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## Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly game night 6-9 p.m. this evening, Sept. 6, at the center at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland.

For those who like to plan ahead, in the Westland. For those who like to plan ahead, the center's spaghetti dinners will return on Friday, Sept. 28. Dinner costs \$6 for spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment. It will be served from 4-7 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

## Heritage Day

Wayne County Parks and the North American Indian Association are hosting a Native American Heritage Day at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

The special social gathering will include a traditional drumming circle and dancers in beautiful regalia. Native American crafts and food will be available for purchase. The event is free and is for people of all ages. Seating is limited, and visitors are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

The North American Indian Association of Detroit is the oldest urban Indian organization in the United States. Its purpose is to promote self-sufficiency for Native Americans through education assistance, employment and training, and awareness of available human services; and to foster and preserve Native American culture.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking is off Hines Drive which is closed to vehicular traffic for Saturday in the Park. However, visitors can go around the barricades at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive to access Native American Heritage Day parking.

# Residents support mayor, council members targeted for recall

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

They came as participants in the Senior Olympics and stayed to show their support for Westland Mayor William Wild and council members targeted in a recall effort.

The senior citizens, along with some other residents, packed the council chambers Monday and were vocal about

their support of their elected officials and their unhappiness about the recall effort, booing when recall backers spoke at the podium.

"I'm here to show support for the mayor. A leader has to make tough decisions that are not popular but are the best decision once the dust has settled," said Suffragan Bishop Luke McClendon, pastor of the Christ

Temple Apostolic Church in Westland.

In his role as pastor for over 16 years, McClendon said there have been naysayers in his congregation who later thanked him for making the right decision.

The recall petition filed by resident Burke Rock against Wild cites the mayor's recommendation to merge the Westland and Wayne parks and

recreation departments. Part of the merger was the closing of the Bailey Recreation Center.

"The Bailey Center worked in its time and day," said McClendon. "When you look back through the pages of the history of this time, you'll see that this mayor was one of the greatest mayors in Westland."

McClendon's comments drew applause and

cheers from the seniors who filled the right side of the council chambers.

Rock began his comments by observing that McClendon wouldn't have such a positive opinion of the elected officials had he tried to ask financial questions of the mayor and council.

Along with Wild, there are approved recall peti-

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# New enrollment has W-W officials hopeful for 2012-13

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

It was almost a picture perfect start to the school year in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, until power outages around noon Tuesday left Wildwood and Hamilton Elementaries and Tinkham Alternative High School in the dark.

"The start of school went off without a hitch until we lost power at three schools," said school Superintendent Greg Baracy, who visited school buildings Tuesday morning. "I have to praise the staffs and principals for all the planning they did. I was in the buildings and saw a lot of smiling faces."

The start of the new school year saw a steady number of families coming in to register students for school. Baracy said school officials are keeping "their fingers crossed that the number of new students will exceed those students who left this summer."

"We won't know until later today about the no-



Caylee Ferrell looks through the door into Hamilton Elementary School as she and her mother Cathryne wait for the office to open to register. Also waiting is first-grader Cameron Spencer.

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shows," he said. "We hope this enrollment exceeds the loss."

The district has projected a loss of more than 200 students for the 2012-13 school year. Higher than

expected new enrollment could offset those losses and bring much need state school aid into the district.

"We'd like to see increased enrollment,

we'll know as we start doing our preliminary counts," said Baracy.

Districts officially count students on the fourth Wednesday after Labor Day and the sec-

ond Wednesday in February. A blend of this two numbers is the basis for state school aid payments. Wayne-Westland

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# Chaplain at Ground Zero to speak at 9/11 ceremony

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

A Lutheran minister who served as a chaplain at Ground Zero will be the guest speaker at the annual 9/11 service to be held Sunday, Sept. 9 on the steps of Westland City Hall.



Rev. Bill Wrede

The Rev. Bill Wrede will join his friend and fellow pastor, the Rev. Kurt Lambert of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland, for the 11 a.m. memorial service.

"We're so excited about this,"

said Lori Gazdag who is helping organize the service. "Pastor Wrede is going to deliver the message, He worked in New York on 9/11 and he's sure to talk about that day.

This is the seventh year the Westland church has joined with the city in conducting the outdoor ceremony. State, county and Westland officials will once again be a part of the program. An invitation also has been extended to the officials from the City of Wayne to participate, Gazdag said.

The program will include the singing of patriotic songs, including the *National Anthem*,

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# Citizens council seeks historical designation for Norwayne

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Next year will mark the 70th anniversary of Norwayne's development as housing for workers supporting the U.S. efforts in World War II.

Now it's looking like the Westland community will have its history officially recognized in 2013. Efforts to obtain an historic marker, honoring the Norwayne subdivision, are moving ahead, thanks to some private donations.

"I'm very excited we're finally going to try to get the historic marker for Norwayne," said Henry Johnson, Norwayne Community Citizens Council president. "It's a costly and time-con-

suming process."

Part of the process in getting the historic designation — something required for Norwayne to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places — is documenting all 1,900 homes photographically.

The City Council recently accepted a proposal from the Kraemer Design Group to complete the application for the National Register. Businessman Jeff Stiers, who grew up in Norwayne, has agreed to pay the \$6,000 fee for the application completion.

Along with the inventory of Norwayne homes, other buildings need to be further inven-

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toried, such as a church, former community center and schools.

Maps of the property sites and identification of all the related historic resources of the property will be prepared. Part of the work also will include preparation of a PowerPoint presentation required for the Michigan Historic Review Board.

The historic marker itself runs \$5,000 — that cost will be covered

by the Wayne-Ford Civic League. That commitment of support came after some conversation with Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell, said Vic Barra, the Wayne-Ford Civic League president.

The league had earlier funded connection to city water for the Norwayne Community Garden.

“Joanne mentioned if there were other things that the civic league might support,” said Barra. “This is what our charitable efforts are for, we’re happy to do it.”

Although he didn’t grow

up in Norwayne, Barra said he spent a lot of time in that community.

“I think the marker is important. Norwayne citizens really have come to the pump to make their community better,” said Barra. “This marker will recognize those efforts. Community pride is what keeps a community alive.”

As a city, Westland has undertaken many efforts to stabilize the Norwayne subdivision, including a heavy investment of federal funds for acquisition and demolition of blighted structures and renovation of single fami-

ly homes for affordable homeownership and rental opportunities. The goal is creating a community of choice in Norwayne.

The Norwayne Community Citizens Council was formed in recent years and is tackling community projects and issues, including establishment of the community garden on two lots acquired and cleared by the city.

The official commemoration of the Norwayne Subdivision 70th anniversary is set for October 2013.

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Families enjoyed the free hay ride at last year's free Family Fest at CrossPointe Community Church last year.

## CrossPointe Church hosts free Family Fest

Since its beginning six years ago, CrossPointe Community Church's Family Fest has grown to become the largest free community event in the area.

Attendance has grown by some 50 percent each year and the enthusiasm has surpassed that by far. Despite rainy weather, more than 2,500 people turned out last year and this year the attendance is expected to exceed 4,000.

Family Fest is free of charge and will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at CrossPointe Community Church, 36125 Glenwood, Wayne.

Family Fest features a car show as one of the primary attractions. Last year there were 300 classic and specialty cars

and motorcycles from all over metro Detroit. Activities include several Bounce houses, Farmer John and his Barnyard Express show and petting zoo, pony rides and face-painting.

Other activities include hay rides, cake walks, water wars and volleyball, and a new attraction to Family Fest this year is a portable Zip Line.

There also will be a huge assortment of food, including pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs, ice cream, cotton candy, lemonade, iced tea, popcorn, Sno-cones, caramel apples and nachos.

For more information, contact CrossPointe Community Church at (734) 721-7410 or visit [www.crosspointecommunitychurch.org](http://www.crosspointecommunitychurch.org).

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*My Country 'Tis of Thee and America the Beautiful.* The Cherub/Jubilee Choirs, under the direction of John Henck, will perform *Heal Our Land*.

“This is a time to remember those who died in 2001, but also honor those who continue to serve,” said Gazdag. “It’s a way to pay respect to our first responders, our veterans and those who are serving in the military.”

Rev. Wrede will share his experiences of Sept. 11 and the opportunities he had to share the gospel in the midst of chaos.

He was on his way in to lower Manhattan soon after the collapse of the South Tower and drove to the World Trade Center. He stood four blocks from the site, offering pastoral care to people standing in the streets. After the collapse of the North Tower, he provided blessings for the first responders as they entered the site.

During November 2001, Rev. Wrede served at Respite South, a “rest-area” for on-site workers, and from December through June 2002, he served as a chaplain at the on-site morgue where he provided spiritual care to emergency medical and law enforcement personnel.

Rev. Wrede, a native of Ludington, is a 1982 graduate of Concordia University in Ann Arbor. He served in the Oklahoma District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod working in the area of youth and music from 1982-1985.

He studied American Sign Language and moved to Saint Louis, Mo., where he was an interpreter for the deaf. In 1996, he enrolled at Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis, Mo., and was ordained in 2000. He was serving as the mission field developer for Deaf Ministry in New York City when the attack on the World Trade Center happened.

He is currently direc-

tor of admissions for Concordia Seminary. He also participates in the Wounded Warrior Project Soldier Rides and the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

The public is invited to attend the program and join in a church picnic that will be held in Tatman Park on Carlson east of city hall following the service.

“We’re hoping for a crowd,” said Gazdag. “Last year was the 10th anniversary and we had a large crowd. We’d like to have that again this year.”

Westland City Hall is on Ford Road west of Wayne Road.

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## SUPPORT

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tions naming Council President James Godbout and council members Adam Hammons, Meriam Kadi, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves.

At Monday’s meeting, Rock focused his comments on Godbout and the abrupt adjournment of a July 16 study session about asbestos in City Hall. Members of the audience booed as Rock asked Godbout if he wanted to apologize for violating his rights and slander, then called him a liar.

Donna DeWitt, another recall supporter, also focused her comments on the July 16 study session. Like Rock, she asked residents to help collect sig-

natures for the recall petitions.

“If there are not enough people supporting the recall, this will be my last meeting. I’m not going to continue to put a target on my back,” said DeWitt.

Commenting that it’s great to be able to speak without worrying about retribution, resident Mel Tockstein said it was unfortunate some people abuse it and don’t let facts get in their way.

“They talk about the same issues month after month. They are trying to get their 15 minutes of fame three minutes at a time,” said Tockstein, referring to the time limit for residents speaking at council meetings. “They are in the vast minority. We are tired of these people taking up meeting time to expound

on the same issues meeting after meeting.”

The mayor and council were all elected by a majority vote of the public and have done an excellent job, Tockstein said.

“These disgruntled citizens number less than 10 by estimation. When they come to your door and ask for signature tell them to get off your property or I’m satisfied (with the elected officials),” he added.

During his comments later in the meeting, Wild thanked the residents for their support on behalf of himself and also the council.

“I take my job very seriously and I know the council does. We won’t all agree with decisions but the decisions have been made by building consensus on topics and issues,” said Wild.

Like other council members, Reeves thanked the residents for their support but also blasted the recall which targets five council members over the unanimous approval of the amended

Tax Increment Finance Authority Plan which includes the possible construction of a new City Hall. Council members Christine Bryant and Bill Johnson aren’t named in recall petitions.

Addressing the recall backers, Reeves said that targeting only five of seven council members over a unanimous vote was random, capricious, bigoted and self-serving.

“There is no reason for it. I don’t understand. I think that if somebody is upset with a decision, you have a right to recall,” said Reeves. “But not to pick and choose on a unanimous vote. You (Bryant and Johnson) don’t deserve to be associated with them.”

The recall backers need to collect more than 5,600 signatures from registered Westland voters on each petition. The recall effort was slated to begin gathering signatures Wednesday. Supporters will have 90 days to collect sufficient signatures.

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## SCHOOLS

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is projecting an enrollment of 12,268 students for the new school year.

At Hamilton Elementary School in Westland, parents began lining up at 8 a.m. to register their youngsters for classes. In the two weeks leading up to the first day of school, some 50 students were enrolled, and by the time the school bell rang at 9 a.m., there was a line of parents stretching into the hallway, waiting to register. By the end of the day, the office staff had enrolled 23 new students.

Cathryne Ferrell of Westland was the first in line at Hamilton, there to register her daughter Caylee, 8, for third grade. “I hope I can get in there and get her started in school,” said Ferrell. “I registered her once, but I have to re-register here at the school.”

Caylee had been a student at St. Matthew Lutheran School in Westland. She was excited about the start of a new school year.

“It seems like just yesterday that I felt like I was in second grade,” she said. “I’ll probably do some curriculum over



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Hamilton Principal Barbara Hastings places a white board at an entrance to the school. The sign welcomed children to school and indicated where they should line up for school.

again, I already know my multiplication tables.”

Principal Barbara Hastings expects an enrollment between 425 and 450 students. This is her second year at Hamilton and she’s just as excited as her students.

“I’ll get to see some familiar faces,” she said. “The teachers plan to meet their students at the door and then get them situated.”

As for new enrollment, that’s “a good issue to have,” said Baracy.

“We’ll have to see how it goes, we’re hopeful,” he said.

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Hamilton Elementary staffers hook tags on youngsters' backpacks to indicate they ride the bus to and from school.

# A new school year: Tears, smiles fill first day

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Joe Sparks took a quick peek through a window to see how son Tyler was doing.

"He's still at the table crying," he told his wife, Kelly.

Tyler was among more than 400 students who reported for class Tuesday morning at Hamilton Elementary School in Westland. There were plenty of smiles and a few tears as youngsters met their teachers and said goodbye to their parents and summer vacation.

"He did great until we were ready to go in," said Kelly Sparks, who admitted that she was the teary-eyed one most of the morning. "He was great. He saw the kids in line and was OK. Me? I was trying to be brave for him."

School is nothing new to Tyler who like many kindergartners attended preschool. According to his mother, he loved it, but it took months to adjust and that was a short two hours three days a week.

"I think change is difficult for him, he doesn't like goodbyes," she said.

Crystal Collins also offered comfort for daughter Gabriella who was starting kindergarten.

"I figured it would be like this, that's the way it was in preschool," said Collins. "She was excited all the way up until now."

While many parents followed their youngsters into Kelley Michels' classroom, she said her goodbyes in the hallway to make it easier for her daughter.

"She's a momma's girl, if I went in, she'd be glued to my leg," Sparks said. "It'll take a few days, but she'll have fun."

Hamilton staff members were at the school doors, helping parents and students find where they line up. That wasn't a problem for 7-year-old Mason Mills who was first in line for Erin Held's second-grade class.

"I think he looks forward to this, once he sees his friends, he's fine," said grandfather David Roberts, who accompanies him to school.

Given the choice of what was most exciting about the new school year — getting new school clothes, the backpack filled with school supplies or being at school — Mason opted for choice No. 3.

"The best part is being here today," he said.

Mason was in line well before the 9 a.m. start to school. According to Roberts, his grandson wanted to come early.

"He always wants to be first in line and he usually wants me to wait by the fork in the sidewalk," Roberts said. "He usually gives me a hug and a kiss at the sidewalk. Not



Jason Overton brought daughter Zoey along to see off her siblings off to school.



Mason Mills, a second-grader, was first in line for teacher Erin Held's class.



Gabe Runyon checks the class list to see if he has any friends in his new class.

today, I've got a bag of classrooms things to carry in."

On the opposite side of the building, Gabe Runyon was checking over his fourth-grade class list with his mother, Lia. He saw plenty to like about his class.

"He found a ton of buddies," said his mother, adding that Gabe was "up at the crack of dawn."

For Runyon the first day of school was bittersweet. The last of her four children, twins Maximus and Kaia, were starting school. She also

has a daughter, Olivia, in the second grade.

"I work and now I can actually go and be on time," she said.

Kaia was a little anxious about school, but when it came right down to it, Runyon figured she'd be the one in distress when school started.

"I'll be with the twins ... crying," she said.

As parents left her classroom, Michels caught her young students' attention by asking them to do three things: "If you can see me, touch your nose. If you can hear me, touch your ears. If you're happy to be here, smile."

And for parents who stayed outside and watched as their youngsters walked into school for the first time, kindergarten teacher Michelle Rize offered some reassurance.

"They're going to be fine," she said.

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Crystal Collins comforts daughter Gabriella before she enters her kindergarten class for the first time Tuesday morning.



Early arrivals, Alex Singleton and his brother Logan, who is entering the first-grade, took time to play before school started.

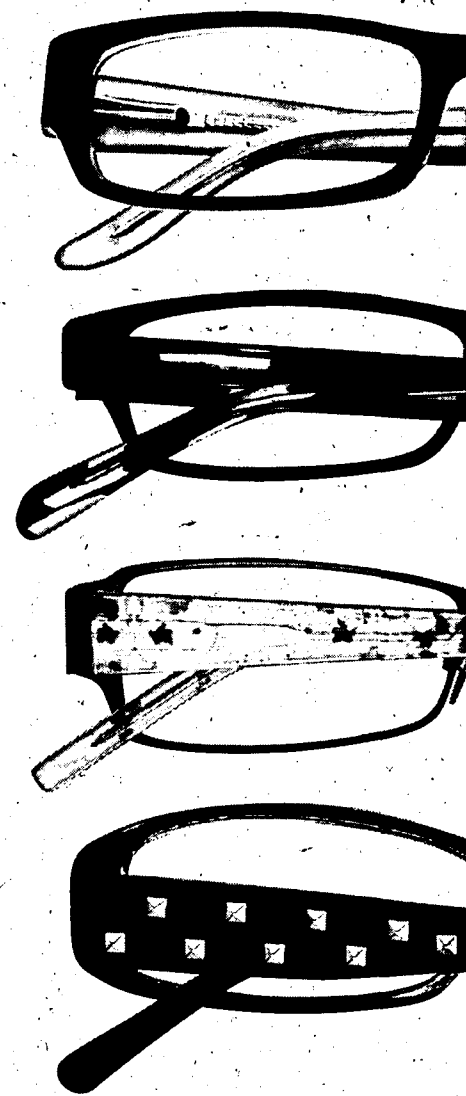
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## County official helps Westland man gets wife's death certificate

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

The death certificate is in the mail.

That's the response Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt's office received in response to efforts to help a Westland man get a death certificate for his wife who died May 20.

"I haven't got it (the death certificate) yet. If I don't get it by Friday, I was told to call back (Gebhardt's office)," said Bart Cohn, whose wife

Lydia died at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Detroit.

A cause of death for Lydia Cohn, 76, had been released, reporting she drowned in the hotel's hot tub. Her use of methadone for arthritis was also noted as a factor in her death — she had been found facedown in the hot tub.

Despite the cause of death being released, Cohn has been unable to obtain a death certificate for his wife of 56 years. "I need to death certifi-

cate to do what I need to do. It's just wrong. They told me it normally takes four months to get a death certificate," said Cohn. "It's not right. They know what happened. They just won't send the certificate."

Gebhardt's aide, Jay Blenkman, got involved in trying to track down the death certificate. The delay wasn't actually at the Wayne County Medical Examiner, which doesn't release certificates for people who have died in Detroit, the

city actually handles it.

"Things should turn out well. I called and found that the death certificate had not been mailed yet," said Blenkman, who made multiple calls and left a couple of messages before making contact with someone who could provide some assistance.

Other than being short-staffed and behind on issuing certificates, Blenkman said no explanation was offered on why it was taking so long for Cohn to obtain a

death certificate.

"They had not mailed the certificate but told me it was going in the mail Thursday (Aug. 30)," said Blenkman.

Cohn hadn't received the death certificate Tuesday but with the Labor Day holiday weekend, he said he was going to allow until Friday for it to arrive before contacting Blenkman for more assistance.

Lydia Cohn's death received a lot of media attention due to a large amount of cash that had

been in her possession when she died. Based on his conversations with his wife, Cohn said she had over \$40,000 in cash and only about \$11,000 was recovered from her room.

Contrary to some media accounts at the time, Cohn said the cash wasn't casino winnings but money his wife accumulated and saved after cashing her Social Security checks.

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## Fire marshal investigates cause of garage fire

### Arson

A garage in the 28000 block of Eton was heavily damaged by fire early Sept. 4. A resident at the home told police that she and her roommate heard a loud boom at about 3 a.m. Looking out the window, she said they saw fire by the garage's side door.

The door had been closed earlier but was now open, with a gas can sitting in the door way, the resident said. The garage interior was heavily engulfed in flames, she told police, as if someone had poured gasoline around.

The resident told police

she tried to put out the fire with a garden hose and kicked the gas can away before calling 9-1-1.

A car that appeared to be a 1980s Pontiac Firebird or a Chevrolet Camaro was parked in the garage. The officer said he wasn't able to enter the garage due to the large amount of debris and a downed power line.

The fire marshal was continuing to investigate the fire.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 900 block of Patricia Place told police Sept. 1 that

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he had found his car had been entered and searched. Reported missing was a gym bag that contained a black and silver six-shot Diamondback handgun and Bose headphones valued at \$625.

The owner told police that he was unsure if he had locked the vehicle when he parked in the driveway the night before. Police noted there was no damage to the vehicle windows or door locks.

### Vandalism

On Sept. 3 just after 3 a.m., police were called to the Landings Apartments, 6817 Lakeview Blvd., about a vehicle being damaged. The owner, a Garden City woman, and a Westland woman told police that they were arguing with a Detroit man outside a party.

The women told police the man began punching the 2001 Ford Fusion, then threw a liquor bottle at it. The vehicle had a broken windshield and a large dent on the front driver's side.

The Detroit man was walking away from the scene as officers arrived.

He told police he had been assaulted by the Westland woman and denied damaging the car. He was cited for vandalism. He declined to prosecute over the assault allegation.

### Fraud

A Westland man told police Aug. 27 that he had received a letter from collection agency over a past due balance of \$452 for an Ameritech account opened by someone in his name at a home in the 7600 block of Woodview. The man doesn't live at that address and said he doesn't know who could have accessed his Social

Security number.

### Larceny

An employee at Sam's Quick Mart, 30903 Ann Arbor Trail, told police that at about 9:30 p.m. Sept. 1, a man entered the store, concealed a bottle of Bacardi Rum Runner down the front of his pants and fled.

The suspect didn't go far - he stopped outside to drink the liquor in front of the store. That was captured on the store security video and a witness identified the suspects as a 17-year-old Westland resident.

By LeAnne Rogers

## Radio faceplate, GPS units taken from vehicles

### Thefts

A man reported to Garden City Police that someone stole the face plate of his stereo about 2 p.m. Sept. 2.

He said that he was parked at Albert's on the Alley, located on Ford, north of Middlebelt. When he returned to his 2000 Ford Ranger, the stereo face plate was gone.

The surveillance tape which captured the man could not help the police determine the identity of the man.

However, it did show a man pulling up in the vehicle and then entering both the driver's and the passenger side door of the victim's car.

• A resident in the 30000 block of Sheridan reported that someone stole his GPS unit from his unlocked Buick Rendezvous sometime before 10 a.m. Sept. 1.

• A resident in the 6500 block of Dillon report-

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ed Sept. 1 that someone stole the GPS unit from his unlocked Ford Escape.

• A resident in the 28000 block of Alvin reported Sept. 1 that someone stole two bikes from his unlocked garage. He pegged their worth at \$300.

### Identity theft

A 47-year-old Garden City man made a report at the police station Aug. 31 that someone opened a fraudulent cell phone account and he has received a bill for \$100 that he doesn't owe.

### No license

The police arrested a 38-year-old Inkster man just after midnight Aug. 28 on Cherry Hill near Inkster when records showed that he never acquired a license.

The man was stopped because he was driving his 1997 Pontiac in excess of the speed limit.

The officer also learned that the man had an outstanding warrant out of Westland.

### Revoked license

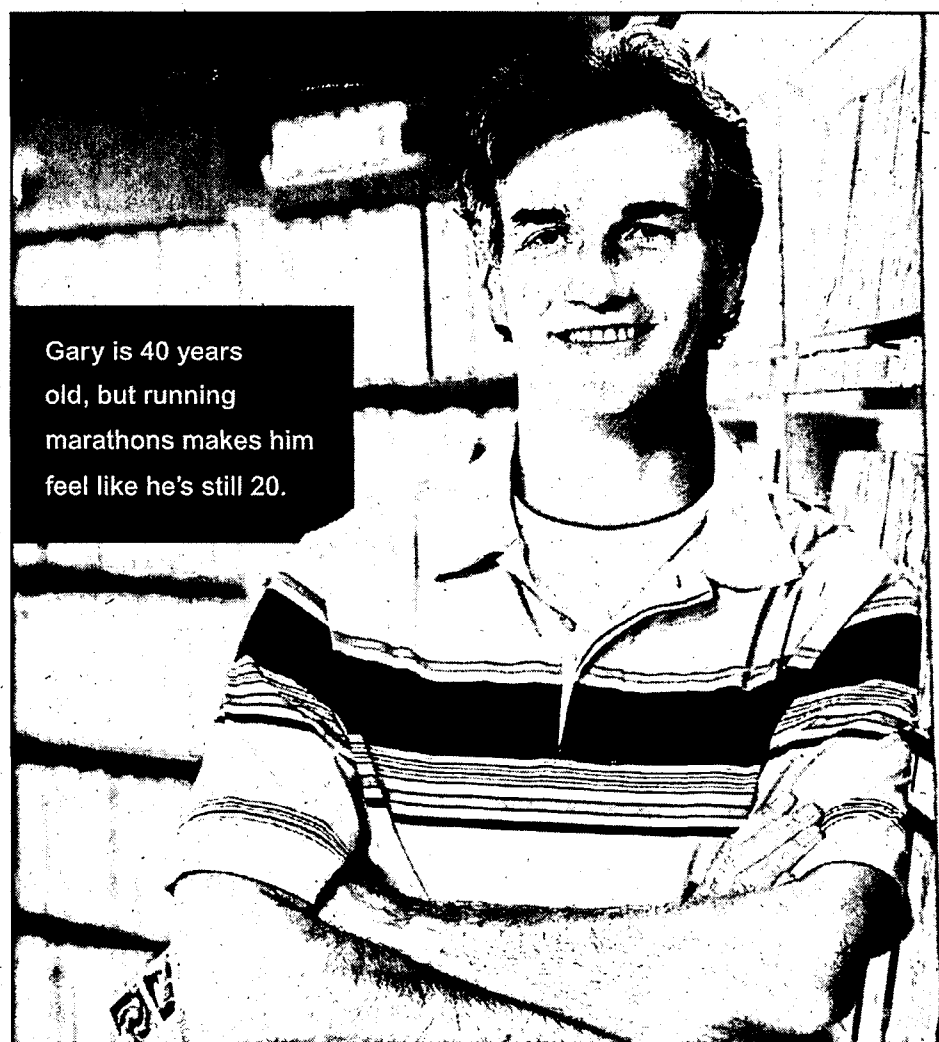
The police arrested a 19-year-old speeding motorcyclist from Westland who they stopped on Ford about midnight Aug. 26 for speeding. They learned that he was driving with a revoked license.

### Suspended license

A 22-year-old Garden City man was arrested for driving with a suspended license about 11:30 p.m. Aug. 26 on southbound Middlebelt at Bock.

He said that he was going to see his girlfriend.

By Sue Buck



Gary is 40 years old, but running marathons makes him feel like he's still 20.

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# Inspire School of Theatre Arts to stage Dickens' classic

Filing the stage with ghosts, orphans, and redemption of the human soul, Inspire School of Theatre Arts has announced its new semester with three new exciting classes and a production of Charles Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*.

*A Christmas Carol* tells the story of a man, embittered by the past, given a second chance at life. Being warned in a visit by his dead business partner, Jacob Marley, he is told of appointments he must keep with three supernatural specters. Student will fill the recognizable roles of Scrooge, Marley, the three ghosts, Bob Cratchit, and, of course, Tiny Tim.

The three classes are Theatre for the Advanced Student, Introduction to Theatre for the Beginner, taught on Saturday mornings, and Theatre for Homeschoolers on Monday and Tuesdays. During the 10-week classes, students will be introduced to many of the aspects of theatre,



Among the shows students in the Inspire School of Theatre Arts have presented are *A Merry Christmas Charlie Brown*.

both on stage and behind the scene. Along the way they will be exposed to set and prop work as well as training for the stage. Those students who have had stage experience will be given instruction to build on the skills they already possess.

Classes will focus on building characters, tapping into emotion, stage directions, finding their

voice, confidence in public speaking, interpreting roles, characterization, projection, as well as improvisation and "being real."

Inspire Theatre began in 2005 and has produced such plays as the *Wizard of Oz*, *Father of the Bride*, *It's a Wonderful Life* and this year's opening production of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*

as well as many original productions.

It enjoys the status as Westland's only live theatre. As the theatre grew, the need for children's program became apparent. Out of this need, Inspire School for Theatre Arts was born.

Inspire School for Theatre Arts began in the fall of 2010 as an outreach from Inspire Theatre to the community as an outlet for local creative children to learn the elements of theatre in a safe, nurturing environment. This is ISTA's third season. Past classes have presented *A Merry Christmas Charlie Brown*, *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown*, plus two original productions, *The Wolf Chronicles* and *Enchanted Forest*. Students come from

Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Canton, Farmington Hills and Redford.

Inspire Theatre in the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road in Westland.

Registration for classes will be 10:30 to noon Saturday, Sept. 8. Classes will begin on Saturday, Sept. 15, and run for 10 weeks, concluding with the production. Auditions will hold the first week of class and parts will be assigned the following week.

Classes cost \$20 per class or \$150, if paid at registration. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Len Fisher at inspire@inspiretheatre.com or at (734) 751-7057.

## Applications accepted for Miss Wayne County pageant

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2012 Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary.

Any woman age 17-24 who lives, works full-time or attends school full-time in Wayne County is eligible to apply.

Contestants will compete in the five categories: interview, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit,

evening gown, talent and on-stage question. The winner will receive a cash scholarship and will represent Wayne County at the 2013 Miss Michigan Pageant which will be held in Muskegon.

The application deadline is Sept. 16. To apply online, visit [www.misswaynecounty.org](http://www.misswaynecounty.org). For more information, call (734) 367-0560 or send an

email to [SheilaMae116@aol.com](mailto:SheilaMae116@aol.com).

Applications also are available for the Miss Wayne County Princess Program, a non-competitive pageant experience open to girls ages 4-12. Visit [www.misswaynecounty.org](http://www.misswaynecounty.org) to apply.

The Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant is scheduled for Oct. 6, at St. James Presbyterian Church in Redford.

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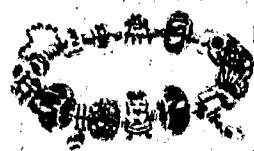
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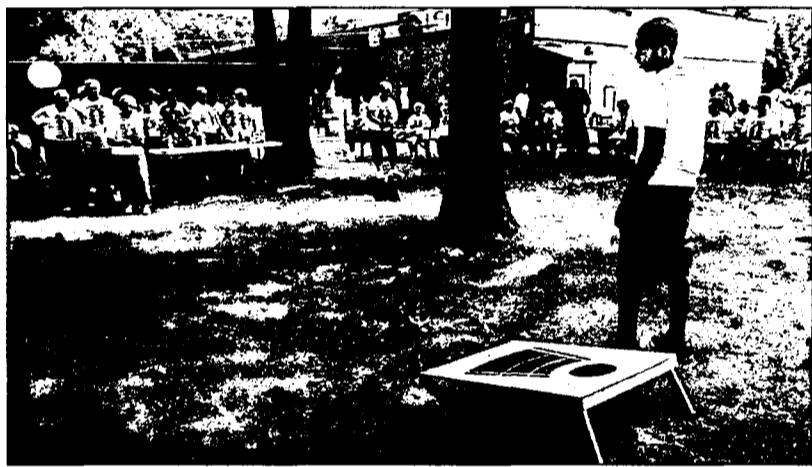






Justin Buzle, Heather Buzle, Jessica Buzle and Ashlyn Buzle on the jr. Demon Drop all are from Taylor.

## A farewell to summer, but the memories will linger



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Seniors in western Wayne County showed they had the right stuff at the annual Senior Olympics. Volunteer Tayshaun Payton, 12, helped out with the bean bag toss, held at the Westland Friendship Center.

Labor Day weekend is considered the unofficial end of summer, a time to say goodbye to the sweltering heat and hello to cool fall temperatures.

This summer has been a hot one, breaking numerous records. Residents faced the challenge of keeping cool with destinations like Westland's H2O Zone sprayground a popular spot for youngsters and their parents. Anything air conditioned also was popular as were backyard pools and shady areas, like those in Garden City Park, which offered a place to sit a spell and read at the Garden City PTA Council's Read in the Park event.

But the heat didn't keep people away from Garden City's second annual Arts and Stars that showcase reproductions of artwork on display in the downtown as part of the Detroit Institute of Art's Inside/Out project. The Garden City Rotary Club teamed up with the Garden City Public Schools to fill the high school parking lot with a carnival.

The annual Westland Summer Festival also brought thousands of people to the city's civic center for carnival rides, contests and entertainment. And huge crowds turned out for the annual Fourth of July fireworks.

Of course, kids had their own way to cool off, by getting down and dirty at the 25th installment of the Wayne County Parks' Mud Day in July. There's was plenty of mud to play in and obliging fire personnel there to provide a "shower" afterwards.

Hines Park also played host to the second annual Cruisin' Hines car cruise that had more than 40,000 classic cars and hot rods driving non-stop Hines Drive from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive.



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This summer was a hot one and eight-year-old Emilia Gruenhagen of Westland found the quickest way to cool down after a game of tag was with a bottle of cold water.



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George Lalinsky of Livonia, Bill Schwalm and Bob Johnson, both of Garden City, were an impromptu honor guard for the American Legion Riders who visited American Legion Post 396 during the annual three-day Legacy Run last month. More than 400 riders were welcomed to Garden City, the birthplace of the Riders organization.

The farmers markets still have close to two months to provide farm fresh produce to residents, and local ice cream stands are still serving up the cool treats.

Summer as we know it may be gone, but its hot memories will not be forgotten, especially in the cold days of winter.



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Noor Alchalabi, 9, of Garden City runs to safety in a game of tag.



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There were three generations of mud fans at the Wayne County Parks' annual Mud Day this year. Grandmother Ann Paquin, 80, came from Wyndham, Maine, to play in the mud with daughter Lori O'Dell and granddaughter Katie-Ann O'Dell, 8, of Westland.



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While much was made of the Woodward Dream Cruise, granddaddy of cruise events, fans were also showing up in record numbers for the second annual Cruisin' Hines event. A steady stream of classics and hot rods rolled down Hines Drive from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive during the recent cruise.

**AROUND WESTLAND**

**Movie premiere**

Join writer Mark A. Knudsen and director Daniel Knudsen for a special Michigan premiere of the film, *Creed of Gold*, 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the Warren Road Life and Light Free Methodist Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland.

The film follows three college students as they investigate this shadowy secret group of individuals who influence national economies for personal advantage. For centuries, this group has manipulated finances around the world and is now using the Federal Reserve to undermine the U.S. economic situation.

Seating is limited, and tickets cost \$10. For tickets or more information, email Gerry at the box office at [forsalegw@gmail.com](mailto:forsalegw@gmail.com).

**Fund-raiser**

AmVets Post 171 is holding a Vendor Sale/Garage Sale/Swap Meet/Mom 2 Mom Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the post, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

In addition to the vendors, there will be food available, hourly raffles and entertainment. Indoor spaces (hall) are \$25, with \$10 for table rentals, outdoor (parking spaces) are \$20. Proceeds will be kept by individual vendors.

For more information, contact Kelly Taylor at (734) 890-1055 or by email at [taylorsskkt@gmail.com](mailto:taylorsskkt@gmail.com) or Jennifer Basco at (636) 221-9573 or by email at [j\\_basco08@yahoo.com](mailto:j_basco08@yahoo.com).

**Bottle, Can Drive**

The John Glenn High School Boys Soccer Team is holding a can and bottle drive 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. Team members will be going throughout the city, collecting returnable cans and bottles to benefit the soccer program. Donations also can be dropped off at the soccer field John Glenn High School on Cherry Hill south of Wayne Road, Westland, or picked up in advance by calling (734) 516-2045 or (734) 620-9602. Money raised will benefit the soccer program.

**Golf outing**

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 15th annual golf outing fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner after golf.

Contact Coach Polk at [rocketwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:rocketwrestling@gmail.com) or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. Further information also is available at [glennwrestling.com](http://glennwrestling.com). Hole sponsorship and raffle donations also are being accepted.

**Rummage Sale**

The First Methodist Church of Wayne-West-

land is holding a fall rummage sale Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 13-15. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 13-14, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 15. Saturday will be bag day. A grocery bag will be \$2 and a plastic lawn bag \$5. Home made bake goods and refreshments will also be available.

For more information, call the church at (734) 722-4801.

**Westland Stars**

Attention students ages 10-14 years or in the fifth-eighth-grades in the Livonia-Westland area. The Westland Stars have moved to the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department and will be practicing at the Livonia Community Center. There will be opportunities for students to learn dance and cheer and be a part of the team.

Offered will be a jazz and lyrical class 5:30-6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Sept. 12 (seven weeks), a cheers and chant class 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, also starting Sept. 12 (seven weeks), and the Stars Team (pom-pom/cheer) which meets 9-11 a.m. Saturdays, starting Sept. 15 (seven weeks).

Students don't have to be from Livonia to be on the team. The team is open to anyone from the area. For more information, call (734) 466-2900, check out [www.cilivonia.mi.us](http://www.cilivonia.mi.us) or email the coach at [iluv16n19@aol.com](mailto:iluv16n19@aol.com).

**Toastmasters**

The Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club is now meeting at the West-

land Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland.

Toastmasters is a world leader dedicated to helping people develop their public speaking and leadership skills, in a mutually helpful and friendly atmosphere.

Westland Easytalkers meets 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. For information please call Doug at (248) 417-0195 or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or go online to [westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org/](http://westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org/).

**Craft show**

Applications are being accepted for St. Damian's annual Fall Arts and Craft Show planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the parish, 30055 Joy Road, Westland. Table space is \$25 to \$40, depending on size.

For more information, call the parish at (734) 421-6130 or download an application at [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

**Furlough day**

The Offices of the Wayne County Clerk's Vitals Statistics Division and its Westland Satellite Office on Henry Ruff north of Michigan Avenue will be closed on Monday, Sept. 17, due to a mandatory furlough day.

The services affected by these closing are birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, assumed names, notary publics and concealed weapons.

Other furlough days scheduled for this year are Oct. 8, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3.



**Wish You Were Here**

A trip to Beach-walker County Park on Kiawah Island, S.C., turned into a learning experience for Jenna and Avery McMechan. The Garden City residents got to watch two rescued sea turtles be returned to their ocean home. Pier, the shark-bitten loggerhead, and Grover, the green sea turtle were both rehabilitated at the Sea Turtle Hospital at the Charleston Aquarium. "It was an experience we will remember forever," said Jenna McMechan. "They were so cute!" If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com) or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.



One of the two rehabilitated sea turtles heads back to water after being released.

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## Samsung Galaxy S3 rivals iPhone

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Samsung's hybrid smartphone tablet the Galaxy S3 has a mixture of multimedia features that make it a fun alternative to the king of phones - Apple's iPhone.

I had the pleasure of testing Samsung's smartphone this summer courtesy of Verizon Wireless.

The Galaxy S3 features a front camera and an 8 megapixel back camera - a must in this age of Instagramming and Facebooking. It also shoots in full HD video mode another necessity of the digital age.

Additionally, the phone is enabled for quick sharing across social networks and other devices. With Samsung's AllShare feature, users can quickly send their photos and videos to tablets, PCs and computers. They can even upload them to Dropbox or other cloud storage.

Better yet, Samsung utilizes a cool feature called Social Tag where the

phone recognizes familiar faces in your photos and automatically tags them as you upload to social networks. This will save social power users time when creating content on Facebook like status updates photo galleries.

The device's large screen may however, be the best feature. The screen clarity is on par with that of the iPhone or other top of the line Android devices - but at 4.8 inches it is also noticeably larger.

While the Galaxy S3 doesn't have the largest screen on the market (that distinction belongs to the Galaxy Note at 5.3 inches) it is plenty big for a cell phone.

Despite its large screen size the phone is incredibly light weight - so while it is big, it certainly won't weigh you down. The phone only has a thickness of 8.6 millimeters.

Properly placed navigation buttons allow for one-hand usage and added convenience.

The only drawback to the phone setup and user experience is the location of the charging port. Its awkward positioning may make it difficult to place into a dock - so if you are someone who likes plugging in to a stereo system while charging, you may want to test it out first.

You may also be surprised to know the device is not available in black. Samsung offers only two color options for this model and they are blue and white.

The device runs on the new Android Ice Cream Sandwich 4.0 operating system and has a 1.4 GHZ processor. These last two specifications may mean nothing to you - but rest assured they are the best on the market. The 1.4 GHZ processing speed is more powerful than laptops that were on the market just three or four years ago.

To compete with Apple, Samsung included voice command software, much like Siri, into this device. The feature is called S-Voice recognition and the software recognizes eight different languages (which won't matter if it performs anything like Siri). But in fairness, I did not have the phone long enough to determine the overall quality of the S-Voice recognition feature.

The Samsung Galaxy S3 is available from Verizon and other cell phone providers and retail outlets for around \$199 with a two year cell phone agreement.

For more information about the S3 visit Samsung.com.

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Tech Savvy

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### End of an era

Westland Bowl recently closed its doors after 49 years in business. The popular bowling alley was located on Wayne Road north of Ford. Michael Capaldi, whose family owned the Wayne Road business, said the closing was sad but declined to be interviewed about it.

### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### Stroke certification

Garden City Hospital has been awarded Primary Stroke Certification from the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP), an independent, accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

It earned the distinction after HFAP conducted an extensive and objective review of the quality and safety standards.

"Garden City Hospital clearly demonstrates a commitment to quality patient care," said Michael Zarski, CEO of HFAP. "We base our decision on federal standards, as well as recognized national standards for patient safety, quality improvement, and environmental safety. Garden City Hospital met or exceeded standards in every case."

"We're proud to achieve this prestigious distinction," said Gary Ley, President and CEO of Garden City Hospital. "By awarding us Stroke Certification, HFAP has recognized our commitment to providing outstanding care to our patients and our community. In fact, quality is consistently the priority focus in our strategic plans and goals."

The HFAP is a non-profit, nationally recognized accreditation organization. It has been accrediting healthcare facilities for more than 60 years and under Medicare since its inception. Its mission is to advance high quality patient care and safety through objective application of recognized standards. Its accreditation is recognized by the federal government, state governments, managed

care organizations, and insurance companies. For more information, go to: [www.hfap.org](http://www.hfap.org).

Located in Garden City, Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education and health care related programs to the community at large. For more information about Garden City Hospital, please call (877) 717-WELL or visit [www.gchosp.org](http://www.gchosp.org)

#### What's your bid?

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Worm Drive SKILSAW, SKIL Tools is auctioning off a custom daily rider chopper designed by Paul Teutul Jr. and his crew at Paul Jr. Designs.

The 10-day auction of the daily rider SKILSAW-inspired chopper is taking place now through Sept. 14, when the chopper will be sold through eBay Motors. One-hundred percent of the proceeds from the auction will be donated to The Home Depot Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure that every veteran has a safe place to call home.

Enthusiasts can bid and receive bid updates at [www.SkilsawChopperAuction.com](http://www.SkilsawChopperAuction.com) through the end of the auction. Bidding for this one-of-a-kind, custom chopper begins at \$25,000.

#### Fitness honor

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports has endorsed the Get Fit program operated by the staff at the HYPE Recreation Center.

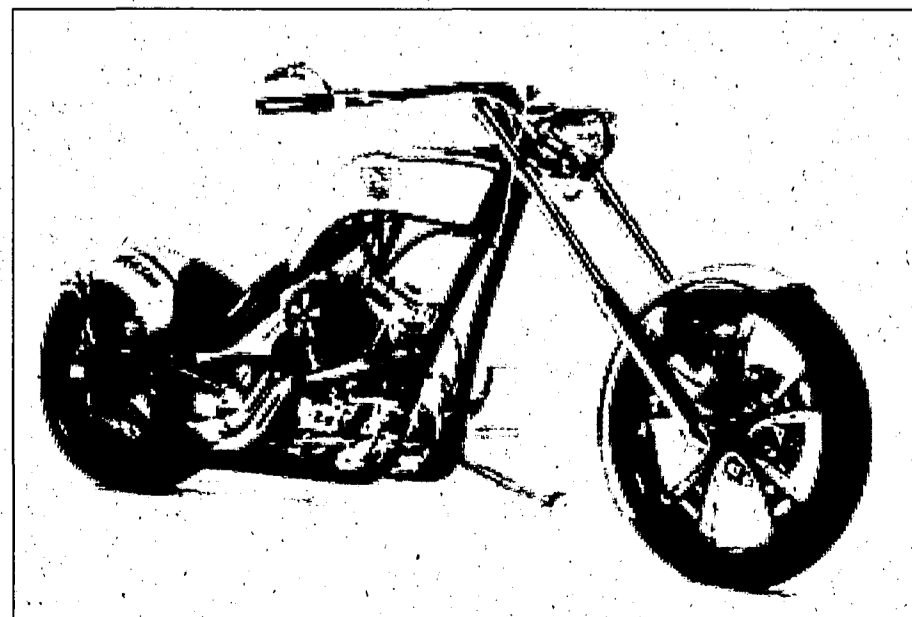
"We knew when we put the program together in the summer of 2011 that there was a need for it but we certainly didn't

expect to receive this type of endorsement", said Ali Sayed, founder and CEO of the HYPE Recreation Center. The Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports/ Michigan Fitness Foundation is working to Get Michigan Moving by promoting the healthy benefits of physical activity and creating behavior changing programs that equip Michigan citizens to lead physically active lifestyles.

HYPE is the first organization to partner with Wayne County to launch the NEW-ME campaign in 2011. This initiative celebrates healthy lifestyles to reverse the growing number of obesity for Wayne County youth and adults. All inspired by Michelle Obama's Let's Move New-ME campaign, HYPE has offered a Get Fit program at multiple locations since last summer. Since the launch the HYPE's Get Fit, has had more than 300 youth come through the program.

The six-eight-week program is designed to promote healthy lifestyles to boys and girls ages 6-17. The first half hour of each session discusses health topics and the remaining hour incorporates six aspects of physical activity; balance, stability, strength, endurance, speed and agility. The Get Fit program is available at the HYPE Recreation Center Fall 2012 to members and non-members. The 8-week session is free to members and \$25 for non-members.

For more membership and program information about the HYPE Recreation Center, go online to [www.hypeathletics.org](http://www.hypeathletics.org) or call or (313) 436-0043.



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# Annual festival kicks off fall season

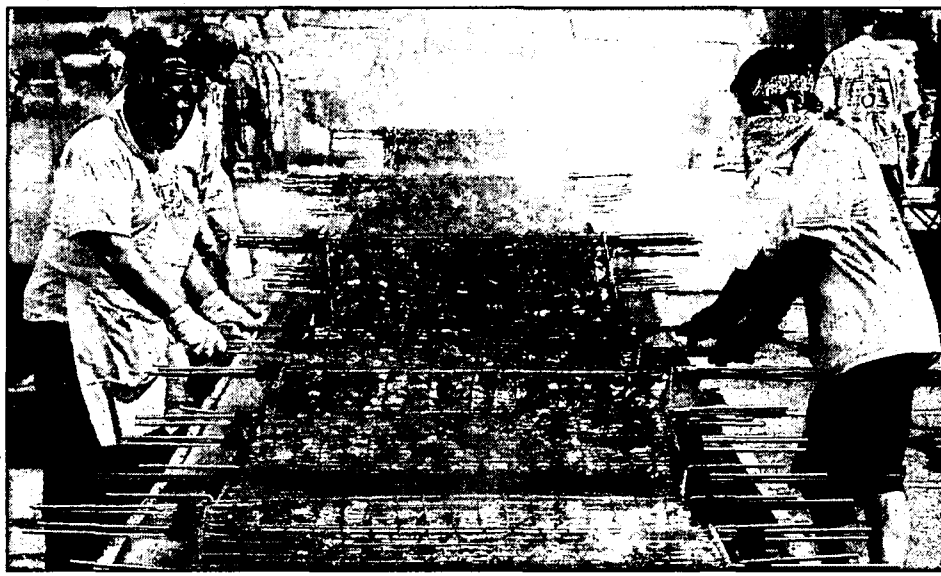
By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Ice sculptors, environmentalists, artists, car collectors, musicians and their fans have had a turn in the downtown Plymouth spotlight this year.

Now, community groups and service clubs are getting their time.

The 2012 edition of the Plymouth Community Fall Festival, an event with roots in a 1950s chicken barbecue, opens at noon Friday and continues through 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9. Held in Kellogg Park and on surrounding downtown streets, the festival is a collection of area community groups that sponsor events to help them raise money, get out the word about their programs and offer festival goers a good time. There are also activities, carnival rides, a car show, a craft sale and live entertainment.

"I just like the sense of community that it is," said Colleen Brown, the festival president, of the event. "You give back to your community, it comes back to you tenfold, just in the feeling that you're doing something worthwhile."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Rotary chicken barbecue is the signature event of the Plymouth Fall Festival, which returns Friday.

With the variety of groups and causes represented, Brown said, at least one will have touched the lives of most festival goers or someone they know.

Participants include the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters, which host Bingo at The Gathering from 6-10 p.m. Friday; the Kiwanis, which fires up the griddle for a Saturday pancake breakfast (7-11:30 a.m.); and the Rotary Club of Plymouth, which puts on its famous chicken barbecue on Sun-

day (11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or until sold out).

"There are people who look for this event every year," said Sandy Kline, a member of the Boosters, which supports the award-winning marching band at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' high schools.

The group raises money to help pay for students' uniforms, music, band camp, and travel to competitions. Still, marching band is a pay-to-play activity. "It would be a lot more if we didn't

have these fundraising events," Kline said.

"A lot of people don't know that all of this money doesn't go to the city," Brown said of the fundraisers. "All of this money goes to the community."

The Gathering can accommodate up to 300 players for Bingo; about 30 Boosters members will be on hand to work the event.

"The parents are so involved because they're passionate" about their children and their music,



Robert and Stacey DuRusse of Canton, with 2-year-old daughter Gabriella, stroll through last year's Plymouth Fall Festival. The festival returns Friday.

said Kline, whose son, Brian "Mongo" Desjarlais, is the trombone section leader in the band.

Other major festival events include the Trailwood Garden Club's free perennial exchange, 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the east end of Kellogg Park; and the spaghetti dinner in the park, 4-8 p.m. Saturday, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.

Plymouth's Taste Fest is 6-8 p.m. Friday in the parking lot at Station 885, an event that draws the Old Village neighborhood into the festival.

Smaller food booths during the festival will offer corn dogs and hot dogs, old-fashioned lem-

onade, hamburgers and grilled vegetables, roasted almonds, corn on the cob and more. Other booths will be offering activities for children, such as a coloring contest, and a carnival midway will be open during most festival hours.

"There's something for everyone there," said Brown.

Fall Festival hours are noon to 11 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. (beginning with the pancake breakfast) to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9. For more information, visit [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com).

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## It's time to sign up your library card

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. If you're not among the more than 9,000 people in Garden City who already own library cards, sign up now!

Anyone who lives, or owns property in Garden City is eligible for a card. Simply come to the library with a valid photo ID showing your current Garden City address, and the Circulation Desk staff will register you. You can use your card to access books, DVDs, CDs, high speed Internet, including WiFi, and the ability to download free e-books to your Kindle, Nook or other device.

The library has started its fall programming schedule. Every other Thursday in the *Garden City Observer*, you will find upcoming programs throughout the fall season. The programs are for all ages from youth to adult. We are hoping to have more people attend our programs and learn what the library has to offer the community.

### KID'S PROGRAMS:

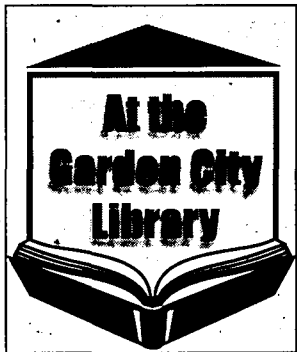
**Lunch and a Movie @ the Library:** 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13

Bring your own lunch and a drink to movie time at the library. We will be showing *The Lorax* (rated PG)

**Stories with Miss Stephanie:** 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17

A traditional storytime we all know and love, featuring stories, songs and finger plays.

**International Talk Like a Pirate Day:** Wednesday, Sept. 19



Preschool Pirates ages 2 1/2 -5 come hear stories and make a pirate worthy crafts at 11 a.m. Shiver Me Pirates (kindergarten to third-grade come for stories, crafts and possibly a scavenger hunt at 5 p.m.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Computer Basics Class:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12

Need a refresher course or introduction to computers? This class is just for you by offering just the basics.

**Fall into Gardening:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19  
Come learn about fall gardening in the informational program presented in conjunction with Barson's Greenhouse.

The library is located at 31735 Maplewood in Garden City. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. You can visit the library on the web at [www.garden-city.lib.mi.us](http://www.garden-city.lib.mi.us)

@ the Library was written by Lawrence Marble, Garden City Library Director. For more information, contact him at [lmrable@garden-city.lib.mi.us](mailto:lmrable@garden-city.lib.mi.us) or call (734) 793-1834.

### CPL course

Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness will be hosting a one-day CPL certification course, formerly known as CCW, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15.

The course topics include home security, firearm safety, legal requirements and range practice. The course costs \$135, and reservations required. Participants can use their own firearm or rent new for \$10.

Contact GMA at (734) 266-0565 to reserve a space or for more information.

### Challenge Grant

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum have received financial commitments again this year from several individuals who will match up to \$10,000 in donations to the organization.

The deadline to submit pledges for the dollar-to-dollar matching grant is Oct. 31. If you donate \$25, the total donation to the Friends is \$50. FGCHM is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and does not receive financial support from the City of Garden City for its operation and maintenance. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

This is the third and final year of a three-year matching grant campaign to help preserve the Garden City Historical Museum. Donations can be made payable to FGCHM and sent to the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriam Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

### Farmers Market

Come out and support the new Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every

Wednesday through Oct. 31 at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Town Center Plaza. Also visit its new Facebook page at <http://gardencityfarmersmarketmichigan>.

Interested vendors can call (775) 303-1169 or (734) 422-4448 or send and email to [gcfmm@gmail.com](mailto:gcfmm@gmail.com).

### Mom 2Mom Sale

Garden City High School is having a Mom-2Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6.

The price is \$25 for an 8-foot table, including space for a standard size clothes rack you provide or small shelf. The seller keeps all the profits from everything sold at their table. A large item area will also be available for items that do not fit on or under the seller's table - high chairs, stroll-

ers, exersaucers, swings, etc. There will also be a pre-sale for those who reserve a table. More than 65 tables will be available. Set-up will be Friday evening.

Admission to the sale is \$1. A concession stand will be open throughout the sale and there also will be a bake sale. All profits from this sale will go to the GCHS PTSA.

For more information, or to reserve a table, call (734) 367-0898. Email Sheryll at [Gcmom2mom-sale@hotmail.com](mailto:Gcmom2mom-sale@hotmail.com) for a table agreement. No Vendors please.

Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt Road north of Ford.

### Zumba classes

Zumba classes are returning to Merriman Road Baptist Church. The Girlfriends of Grace Women's Ministry will

provide an eight-week session Thursday, Sept. 13, through Thursday, Nov. 1. Check-in/registration begins at 7:30 p.m., the Zumba session begins at 8 p.m. and lasts for approximately one hour.

Attendees must be 18 years or older. Wear comfortable workout wear. A sweat towel and a bottle of drinking water is also recommended. A donation will be taken at the door for every class to cover the cost of the certified Zumba instructor. Each attendee will be required to sign a liability waiver releasing the church and the class instructor from any and all liabilities related to the attendee's participation in the exercise class.

Enter the building through the gym doors on the north side of the building. To save a spot arrive at 7:30 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

**BOTTLE, CAN DRIVE**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8  
**Location:** Soccer field on John Glenn High School on Cherry Hill south of Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** The John Glenn High School Boys Soccer Team is holding a can and bottle drive Sept. 8. Team members will be going throughout the city, collecting returnable cans and bottles to benefit the soccer program. Donations also can be dropped off at the soccer field the day of the drive. Money raised will benefit the soccer program

**Contact:** To make donations prior to Sept. 8, call (734) 516-2045 or (734) 620-9602.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 13-14, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 15  
**Location:** First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne  
**Details:** The First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding a fall rummage sale Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 13-15. Saturday will be bag day. A grocery bag will be \$2 and a plastic lawn bag \$5. Home made bake goods and refreshments will also be available.

**Contact:** For more information, call the church at (734) 722-4801.

**FREE PROGRAM**

**Time/Date:** 9:45 and 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 1-3  
**Location:** Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, Westland  
**Details:** The public is invited to hear Dr. Grady McMurry, a creation scientist, who will examine the truth through scientific evidence in his program, "Creation vs. Evolution," at the church.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 721-9040.

**WIDOWED FRIENDS**

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13  
**Location:** Kensington Mills Falls, 2055 S. Milford Road, Milford  
**Details:** Widowed men and women are invited to enjoy an afternoon playing miniature golf at Kensington Mills Falls. Afterwards enjoy lunch at Baker's Restaurant, 2025 S. Milford Road, located across the street from the miniature golf course.

**Contact:** RSVP by Sept. 6 to Sharon at (248) 446-8066.

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16  
**Location:** St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Road in Plymouth

**Details:** Widowed men and women are invited to celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m., followed by fellowship and refreshments.  
**Contact:** For information regarding Mass, call Pat at (734) 895-6246.

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20



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**Fed Shreds winners**

Curtis Scott of Garden City (left) and Ray Lawson of Monroe, N.C., won \$364 in real shredded U.S. currency at the August meeting of the Wayne Coin Club. The club meets the first and third Mondays of the month October through June and the third Monday of the month July through September at St. Johns Episcopal Church, 555 Wayne Road, in Westland. The Wayne Coin Club is open to all coin and currency collectors. Collectors who have a coin or a collection that want to know if it's worth \$1 million or less, bring it to a meeting and club members will appraise it. The meetings include an auction and a raffle. The Fed Shreds are from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in Detroit.

**Details:** Join Widowed Friends for a seven-course Italian lunch served family style at Genitti's Hole in the Wall restaurant, 108 E. Main Street, Northville. After lunch, the group will head out to Genitti's Theatre to see the comedy play "Murder at Party Beach." The cost is \$35, includes tax and tip.

**Contact:** RSVP by Sept. 8 and for address to send check, call Joanne at (734) 727-0663.

**SHORT SALE SEMINAR**

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27  
**Location:** Livonia Public Library 32777 Five Mile Road.

**Details:** A professional resource panel will be on hand to discuss different alternatives and options when it comes to short sales. Buyers looking to learn about short sales are also welcome. The event is sponsored by the MacNRO Team, Keller Williams agents.

**Contact:** Call Sheila Roma at (248) 760-6785 or Debbi McLaughlin at (248) 561-0077 to reserve a spot by Friday, Sept. 21.

**CRAFTERS WANTED**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13  
**Location:** St. Theodore's Parish, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available at a cost of \$25 each. No vendors please.

**Contact:** Mary at (734) 425-4421 (VM #10)

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29  
**Location:** St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

**Details:** St. Mel's Women's Club is looking for crafters for its craft fair. More than 50 eight-foot tables available. They cost \$25 each. A table with electricity is \$30. Helpers provided.

**Contact:** Call St. Mel's Church at (313) 274-0684 or send an e-mail to stmelcraftfair@yahoo.com for applications.

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13  
**Location:** Perrinville Early Childhood Center, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia

**Details:** Crafters and vendors are wanted for the Perrinville Early Childhood Center fall craft show.

**Contact:** Tami at holidaycraftfair@yahoo.com or Brenda at wjob2010@yahoo.com.

**For Seniors**

**FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

**Location:** 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland  
**Details:** The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) offers a variety of programs for older adults.

**Contact:** (734) 722-7632, www.ci.westland.mi.us

**DYER CENTER**

**Location:** 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland

**Details:** Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center.

**Contact:** (734) 419-2020

**SENIOR FITNESS**

**Location:** Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age 50 and older. There's an annual membership is \$55 per year or get a daily pass for \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day.

**Contact:** (734) 793-1870

**Volunteers**

**FIRST STEP**

**Details:** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

**Contact:** (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

**VNA HOSPICE**

**Details:** Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

**Contact:** (248) 967-8361,

www.vna.org

**SEASONS HOSPICE**

**Details:** Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

**Contact:** (800) 370-8592

**LITERACY COUNCIL**

**Details:** The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.

**Contact:** (734) 416-4906

**HEARTLAND HOSPICE**

**Details:** Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

**Contact:** (888) 973-1145

**SUPPORT GROUP**

**Time/date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

**Details:** Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

**Contact:** Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. third Thursday of the month  
**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

**Details:** A support & education group for family caregivers is available for residents of southern and western Wayne County. The group, for people who are caring for family

members 60 and older, or who are 60 years and older themselves, is offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

**Contact:** Call Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004 to confirm time and date, if attending for the first time.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month

**Location:** Lower level Classroom 2 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

**Details:** Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join the free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns.

**Contact:** Call (734) 58-4330 for more information.

**For Your Health**

**W-W NAMI.**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

**Location:** St. Johns Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** The Wayne-Westland affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) provides support and information for individuals and families dealing with mental illness.

**SAFE PLACE**

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

**Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

**ADULT DAY SERVICES**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth MI

**Detail:** A structured week-day alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

**Contact:** Laurie Krause at laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com and (734) 956-2600

**METRO FIBROMYALGIA**

**Time/date:** 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month

**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City

**Details:** The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

**Contact:** Lucy at (734) 462-1768, www.MetroFibroGroup.com

**Tunnel to Towers 5K run will remember 9/11**

On Sept. 11, 2001, firefighter Stephen Siller just got off the late shift at Squad 1. He was on his way to play golf when his scanner told of the first plane hitting the World Trade Center.

Hearing the news, he called his wife to tell her he would be late, then drove to the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel. It was already closed to traffic, so with 60 pounds of gear on his back, he ran just over three miles through the tunnel and to the Towers. He lost his life that day saving others.

On Saturday, Sept. 8, Michigan will remember 9/11 with a Tunnel to Towers 5K run. The event to honor Mr. Siller and all of our first responder heroes. The 5K run/walk also will commemorate 19 people with Michigan roots who were lost in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

This is the second year for the Detroit event, the only one in Michigan. The fundraiser will send Eric Snyder and Trevor Sanford, members of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, to New York City to compete in the National Tunnel to Towers Run on Sept. 30, as well as assist several local and national charities that support first responders, military personnel, veterans and their families.

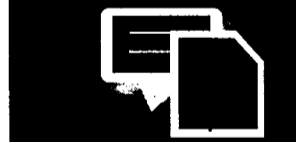
The event takes place at the Wildwood Amphitheater in Civic Center Park in Oakland County's Orion

Township and will start with a flag ceremony at 8:46 a.m. and the race will begin at 9:11 a.m.

Also on hand will be Oakland County SWAT, the Lake Orion Fire Department and the U.S. Army displaying their equipment and providing photo opportunities for children and families.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Back to school

## Now is the time to create good habits

It's been a great summer for kids in Westland - lots of summer camps, special programs and events to fill each day - but those days are gone and it's back to school time.

Students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools returned to the routine of getting up early, doing homework and learning new things with Tuesday's start of school.

For students, it means starting out the school year right. From elementary to high school, getting the grade means doing the work. Students need to go to school everyday and complete everything they're assigned. And parents can help students develop good homework and study habits. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that parents:

- Create an environment that is conducive to doing homework. Youngsters need a permanent work space in their bedroom or another part of the home that is quiet, without distractions, and promotes study.

- Schedule ample time for homework.

- Establish a household rule that the TV set stays off during homework time.

- Supervise computer and Internet use.

- Be available to answer questions and offer assistance, but parents should never do their child's homework.

For students who struggled in the previous school year, the idea of going back to school may be especially stressful. Summer is a great time to build skills and improve weaker areas, but if summer was focused on other things, now is a great time to investigate supplemental education services for your child. Talk to the teacher in advance about problem areas and how the two of you can work together to get your child off on the right foot.

Parents also need to be cognizant of school safety. Parents who drive their children to school should avoid parking on the opposite side of the street from the school. They should never call their children to their car. Instead meet them on the school side of the road and walk them to the car.

Don't block school buses or use bus cut outs or other areas designed for buses only and never stop or park in a crosswalk or bus cut out. Students and other pedestrians rely on the crosswalk and need the visibility that the posted no parking buffer provides to cross the street safely.

And, most importantly, slow down. Feel free to drive even slower than the posted school zone speed limit, especially when conditions warrant it.

Drivers also should keep in mind that young children see and hear differently than adults. They have difficulty determining the source of a sound and are still learning to judge distances and speeds. When a car is coming toward them, they cannot accurately judge how fast it is traveling or how long it will take to cover the distance. They also focus on one thing at a time. If they are playing with friends or riding bikes it is unlikely that they are aware of a car.

We also urge parents to set an optimistic tone for the school year. As a parent, you have a lot of influence on your child's attitude toward school. Show your child through your actions that learning is fun and a part of everyday life. Teach your child to value effort and hard work. Your child needs to understand, too, that failure is something we all experience. What matters is how we learn from it and move forward.

But, that's just the beginning - support throughout the school year is necessary. Partnering with your child and with his or her teacher in the education process is important in leading kids down a productive and enjoyable educational experience.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Are you ready for some football? How well do you think the Detroit Lions will do this year?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"I think they'll do all right, but they won't win the Super Bowl."

Hayden Forsyth  
Garden City



"I think they'll do good in the season. Stafford really is doing a good job with Shaun Hill and Calvin Johnson making great catches."

Sean Brown  
Westland



"They'll probably do about the same as last year, 10-6."

Rico Hall  
Westland



"I hope they do good. I'm going to pray and leave it in God's hands."

Cathy Guiffre  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Recall is wrong

Your editorial in Thursday's, Aug. 23, Observer & Eccentric is deeply appreciated. "No merit, Council's vote not grounds for recall" stated out thoughts very clearly regarding a pending recall petition.

How can anyone recall someone for doing one's job? This petition attempt as we see it, besides the other basic reasons, is definitely fiscally irresponsible. Why should we as taxpayers pay for a recall when all of the citizens have the right to select their legislators during regular elections? Some of the current City Council members were just recently re-elected by a majority of Westland residents. Perhaps the people hoping to run this recall petition want to unseat council members because their candidate(s) did not get elected last time. But using our tax dollars for a recall is not the answer because anyone can be unseated through a regular election, but only by a majority vote. Wasting tax dollars on such an effort is fiscally irresponsible.

We again trust the majority vote of the Westland residents who saw fit to re-elect the current City Council members by not signing a petition to recall them. Along with the mentioned editorial, we, too, recommend registered voters just to say no to the petition drive and let city officials do the job they were elected to do.

Some of these same people who want to recall are questioning the integrity of our City Council members as well as our mayor. Since when can people go around making personal attacks and question people's integrity? As far as we know, God did not abandon us and leave someone else in charge.

Along with others, we see so many wonderful things happening in our city due to the leadership of our mayor and City Council members. Most recently, the re-dedication of the Thomas H. Brown Central City Park was a milestone in the park saga. This achievement was possible only because of years of continuous hard work among ever so many people. This required a vision and leadership. The re-dedication ceremony was very memorable. Thank you for your dedication and leadership.

We trust in your continued leadership as you undertake yet another daunting challenge of building a long overdue and necessary new city hall in the city of Westland. Know that in the midst of some turmoil, there are supporters out here who appreciate and respect you for what you do for the well being of the citizens of our great All American City.

As the editorial of Aug. 23 stated, we, too, recommend that registered voters say no to the petition drive. Let our city officials do the job they were elected to do.

James and Mary Murphy  
Westland

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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### Taxpayers can't take any more

In January 2013, our taxes are going to go up if the Bush tax cuts expire and Congress doesn't act to keep them going.

For citizens in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, we now pay for the Detroit Zoo and Detroit Institute of Arts. We also just had our water bills go up. Some families will be faced with water shutoffs because they cannot afford the added burden.

Between the federal, state and local governments, homeowners and taxpayers are getting hit from all directions. When does it end? People who are not homeowners get to vote for money out of our pockets and people who are not taxpayers get to vote as well to take more money out of our pockets. We are outnumbered and there seems no end in sight for how our pockets can be picked by others with government's help.

When do those who are subsidized by government through taxpayer dollars and those with jobs that are paying them enough that these hits don't really affect them going to stop and realize that there is a large segment of the population (young families and seniors) who cannot afford for the rest to keep dipping into their pockets for more money? The money just isn't there and you are pushing them over a cliff.

Maybe the ones who will truly pay those bills you all voted for were busy working their third job and couldn't make it to the polls to protect what little money they have left from the government pickpockets.

Public employees with great pensions are draining the budgets and the taxpayers who may have no retirement at all are paying the tab.

It is time that we stop allowing these property millage requests to be put on the primary ballots. I would like to see a bill from Michigan that mandates all millage and tax increase proposals

be on general election ballots only. Let's insist that a minimum percentage of the electorate vote before a millage can be passed. This idea that only 10 percent or less of the population goes to the primary elections and these costs get passed onto the homeowners is wrong. It should be a minimum of whatever is the average turnout of a general election.

Valerie Earle  
Livonia

### Who's not transparent?

When Barack Hussein Obama was running for president of the United States, he promised that his administration would be the most transparent, the most open of any prior administration.

In point of fact, it has been the least open and transparent. "Obamacare," for instance, was crafted by Democrat senators in closed door meetings, to which Republicans and the press were not admitted. Instead of allowing debate on his issues in Congress, Obama is detouring around our elected lawmakers and establishing "Obama-Law" by Executive Orders.

In an almost laughable attempt to embarrass Romney for not being transparent, the Obama team is hectoring Romney to release more of his income tax records in addition to those he has already agreed to release. On the other hand, Obama has refused to release information on himself, a subject of much more concern to the voters. The American electorate does not yet "know" Obama. Obama has carefully hidden facts on his pre-president past. For instance, how did a poor boy, Barry Soetoro, get to the United States to begin with? With hardly a nickel to his name, who ponied up the huge funds to put him through Columbia University and Harvard Law School? Why doesn't he want us to know?

Again, why, if so transparent, has he had his college records sealed? What viewpoints were contained in his term papers and doctoral thesis that he is so afraid the American electorate will at last find out? Did they perhaps reveal the fact that he had socialist leanings and a basic mistrust and dislike of things Western in general and American in particular? Is he now trying to right those imagined wrongs by pushing a socialist agenda of wealth redistribution, nationalized health care, class warfare, etc.? These are the very policies that are now tanking socialist nations in Europe.

Perhaps Romney should propose a trade. "Obama, you release your university records and tell us who financed your Columbia and Harvard experiences, and I will release additional tax records." We will then find out which set of facts the voters find most interesting and alarming.

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# Distance can't separate pianist and Chicago-based teacher

By Ashely M. Kennett  
Correspondent

Novi native Leonard Washington had only been playing piano for a year when he came across Chicago-based piano teacher Mark Miller's videos on YouTube. Looking to improve his piano skills, Washington knew Miller's expertise was exactly what he was looking for.

"I was watching his videos, and there was a lot of logic to Mark's method," Washington said. Before taking his first lesson via Skype, Washington told Miller that he was a bass player who was interested in learning jazz piano.

"(Mark) sent me a few pieces of music before he even met me and was able to walk me through it," he said. "His method was so good, I thought, 'Wow, this is what I've been looking for for a really long time.'"

Washington is just one of many students who have benefited from Miller's expertise. Miller currently teaches students in seven countries and in 10 states across the U.S. Miller teaches students with disabilities as well, including a stroke sur-



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Twice a month Novi resident Leonard Washington sets his computer up near his piano and receives a lesson via Skype from instructor Mark Miller in Chicago. Washington is an engineer with GM and plays in a jazz band.

vivor in Barrington, Ill., who lost use of her left side and hand, a 14-year-old in Virginia who has cerebral palsy, and a student in England who is completely blind.

"My ears are my eyes," Miller said of his ability to easily accommodate his students, despite not being in the same room,

state, or even country as them. Miller has taught distance piano for 10 years, receiving a bachelor's in music theory from the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana) and studying under two teachers he deems to be vitally influential to his own success - professional jazz pianists and teach-

ers Alan Swain and Tony Caramia.

"What's cool about Mark is that he will always respond to your questions within 24 hours," Washington said of Miller's accessibility. Additionally, Miller allows his students to choose the music they want to learn.

"If I give him a tune like *Fly Me to The Moon*, he will give me a chord structure - he will completely redo a piece of music for you," Washington said.

Miller sends his students PDFs of lead sheets, which are sheet music used by jazz pianists that have melodies written out with the chord symbols written above the notes.

Washington is an engineering manager by day and a musician by night, receiving an hour lesson every other week from Miller as well as playing bass in a jazz band called Dee Hibbert and Company, which performs standard jazz, smooth jazz, R+B and funk, among other genres.

"I got tired of always looking for a piano player, so I decided to start learning to play piano. I've always wanted to be able to write and produce my own music," Washington said.

Washington's friend and former band mate, Richard Wolfolk of Lansing, has been playing the piano since he was 5. Despite having played for over 50 years, Wolfolk still felt there was much more to

learn, and after hearing great reviews from Washington about his lessons, Wolfolk decided to contact Miller. Not long after, Miller was able to show Wolfolk more advanced techniques.

"I used to chord with my right hand and play bass with my left, which is kind of backwards," Wolfolk said, "but Mark showed me how to chord with my left hand and play a melody with my right."

Wolfolk said that while in music almost any rule can be broken, Miller has taught him to see things in a way he hadn't thought of before.

Both Washington and Wolfolk have the goal of learning to play solo from their lessons with Miller. Washington wants to begin to do solo gigs as a keyboardist, and while Wolfolk is currently able to play solo, he said that he'd often miss the chords before beginning his lessons with Miller.

Wolfolk's band, 496west, just recently released their self-titled debut project, and Washington continues to incorporate what he has learned into Dee Hibbert and Company.

# W-W ready to honor former Glenn football coach

Former players, friends and colleagues will gather at John Glenn High School tomorrow evening to watch as the football field is renamed in honor of former coach Chuck Gordon.

The ceremony will be at 6 p.m., prior to the varsity football game, and will recognize Gordon for his 32 years with the football

program, including 27 years as head coach. The field, currently named in honor of the late Irma Kionka, a girls physical education teacher and coach, will become the Irma Kionka-Chuck Gordon football field.

Bud Somerville spent three years, working on having the field renamed to honor his for-

mer coach, who amassed a 211-64 win-loss record and had 25 winning seasons while at Glenn.

The dedication is happening on Alumni Night, and the hope is to have plenty of Gordon's former players come back to their alma mater that evening.

After the ceremony and football game, there

will be a meet and greet with Gordon at 10 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wayne Road north of Hunter.

And the spirit of the evening is also carrying over to another eatery. Beaver Creek on Wayne Road, south of Ford Road, is planning a themed menu and decorating the restaurant in honor of the

evening.

According to general manager Misty Lindquist, special things like the rocket burger and quarter back sack will be featured and there will be free football and rocket cookies with a purchase of Beaver Creek's chocolate chip cookies.

"We will proudly accept any that do attend there

(the meet and greet) and want to return to John Glenn High meeting spot for more than 20 years," she said.

Former players interested in attending the event can contact Somerville at (734) 658-1251 and then show up at the field at 5 p.m. to register for Alumni Night.

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## Having an estate plan benefits beneficiaries

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

I saw an article the other day that talked about Sherman Hemsley's estate. Sherman Hemsley was the iconic George Jefferson from the TV series, *The Jeffersons*. Hemsley died about a month ago and has not been buried. The reason is there is a fight over his estate. His will is being contested and the court has ordered that his body be kept on ice until the dispute is resolved.



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Hemsley was a famous person and when there is a dispute within a well-known person's estate it tends to get more publicity. However, don't assume that it doesn't happen to everyday people because it does. Even though everyday disputes may not make the papers, the effect can be equally as devastating to a family.

There is no one reason why an estate is contested. However, some of the more common reasons are that someone does not have an estate plan or it is out of date. The numbers are startling as to how many Americans do not have a will. A will is a basic estate planning document that sets forth the distribution of property and who is in charge of an estate. This is a document that every adult - rich or poor - needs. A fair number

of disputes within families that occur upon death could have been easily resolved, if the deceased had a will. I scratch my head every time I read statistics that say upwards of 70 percent of Americans do not have a will.

For people who don't have an estate plan, what they really are saying is "let the state of Michigan decide who gets my property, who should be in charge of my estate, and how my estate will be administered." I think most of us would rather make that decision ourselves.

### Everyone needs a plan

The bottom line is that every adult needs to do something with regards to estate planning. Whether it's a simple will, a trust or making sure that beneficiaries are properly named, estate planning is not something done once and forgotten about. It is something to be reviewed on an occasional basis. After all, we don't live in a static world and it's important that our estate plan changes with the times.

Not only do laws change, but family situations also change. That is why your estate plan needs to be up-to-date. If you have not reviewed your estate plan in the last couple of years, now is the time to do so. After all, having an out-of-date estate plan can be worse than not having an estate plan at all. I have seen situations where people have ex-spouses or deceased people as beneficiaries and that could

cause problems.

### Reduce problems

Some will say that even with an up-to-date estate plan there can be controversy and problems. True. However, by having a plan that reflects what you currently want, you reduce the risk of problems.

There is only one reason for an estate plan. It's not to avoid probate or to save on taxes (although those are admirable goals). An estate plan protects your family and your loved ones after you are gone. Having an effective and up-to-date estate plan won't benefit you when you're six feet under, however, it will make life easier on your loved ones. And after all, isn't that what it's all about?

Don't think that everyone needs an attorney to draft an estate plan, because that's not the case. Obviously for people with means, where estate tax issues are involved, an attorney is needed. However, in many situations with some of the free fill-in-the-blank forms that are now available, many people can do their estate plan on their own.

Whether you do it on your own or you use the services of a professional, the key is to make sure that you have an estate plan and that is current.

Good luck!

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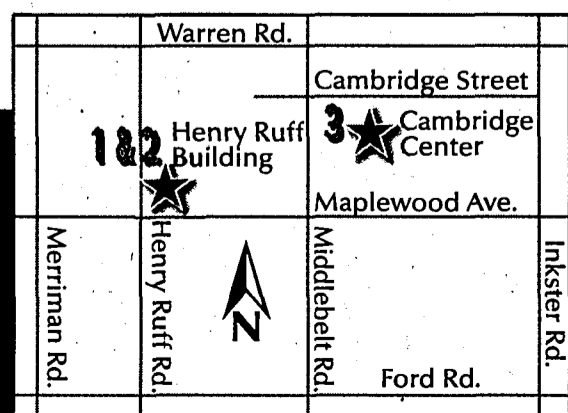
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## Friday Night Lights shine on Gordon

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Chuck Gordon has been removed from Westland John Glenn football scene for nine seasons now, but Friday night's game he's going to have to be a little tied down.

Prior to the Livonia Franklin-Glenn clash at 7:30 p.m., a special rededication ceremony, beginning at 6 p.m., will be held to rename the football venue as Irma Kionka-Chuck Gordon Field.

Gordon, since retired and living with his wife,

Joyce, in his hometown of Central Lake, spent a highly successful 32 years in the program, including 27 as head coach where he amassed a record to 211-64, including 25 winning seasons from 1977 to 2003.

Since his retirement, Gordon has always made pilgrimages each fall for Rocket football games, but this one he'll be the center of attention as for-



Gordon

mer players, supporters and coaches will gather to pay homage to perhaps the school's most popular figure.

The affable Gordon, of course, deflects the mountains of praise he'll be receiving Friday night.

"It's a tribute to the players and the guys I coached with," he said. "I didn't do this alone. There's so many people behind the scenes that were in supportive roles. This recognition involves a lot of people that I'm very thankful for, all the support they gave me and

that program when I was there."

### Kionka link

Yes, Chuck Gordon did cross paths with the late Irma Kionka, a longtime physical education and women's sports coach who was hired in 1943. Kionka began her career at Wayne Memorial High before finishing at Glenn and retiring in 1972. (She died in the fall of 1994.)

A year later, Gordon arrived at Glenn in 1973 as assistant coach under Lloyd Carr where he coached wide receivers

and defensive backs.

"She (Kionka) moved to Arizona," Gordon said. "She would come back every fall to visit, people in the area that she knew. Many of those years she would come back, she'd stop by and say hello, and actually would talk to our team."

Fresh out of Adrian College, Gordon took his first coaching job at Blissfield.

"Actually I was the ninth-grade head coach and there were no assis-

Please see GORDON, B2

## Moldovan 1st at USTA event

Livonia's Bianca Moldovan, a sophomore at Livonia Stevenson High, captured five straight matches to win a U.S. Tennis Association Regional Tournament Segment Girls' 18 singles title over the weekend at the Kalamazoo YMCA.

Moldovan, ranked No. 11 nationally in the Girls 16s, defeated third seed Alexandria Chatt, of Western Springs, Ill., in the finals, 7-5, 6-2, after ousting fourth-seed Marika Cusick of Hinsdale, Ill., in the semifinals, 6-2, 7-5.

The 16-year-old Moldovan, seeded fifth, also posted victories over Sydney Liggins, of Caledonia, 6-3, 6-0; Ariel Dechter, of Mundelein, Ill., 6-1, 6-3; and Elizabeth Zordani, of Lake Forest, Ill., 6-2, 6-1.

Moldovan is 92-22 in singles this season and ranks first in the Midwest and Michigan in the Girls 16s.

## WHAC lauds MU's Goad

Madonna University senior Dave Goad (Allen Park) was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Men's Golfer of the Week (ending Sept. 2).

Goad placed fifth individual with a 4-over 75-71-146 total to lead the Crusaders at the O.C. Lou Collins Memorial held at Bedford Valley Country Club on Friday and Saturday, placing fifth individually.

The award is Goad's first of his career and is the first award for any MU student-athlete this fall.

Indiana Wesleyan, meanwhile, captured the team title with a 582 total with Madonna and Owens Community College (Ohio) tying for second at 600 each.

MU's finishers included Joe Parker, tied for sixth (73-75-148); Erik Taurence, tied for 10th (77-72-149); Benjamin Gawronski, tied for 15th (74-76-150); Nick Corbell, tied for 23rd (76-77-153); and Drew Mossoian (Livonia Stevenson), tied for 45th (78-81-159).

## MU women golfers 3rd

The Madonna University women's golf team opened its 2012-13 season with a third-place finish in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree No. 1 at Stonewater Country Club in Caledonia.

Indiana Tech led the nine-team field with a 329 followed by Aquinas and MU with 335 and 334, respectively.

MU's top scorer was Michelle Hall, who tied for ninth with an 85, followed by Chelsea Collura and Jordyn Shepler (Livonia Churchill), tied for 11th with 86 each; Kaitlyn Brasher, tied for 16th, 87; Becca Porter, 28th, 94; and Holly Laginess, 31st, 96.

Heather Steiner (Ohio) earned medalist honors with an 8-over 79.

## Rockets fall in divisional opener, 4-1

Chandler Olah's hat trick sparked Plymouth High to a 4-1 boys soccer victory Tuesday over visiting Westland John Glenn in the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

The Wildcats, 1-2 overall 1-0 in the division, broke away from a 1-all halftime deadlock with three unanswered goals in the second half.

Michael Blake also scored for Plymouth, while Jimmy Merdani tallied the lone goal for the Rockets, who slipped to 4-1 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA South.

"We are still a work in progress," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "Tonight we learned a lot about where and how we need to improve. Our goal is to join the ranks of the elite teams in the KLAA. Achieving that goal will require more consistency and discipline from us. That said, tonight was not all bad. Andrew Doyle, Ryan McCarthy, and Tyler Simpson gave tremendous efforts."

### CHURCHILL 9, WAYNE 1:

Andrew Smutek and Mike Murphy tallied two goals apiece Tuesday, propelling host Livonia Churchill (1-2-2, 1-0) to a KLAA South Division win over Wayne Memorial (1-2, 0-1).

Tyler Piotrowski, Patrick Martins, Alex Lupu, Daniel Jones and Ryan Kobylarz also added goals for the Chargers, who led 4-0 at halftime.

Joe Devine also collected three assists as first-year coach Matt Grodzicki notched his first victory in the eight-goal mercy rule win.

"It was nice to get three points and a win in the division," Grodzicki said.

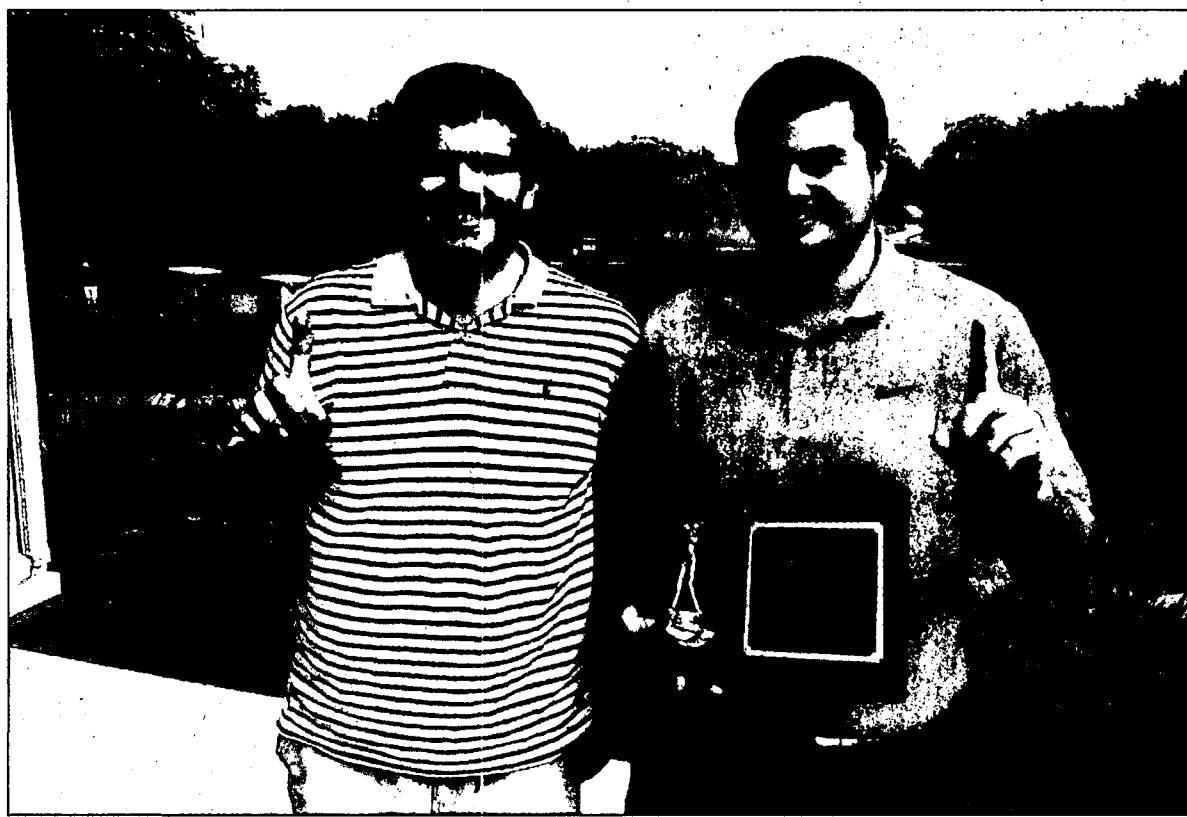
Xhesjan Zaimi tallied the lone goal for the Zebras.

### CANTON 5, FRANKLIN 0:

Bobby Budlong scored a pair of goals to lead the defending Division 1 state champion Chiefs (5-1-2, 1-0) to a KLAA South Division triumph Tuesday over visiting Livonia Franklin (1-4-1, 0-1).

Dan Ovesea, Aidan Shennan and Cody Widlak also tallied goals for Canton, which led 3-0 at intermission.

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O&E Men's Golf Open championship flight winner Adam Giordano (right) credits his caddy (left) Sean Wallace for capturing his first-ever tournament.

BRAD EMONS

## O&E champ

### Giordano credits caddy for victory

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Never underestimate a good caddy.

Tom Watson leaned on Bruce Edwards. Phil Mickelson can always count on Jim "Bones" Mackay, while Jack Nicklaus spent 26 years with Angelo Argea.

Adam Giordano, a 2011 Livonia Stevenson High grad who just finished his first year in Ferris State's Professional Golf Management program, won his first-ever tournament Sunday at Livonia's Whispering Willows with a three-shot victory in the Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Open.

The 19-year-old was one of six players tied for the lead after Saturday's opening round at Fox Creek with a 2-over 73 and came back Sunday to card a 3-over 74.

His high school buddy, Sean Wallace, a student at Grand Valley State, was there every step of

the way carrying his bag.

"He (Wallace) did a lot more than people would think," Giordano said. "He definitely kept me on an even keel out there. I started out with four bogeys in a row (Sunday). I could just go to him and make sure that we were just going to get the next one and keep on chugging along. He always said, 'Let's get the next one' and it always helped me out there."

Livonia's Ben Proben (75-75-150) and Chris Kiehler (73-77-150) tied for runner-up low gross honors, while another Livonian Brian King (75-76-151) and John Olejniczak (76-75-151) tied for fourth.

Giordano overcame seven bogeys by carding birdies on the No. 4, 351-yard par-4; the No. 6, 390-yard par-4; and the No. 16, 489-yard par-5.

He was totally surprised to come home with the first-place trophy. "I didn't come home thinking

I was going to win," said Giordano, who played varsity golf at Stevenson. "I just miss competition golf. I thought I'd get in this and bring a buddy along, and he helped out a lot, and contributed to the win."

On Saturday, Giordano posted four birdies, four bogeys and one double-bogey at Fox Creek en route to a 73 where he was tied with Kiehler, Matt Robinson, Joe Johnson, Kenny Lee and Ron Herczak.

"My putter was really good the first day and today the putter didn't go very well, but I made up for it second shots and drives," Giordano said. "I just stayed mentally strong and got through it."

Giordano is targeting a career in golf. During the summer he did an internship at Eagle Pointe Golf Club in Bloomington, Ind.

"I worked about 80 percent

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## Madonna spikers beached in Daytona



MADONNA SPORTS COMMUNICATIONS  
Madonna University junior middle hitter Emilie Freeman (Lutheran Westland) earned all-tourney honors at the Embry-Riddle (Fla.) Labor Day Classic.

The No. 16-ranked Madonna University's offense never got untracked Saturday as the Crusaders were swept by the No. 1 University of Texas at Brownsville and by No. 6 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in the Labor Day Classic held at the ICI Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.

MU junior Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran High Westland) earned all-tournament honors after posting 33 total kills and a .358 attack percentage to go along with nine blocks in the four-match set as the Crusaders finished 1-3.

UT-Brownsville (3-0) got eight kills apiece from Michelle Marques and Ana Guerra, along with 28 assists from Katarina Bursac in a 25-17, 25-19, 25-22 win over Madonna.

Outblocked 13-4, MU got eight kills from Taylor Dziewit, 29 assists from setter Evia Frieditis and 10 digs from Ashley

Hulbert.

Host Embry-Riddle (4-1) got 15 kills from Taylor Martin and 12 from Jordan Holcomb in a 25-22, 25-16, 25-17 triumph over the Crusaders, who slipped to 6-4 overall.

Setter Adrian Vazquez chipped in with 36 assists, while Veera Hietala added 14 digs for the victorious Scorpions.

Stacey Catalano had a team-high nine kills for MU, while Breanna Geile added 16 digs and Frieditis contributed 28 assists.

The Crusaders were out-blocked 18-12 by the Eagles.

MU returns to action 7 p.m. Wednesday at home against the University of Windsor.

On Friday, the Crusaders will play at 3 p.m. against Windsor again and 7:30 p.m. against Illinois Tech in the opening round of the Julie Martin Memorial Classic at the MU Activities Center. Madonna will play two more

matches Saturday in the Martin Classic against Rochester and St. Francis.

### Ocelots struggle

Schoolcraft College is off to a 1-5 start after dropping five of six matches in last weekend's Owens Community College (Ohio) Tournament.

On Friday, Schoolcraft opened its 2012 season with a 26-24, 25-17, 25-23 triumph over Kalamazoo Valley CC, before losing to Kellogg CC, 20-25, 22-25, 21-25.

On Saturday, the Lady Ocelots fell to Illinois Central CC, 21-25, 23-25, 19-25, and the host Express, 17-25, 17-25, 12-25.

Sunday didn't go any better as Schoolcraft fell to two Illinois teams — Kishwaukee (15-25, 17-25, 22-25) and Parkland (17-25, 12-25, 10-25).

Schoolcraft returns to action Saturday with a pair of matches at Alpena CC.

THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
**Friday, Sept. 7**  
 C'ville at Luth. North, 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Glenn, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 Chavez at Luth. W'sld, 1 p.m.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 HVL at Baptist Park, 4:30 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Salem, 5 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 7**  
 Crestwood at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 L. W'sld at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.  
 Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.  
 Steve. at Country Day, 5 p.m.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Franklin at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.  
 Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at Holly, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 Pioneer Invitational at Crosswell-Lex, 8:30 a.m.  
 Grand Blanc Inv., 8:30 a.m.  
 Lakeland Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
 UM-Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.  
 Luth. South Tournament, TBA.

**PREP CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Friday, Sept. 7**  
 L. W'sld at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 Bath Invitational, 8:55 a.m.  
 KLA Invitational at Willow Metro Park, 9:45 a.m.  
 Woodhaven Classic, 10 a.m.

**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Churchill at N'ville, 6:30 p.m.

**GIRLS GOLF**  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Franklin vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Coyote G.C., 3 p.m.

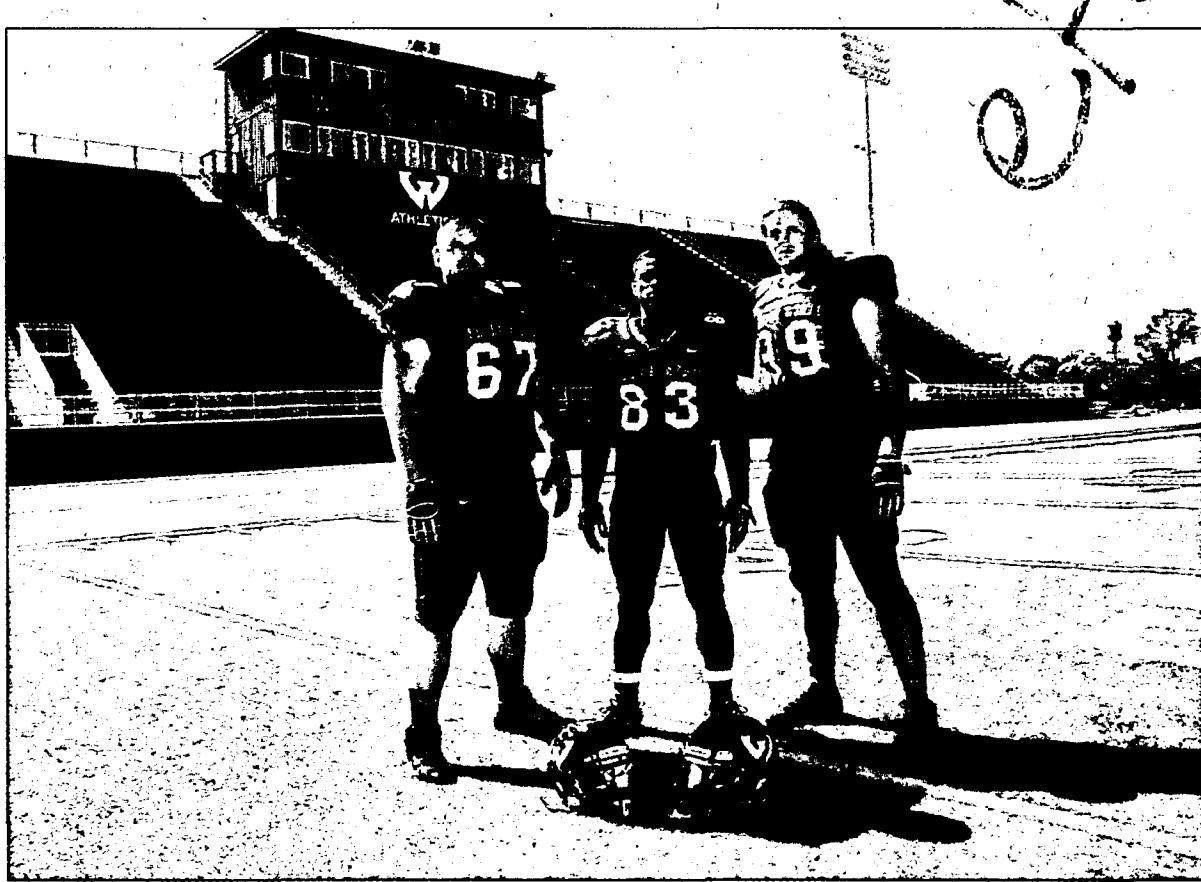
**BOYS TENNIS**  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
 N'ville at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 Adrian Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

**GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Mercy at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

**COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Friday, Sept. 7**  
**(Martin Classic at Madonna)**  
 Madonna vs. Windsor, 3:30 p.m.  
 Madonna vs. Ill. Tech, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 S'craft at Alpena (2), 11 a.m.  
**(Martin Classic at Madonna)**  
 MU vs. Rochester, 9:30 a.m.  
 MU vs. St. Francis, 1:30 p.m.

**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Friday, Sept. 7**  
 Calumet at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 Parkland at S'craft, 2 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Friday, Sept. 7**  
 Ferris State at MU, 3 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 S'craft at N. Mich., 11 a.m.  
 TBA - time to be announced.



WAYNE STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

Warriors ready

Wayne State University is coming off its most successful postseason football run in school history after going 12-4 and reaching the NCAA Division II championship title game Dec. 17 in Florence, Alabama before losing 35-21 to Pittsburgh State (Kan.). This year's Warriors, who open their season Saturday night at the University of Findlay (Ohio), include Westland natives (from left) sophomore redshirt center T.J. Arancibia (John Glenn), sophomore redshirt wide receiver Alan Freeman (Inkster) and senior defensive end Pat Cecile (Livonia Franklin), who had 26 tackles and appeared in all 16 games.

Cold, hard fact  
 Garden City H.S. to add hockey

By Ed Wright  
 Observer Staff Writer

Garden City High School's winter sports menu will include an additional entree beginning in November.

For the first time in the school's history, GC student-athletes will have the opportunity to team up with kids from Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Dearborn Heights Annapolis high schools to form a prep hockey team.

The team will be known as Crestwood Unified, said head coach Steve Popp, who orchestrated the contingent of Annapolis and Crestwood skaters last winter.

The plan of stocking the existing Dearborn Heights team with Garden City athletes was hatched in February.

"Last year, we only had 14 skaters and two goalies, so we needed to do something to keep the program going," said Popp, who prepped at Crestwood and played collegiate hockey at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. "We need a minimum of 15 skaters this year because you run into so many issues with grades and injuries."

"My athletic director (Shelley Bollmer) brought the idea up with me in February. Since then, Shelley has been working closely with Garden City's A.D. Rob Phillips to get things rolling."

Popp set up an informational booth at last weekend's "Community Kick-Off" event to help spur interest in the new venture.

"We had six or seven (Garden City) kids who seemed interested," Popp said. "We're hoping once school starts that the numbers increase."

The per-player cost to play is approximately \$1,200, Popp said.

"Thanks to fundraisers, we have already purchased the equipment, uniforms and things like that," he said. "Most of the expense is for the ice time."

Popp, a 2005 graduate of Crestwood, is employed by the Drug Enforcement Administration. He will be assisted by Adam Stoner.

The team will be a member of the Southeastern Hockey League, which also includes teams from Dearborn and New Boston Huron, among others.

"The past couple of years we finished right around 10-15 record-wise," Popp said. "We have some of our top players returning and our No. 1 goalie is back."

Popp admitted that merging student-athletes from three schools won't be easy.

"It will be a little challenging right away, but we're confident we can make it work," he said.

The team will compete in a fall league that starts later this month, with three weekly practices and games on the weekends.

For more information on the team, contact Popp at spopp021@hotmail.com.

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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 3	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
<b>Friday, Sept. 7</b>				
Farmington (2-0, 1-0) at Southfield-Lathrup (1-1, 0-1), 4 p.m.	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Clarenceville (2-0) at Lutheran North (2-0), 7 p.m.	Clarenceville	North	North	North
Livonia Franklin (0-2) at John Glenn (0-2), 7:30 p.m.	Franklin	John Glenn	Franklin	John Glenn
Novi (0-2) at Salem (2-0), 6:30 p.m.	Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem
Plymouth (2-0) at Livonia Churchill (2-0), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Churchill
South Lyon East (0-2) at Livonia Stevenson (2-0), 7 p.m.	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Wayne (0-2) at Canton (1-1), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Farmington Harrison (2-0, 1-0) at Oxford (1-1, 1-0), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Oxford	Harrison	Oxford
Southfield (1-1, 0-1) at North Farmington (1-1, 0-1), 7 p.m.	North	Southfield	Southfield	Southfield
Crestwood (0-2) at Thurston (1-1), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Garden City (1-1) at Redford Union (1-1), 7 p.m.	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
<b>Saturday, Sept. 8</b>				
Detroit Chavez (1-1) at Lutheran Westland (0-2), 1 p.m.	Westland	Westland	Westland	Westland
<b>Last week</b>	6-9	8-7	9-6	7-8
<b>Overall</b>	16-13	18-11	17-12	15-14

GORDON

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tants," Gordon said. "I didn't have any assistants to blame if something went wrong."

His next stop proved to be the right move — Glenn — where he earned his sea legs from 1973-75 under Carr, the former University of Michigan coach who is now in the College Football and Michigan Sports halls of fame.

And the lessons he gained were invaluable.

"Lloyd was putting together a program," Gordon said. "He knew how to go about it. There was a definite passion from Lloyd to work hard, get the players to work hard ... and if everybody did, we would be successful."

Moving up

After Carr left to take an assistant coaching job at Eastern Michigan University, Gordon interviewed for the head coaching position at Glenn, but stayed on staff after another Carr assistant, Jerry Lutri, was

hired.

Gordon served as Lutri's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in 1976 as the Rockets went undefeated with a 9-0 record.

But that turned out to be Lutri's only season as Glenn's varsity coach. Lutri, too, migrated to EMU.

"When Jerry got it I applied because I wanted to go through and interview," Gordon recalled. "I wanted to experience the interview process, and 'Lute' got the job. And the next time, to be honest, I don't even recall an interview. I think I was offered the job and accepted."

Gordon launched his varsity coaching career in 1977, but the Rockets stalled in the opener with a 16-6 setback to Allen Park.

Tough debut

"We got off to a great start ... lost our first game," Gordon joked. "But we finished 7-2. I just recall we had some very determined guys. We got off to a bad start, but we just kept fighting and ended up with a pretty good year."

Gordon took his team to the state playoffs 15 times, including one state final (1993). Three other Glenn teams also reached the state semifinals, while two of his teams finished undefeated during the regular season.

He was named Regional Coach of the Year 11 times by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and was inducted into the MHSFCA Hall of Fame in 1996.

Gordon's greatest quality — besides his meticulous planning and organizational skills — was his ability to adapt to the times through four different decades.

"The biggest constant was that it's a tough sport and you've got to be willing to put the time and effort in to be successful," he said. "And that has never changed in the game of football."

"The biggest change I saw ... as the years went on ... you had to be more of a psychologist. In the early days if you told the players you were going to do something, they just bought in and did it. As the years progressed they would still do any-

thing you asked them to do, but they had to know why and how they were going to go about it. The psychology of coaching certainly changed over the years."

After going 9-2 in 2003, Gordon decided it was time to step away.

No regrets

"It wasn't hard at all because I was ready to experience different things," he said. "Twenty-seven years as a head coach is a long time and really there's no off-season anymore. It was year-round and I was ready to do some other things and experience some other things. It really wasn't that difficult to walk away at all."

To nobody's surprise, Gordon has had offers to coach high school football up North, but has politely turned them down. He did serve a couple of seasons as an assistant at Central Lake, his alma mater.

But when each fall rolls around, he does admit suffering from football withdrawal.

"I loved practice," Gordon said. "I really liked to watch a player get better — because when a player got better — that meant our team got better."

These Friday nights, Gordon prefers watching the game he still loves from the sidelines.

"I don't miss the pressure," he said. "There was certainly a lot of pressure. In my case it was self-inflicted. I felt a lot of pressure to do well and uphold some of the positive things we were doing at Glenn. My stress level is much lower than it was. I enjoy that."

That means Gordon can take off, play golf or go bow hunting — on his own time.

"Really, you can do just about anything you want because you're not tied down," he said.

Except this Friday night.

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## GIRLS SWIMMING OUTLOOK

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
**Head coach:** Aaron Rieder, 10th year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's finish:** third, KLAAs South meet; eighth, conference meet.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Allison Mayer.  
**Leading returnees:** Amanda Wasko, Jr., freestyle-IM; Yumi Nozawa, Jr., diving; Sydney Grenier, Jr., diving; Molly Jarvis, Jr., freestyle; Madison Ytterrock, Sr., breaststroke; Megan Lancaster, Sr., freestyle-backstroke; Brittany Gates, Jr., butterfly-backstroke; Christina Fox, Sr., freestyle-backstroke; Kristen Gilley, Jr., freestyle; Erin McGarry, Jr., breaststroke-freestyle; Allison Hill, Jr., breaststroke-IM.  
**Promising newcomers:** Kyle Anderson, Fr., butterfly; Daria Donelson, Fr., breaststroke; Amy Massey, Jr., freestyle-breaststroke; Joelle Ghareeb, Fr., breaststroke-freestyle; Grace Tolen, freestyle.  
**Rieder's 2012 outlook:** "With the addition of some strong first-year swimmers and a backbone of veterans, the Chargers are working hard to be competitive in a very tough conference and division. We have the opportunity to create a very successful year through hard work and dedication. Simply put, our success will be measured by our improvement and so far it's looking really good."

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
**Head coach:** Kevin Hafner, sixth year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's finish:** fourth, KLAAs South meet; ninth, conference meet.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Kaitlyn Kozy, Rachel Clark.  
**Leading returnees:** Jenna Michniewicz, Sr., backstroke-freestyle; Megan Thiesen, Soph., freestyle-backstroke; Isabella Yardley, Soph., breaststroke-IM; Ellary Marano, Soph., freestyle; Clarissa Roberts, Sr., freestyle; Nicole Bardel, Sr., freestyle-butterfly; Amber Elinsky, Soph., backstroke; Jackie Dziurgot, Soph., diving; Katelyn Stabler, Soph., butterfly.  
**Promising newcomers:** Katy Swenson, Soph., breaststroke; Jill Chernavage, Soph., diving.  
**Hafner's 2012 outlook:** "Franklin looks to be a much improved team this year with a strong group of sophomores to complement a good senior class. Senior Jenna Michniewicz will look to be a state qualifier this season. We should have some good depth with Katelyn Stabler and Katy Swenson in the butterfly and breaststroke events, respectively. Jill Chernavage should

add some depth in diving. We'll have a well-rounded team hoping for a few breakout performers to help move them up in the division."

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
**Head coach:** Greg Phill, 28th year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).  
**Last year's finish:** fourth, conference meet; fifth, KLAAs Central meet.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Ashley Reed, Teresa Loria.  
**Leading returnees:** Sarah Cauzillo, Sr.; Shaelyn Dolinski, Sr.; Sara Stemen, Sr.; Evelyn Stein, Sr.; Julia Hurlley, Sr.; Kelly Roque, Sr.; Kelly Laporte, Sr.; Brenna Erickson, Soph.; Merrill Frone, Soph.  
**Promising newcomers:** Rachel Aceri, Fr.; Andrea d'Amour, Fr.  
**Phill's 2012 outlook:** "We should be better over all than the 2011 team. However, so is everyone else. Our goal is the same every year. Every girl needs to be the best they can be. If we can do this everything else will fall into place."

**WESTLAND GLENN**  
**Co-coaches:** Jim Sells, fourth year; Randy Ferguson, 14th year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's finish:** fifth, KLAAs South meet; 10th, conference meet.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Lindsey Bessinger, Asha Wright-Ford, Kati Allosi.  
**Leading returnees:** Macalah Williams, Sr., diving; Merissa Zarczynski, Jr., freestyle-backstroke; Rachel Cizauskas, Jr., freestyle; Bryana Lynch, Jr., butterfly-backstroke; Jenna Letellier, Jr., diving; Haley Gnida, Jr., freestyle.  
**Promising newcomers:** Taylor Mifsud, Fr., freestyle; Katie Thorne, Fr., breaststroke-freestyle.  
**Sells' 2012 outlook:** "This will be another rebuilding year for us. We are a very young team with 13 swimmers being either sophomore or freshman. We will look to our seniors and juniors to lead the team. Even though they are still new to the Glenn program, our sophomore group will also be looked at to help the team. One of the strongest areas for us is diving. We are returning all 3 divers, so this should help us in both the dual meets and championship meets."

**WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
**Head coach:** Mike Greuber, 17th year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's finish:** sixth, KLAAs South meet; 11th, conference meet.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Emily Luke, Alexa Gir-

ouard, Amber Frost, Brienne Wilson, Jennifer Tyson, Holland Boertje.

**Leading returnees:** Bailey Hart, Sr., freestyle; Kaycee Coffman, Sr., freestyle-breaststroke; Janelle Schwartz, Sr., backstroke-freestyle; Kayla Morais, Sr., freestyle; Allyson Rutter, Jr., IM-butterfly; Camry Cain, Jr., freestyle-breaststroke; Krishelle Lewis, Jr., freestyle-breaststroke; Katie Penrose, Jr., freestyle; Amber Dallas, Sr., freestyle-butterfly; Kristina Szalai, Jr., freestyle; Kayle Bazan, Jr., freestyle; Gema Lopez, Sr., freestyle-butterfly.  
**Promising newcomers:** Amber Rutter, Fr., freestyle-butterfly; Samantha Wass, Fr., freestyle-backstroke; Julia Bryant, Fr., freestyle-backstroke; Kelsey Szalai, Fr., freestyle-backstroke; Shania Haley, Fr., freestyle; Brittany Nahle, Soph., freestyle-backstroke.  
**Greuber's 2012 outlook:** "We lost a lot of depth, experience and leadership last year with our senior class. It's going to take some time for this team to find it's own identity. We do have some strong swimmers coming back this year and some talented freshmen. We will be a hard-working and prepared group. We are looking to improve especially on last year's division meet record (1-4)."

**LIVONIA LADYWOOD**  
**Head coach:** Katharine Johnston, first year.  
**League affiliation:** Catholic League.  
**Last year's finish:** 4-3 dual meet record; fourth, Catholic League.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Caleigh Griffin, Hannah Weaver, Jessie Arabi, Heather Pijor, Nicole Munson, Maddy Pelon.  
**Leading returnees:** Tiffany Pijor, Soph., distance freestyle; Abby Pelon, Jr., IM-butterfly; Alanna Tarnacki, Jr., backstroke; Molly Griffin, Jr., diving; Alaina Stevenson, Sr., sprint freestyle; Kimberly Solak, Sr., breaststroke; Natalie Winter, Sr., freestyle.  
**Promising newcomers:** Morgan Jones, Fr., distance freestyle-butterfly; Morgaine Rendell, Fr., sprint freestyle.  
**Johnston's 2012 outlook:** "As a first-year coach I'm looking forward to a promising season. While our team is small and young, we have quite a bit of talent and several swimmers should qualify for the state meet. Our diver will also be helpful in adding points to our meet totals and we will be counting on her to be a key contributor. Our relays should be strong, too, and I know we will definitely see progress throughout the season from the swimmers. The season looks promising after already accomplishing a state cut qualifying time in the 200 IM as well as two MISCA cut times at our first invitational of the season."



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Individual O&E Men's Golf Open winners included (from left) Livonia's Kyle Thom (first flight), Livonia's Austin Harris (junior flight) and Southfield's Liaryl Stephens (senior).

## GOLF

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inside the pro shop and 20 percent outside just doing carts and stuff," he said. "I learned a lot this summer and look forward to my next internships."

"Eventually I'd like to become a head pro, just run a course one day and make it a living ... wake up on a golf course every day."

A total of 64 players competed in four different divisions.

### First flight

Livonia's Kyle Thom

pulled a Rory McIlroy with an eight-shot victory after carding rounds of 78-74 for a 152 total.

He was followed by Southfield's Zoz Compagnari, 82-78-160; Livonia's Peter Mianowski, 79-82-161; and Canton's Craig Tripp, 79-83-162; and Kevin Moreno, 82-80-162.

### Senior flight

Two Southfield residents battled for the 55-and-over senior flight crown with Liaryl Stephens making a par on the first extra playoff hole to beat friend J.B. Brown.

After shooting an 80 the first round at Fox Creek,

Stephens rallied Sunday at Whispering Willows for a 75 and a 155 total.

Brown, who bogeyed the playoff hole, shot 75-80-155.

### Junior flight

Stevenson High senior Austin Harris rallied to win Sunday with a final round 76 after shooting an 83 the first day for a total of 159.

Harris was five shots better than Livonia's Jimmy Ryan, a member of the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High team who shot 80-84-164.

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## O&E MEN'S GOLF RESULTS

### OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEN'S GOLF RESULTS

#### Sept. 2 at Fox Creek G.C.

#### Sept. 3 at Whisp. Willows Championship flight:

1. Adam Giordano, 73-74-147; 2. (tie) Chris Kiehler, 73-77-150; Ben Proben, 75-75-150; 4. (tie) Brian King, 75-76-151; John Olejniczak, 76-75-151; 6. (tie) Ron Herczak, 73-79-152; Roz Boghikian, 76-76-152; 8. (tie) Matt Robinson, 73-80-153; Kevin Ryan, 77-76-153; Joe Johnson, 73-80-153; 11. Kenny Lee, 73-82-155; 12. (tie) Dan Tacker, 82-75-157; Leo Martin, 76-81-157; 14. Andrew Baron, 81-77-158; 15. Dave Reese, 80-79-159; 16. Nick Proben, 82-78-160; 17. Nick Griswold, 84-76-160; 18. (tie) Nolan Peterson, 83-78-161; Matt Lee, 83-78-161; 21. Andrew Rousos, 80-82-162; 22. (tie) Kevin Thomas, 84-80-164; Steve Butcher,

80-84-164; 24. Tim Proben, 82-83-165; 24. (tie) Dave Roman, 87-79-166; Marino Apollinari, 84-82-166; 27. (tie) Brad Leith, 88-89-177; Shaun Maher, 86-91-177; 29. Roscoe Sloan, 81-no card; 30. 31. Jim McComb, 85-withdraw; 32. Jim Allie and Kirk Osler, both withdrew.  
**Low net:** 1. Olejniczak, 145; 2. (tie) Robinson and Ryan, 145 each; 4. Boghikian, 148.

**First Flight:** 1. Kyle Thom, 78-74-152; 2. Zoz Compagnari, 82-78-160; 3. Peter Mianowski, 79-82-161; 4. (tie) Craig Tripp, 79-83-162; Kevin Moreno, 82-80-162; 6. (tie) Ronald Ambrose, 82-85-167; Matthew Rybinski, 84-83-167; 8. Sam Williams, 80-88-168; 9. Matthew O'Neill, 85-84-169; 10. Bryan Boyd, 96-83-179; 11. Mitchell Hosch, 88-93-181; 12. Ron Sobczak, 85-99-184; 13. Darryl Essix, 93-no card; 14. Stephen Connolly, withdrew. **Low net:** 1.

Moreno, 134; 2. Mianowski and Rybinski, 139 each.

**Senior Flight:** 1. Liaryl Stephens, 80-75-155 (won playoff); 2. J.B. Brown, 75-80-155; 3. Bruce West, 79-78-157; Dennis Kitchen, 80-85-165; 4. (tie) Keith Girard, 85-81-166; Rick Wheeler, 81-85-166; 6. Lew Jefferies, 86-81-167; 7. Doug Harmala, 90-81-171; 8. Tim Kennedy, 86-86-172; 9. Mark Johnson, 80-84-174; 10. John Harrison, 86-94-180; 12. Bob Reid, 90-93-183; 13. Patrick Cannon, 101-101-201; 14. Dan Boyd, 108-100-208.  
**Low net:** 1. Wheeler, 142; 2. Kitchen, 143.

**Junior flight:** 1. Austin Harris, 83-76-159; 2. Jimmy Ryan, 80-84-164; 3. Alec Kondrath, 87-82-169; 4. Michael Blaesser, 84-91-175; 5. Adam Radke, 88-89-177; 6. Justin Legel, 93-91-184; 7. Jay Hopson, 100-101-201.

## GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

### DUAL MEET RESULTS

#### LIVONIA STEVENSON 129 GROSSE POINTE NORTH 56

##### Sept. 4 at G.P. North

#### 200-yard medley relay:

1. Stevenson (Brenna Gabrielson, Julia Hurlley, Sara Stemen, Sarah Cauzillo), 1:59.09; 2. Stevenson (Bayne Frone, Rachel Arceri, Paige Longhi, Andrea d'Amour), 2:08.7.

#### 200 freestyle:

1. Merrill Frone (LS), 2:07.85; 3. Aidan Odowd (LS), 2:09.59.

#### 200 individual medley:

1. Cauzillo (LS), 2:21.24; 2. Evelyn Stein (LS), 2:29.36; 3. B. Frone (LS), 2:31.3.

#### 50 freestyle:

1. Gabrielson (LS), 26.84; 2. d'Amour (LS), 27.57.

#### 1-meter diving:

1. Emily Griffith (GPN), 176.40 points; 2. Jessica Danver (LS), 134.70; 3. Alex Zukowski (LS), 127.05.

#### 100 butterfly:

1. Olivia Asimakis (GPN), 1:05.45; 2. Arceri (LS), 1:05.94; 3. Longhi (LS), 1:08.05.

#### 100 freestyle:

1. Gabrielson (LS), 58.07; 2. Brenna Erickson (LS), 59.67; 3. Stemen (LS), 1:00.48.

#### 500 freestyle:

1. Emily Roque (LS), 5:40.51; 2. Dolinski (LS), 5:41.57.

#### 200 freestyle relay:

1. Stevenson (Cauzillo, Erickson, Arceri, Gabrielson), 1:47.36; 3. Stevenson (Roque, Odowd, Kelly

Laporte, Dolinski), 1:55.36.

#### 100 backstroke:

1. Asimakis (GPN), 1:09.64; 2. Natasha Orr (LS), 1:14.69; 3. Grace Albrecht (LS), 1:15.05.

#### 100 breaststroke:

1. Kayleigh Gehlert (GPN), 1:18.06; 2. M. Frone (LS), 1:18.42; 3. Sara Bowen (LS), 1:20.12.

#### 400 freestyle relay:

1. Stevenson (Cauzillo, Erickson, Stemen, Arceri) 3:57.01; 2. Stevenson (d'Amour, Roque, Odowd, Stein), 4:07.13; 3. Stevenson (B. Frone, Hurlley, Laporte, Dolinski), 4:10.98.

#### Stevenson's dual meet record:

1-1 overall.

### FARM HILLS MERCY 116 LIVONIA STEVENSON 70

#### Aug. 25 at Livonia Community Rec. Center

#### 200-yard medley relay:

1. Stevenson (Shaelyn Dolinski, Julia Hurlley, Sara Stemen, Brenna Gabrielson), 1:52.58; 2. Mercy (Elliott Schinella, Maddy Loniewski, Annie Valentine, Christine Edwards), 1:53.32; 3. Mercy, 1:58.15.

#### 200 freestyle:

1. Kathleen McGee (FHM), 1:56.97; 2. Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 1:57.53; 3. Ellyse Conn (FHM), 1:59.45.

#### 200 individual medley:

1. Valentine (FHM), 2:13.82; 2. Rachel Arceri (LS), 2:15.16; 3. Michela Bargardi (FHM), 2:17.14.

#### 50 freestyle:

1. Roxanne Griffore (FHM), 24.78; 2. Schinella (FHM), 25.09; 3. Loniewski (FHM), 25.15.

#### 1-meter diving:

1. Erica Allor (FHM), 206.55 points; 2. Christine Peterson (FHM), 198.97; 3. Alexandra Morford (LS), 117.30.

#### 100 butterfly:

1. Valentine (FHM), 59.05; 2. Stemen (LS), 1:00.3; 3. Conn (FHM), 1:00.43.

#### 100 freestyle:

1. Griffore (FHM), 54.17; 2. Cauzillo (LS), 55.52; 3. Edwards (FHM), 57.93.

#### 500 freestyle:

1. McGee (FHM), 5:14.68; 2. Stein (LS), 5:26.65; 3. Merrill Frone (LS), 5:27.53.

#### 200 freestyle relay:

1. Mercy (Loniewski, Conn, McGee, Griffore), 1:41.41; 2. Stevenson (Cauzillo, Andrea d'Amour, Stein, Aidan Odowd), 1:48.64; 3. Mercy, 1:49.99.

#### 100 backstroke:

1. Schinella (FHM), 59.9; 2. Gabrielson (LS), 1:00.81; 3. Bargardi (FHM), 1:02.14.

#### 100 breaststroke:

1. Hurlley (LS), 1:10.47; 2. Loniewski (FHM), 1:11.31; 3. Arceri (LS), 1:12.22.

#### 400 freestyle relay:

1. Mercy (Griffore, McGee, Valentine, Schinella), 3:40.6; 2. Stevenson (Cauzillo, Gabrielson, Stemen, Arceri), 3:44.12; 3. Mercy, 3:51.01.

#### Dual meet records:

Mercy, 1-0 overall; Stevenson, 0-1 overall.

## Rocket spikers 2nd in tourney

Claire Truskowski and Val Ernat led the way as Westland John Glenn earned a runner-up finish in Friday's Dearborn Invitational girls volleyball tournament.

The Rockets, now 6-5-2 overall, captured four of five matches with the only loss coming against

eventual champion New Boston Huron, 14-25, 16-25.

Glenn posted wins over third-place Dearborn (29-19, 13-25, 16-14), Erie Mason (22-25, 25-21, 15-8), Warren Mott (27-26, 25-15) and Dearborn Fordson (23-25, 25-15, 15-5).

Truskowski, a senior setter, finished with 71 assist-to-kills on the day, while Ernat, a sophomore left-side hitter, added 32 kills and 15 digs.

"Claire and Val had an amazing tournament defensively and offensively," Glenn first-year coach Krista DePoy said.

## COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

### COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY MEL BRODT INVITATIONAL

#### Aug. 31 at Bowling Green Men's Team Standings:

1. University of Toledo, 15 points; 2. Bowling Green State, 52; 3. Madonna University, 76.

#### Individual winner:

1. Jake Kasperski (Toledo), 15 minutes, 58.6 seconds (5,000 meters).

#### Madonna finishers:

15. Tim

Boes (Westland John Glenn), 17:25.6; 20. Jeff Grzywinski, 18:01.9; 26. Nathaniel Theobald, 19:10.8; 28. Ryan Carrigan, 19:44.1; 29. Dan Pratt, 19:48.5; 30. Erick Roth, 22:26.5.

#### Women's Team Standings:

1. Toledo, 19 points; 2. Bowling Green State, 71; 3. Eastern Michigan, 72; 4. Ball State, 74; 5. Madonna University, 150.

#### Individual winner:

Mackenzie Chojnacki (Toledo), 18 minutes, 12.6 seconds (5,000 meters).

#### Madonna finishers:

38. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 21:16.6; 43. Jacyln Sawasky, 21:58.7; 47. Brittany Slinker, 23:55.7; 48. Kimberly Ader, 24:35.7; 49. Britany Hayden, 25:08.6; 50. Kayla Daugherty, 25:17.0; 51. Shanne Dusute, 25:22.2.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Thirst for Life 5K

The Thirst For Life 5-kilometer walk-run will be Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads, Livonia.

The 5K walk-run will benefit Team World Vision.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. followed the race at 9 a.m.

For more information and obtain a registration form, visit [www.ThirstForLife5k.org](http://www.ThirstForLife5k.org).

### Pom pon clinic

The Livonia Churchill varsity pom team will host a clinic for girls ages 6-14 from 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 29 at the high school gym. The cost is \$30

(includes T-shirt, music C.D. and snack).

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Participation is limited and you must register by Sept. 12.

For more information, or to register, call Sherri Carpenter at (313) 268-3302; or Gina Barden at (734) 891-5401.

### Run, bike, golf

Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The cost is \$65 (through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA pro-

fessional Tami Bealert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization Growth Works, Inc. of Canton and Plymouth.

To RSVP, e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com. For more information, call (734) 731-0238; or visit [www.TrainWithTami.com](http://www.TrainWithTami.com).

### Glenn mat outing

The Westland John Glenn wrestling program will stage its 15th annual golf outing fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Included in the \$85 cost is golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner.

Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted.

For more information, e-mail Glenn wrestling coach Bill Polk at [rockwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:rockwrestling@gmail.com); or call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

### Churchill softball

The Livonia Churchill girls softball program will stage a benefit golf outing Sunday, Sept. 30 at Fox Creek Golf



# Hitting the ice

## Whalers face off in intra-squad games

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers returned to the Compuware Arena ice last week for a pair of scrimmages, officially jump-starting training camp.

Players donned blue or white jerseys featuring the OHL logo for the morning and afternoon sessions, which served as spirited tune-ups for Saturday's pre-season opener against Windsor in Wyandotte.

In the opening scrimmage, the Blues won 2-0 behind shutout goalkeeping from Plymouth's likely No. 1 goalie — Matt Mahalak of Monroe.

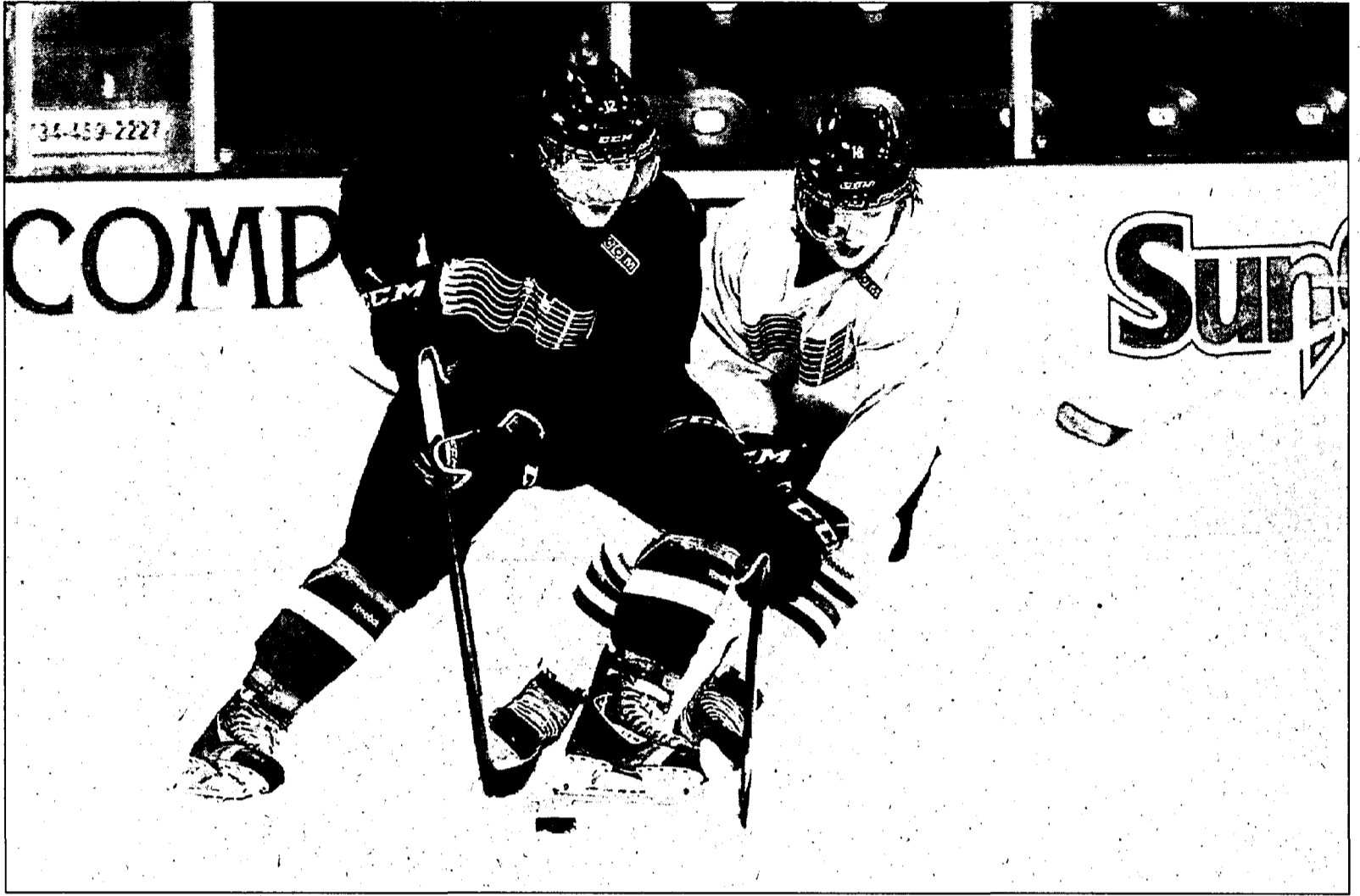
In the afternoon tilt, Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi's penalty shot marker in the second half enabled the Whites to square things with a 5-4 win.

"It's exciting to get training camp started, but I actually think that first scrimmage wasn't very good," said Mike Vellucci, longtime head coach and general manager of the Whalers.

"The guys were a little tired from yesterday's off-ice workouts and testing.

"But the second scrimmage this afternoon was much better. There was a lot more energy, it was more physical, less choppy. It was really choppy early on but I think that's partly due to being off all summer."

Among players competing in the practice games was defenseman Alex Peters, Plymouth's



Plymouth Whalers JT Miller (left) and Danny Vanderwiel vie for control of the puck Thursday at Compuware Arena.

second-round pick in the 2012 Ontario Hockey League draft.

"I thought it was pretty fast-paced," Peters said. "It got a little rough and that's always good (but) it felt really good."

"It's been a while since I played against high-end players."

### Pushing the pace

Veteran winger and Washington Capitals

prospect Tom Wilson (formerly of Plymouth High School) also got in on the action, scoring twice for the Blues in the afternoon contest.

"I don't think Vellucci was necessarily happy with the first one," Wilson said. "But I think the guys tried and stepped up and got a little more energy, a little more chemistry in the second one for sure."

Thursday's double scrimmage opened up a stretch where the Whalers were slated to play three scrimmages (another one was Friday) and pre-season games Saturday night and Monday afternoon (in Windsor).

But Wilson said the players are ready to gear up for the 2012-13 season, which opens on Sept. 21 in Sault Ste. Marie.

"I think a lot of the guys put in good work over the offseason and are in good shape," Wilson said. "So I think we just got to go out there and play as hard as we can."

"I know it's exhibition games but no one likes to lose."

Vellucci, meanwhile, said he and other coaches will be watching closely in the next several

days to see which players can or cannot relish such a heavy schedule.

"We're definitely going to be making more decisions and we're going to use those games as tests for the young kids," Vellucci stressed. "Give them a great opportunity to see what it is to play an OHL game."

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## Dushkaj leads 4-1 Ocelot victory

Livonia Clarenceville grad Ardit Dushkaj tallied a pair of goals Saturday to lift the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team to a 4-1 victory over visiting Cuyahoga Community College (Ohio).

Playing its fourth match in six days, Schoolcraft improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in NJCAA Region 12.

Schoolcraft led 2-0 at halftime as Dushkaj scored in the 22nd minute followed by

an "own" goal by Cuyahoga in the 35th minute.

The Ocelots then scored two more goals — Mustafa Raychouni unassisted in the 52nd minute and Dushkaj (from Romario Geor-

gis) in the 55th minute.

Cuyahoga (1-2-1, 1-2-1) got its lone goal from Joseph Sinayigaye two minutes later to spoil the shutout bid of Schoolcraft goalkeeper Tom Duquette, who made two saves.

## Schoolcraft women split on road swing

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team ended its two-game road trip Sunday in Urbana, Ill. with a 3-0 setback to host Parkland Community College.

The loss leaves the Lady Ocelots at 3-2 overall, while Parkland improves to 1-0. The Cobras tallied their first goals off free kicks in the 20- and 25-minute marks, respectively.

"The first one hit one of our players and deflected into the goal," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman said. "We conceded another free kick and our keeper had trouble with handling the wet ball on the wet surface."

"And on the third goal, Parkland saw our defenders move forward and put three of their players in the offside position. But the linesman neglected to make the call, and they had easy access to goal and scored."

Schoolcraft came out more aggressive during the second half and rang one shot off the crossbar

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and another off the post.

"Despite the score line and the goals, I felt that our girls played really well, but sometimes our sport (soccer) shows the irrationality part of it," said Shivraman, who used three different goalkeepers in the match. "Even though the stats and the video would favor us, the victory is awarded to the other team."

**SCHOOLCRAFT 2, HEARTLAND (Ill.) 1:** Second-half goals by Lauren Badalamente and Maggie McLaughlin propelled Schoolcraft College (3-1) to a win Saturday over host Heartland Community College (1-3) in Normal, Ill.

McLaughlin scored unassisted, while Shannon Merritt (Livonia Stevenson) assisted on Badalamente's game-winner as the Lady Ocelots improved to 3-1 overall.

Olivia Crockett's goal just 1:20 into the match put Heartland ahead 1-0.

Schoolcraft used three goalkeepers playing 30 minutes each including Danielle Schendel (Canton), who made four saves and gave up the lone goal; Tara Gessler, four saves; and Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin), three saves.

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"Two were 'own' goals," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "What killed us was that we had a hard time marking their forwards on their through balls, especially in the first half."

"The second half we had an even amount of possession. We had opportunities, but we couldn't finish."

Franklin goalkeeper Spencer Lewandowski started and made nine saves before giving way to Hunter Farren, who had one save.

**STEVENSON 1, SOUTH LYON 1:** On Tuesday, Livonia

Stevenson (1-1-3, 0-0-1) and the host Lions (1-0-3, 0-0-1) battled to a draw in the KLA A Central Division opener for both teams.

Stevenson's John D'Agostino opened the scoring in the eighth minute off a corner kick from Dominic Sabatini.

Gabe Martinez countered for South Lyon in the 42nd minute when he score off a volley from a long cross.

Stevenson outshot the Lions 11-7.

South Lyon goalkeeper Scott Michael made four saves, including a penalty kick with 20 minutes left.

Zack Verant had four saves for the Spartans.

"We continue to generate quality scoring chances, but

are unable to finish the job," Stevenson first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We were in a battle all night. South Lyon did a nice job counter-attacking us and forced Zack to come up big a couple times."

**FOLEY 1, C'VILLE 0:** It was no laughing matter as Pat Laff scored with only 18 seconds remaining Tuesday to give host Madison Heights Bishop Foley (2-2) a victory over Livonia Clarenceville (0-4).

Junior goalkeeper Evan Gregg turned in a sterling effort with eight saves.

"He played well, but he got a raw deal from his teammates," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "We had an inexplicable lapse on defense. We left him (Laff)

open at the top of the 18-yard box."

**S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 3, LUTH. WESTLAND 0:**

Freshman goalkeeper Jordan Williams made nine saves, but it wasn't enough Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (0-4, 0-4) fell to Southfield Christian (2-2, 2-2) in a Michigan Independent Athletic League Blue Division match.

The Eagles got goals from Aaron Harting (17th minute), Frank Holocek (26th) and Parker Brose (75th).

Lutheran Westland first-year coach Bob Regan singled out the play of center-midfielder Nick Flanery, along with center-back Daniel Roberts, who was filling in for the injured Noah Huffman.

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Grace Herzberg (left) will walk for diabetes research on Sept. 16. That's her sister, Gabriella, at her side.

## Walk benefits diabetes research

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Grace Herzberg has walked in two fundraisers for diabetes research since she was diagnosed with the disease two years ago.

Now at age 6 1/2, she figured it was time to get her classmates involved.

She and her parents, Rick and Tara Herzberg, and a handful of members from St. Matthew Lutheran Church and its school in Westland, have organized the "Walk With Christ to Cure Diabetes" event. Registration for the one-mile walk and competitive run will start at noon on Sunday, Sept. 16, following an outdoor contemporary worship service. The racers will hit the pavement at 12:30 p.m., followed by walkers. The first three race finishers in their respective age groups will win awards.

Donations raised by runners and walkers will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

"My daughter, Grace, has been to a few walks in the past and she wanted to have one at school. It was her idea to have a

walk. She is a big fan of JDRF," Rick Herzberg said.

He hopes the walk, in addition to raising funds, will inspire participants and raise awareness of diabetes in children.

This is the first fundraising walk that Herzberg and his wife and daughter have organized.

"We're always up for the challenge," he said. "We know how much it doesn't ever want to discourage her from trying to make a difference."

The event fundraising goal is \$5,000. Participants can sign up online and find donation information at [www2.jdrf.org](http://www2.jdrf.org). Scroll down to "Michigan" on the link to find a walk. Then click on St. Matthew School.

Youngsters who don't plan to walk or run, but who want to get in on the fun, can buy a \$5 wristband for use in bouncers, games and face painting until 3 p.m. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase starting at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call Herzberg at (734) 578-7426 or e-mail to [RHerzberg84@aol.com](mailto:RHerzberg84@aol.com).

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

### September

#### BETHANY

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 29

**Location:** Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inkster Road, Redford

**Details:** Admission to this Bethany Together Dance is \$13

**Contact:** Loretta at (586) 264-0282

#### BIBLE STUDY

**Time/Date:** 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 13

**Location:** Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville

**Details:** W.O.W. Ladies Bible Study focuses on the Book of Proverbs in these interdenominational sessions. Fee is \$15. Free children's program for children, 5 and under

**Contact:** (248) 348-7600

#### BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Sept. 16

**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. All-you-can-eat breakfast costs \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10

**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

#### BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. breakfast; 9:30 a.m. program, Sunday, Sept. 9

**Location:** Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

**Details:** Bill Ballenger, editor of "Inside Michigan Politics," will kick off a Sunday morning breakfast speaker series. Ballenger is a former state representative and senator, an ex-state racing commissioner and former director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation. The breakfast costs \$3; coffee and bagels are \$2. No charge for the program. Both are open to the public

**Contact:** Barbara Grant at (248) 851-1100, Ext. 3149

#### CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22

**Location:** 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

**Details:** Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

**Contact:** (734) 404-2480 or

(734) 927-6686

#### DIVORCED CATHOLICS

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13

**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall, 47650 North Territorial, Plymouth

**Details:** New Beginnings, a support group for divorced Catholics, meets. The Rev. John Riccardo, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, will talk, followed by a Q&A session that gives attendees the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration recommended. No admission charge for the event

**Contact:** [newbeginning-solgc@gmail.com](mailto:newbeginning-solgc@gmail.com)

#### FAMILY FEST

**Time/Date:** Noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8

**Location:** Crosspointe Community Church, 36125 Glenwood, Wayne

**Details:** Games, bounce houses, hay rides, children's crafts, food, pony rides, music, and car show; free

**Contact:** [www.crosspointecommunitychurch.org](http://www.crosspointecommunitychurch.org)

#### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

**Time/Date:** Begins 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6 and runs 9 weeks

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, near 12 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University anyone struggling financially or looking for ways to improve their savings

**Contact:** (248) 553-3380 or [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) for registration

#### GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23

**Location:** St. Raphael the Archangel, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City

**Details:** The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Ray Lewandowski, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at [www.goodmourningministry.net](http://www.goodmourningministry.net) or call the St. Raphael parish office

**Contact:** St. Raphael at (734) 427-1533

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#### BUTTERMORE, RALPH S.

Entered Into Eternal Rest August 23, 2012 (Age 90). He was born August 26, 1921 in Ionia, MI. He served in the United States Army in World War II. He earned two purple hearts, and a bronze star. He retired as a heavy equipment operator in 1984, as a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers. He was preceded in death by his parents Dale and Flossie Buttermore. Also by his wife of fifty-one years Jean Woodworth-Buttermore. Survivors include his three children: Dale (Marsha) Buttermore of Loveland, OH. Ginny Sarten of Monroe, and Karen (Bill) Heinzelman of Livonia. His six grandchildren Cliff (Denise) Buttermore, Kelli (Rob) Palmer, Michael (Sue) Sarten, Michelle (Roger) Keck, Bill (Peter) Stike, and Matt (Candis-fiancee) Heinzelman. Also his eight great-grandchildren Courtney, Clifford, and Carissa Buttermore, Mikala Sarten, Lucas Keck, Darian and Dakota Sarten and Ethan Heinzelman. Arrangements have been made for a wake gathering among close family and friends on September 8, 2012. The wake will be held at his daughter Karen's home beginning at 2:30 p.m. Inquires: 734-425-2303.

#### LIVELY, WILLIAM E.

Age 88 of Tecumseh, died peacefully at Cambrian Assisted Living with his family at his side and under the gentle care of Hospice of Lenawee. He was born on October 9, 1923 in Clay, KY, the son of Elbert and Mary (Tow) Lively. He married Betty McMahon on November 27, 1946 and celebrated 65 years of marriage this past year. Bill served as a B29 mechanic in the Army Air Force in WWII. He was a Scoutmaster. He loved to read and authored many writings. He restored a wooden sailboat and built his retirement dream home in Traverse City. Bill believed he was born a teacher. He taught math, physics, and electronics at the Dunkirk, IN High School for 6 years, Livonia Franklin High School for 31 years (where he also coached tennis), and Lake Leelanau St. Mary's School for 4 years. He placed his full faith in the Infinite Wisdom and enjoyed camping, cycling, running, golf, cross-country skiing. He loved life and the time he spent with his family and friends and will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him. In addition to his wife Betty, he is survived by his sons, Mark (Penelope) Lively of Wayne and Brian (Agnes) Lively of Moreno Valley, CA; his daughters, Maureen (Timothy) Heim of Tecumseh, Beth Lively of Grand Rapids, Carol (Mark) Lively-Gilbert of Ann Arbor; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by one brother Harold. A memorial service will be held on September 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Tecumseh United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark Miller officiating. Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial service. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee or St. Mary's School, P.O. Box 340, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653. Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.handlerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.handlerfuneralhomes.com)



#### CASTILLO, ADELFA

September 1, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Sostenes "Tito." Beloved mother of Sostenes (Ruth), Pablo, Olga (Lothar) Kielmann and Thelma (Len) Castillo. Also survived by 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and several brothers and sisters. Funeral was held Wednesday at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 734-522-9400. Share a Memorial Tribute with the family at: [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com).

#### PERRY, STEVEN ANDREW

Age 29, Aug. 31, 2012 of Westland. Beloved son of Richard and Nancy. Dear brother of Richard Jr. (Rachel) and Philip (Jessica). Loving uncle of Caylee and Mason. Funeral services held Wednesday, Vermulen Funeral Home, 980 North Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill), Westland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made toward the college fund for Caylee and Mason. Make checks payable to Rachel Perry. To share a memory, please visit [vermulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermulenfuneralhome.com)



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## Sweetest Day treat

### Cultural group brings popular country band to Village Theater

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Start shopping for a western hat and some dancin' boots — the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton plans a little "Country Lovin'" for Sweetest Day next month.

The organization, which promotes the arts in Canton through financial support, advocacy and education, will bring country band Annabelle Road to the stage, Oct. 13, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The fundraiser will start at 7 p.m. with a welcome reception that will include appetizer samples from Real BarBQ and Sean O'Callaghan's Pub, dessert from KP Sweets, a special gifts and services from Showroom of Elegance, Ribar Florist and Indigo Salon & Day Spa. The two-hour concert by Annabelle Road will start at 8 p.m.

Jill Engel, Partnership executive director, said she booked the band last spring.

"They were a main event at Liberty Fest in



Annabelle Road will perform at the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities fundraiser in Canton.

Canton this year. They have just taken off," she said. "Every time I turn on WYCD, the country radio station in Detroit, they are doing something with Annabelle Road.

"I've heard so much about them and country is really big right now. They are up and coming. We are very excited." So is Anabelle Road,

according to lead singer Amanda Bailey, who, together with Jeremy Temple on guitar, Donovan Tarjeft on drums and Mike Zahler on bass, all Belleville-area residents, fuse rock and country into a sound they describe as "Carrie Underwood-meets-Johnny Cash-by way of-Skynyrd." The group identi-

fies a lengthy list of musical influences—from Rascal Flatts to Sheryl Crow — on its Facebook page. It's CD, *Annabelle Road*, was released in 2010 and is available from [www.annabelleroad.com](http://www.annabelleroad.com).

#### Originals, covers

"Oh, we do it all," said Bailey, in an e-mail to the

Observer. "We have a new EP that we are so excited about and have been taking out on the road with us this summer. It was recorded at Blackbird Studio in Nashville, (Tenn.) with some of the finest, most respected talents in the business. It has had terrific response. We play those tunes as well as covers that folks can sing along and dance to.

"Our show is a great combination of the two and always family-friendly."

Its tour schedule runs the gamut, from major events like Arts, Beats and Eats and ArtPrize, to church festivals, local fundraisers and taverns.

"We started playing a lot at Boomers in Allen Park. It was a sad day for us to see it close this past year. Now the only consistent show we do is One Under in Livonia," Bailey said.

"We perform everywhere. On boats, in barns, stages and streets. We love to travel and do it often. We did a two-week headlining gig at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas this past winter. If there is a good time to

be had, we are driving or flying to it."

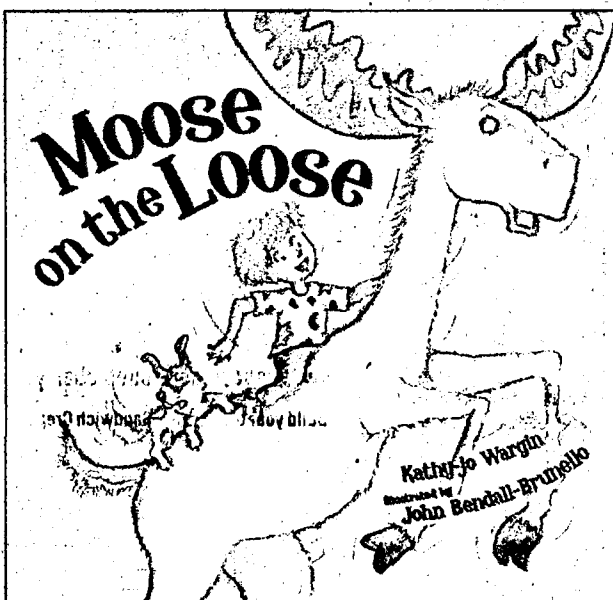
#### Dance time

Engel calls the Annabelle Road show in Canton "the perfect Sweetest Day date" night. The orchestra pit will make way for a small dance floor so that ticket-holders can show off their foot-stompin' moves. She encourages "country chic" attire for the evening.

MSA Delivery Service is sponsoring the entertainment for the show, enabling all ticket proceeds to benefit the Partnership. Engel said the organization will earn more than \$10,000 if the concert sells out.

Tickets for the evening are \$25 per person if purchased by Sept. 14. The price increases to \$30 after that date. They're available on-line at [www.cantonvillage-theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage-theater.org) or by calling (734) 394-5460.

An after-glow will be held from 10 p.m.-midnight at Haydens Grill & Bar, in Canton. Couples will receive one complimentary appetizer.



"Moose on the Loose," is the featured book for Michigan Reads! One State One Children's Book program. At the Westland Public Library, youngsters can read the book to a therapy dog on Friday, Sept. 7.

## Kids celebrate Michigan Reads! with moose tale

The Library of Michigan will launch its 2012 Michigan Reads! One State, One Children's Book program Friday, Sept. 7, with celebrations planned statewide in libraries, including Westland, Farmington and Royal Oak.

*Moose on the Loose* by Kathy-jo Wargin and illustrator John Bendall-Brunello is the featured book for the program this year.

The Library of Michigan, with support from Target, will give a hard-cover copy of the book and program materials to all public and tribal libraries, elementary schools, Head Start and Michigan School Readiness programs across the state. Wargin also will tour several libraries and schools, including the Dearborn and Royal Oak Libraries on Sept. 10. The Michigan Reads! program gives librarians, early childhood educators, parents and caregivers ideas to help children develop literacy skills while having fun with play-based activities.

In Westland, youngsters

will get a chance to help launch the program by reading Wargin's moose tale to an attentive canine during My Book Buddy, 3-4:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9. Buddy is a certified therapy dog who will listen to young readers as they read during this drop-in program. They'll earn stickers for reading *Moose on the Loose* and get the chance to sign a poster.

The library also will incorporate the book into Toddler Tales, a story-time session from 10:30-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Sept. 12; Preschool Storytime from 10:30-11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14; and Babytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 15.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway; (734) 326-6123.

Farmington Community Library's Story Time will offer a selection of moose books, including *Moose on the Loose*, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 in the Children's Program Room at the Main Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills; (248) 553-0300.

## See Native American dancing in Westland

Wayne County Parks and the North American Indian Association will present a day of traditional drumming and dancing during Native American Heritage Day, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

In addition to performances, this special social gathering will include Native American crafts and food for purchase. Seating will be limited. Participants may bring their own lawn chairs to this family-friendly outdoor event. Admission is free.

The North American Indian Association of Detroit is the oldest urban

Indian organization in the United States. The organization aims to promote self sufficiency for Native Americans through education assistance, employment and training, and awareness of available human services; and to foster and preserve Native American culture.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail. Hines Drive will be closed because of Saturday in the Park. However, motorists may go around the barricades at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive for Native American Heritage Day parking.

For more information call (734) 261-1990.



Native American Heritage Day will include participants in colorful, native attire. The event is set for Saturday, Sept. 8 at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, Westland.

### GET OUT!

#### Art

##### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Family Sundays:** 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

**Exhibits:** Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Faberge: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Oct. 14-Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, Oct. 31-March 3, 2013

**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

##### LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

**Time/Date:** Through Sept. 28

**Location:** Livonia City Hall lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia

**Details:** The Club, founded in 1960, holds its 52nd annual art exhibit, featuring oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, collage and drawings

**Contact:** Livonia City Hall at (734) 466-2200

##### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Sept. 7-22

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** "Beyond Borders: Mosaic Exhibit and Auction" features mosaic work by artists from around the world that will be auctioned online at <http://www.BiddingForGood.com/DWB-MSF>. Online bidding runs through 9 p.m. Sept. 21. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at Northville Art House

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##### VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-

Friday and during public performances, through Sept. 25

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** More than 20 works of artist Amy DiPlacido will be on exhibit. Her art explores experimental approaches in the presentation of contemporary art

**Contact:** (734) 394-5300 or visit [cantonvillage-theater.org](http://cantonvillage-theater.org)

#### Dance

##### FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

**Time/Date:** 7:30-10:30 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Singles and couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

**Contact:** Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

##### 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; 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

#### Film

##### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 8-9, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Details:** "Brave," \$3

**Coming up:** "People Like Us," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 14-15, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20; "The Amazing Spider-Man," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 21-22, 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; [www.penn-theatre.com](http://www.penn-theatre.com)

##### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Sept. 7 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 8

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

**Details:** "What's Up Doc?," \$4

**Coming up:** "The Sea Hawk," 8 p.m. Sept. 21 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 22, \$4

**Contact:** (313) 537-2560

#### Music

##### THE ARK

**Time/Date:** Chuck Mead, Sept. 6; Frontier Ruckus, Sept. 7; The RFD Boys & Friends, Sept. 8; Shape Note Singing, Sept. 9; Billy Joe Shaver, Sept. 9; Stacey Earle & Mark Stuart, Sept. 11; The Fred Eaglesmith Traveling Steam Show, Sept. 12; The Nuala Kennedy Band, Sept. 13; Todd Snider & Amy LaVere, Sept. 16-17; Steve Forbert, Sept. 18; The Refugees, Sept. 19; Lori McKenna & Mark Erelli, Sept. 20; John Gorka, Sept. 21; Gary Louris, Sept. 22; John McCutcheon, Sept. 23; BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet, Sept. 24; Murchant & Elisabeth Pixley-Fink, Sept. 25; The Devil Makes Three & John Fullbright, Sept. 26; Madcat/Manfara Blues Band, Sept. 27; The Kin' & Find Vienna, Sept. 28; Nancy Griffith & The Kennedys, Sept. 29

**Location:** 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor  
**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org)

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**GET OUT!**

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**CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY**

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8

**Location:** Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile, at Lahser, Beverly Hills

**Details:** The Juilliard String Quartet opens the 69th season of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, a non-profit organization based in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$30-\$60.

**Contact:** (248) 855-6070 or [www.ChamberMusicDetroit.org](http://www.ChamberMusicDetroit.org)

**CULTURAL CONCERT SERIES**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8



Progressive folk trio, Chimney Choir, performs Sept. 29 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. The group is based in Denver, Colo., and includes Detroit-area native Kevin Larkin.

**Location:** Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Cut Time Players kicks off the series with a program of light classics, such as "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," Ravel's "Bo-

lero," and more. Cut Time Players is an ensemble formed in 1995 by an enthusiastic group of Detroit Symphony Musicians. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for students and seniors.

**Contact:** (248) 473-1848;

[recreg.fhgov.com](http://recreg.fhgov.com)

**FARMINGTON CHORUS**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 11, 18

**Location:** Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, just east of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills

**Details:** The Farmington Community Chorus will hold open auditions for new members. All voice parts will be considered, age 18 and over. The 70-plus, mixed-voice chorus is composed of singers from throughout the metro Detroit area. Beginning this month, the group started rehearsing a repertoire of popular music for its holiday concert

**Contact:** Shelly Addison at (248) 250-1447 or [www.farmingtonchorus.com](http://www.farmingtonchorus.com)

**JAZZ AT THE ELKS**

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. last

Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

**Contact:** (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to [plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com)

**MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7

**Location:** Lake St. Clair Metropark, located on Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile) at Jefferson Ave., in Harrison Township

**Details:** Free concert celebrating the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The U.S. Navy Band performs

at 6 p.m. Fireworks follow both bands at 9 p.m.

**Contact:** [www.michigan-phil.org](http://www.michigan-phil.org)

**TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE**

**Time/Date:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Nicholas Barron, Sept. 7; Melissa Greener, Sept. 8; Empty Chair Night, Sept. 9; Dr. Swing featuring Joel Palmer and Friends, Sept. 14; Sarah McQuaid, Sept. 15; Drew Nelson, Sept. 21; Chris Proctor, Sept. 22; Seth Glier, Sept. 28; Chimney Choir, Sept. 29. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

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# Game day plan

## Tailgating goes gourmet

### Game day is no time to be sidelined in the kitchen.

Do a little pre-game planning so you can spend less time cooking and more time cheering on the home team.

Keep it simple: Instead of taking up space with a lot of dishes to hold condiments, use muffin pans. Each well in the pans can hold a different topping for burgers, hot dogs or chili. Put a spoon in each for easy dipping. It's simple and fun and you'll have fewer dishes to clean up after the game.

Set up a dipping station: Offer a selection of dips, guacamole and salsas. In addition to chips set out bell pepper slices, shrimp, pita chips, bagel chips, jicama sticks and mini rice cakes.

Make sure you have enough: Don't disappoint guests by running out of munchies or drinks. Here's how to figure out how much you need to prepare:

- If you're having eight to 10 guests, figure on three different appetizers. For up to 16 guests, figure on four to five appetizers.

- For non-alcoholic drinks, plan for two 16-ounce cups per person. Plan for two glasses of wine or three beers per person.

- To have enough ice for drinks, as well as to keep drinks cold in a cooler, get about a pound and a half of ice per person.

While keeping the serving utensils and munchies simple, you can transform your traditional tailgating menu into a crowd-pleasing feast that will have your game day friends thinking you've gone gourmet. Whether you're rooting for the home team or away, you can serve up these savory dishes for friends around your backyard grill or with fellow fans at the field.

To up your gourmet game, fire up the grill and fix this quick and easy chipotle marinated Grilled Skirt Steak.

A Roasted Corn Salad embodies the fresh and zesty flavors of the season to keep you at the edge of your seat. Add lime juice to a mixture of corn, tomato, red onion, basil and avocado. Then shake in as much chipotle-flavored pepper sauce as your taste buds desire for a smoky finish. Mexican Caviar, Peppery Artichoke Bruschetta and Touchback Snap Mushroom Dip will give a gourmet twist to your appetizer station.

For more tailgating ideas, visit [www.TABASCO.com](http://www.TABASCO.com).

### Grilled Skirt Steak with Roasted Corn Salad

Makes 4 servings

#### Skirt Steak:

- 1/2 cup Tabasco's Chipotle Pepper Sauce
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 large garlic clove, crushed
- 1 1/2 pounds skirt steak, cut into 4-inch pieces

#### Corn Salad:

- 4 ears corn on the cob, shucked
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped
- 1 small red onion, diced
- 1 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and diced
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped basil
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Tabasco's Chipotle Pepper Sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Prepare skirt steak: In large bowl, combine chipotle pepper sauce, cumin and garlic; add skirt steaks. Toss to mix well; cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes or overnight.

Prepare corn salad: Preheat grill to medium. Grill corn about 5 to 10 minutes, turning frequently, until tender-crisp. When cool enough to handle, cut corn from cob. In medium bowl, combine corn, tomatoes, red onion, avocado, basil, lime juice, olive oil, chipotle pepper sauce and salt; toss to mix well.

Preheat grill to high. Grill skirt steak about 5 minutes, or until of desired doneness, turning once.

To serve, plate steak with corn salad.

### Mexican Caviar

Makes 8 cups

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 (16-ounce) cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 (11-ounce) cans corn, drained and rinsed
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped
- 2 ripe avocados, pitted, peeled and diced
- 4 scallions, sliced
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped cilantro

Corn chips  
Combine oil, vinegar, Tabasco sauce and salt in large bowl; mix well. Stir in black beans, corn, tomatoes, avocados, scallions and cilantro; toss until well blended.

Let stand about one hour before serving.

Serve with corn chips.



Grilled Skirt Steak with Roasted Corn Salad

### Touchback Snap Mushroom Dip

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 pound mushrooms, chopped fine
- 6 pieces pita bread
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped red bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped green onion
- 2 tablespoons Tabasco's Original Red Sauce
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- 3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
- 8 ounces cream cheese

Preheat oven to 425°F. Melt butter in a skillet over medium high heat. Add the mushrooms and sauté until they are soft and all liquid is evaporated. Transfer to a bowl to cool and set aside.

Slice pitas into 8 wedges each and transfer to a baking sheet. Brush with olive oil and toast in the oven until crisp, about 15 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients to the cooled mushrooms and mix well. Serve with toasted pita wedges.



### Peppery Artichoke Bruschetta

Makes 24

- Bread Croûtes
- 24 1/2-inch thick slices crusty French bread (12-ounce baguette), cut diagonally
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
- Artichoke Topping
- 1 jar (12-ounces) marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1 large scallion, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh chopped rosemary
- 3 ounces goat cheese, crumbled

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Combine olive oil and Tabasco sauce in small cup. Brush one side of each bread slice with Tabasco mixture; place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake until lightly toasted, about 8 to 10 minutes.

Preheat broiler.

Combine artichoke hearts, scallion, Tabasco Sauce and rosemary in small bowl; toss to mix well. Spoon artichoke topping on each toasted bread slice; top with crumbled goat cheese.

Broil 3 minutes until goat cheese is slightly melted and lightly browned.



### Michelada

Makes 1 serving

- 1 fresh lime
- Small plate of coarse kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon soy sauce, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
- 1 (12-ounce) can beer

Cut lime in half and rub half around rim of a 16-ounce beer mug to moisten; dip rim lightly in salt. Fill mug half-full with ice.

Squeeze juice from remaining lime and add to mug along with soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and TABASCO® Sauce. Fill mug with beer and stir just enough to combine well.

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## Residents, businesses flock to walkable communities



By Julie Brown  
O&E Staff Writer

Traci Sincock of Plymouth knows the value of walkable neighborhoods.

Sincock is associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, a community like Plymouth known for its walkability. She was out on a recent Saturday in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, a 60-mile over three days to combat breast cancer.

"Accessibility everywhere," she said of her home and work communities, which are neighbors. "You can walk to events. It's so good for exercise."

In Northville, there are neighborhoods with sidewalks great for walking. Sincock noted Northville Township is working on access and walkability, including the new Sheldon Road path used by the breast cancer walkers Aug. 18.

"I do feel like I get the best of both worlds," said Sincock,

whose husband, Paul, is Plymouth city manager. "I'm really lucky."

Walkable neighborhoods are more popular among consumers than ever. According to a new study conducted by the Brookings Institution, people prefer to live in communities that allow them to walk to shops, parks and other destinations and will pay more for a home that allows them to do that.

The study used the Washington, D.C., area as a test location for the research. The more walkable the community, the more the price per square foot increased. Rental properties in walkable areas averaged \$300 per month more than rentals in other areas, and house values averaged \$82 more per square foot in walkable areas when compared to homes in less walkable areas.

Traci Sincock was in Kellogg Park that Saturday with Mariana Peres, 17, a Rotary

exchange student from Brazil. Peres will attend Plymouth Salem High School.

"This is very different," said Peres, looking around the leafy downtown Plymouth park. "I like here."

Her community has some 600,000 people, which is a small city for Brazil. Peres lives in an apartment building with 15 floors.

Agreeing that communities like Plymouth are walkable and great for living and working in is Tony Bruscato, director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Bruscato, a Canton resident, was also in Kellogg Park as the breast cancer walkers were cheered on.

"I think it all starts at Kellogg Park where a lot of people gather," said Bruscato.

"And then of course we've got a lot of neighborhood parks." People enjoy seeing friends, he said. "A lot of people in Plymouth know their neigh-

bors because they get out to walk," said Bruscato, adding events, dining and shopping bring people out.

Bruscato's not a Realtor, but he believes Plymouth has been less hard hit by the recession in terms of properties. He sees some properties with new homes which are larger going in on the lots.

"I think that shows the stability of Plymouth, the desirability of it. We're very fortunate," he said. He finds there were fewer foreclosures in Plymouth and not as many job losses.

Commercial districts have a low vacancy rate, Bruscato said, "where many communities have struggled to keep their businesses. We don't have to hardly sell Plymouth, that's the great thing about it. I think it almost sells itself, especially with the businesses. People are calling us, asking what's available."

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## Collection agency has drawbacks

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: Our association's managing agent just suggested that we hire a collection agency to collect our assessments. I am wary of it, so I am looking for some additional reasons. Do you have any comment?

A: Using a collection agency, that does not necessarily have expertise in community association law, is like using a carpenter to give you a knee replacement. Many times



Robert Meisner

delinquent co-owners will ignore the collection letter from a collection agency, just as they do in any other

environment, as opposed to getting a letter from the association's attorney, which has legal ramifications, including having to pay the association's legal fees and costs in the collection matter. Moreover, the attorney for the association, who is knowledgeable about the new issues confronting condominium associations in collections, should be better able to effectuate a resolution in a more timely and fruitful fashion. The old notion that you get what you pay for still rings true.

Q: I understand that Fannie Mae just came out with changes in condo unit mortgage guidelines. Can you help me with that?

A: Under Guide Section 42.3, mixed projects with commercial units occupying more than 20 percent of the total square footage are ineligible, which may cause a problem for residential condominiums having problems getting local loans, but that is something that should be handled through experienced legal counsel for the developer.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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#### CANTON

41699 Bedford Dr	\$46,000
47451 Belford Ct	\$390,000
50491 Colchester Ct	\$565,000
46821 Creeks Bnd	\$185,000
45416 Glengarry Blvd	\$323,000
48894 Greenwich Cir	\$304,000
1959 Lincoln Dr	\$185,000
1106 Longfellow Dr	\$183,000
45631 Morningside Dr	\$243,000
8499 Orhan St	\$114,000
45662 S Stonewood Rd	\$178,000
48955 Saltz Rd	\$43,000
47014 Sherstone Dr	\$218,000
2859 Stanton St	\$221,000
40026 Woodale Way	\$233,000

#### GARDEN CITY

511 Deering St	\$76,000
28521 Marquette St	\$18,000
31956 Windsor St	\$120,000
LIVONIA	
9905 Berwick St	\$165,000
9910 Blackburn St	\$115,000
11026 Blackburn St	\$160,000
14085 Blackburn St	\$155,000
14635 Blue Skies St	\$112,000
9656 Cardwell St	\$113,000
34012 Carl Dr	\$170,000
12133 Cavell St	\$23,000
36238 Club Dr	\$293,000
18090 Curtis Ct	\$35,000
36367 Dardanella St	\$210,000
15118 Fairfield St	\$22,000
29683 Greenland St	\$104,000
16311 Inkster Rd	\$98,000
18044 Levan Rd	\$156,000
14190 Melvin St	\$120,000
9971 Merriman Rd	\$109,000
34160 Navin Ave	\$218,000

34593 Navin Ave	\$276,000
33359 Norfolk St	\$163,000
9907 Roseland St	\$35,000
9356 Stonehouse Ave	\$224,000
37832 Summers St	\$120,000
13960 Susanna Ct	\$150,000
NORTHVILLE	
19409 Althea Ct	\$100,000
44457 Broadmoor Blvd	\$334,000
16589 Cottonwood Ct	\$340,000
44009 Deep Hollow Cir	\$613,000
17541 E Northville Trl	\$380,000
16393 Johnson Creek Dr	\$420,000
16034 Morningside	\$100,000
PLYMOUTH	
11238 Bellwood Dr	\$254,000
13588 Eaton Dr	\$325,000
675 Irvin St	\$126,000
1578 Nantucket Rd	\$140,000
42479 Plymouth Hollow Dr	\$44,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$43,000
REDFORD	

9111 Columbia	\$47,000
26032 Dover	\$64,000
17190 Gaylord	\$35,000
8888 Grayfield	\$48,000
18720 Indian	\$32,000
15070 Inkster Rd	\$33,000
11338 Lenore	\$15,000
11720 Marion	\$55,000
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25900 W Seven Mile Rd	\$30,000
19455 Woodworth	\$25,000
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7470 Affeldt St	\$32,000
39281 Armstrong Ln	\$110,000
8112 August Ave	\$86,000
637 Bedford Dr	\$85,000
32112 Bertram Dr	\$60,000
32237 Bertram Dr	\$72,000
7369 Manor Cir	\$25,000
30806 Steinhauer St	\$60,000
1330 Windham St	\$62,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of May 14-18, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### BEVERLY HILLS

31115 Belmont Ct	\$282,000
30166 Hobnail Ct	\$382,000
16005 Marguerite St	\$98,000
BIRMINGHAM	
690 Bennaville Ave	\$455,000
1146 Henrietta St	\$370,000
335 N Eton St	\$41,000
639 N Old Woodward Ave	\$244,000

1467 Norfolk St	\$269,000
1073 Pleasant St	\$325,000
2070 Sheffield Rd	\$185,000
211 Valley View Ln	\$255,000
1050 Wimbleton Dr	\$239,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
6335 Dakota Cir	\$350,000
6493 Thorncrest Dr	\$208,000

#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2358 Brenthaven Dr	\$302,000
4693 Coachmaker Dr	\$295,000
1940 Klingensmith Rd	\$280,000
2830 Rossmoor Cir	\$190,000
2311 Rutherford Rd	\$73,000
742 Westbourne Dr	\$160,000
344 Tilbury Rd	\$598,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
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4210 Rolling Pines Ct	\$285,000
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25091 Arden Park Dr	\$172,000
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21960 Leyte St	\$95,000
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24020 Noble Dr	\$145,000
31722 Nottingwood St	\$117,000
31514 Orchard Crk	\$78,000
30712 Ramblewood Club Dr	\$160,000
21027 Rensselaer St	\$59,000

21402 Riverwalk Ct	\$247,000
27500 Spring Valley Dr	\$153,000
28351 W 14 Mile Rd	\$450,000
FRANKLIN	
30033 Hickory Ln	\$499,000
MILFORD	
1777 Bristol Dr	\$450,000
3020 E Maple Rd	\$155,000
816 Knolls Landing Dr	\$215,000
2294 S Hickory Ridge Rd	\$350,000
2297 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$25,000
NOVI	
43050 12 Oaks Crescent Dr #5	\$120,000
24177 Brentwood Ct	\$390,000
24564 Cavendish Ave E	\$359,000
41603 Chattman St	\$315,000
44723 Ellery Ln	\$81,000
28849 Hearthstone Dr	\$206,000
40578 Lenox Park Dr	\$240,000
40582 Lenox Park Dr	\$245,000
24474 Simmons Dr	\$226,000
39884 Village Wood Cir	\$36,000
45350 W 10 Mile Rd	\$169,000
42599 Whitman Way	\$240,000

#### SOUTH LYON

1008 Birchway Ct	\$251,000
825 Brick Ln	\$169,000
228 Brookwood Dr Unit 7	\$45,000
1113 Shetland Dr	\$329,000
26442 Shumans Way	\$30,000
241 Wellington Dr	\$153,000
SOUTHFIELD	
30406 Everett St	\$46,000
17412 Gateway Cir	\$85,000
21650 Hidden Rivers Dr S	\$25,000
19101 Jeanette St	\$49,000
19025 Melrose Ave	\$28,000
19434 Melrose Ave	\$32,000
19712 Midway Rd	\$30,000
17414 New Hampshire Dr	\$34,000
16425 New Jersey St	\$84,000
17070 New Jersey St	\$111,000
29960 Pleasant Trl	\$39,000
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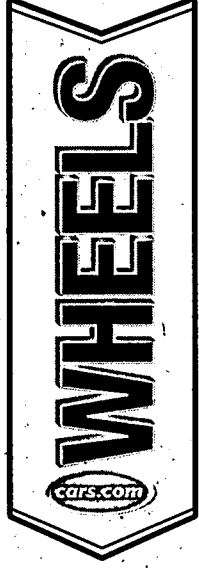
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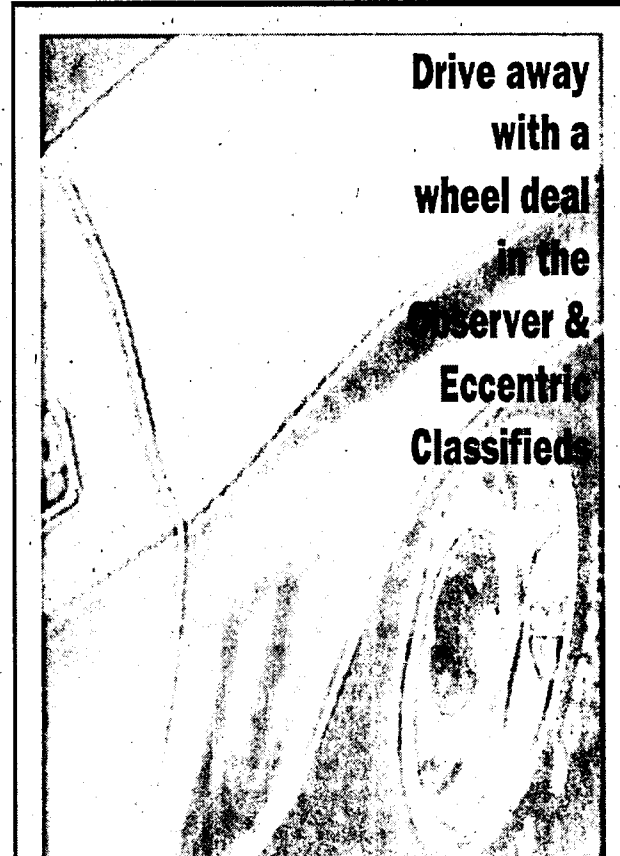
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