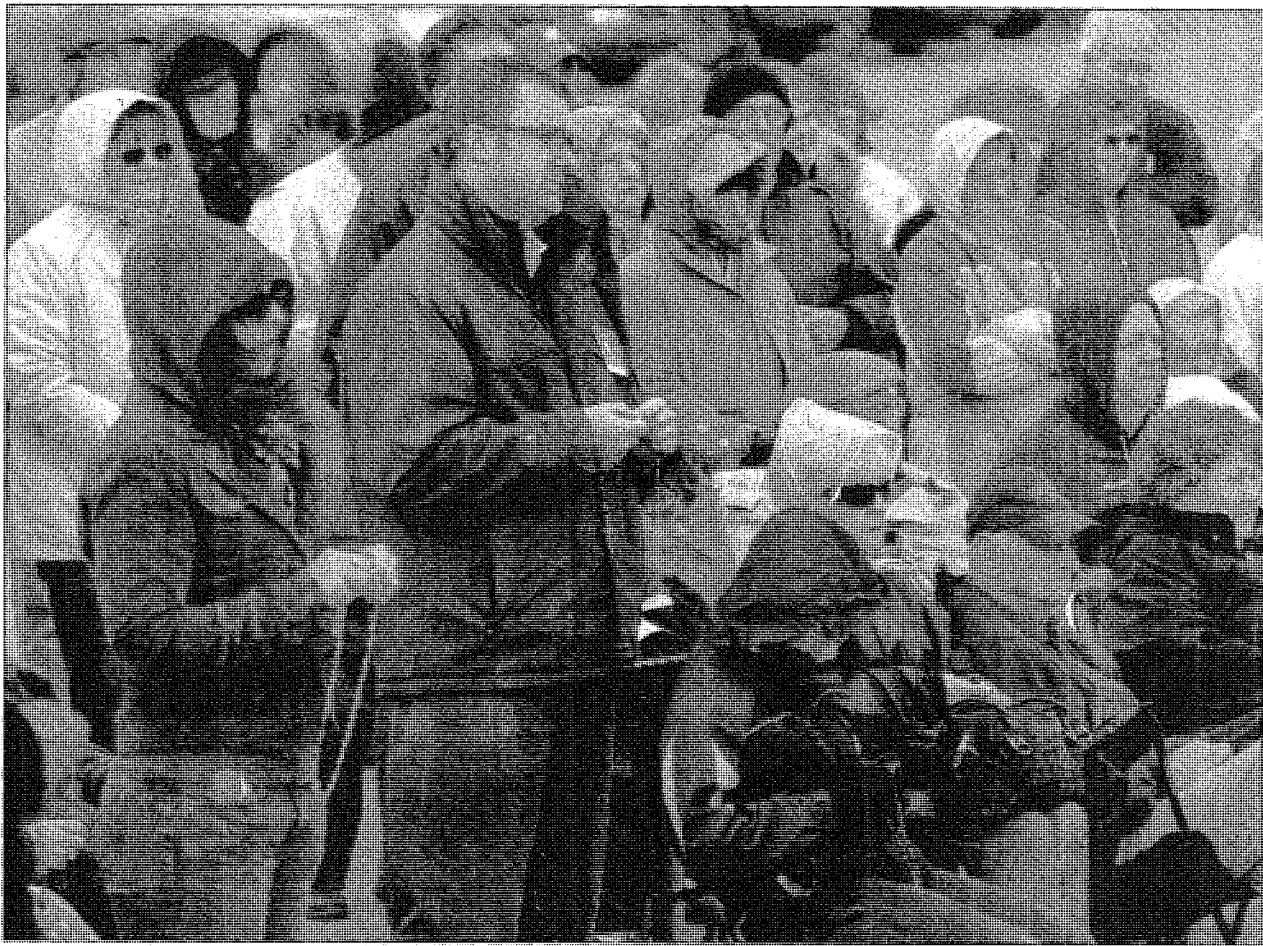
The Rosary Rally was organized by Livonia resident Ron Danowski, with help from Paul Daniel and the Knights of Columbus at St. Colette Parish in Livonia. Danowski created his first Rosary Rally in 2008.

"The weather was a challenge," Daniel said in an e-mail, "but we did our parts and we're all better for it."

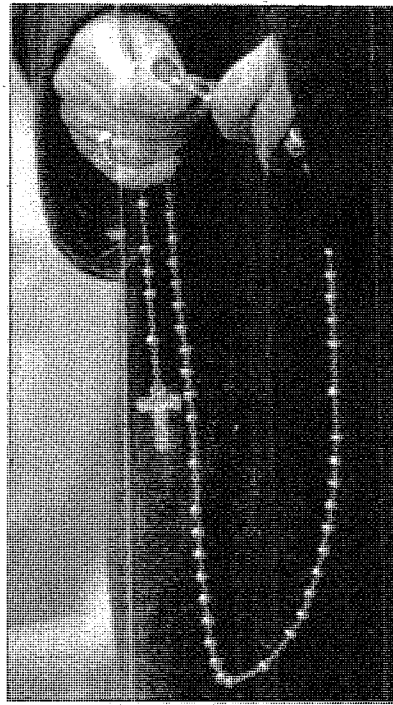
The event was part of a nationwide campaign, Public Square Rosary Crusade, that aims to use public prayer to "save America," according to the America Needs Fatima website.

In cities across the country, rally captains, like Danowski, registered their events on the America Needs Fatima website and gathered the faithful to pray for peace and a solution to the country's problems.

The organization listed more than 7,000 rallies planned for Oct. 15. Locally, other rallies were organized in Plymouth and Farmington Hills. Daniel said the Livonia group plans to participate in the campaign next year.



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A worshipper recites a prayer for each bead on the rosary she touches.

A crowd withstands cold, damp weather to pray with rosary beads in the parking lot at Madonna University.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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Oct. 20-26

BOOK SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 21-22
Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Used books and boutique
Contact: (734) 718-5040

CLOTHING

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22
Location: 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank will give free clothing and shoes to anyone in need
Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

PUMPKIN PATCH

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 17-22, noon-6 p.m. Oct. 23, 10 a.m.-dark, Oct. 24-29 and noon-dark, Oct. 30

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: The church is partnering with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to raise money for N.O.A.H. Project that helps the homeless in Detroit
Contact: (734) 464-0211

SEMINAR

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Oct. 23
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Paul L. Maier, author, historian and fifth vice president of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, will present "How We Got the Bible." The seminar considers the vast assemblage of documents forming the 66 books of the Bible. Topics include "The World's Most Important Book," "Can We Be Confident in the Bible?" "Silencing the Old Testament Critics," "Did the Church Make

Jesus Divine?" and "The High Price of an English Bible." Admission is free
Contact: (734) 522-6830; www.christoursavior.org

Oct. 27-Nov. 2

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Oct. 28
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Call the American Red Cross to make an appointment
Contact: (800) 733-2767

COAT EXCHANGE

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Oct. 29
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia
Details: The coat exchange will take place during the Fall Fun Festival. Participants who need a coat can take one. Coat donations will be accepted in the church office during business hours
Contact: (734) 422-1470

FALL FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m., Oct. 29

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriam, Livonia

Details: Family-oriented event with games, face painting, henna tattoos, bouncies, bake sale, and free cider and doughnuts. Participants may wear their costumes. Rain or shine
Contact: Pastor R. Wright at (313) 682-7491

FUN FEST, BARBECUE

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

Details: Fall Fun Festival for children through 6th grade. There will be games, treats, fall activities and more. Church members will be in the parking lot to pass out treats as the children "Trunk or Treat" from car to car. The church encourages youngsters wear costumes for the event. Parents or guardians must accompany all children.

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PACE, CRAIG J.
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TATALE, RANDALL J.
Age 74, passed away October 11, 2011. A private family service was held. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Reading celebrates historic theater project

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E staff writer

Debbie Lannen and her cast of local actors will recreate a little bit of history Monday on the Village Theater stage in Canton.

They'll be among at least 21 groups nationwide to stage a reading of the Sinclair Lewis-John C. Moffitt play, *It Can't Happen Here*, honoring both the 75th anniversary of the Federal Theatre Project and its production of the drama.

"How I found out about it was through Facebook. I saw an event posting for a national reading and thought, what is that?" said Lannen, director.

The reading project was initiated by a performer named Daryl Henriques and co-sponsored by two California-based theaters. The nationwide staged reading takes a cue from the original production which debuted Oct. 27, 1936 in 22 theaters in 18 cities, including Detroit.

The play, based on the book by Lewis, tells the fictional story of conservative politician, Berzelius Windrip, who promises to restore prosperity to the country during a time of unrest in America. After winning election to the presidency, he becomes a dictator, establishing his own militia, and outlawing free speech and a free press.

"I said, we have to do this. The play sounds cool. And the Lafayette Theatre in Detroit was one of the original



Lewis



This poster announced the debut of Sinclair Lewis' *'It Can't Happen Here,'* 75 years ago at the Lafayette Theatre in Detroit.

theaters to present the play."

Actors from Spotlight Players, it's senior troupe — Still Got It Players — and other venues, including Meadow Brook Theatre and Oakland Community College, will read the original 1936 script. Lewis revised it in 1938.

Creative license

In researching the history of the play, Lannen discovered that troupes around the country put their own stamp on the work when it was originally performed. Jewish productions pointed toward what was happening in Europe at the time. Hispanic and African American shows focused on white dictatorship and minorities.

"They spun it their own way," Lannen said, adding that the Canton production "has no spin whatsoever."

"It's whatever anyone thinks of it." Lannen developed a brief PowerPoint presentation about the Federal Theatre Project that she'll show before the reading.

"I've gone to the Library of Congress Web site and pulled up a lot of information on the Federal Theatre Project," she said. "A lot of people have no idea it existed."

Employing millions

It was a part of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), that employed millions of Americans in public works projects, such as bridge and street construction, from 1935-43. The WPA also put



Hallie Flanagan administered the National Theater in the mid-1930s under the Federal Theatre Project, a part of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) that put millions of Americans back to work after the Great Depression.

unemployed theater workers, circus performers, cabaret and vaudeville acts back to work through its Federal Theatre Project, which ran from 1935-39. The Project staged hundreds of theater productions, including classics and new works. Troupes toured shows and mounted them in cities across the country.

"So much came from

this Project and no one knows about it. When you look at Facebook you see these (staged reading) groups are all over the country. That's pretty exciting. That people will be talking about it and bringing to light what the National Theatre Project was is amazing."

Lannen also expects *It Can't Happen Here* will resonate with con-

temporary audiences nationwide.




"It's going to be one of those that people walk out of the theater talking about."

The staged reading will start at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 24, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Admission is \$5. The box office opens an hour before the show; (734) 394-5300.

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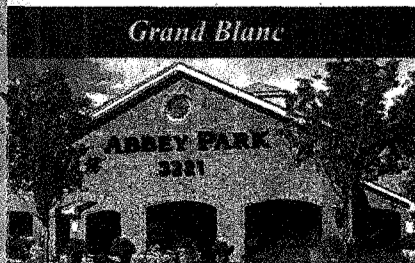
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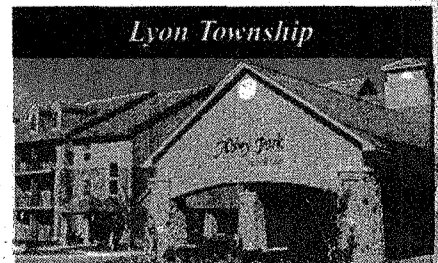
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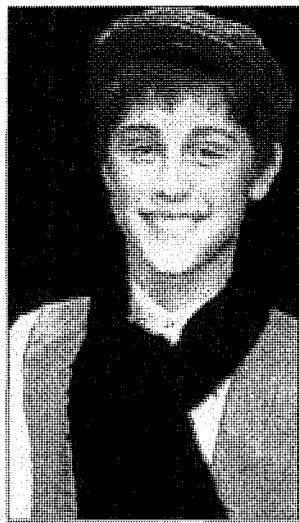
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Livonia youths add opera to acting resumes

Three young actors from Livonia are performing in *Carmina Burana* and *The Medium*, which runs through Oct. 23 at the Detroit Opera House.

Alex Capeneka, 14, Emily Crombez, 15, and Chailyn Bryce, 11, are among 45 young performers who are members of Michigan Opera Theatre's Youth Chorus (MOTCC). The group will perform in two main stage operas and one all-youth opera this season, as well as other events including the Detroit Christmas Tree Lighting and A Winter Fantasy.

Alex is in his third season with MOTCC. He has performed in MOT productions of *La Boheme*, *Tosca*, Cincinnati Ballets' *The Nutcracker*, and *The Magic Flute*. He has also been in the MOTCC productions of *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* and *The Maker of Illusions*. Alex admits that the late night rehearsals and many performances can be exhausting, but says the reward is performing "front of a full audience each night with amazing adult singers."

Alex is a freshman in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School. He plans to continue his studies in theatre in college.

This is Emily's second year with MOTCC. Last year she was in the MOT productions of *La Boheme* and *The Magic Flute*, as well as the youth production of *Maker of Illusions*. Emily got her start in theatre at Livonia's Rising Stars Youth Theatre and more recently, starred as Mulan in Emerson Middle School's production of *Mulan Jr.* Emily's long list of performing arts accomplishments include several shows with The Stage Door and Actor's Community Theatre in Wayne, Emerson Middle School choir, Franklin High School's marching band,



Bryce

and Livonia Youth Choir. She also plays piano and cello.

Emily and Alex recently sang *The Star Spangled Banner*, along with four other choristers, at a Detroit Tigers game.

Emily said her experience with MOTCC has been "unbelievable."

"I've had so many opportunities that have come up in different places because of MOTCC, including TV shows, the national anthem, and the Random Act of Culture flash mob at Comerica Park. You get to really experience the different types of things you can do as a musical artist."

This is Chailyn's first year in MOTCC, but he is no stranger to the stage. He has danced for seven years and been in several productions with Livonia's Motor City Youth Theatre, including *Motown Broadway*, *Macbeth*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. After seeing *Maker of Illusions* last spring, he knew he wanted to audition.

"The best parts of being in this opera (*Carmina Burana*) are working with the awesome professional singers, getting cool costumes, and seeing the Cirque du Soleil performers," Chailyn said.

He also had a blast singing *O Fortuna* for the flash mob at the Tiger's game.

Carmina Burana and *The Medium* is at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 21-22 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. Tickets range from \$51-\$111. Visit www.michiganopera.org or call (313) 961-3500

Art

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

Coming up: An Antiques and Fine Arts Appraisal clinic with Robert DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18. The registration fee is \$10 per item with a limit of 3 items per guest. Walk-ins without prior registration will be admitted on the day of the event if time allows. Guests may bring items such as antiques, collectibles, family memorabilia, furniture and artwork. Large or fragile items should be submitted by photograph. Coins, stamps, and jewelry will not be appraised at this event. Register in person, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday or call Northville Art House

Contact: (248) 344-0497

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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

Contact: (734) 394-5308

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Location: New Five Village Shopping Center, 37653 5 Mile, Livonia

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Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

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Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Mike Kosta, Oct. 19-22; Tom Simmons, Nov. 2-5; Tim Kidd, Nov. 9-12; Chris Barnes, Nov. 16-19; J. Chris Newberg, Nov. 23, 25-26

Special benefit: Bob Phillips, Dominic Jones, CoCo and Bobby McGee perform in a fundraiser for FirstStep, western and downriver Wayne County's project on domestic and sexual violence, 5:30 p.m. Oct. 22. Tickets are \$20. Advance tickets are available at

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

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

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Phantasmic Party Themes

- **Upscale Gothic** — Think stylish haunted mansion, dripping with vintage looking black and white décor. Create an eerily elegant centerpiece by spray painting interesting branches black and securing them in an old silver vase or pitcher so they look like a tree in a planter. Then hang cut-out ravens and owls from the branches.
- **Monster Mash** — Go old-school by celebrating the old monster movies from days gone by. Have Dracula and werewolf movies playing on the TV, or project them onto a wall or a sheet in the back yard. Use fake cobwebs and mummy gauze to dress tables and chairs, and freeze plastic body parts into ice cubes for some truly chilling drinks.
- **A Haunted Twist** — You can put a good fright into just about any fun theme. How about a haunted luau? Or a haunted hoedown, carnival or cruise? Start with the usual décor, then give it a good scare with fake blood, grossed-out goodies and weird little touches.

Frightful Fun

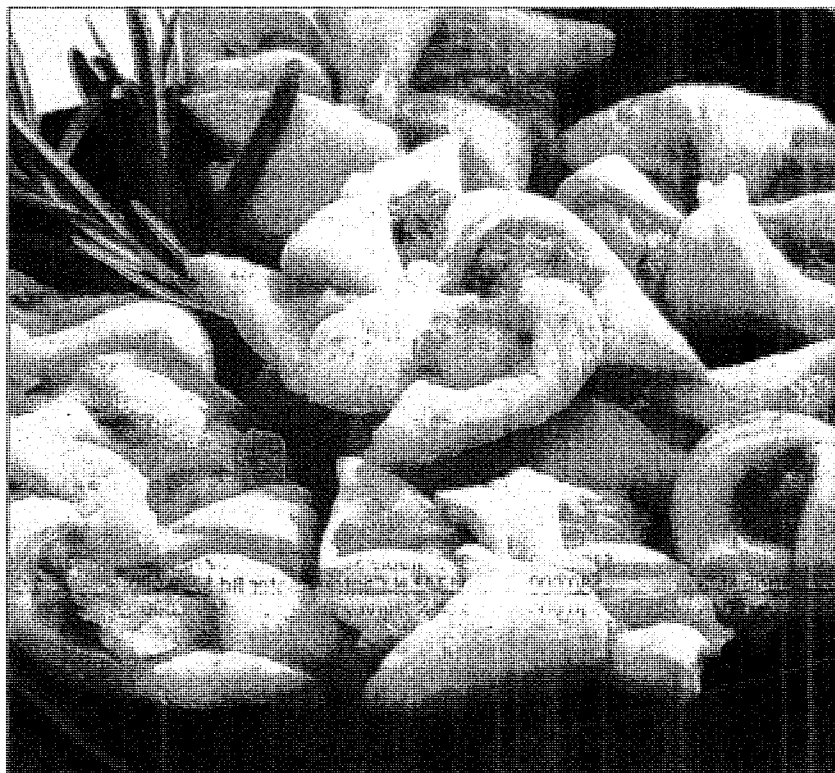
- Have guests bring their own carved jack-o-lanterns to enter in a contest. They can be carved any way guests like, or you can specify that carvings should be related to your theme. Let everyone vote, then give the winners a fun prize.
- Good old-fashioned costume contests don't ever go out of style. In addition to Best Costume awards, give out prizes for Best Undead Bride or Most Likely to End Up in a Bad Horror Movie.

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Curry chicken stars



Great Balls of Fire Cheeseball



Devil's Dip

Devil's Dip

8 ounces cream cheese, softened
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1 cup green onions, chopped
¼ cup pimiento, finely chopped
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In a small bowl, mix cream cheese, ham spread, green onions, pimientos and hot pepper sauce. Chill, covered for about 30 minutes. Serve with crackers, chips or vegetables.



Chicken Pastelitos

Great Balls of Fire

1 cup (4 ounces) cheddar cheese, shredded
3 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 can (4.25 ounces) Underwood Deviled Ham Spread
2 tablespoons green onions, finely chopped
3 tablespoons green chili peppers, chopped
½ cup walnuts, chopped

In small bowl, combine cheddar cheese, cream cheese, ham spread, onions and chilies; mix well. Shape mixture into a ball. Roll in chopped nuts. Wrap in plastic wrap; refrigerate 2 hours. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes to soften slightly before serving.

Serve with crackers.

Curry Chicken Stars

1 can (4.25 ounces) Underwood Chicken Spread
¼ cup sliced almonds
¼ cup red bell pepper, sliced
2 tablespoons green onion, chopped
1 tablespoon Polaner Fancy Fruit Apricot Spread
¼ teaspoon curry powder
1 can (8 ounces) frozen crescent dinner rolls

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a small bowl, combine all ingredients except crescent rolls. Unroll crescent roll dough; fold in half and then roll into a 10-inch square. Cut into 16 (2½-inch) squares. Make 1-inch cuts diagonally from the corners of each square.

Place one heaping teaspoon of filling into the center of each square. To form stars, fold in every other dough tip toward center. Insert a wooden toothpick into the center of each star to hold dough. Bake on greased baking sheet for 10 to 12 minutes.

Chicken Pastelitos

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 chopped onion
½ green bell pepper, chopped
1 celery stalk, chopped
2 cans (4.25 ounces each) Underwood Chicken Spread
2 tablespoons raisins
2 tablespoons B&G Spanish-style Salad Olives, drained and chopped
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 teaspoon Trappey's Red Devil Cayenne Pepper Sauce
½ teaspoon oregano, dried leaves
2 tablespoons bread crumbs, if necessary
1 package (14 ounces) frozen white or yellow dough for turnover pastries, thawed
1 egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line large baking sheet with nonstick foil.

In large skillet over medium heat, in hot oil, cook onion, pepper and celery, covered for 10 minutes or until tender but not brown.

Stir in chicken spread, raisins, olives, tomato paste, pepper sauce and oregano. Stir in bread crumbs to thicken filling.

On lightly floured surface, with floured rolling pin, roll 1 dough round into 6-inch circle. Spoon ¼ cup filling on one side of circle. Brush egg along edge of circle; fold dough over to cover filling. Seal edges of turnover with fork; brush with egg. Place turnover on prepared baking sheet. Repeat, using remaining filling and dough rounds. Cut small slit in top of each turnover.

Bake 15 minutes or until golden brown and puffed. Cool slightly, serve warm.

— Courtesy Family Features

