





Canoe trip

The Friends of the Rouge will hold its sixth annual public canoe trip on the lower branch of the Rouge River in the City of Wayne, starting at 1 p.m. Oct. 13.

The route through Wayne County parkland is mainly forested. Volunteers have been working hard since spring to open passage through the numerous logjams. The trip is limited to experienced paddlers due to water quality concerns. Heavner Canoe and Kayak Rental will provide rental canoes. Reservations are required.

For more information, visit www.therouge. org, e-mail monitoring@ therouge.org or call (313) 792-9621.

Nominations

Time is running out to make nominations for the Westland First Citizen of the Year, the Business Person of the Year and Administrative Professional of the Year awards. The deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18. Nominations can be submitted to the Westland Chamber of Commerce at 36900 Ford Road, Westland.

The recipients will be honored at an Oktoberfest-themed Awards Celebration, hosted by the **Chamber and Westland** Jaycees, on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., the celebration begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person and includes appetizers and open bar. For more information,

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W-W board taps Westland resident to fill vacancy

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

It took a number of votes but former Westland mayor Charles "Trav" Griffin has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

"I appreciate this appointment. I will do my best to serve this community, the students who live within it and the parents,' said Griffin. "I don't take this



lightly. I will work with everyone on the board to maintain the stability of the district, regardless of how they voted."

A former Westland councilman.

Griffin also is a former teacher and Michigan Education Association UniServ director. In addition, Griffin had a brief stint serving on the Wayne-Westland

school board.

"I have experience on both sides of the table. I don't shy away from tough decisions," said Griffin. "I have never lost my passion. I was third in the race (in the last election). I decided to apply."

In his interview with the board, Griffin noted that he had served on the district's Citizen Bond Oversight Committee as well as the Building and Site Fund Committee.

Griffin was appointed to fill the vacancy created when Andrea Clawson resigned her seat in August after having served only 14 months of her term. Griffin was appointed to fill the seat until the next general election in 2014.

The board interviewed a total of nine applicants for the vacancy, including three people who are appearing on the Nov. 6 bal-

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9/11 service remembers lives lost and those who continue to serve

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By Sue Mason

Observer Staff Writer

The mournful tolling of a bell, rung in sets of three, echoed around the south side of Westland City Hall Sunday, as residents gathered to remember the terrible losses of Sept. 11, 2001.

In a service conducted by St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, the gathering remembered those who perished that day and those who responded and continue to respond 11 years later. 'It's truly an honor and

a privilege to gather here and life up our hearts to God," said the Rev. Kurt Lambart, pastor of St. Matthew Church.



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annual Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23 in the VisTaTech Center, Livonia.

Tickets are \$50 per person (\$20 is a charitable contribution). Vendors from Novi, Birmingham, Royal Oak, Plymouth, Livonia, Traverse City and more will be featured. To purchase tickets call (734) 462-4518 or visit www.schoolcraft. edu/foundation. The event includes a silent auction and a raffle with a \$1000 first prize.

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The service included the singing of patriotic songs, prayers for the families of those who perished on 9/11 and prayers and blessings for first responders, the military and elected leaders, as well as the Rev. Bill Wrede, who recounted his experiences at Ground Zero on 9/11.

As part of the services, Westland Fire Department Battilion Chief Chris Griffen rings the bell three times to honor Westland's firefighters. The bell was rung in sets of three twice more to EMTS and police officers.

Representatives of the Wayne and Westland Fire Departments and EMTs took turns ringing the bell. After the gathering, they joined Lambart in a prayer asking God's blessing for them.

"When you have a first responder lose his life, a ceremony bell is rung,' said Lambart. "But at the start of a firefighter's shift, they ring the bell, when they're called to an emergency, they

ring a bell, and when their day is done, they ring a bell."

Lambart was thinking about holding a church service in a city park, when he talked to them mayor and now District

Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli who "had a different idea." She invited them to join with the city in conducting the annual service.

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New policy sets procedures for information requests

By LeAnne Rogers **Observer Staff Writer**

Westland now has a one-page policy outlining procedures for handling Freedom of Information Act requests.

"It just spells it out, so we're all on the same page," Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof said.

The Westland clerk's office coordinates FOIA requests for the city except for the Police Department and the Police and Fire Retirement Board, which handle their own FOIA requests.

A \$5 initiation fee is collected with the written FOIA and a 50percent deposit is required for the cost of copying records. "They must request an exist-

ing public document. Legally,

we can't create a document (to fulfill a request)," Schoof said. "The person making a request must know what they are looking for."

Westland doesn't have a Freedom of Information ordinance, City Attorney Michael McNamara said, so the city must follow the state FOIA.

"It is not incumbent on us to create a document in response to a request," Schoof said. "The \$5 fee is not refunded if we tell them that the document doesn't exist.'

For requests to only view documents, there is a charge for a clerk to monitor the person viewing the documents. Resident Judy McKinney

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Hunter gets needed road repairs

By LeAnne Rogers **Observer Staff Writer**

Work on the three-phase Hunter Street overlay project is expected to get under way within the next couple of weeks.

"This project has to be done by October, so it will be starting soon. I don't have an exact starting date, but it will be in the next week or two," Westland Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford said.

City council recently approved the \$189,567 bid for the project from the lowest bidder, Florence Cement Co. The project involves Hunter between Apache and Venoy.

Phase I includes the resurfacing of Hunter from Apache to Farmington. This portion of the project is expected to take four to six weeks to complete. Phase II will run from Wildwood to

Apache, with Phase III improvements between Farmington Road and Venoy.

These much-needed road repairs will likely cause an inconvenience to drivers and homeowners, Mayor William Wild said, however, "the city and the contractor will do our best to minimize disruptions.'

"Hunter Road is desperately in need of repair and, when finished, it will give homeowners and travelers in this area much-

deserved relief," Wild said. Warren Road, under construction between Wayne Road and Newburgh, is running about a week behind schedule, Buford said, but still expected to be completed by October. Except to accommodate the hazardous household waste collection held last month at Westland Shop-

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Mayor uses committees to update ordinances, website

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

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Three new committees are being formed to address changes in state fireworks laws, revise Westland's sign ordinance and provide recommendations for updating the city website.

Formation of the committees and the need for volunteers was announced recently at a council meeting by Mayor William Wild.

The change in the fireworks law, which allows previously prohibited devices that leave the

ground on days surrounding holidays, was the subject of complaints following the July 4 holiday.

The fireworks committee would be charged with developing a new local fireworks ordinance, said Wild, who asked a council member to head the committee. State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, volunteered to help the committee study other local fireworks ordinances.

"The safety of our residents is always my top priority," said Wild. "Changes to the state's law governing fireworks have resulted in increased in the day before and the

demands upon our emergency service providers."

While the changes to the fireworks law were perhaps well-intentioned, Wild said, "a number of Westland residents have expressed concern about fireworks going off at all hours of the day and night, the types of fireworks being ignited, and fireworks being lit beyond the time frame set by law."

Besides the expanded type of fireworks, the state law allowed the fireworks to be discharged on a legal holiday along with

day after the holiday. Planning and Building Director Bruce Thompson will head the committee developing a revised commercial sign ordinance which needs a revision, Wild said.

Businesses seek to market themselves with LED signs, illuminated signs, backlit signs, temporary signs, banners and the like, and with size being a key factor in drawing one's eye to these signs, Wild said.

"Work needs to be done to amend our ordinance to address the needs of our business neighbors while

being mindful of the aesthetics of our community," Wild said, "The goal of the committee will be to remain a business friendly community while continuing to raise community standards."

Westland's Information Technology Direc² tor Dan Bourdeau will head the third committee charged with making recommendations on updating the city's websife. It's the first year of a twoyear project to upgrade the website.

"Business well understands the need to keeps websites current and

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Church of Wayne-West-

land is holding a fall rum-

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information.

dynamic, the city should market itself and our services no differently," Wild said.

Wild added that he hopes to make the site more visually attractive, more user-friendly and offer residents more opportunities to conduct city business via the Internet.

Residents who are interested in serving on the committees should send a letter of interest to the mayor's office outlining their qualifications.

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"We have to remember every single day in our hearts," said Cicirelli, who was elected mayor on Sept. 11, 2001. "I am most proud that 11 years later we are still here remembering what happened. I was at Ground Zero two years after the attack and I could feel the emotions. I was there last September to see the memorial and I was overcome with such feelings about what happened."

Political leaders extolled those in attendance to always remember what happened on 9/11. Westland Mayor William Wild acknowledge that "we all remember what we were doing that morning."

"A cowardly group performed a dastardly act,' he said. "It was a low for us as humans to see what humans can do to each other. We all watched as our lives were changed forever."

State Sen. Glenn Anderson referred to the school children who performed, observing that some were not alive when 9/11 happened and stressing the hope that "parents will explain why we have this service and why we honor our first responders."

"We will never allow our society to forget that day,



The Rev. Kurt Lambart, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, speaks to the crowd about remembering those who perished on 9/11.

"he said. "As Christians we try to find some good in that tragedy. We do remember and we remember how we came together as a Americans."

Speaking for the Westland City Council, City **Councilwoman** Christine Cicirelli Bryant told the crowd that it's important to gather and discuss the tragedy.

"Lives changed and lives

were lost," she said. "It's important to remember where it happened, where we were and the emotions we experienced that day."

The solemnity of the program was punctuated with the sounds of children at play. The members of the children's choirs were released early to go to nearby Tattan Park for a church picnic. Those who gathered for the service were invited to ioin them

Support groups

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency has formed a new support Caregiving Support Group for those people who care for someone with dementia, Alzheimer's Disease or other chronic conditions.

The group meets 6-7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill, west of Merriman.

Wayne Metro also facilitates a Caregiver Support Group on 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday each month at the Kay Beard Building, 30712 Michigan Ave., in Westland.

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ping Center, the Warren Road-Central City Parkway intersection has been closed due to the construction.

Slated to begin Monday are Phases II and III of a

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lot seeking to fill two sixyear terms on the board. Applicants appearig on the ballot are Pa

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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.

the first phase.

There is work remaining on Ethan Drive, Autumn Ridge and Chloe. The total cost is estimated at \$486,000 and will be funded from the 2012-13 local road fund, which had included \$300,000 for Phase II.

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and Robert Froreich, along with Mark Diehl of Wayne.

Following a board procedure that created some confusion among board members and the public, the board voted repeatedly before narrowing their

original bid, Summerfield and Ethan Drive were paved in 2011. That phase of the project was completed under budget. City engineers OHM recommended that the

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Futch of Wayne, pastor of True Love Christian Fellowship Church in Romulus; Westland resident Jeffrey Hayton, who works performing quality analysis and systems for the state and served as an appointed board member

vear term on the ballot. Incumbent Cindy Schofield isn't seeking re-election.

The fifth candidate on the ballot is Westland resident Sally Madison, who is a mother of four, school volunteer and a student at Schoolcraft College.

Other candidates inter-viewed by the board included Westland residents Christopher Staley, Stacey (Robinson) Antonchik, Scott Davis

choices to Griffin and Futch.

Griffin was appointed on a 4-2 vote with no votes from board president Carol Middel and board member John Goci. **Board members**

thanked all of the candidates for applying for the position and encouraged them to continue to be involved with the district.

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POLICY

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wasn't happy with the fees or having someone monitor a person viewing documents.

"I don't understand. Why all these fees? The court downtown doesn't charge fees and lets you look with no one watching you. The city doesn't trust citizens," McKinney said, adding citizens shouldn't trust the city.

"We had a citizen look at election records and the totals were missing

(afterward). Luckily, I had another copy. So it does happen," Schoof said. The fees for FOIA requests are included on the city website as part of the administrative fee schedule.

"If I have a form like an ordinance, I keep copies that I can give at no charge. The ordinances are online also," Schoof said.

Council held a study session to review the updated policy. No action was needed to adopt it.

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LOCAL NEWS

Building event provides shelter for dogs



Tanya West-Garrett of Fairborn, Ohio, puts her artistic touch to the walls of one of the doghouses.

By Brad Kadrich **Observer Staff Writer**

When Christine Davis found a bull mastiff-pit bull mix she named Pork Chop, the dog had been attacked by a neighbor with a sword, and was suffering from serious wounds that needed medical attention.

Davis, a Westland resident, called to a variety of dog rescue facilities and couldn't get any help. Finally, someone at Detroit Dog Rescue responded and got Pork Chop the help he needed.

That's why Davis was in Canton Saturday, helping Detroit Dog Rescue put on its first "Roofs for Woofs" event, designed to build 100 doghouses

organizers hope to use to combat what they called a "dire need for housing to protect dogs, often in poor neighborhoods, that are penned in or chained up in places with no escape from scorching summer weather and frigid winter conditions."

DDR was the only rescue I called who picked up the phone," Davis said. "They gave Pork Chop the medical attention I knew I couldn't give him."

The first "Roofs for Woofs" comes as Detroit Dog Rescue launches an effort. In The Dog House, to encourage dog owners to provide proper shelter. Kelly McLaughlin, director of programs and development for DDR,



Christine Davis of Westland and Detroit Dog Rescue board of directors member Dante Dasaro shingle one of some 100 doghouses built in DDR's "Roofs for Woofs" event Saturday in Canton.

said getting people to understand the problem will be a big part of solving it.

"I didn't know dogs live 24-7 on a chain outside," McLauglin said. "Educating people is what it's all about. and once you do that, people are all about it. They've gone all out (to help)."

More than 200 people signed up to help. Some cut the wood, others drilled pieces together, more shingled the houses and still others handled the painting and decoration.

Home Depot provided and prepared the wood, and the volunteers filled a large portion of the parking lot in assembly line fashion to get the houses built. Lori Nemeth lives in

town visiting her mom. She said when she heard about "Roofs for Woofs" she thought it sounded fun.

Seacrest, Fla., but was in

"I'm on my second rescue dog," Nemeth said. "I see the shows on TV about dogs left out in the elements. This sounded like a good idea."

McLaughlin said the turnout and the event

went as well as they'd hoped, though there were lessons to be learned.

"We're thrilled for a first-year event," she said. "There are obviously kinks to work out and some things we'll do differently. But we can't wait for next year. Bring it on."

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Jump and jive to music at Blues, Brews and Barbecue

The blues will be joined by jumpin' and jivin' boogie woogie music and country tunes at Westland's second annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue Saturday and Sunday. Expanded this year to a two-day event, music fans will be treated to several different bands

over the two-day period.

The Front Street Blues Band will bring Detroit's hottest new original jumpin' and jivin', boogiewoogie blues while Monsieur Guillaume & His Zydeco Hepcats combine elements of blues, rock, country and jazz.

Roots, rockabilly and country music round out the festivities with such

notables as Sweet Willie Tea, the Boa Constrictors, Jones'N and the Alligators

A highlight will be the performance of Westland native and American Idol finalist Josh Gracin closes the event Saturday with a 7 p.m. concert. This will be Gracin's first performance in Westland

since his American Idol. days. All of the music is free. Here is the music

schedule:

Saturday

 Noon - Sweet Willie Tea (Roots & Blues) • 2 p.m. - Monsieur Guillaume & His Zydeco Hepcats (Zydeco & Blues)

• 4 p.m. - The Alligators

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(Rockin' Blues) 7 p.m. - Special Guest and Hometown Country

Star Josh Gracin Sunday

• Noon - Jones'N (Blues & R&B)

• 2 p.m. - Front Street Blues Band (Rockin' Blues)

• 4 p.m. - The Boa Constrictors (Blues & Rock-

abilly)

land.

In addition to music, attendees cAN sample a variety of great food and beverages provided by local restaurants and vendors. A car show will also take place on Saturday. All events will be held on City Hall grounds, 36601 Ford Road, West-







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PUBLIC SAFETY

Westland man sentenced to prison for killing of elderly mother

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

A Westland man has been sentenced to 22-50 years in prison for beating his elderly mother to death.

Marvin Phillips, 45, had entered a no contest plea in Wayne County Circuit Court to a charge of second-degree murder in the death of Tommie June Shaw, 86. Initially, Phillips had been charged with three counts of abusing a vulnerable adult and assault following the Nov. 4 incident. Shaw had been hospitalized and treated for blunt force trauma to the head before dying on Dec. 25.

Following Shaw's death, her son was charged with murder. During the preliminary examination for Phillips on the murder charge, a neighbor testified to having a friendly relationship with Shaw — something that changed after her son moved in.

The neighbor testified that Shaw came to her home on Nov. 4, seeking help — barefoot, cold and bruised.

While waiting for para-

medics, the neighbor recorded video of Shaw describing the assault by her son.

Shaw's death was ruled a homicide due to blunt force trauma by the Wayne County medical examiner.

The physical problems Shaw had — fluid in the lungs, evidence of food being aspirated into lungs and a bed sore — all stemmed from the damage from the blunt head trauma, according to the medical examiner.

Phillips has a lengthy criminal record dating back to 1991, including carjacking, receiving stolen property and

multiple charges of driving under the influence of a controlled substance, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections. Most of the charges list Phillips as having completed parole/probation and being discharged without improvement.

Based on his current sentence, Phillips' earliest release date would be in November 2033.

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Cash stolen in break-ins

Attempted break-in

Just after 4:30 a.m. Sept. 8, police responded to an alarm at Venoy Smoke Shop, 2379 S. Venoy. Officers found fresh damage to the front window at the business and two large rocks on the ground directly underneath.

No entry was made to the business and the damage to the window was estimated at \$200.

The suspect, caught on security video, matched the description of a suspect in several other break-ins.

Larceny from a vehicle

Two sets of stereo speakers, a 42-inch flat screen television, three laptop computers, a platinum and diamond ring and two amplifiers valued at \$8,000 were reported stolen from a home in the 2200 block of Somerset Sept. 8.

The homeowner, who is a disc jockey, told police she was at work when her daughter arrived home about ••• 1:30 a.m. to find the front door open.

Break-ins

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found that a window had been broken but no one was inside. The owner reported \$200 in cash had been stolen.

Officers checked the roof after hearing noises but found no one on the roof.

The front door glass at Marina's Pizza, located next door at 32955 Palmer, was also found to have been broken. The owner of that business later reported \$115 in coins stolen and \$2,000 damage to the front door.

Break-ins

A Belleville man told police Sept. 10 that someone had broken into a Fannie Maeowned home in the 1100 block of Sharon and stole all the cooper plumbing valued at \$1,800. The house is vacant with a lock box and there was no sign of forced entry. He said he suspects the thief had the lock box code.

The man also reported that the furnace had been stolen from a second home in the 400 block of North John Hix. The furnace was valued at \$1,500. This home is vacant with a lock box and had no sign of forced entry. By LeAnne Rogers

Plumbing and air conditioning equipment stolen from GC home

K9 assist

The Garden City Police K9 team was called to assist Westland police twice in a few short hours on Sept. 12. In the first incident around 4 a.m., the team was asked to assist with a building search and track after Westland police officers responded to a burglary alarm in the 1600 block of Venoy.

In the second incident about two hours later, the K9 assisted with tracking a suspect from an attempted armed robbery at the CVS Pharmacy at Merriman and Cherry Hill.

In both instances, Garden City's tracking dog, Deuce, was able to pick up a trail but both trails abruptly ended suggesting to Officer Bruce Shippe that the perpetrators had vehicles waiting nearby.

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Suspended license

A 22-year-old Plymouth man was arrested for driving on a suspended license after an officer stopped him for speeding in the area of Ford and Henry Ruff Sept. 11. The driver was found to have eight current suspensions.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

The man was taken to the Garden City Police Department where he was issued violations and released pending a court appearance.

Break-in

A vacant home in the 400 block of Deering was broken into and more than \$6,000 in plumbing and air conditioning equipment was taken. A man representing the owner of the home called police after he arrived and discovered the damage on Sept. 11. The representative reported that he had just been at the home the previous day and everything was intact. Taken were the exterior air conditioning unit, an electrical supply box, and copper tubing.

Fake prescription

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested Sept. 10 while attempting to pass a fraudulent prescription after a pharmacist because suspicious. The pharmacist contacted the doctor who had purportedly written the script and discovered it was bogus. When the man returned to the store to pick up the medication, he was placed under arrest by police. The man was also found to be in possession of other medications suspected to have been fraudulently obtained along with a quantity of marijuana. He was arrested for fraudulent activity and drug possession.

Stolen purse

A 25-year-old Garden City resident called police after she discovered her purse had been taken while she was away from her table at Sports Venue, 6327 Middlebelt, on Sept. 9.

The woman told police she had stepped away for about five minutes to throw darts and, when she returned, she discovered the purse and contents, approximately \$900, missing. There were no sus-

pects identified.

Assault

Two Garden City men reported to police that they had been assaulted Sept. 8 as they were outside of Albert's on the Alley at 5651 Middlebelt. Police were told there had been an accidental

bumping followed by a

fight that left one of the victims on the ground unconscious. The alleged assailants fled prior to police arrival and could not be identified.

There was no video of the incident available. The victims were treated at the scene by Garden City Fire Department.

Drunken driving

A 19-year-old Westland driver was arrested Sept. 7 for operating while impaired after an officer, standing near the area of Sheridan and Middlebelt, watched the man's vehicle strike a curb and then execute a sharp turn without signaling.

The officer followed the driver and observed other traffic infractions before making a stop. After observing signs of intoxication on the driver, the officer had the man perform various field sobriety tests. The driver was placed under arrest and, after a breath test, determined to have an unlaw-

ful blood alcohol content. The man was arrested, cited and lodged at police station, and his car was impounded. An open bottle of gin in the vehicle was also seized.

Joe's Coney Island, 1912 S. Venoy, about a break-in just after 2:30 a.m. Sept. 10. Officers

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1550J, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Restoration and Collision Shop, Marquette Auto Mall, 1136 N Wayne Road, Parcel # 042-03-0885-313, Northeast Corner of Wayne Road and Marquette Avenue, Jamal Safiedine (Jim Safiedine)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 2, 2012.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.



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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #644C, Proposed Rezoning from CB-4, Vehicle Service to CB-3, General Commercial Business, Parcel #003-03-0001-000, North Side of Warren Road, East of Middlebelt Road, (Nawal Hmad).

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 21 09/4/12

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
200: Adopted Non-Profit Resolution for John Glenn Wrestling Inc.
Adopted Prep Res. for NSP acquisition-33518-20 Berville.
Proclaimed September "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month".
201: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. Retail Hot Tub Outlet-5930 N. Hix.
202: Appr.: minutes of regular meeting held 8/20/12.
203: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. Patio Addition to Crystal Bar, 8051 N. Middlebelt.
204: Appr. checklist: \$240,850.39 & Prepaid: \$18,129,153.23.
Mtg. adj. at 8:27 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout Council President

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Eileen DeHart City Clerk, CMC

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On September 18, 2012, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction wil¹ begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1998	CADILLAC	DEVILLE .	WHITE	1G6KD54Y0WU769466
2000	FORD	TAURUS	BLUE	1FAFP55S5YG173812
1995	FORD	AEROSTAR	RED	2FMDA5141SBD53597
1999'	PLYMOUTH	CIRRUS	PURPLE	1P3EJ46C0XN508218
1997	CHEVROLET	CAVALIER	GREEN	1G1JC1241V7178377
2002	FORD .	TAURUS	SILVER	1FAFP55U52G283350
2002	OLDSMOBILE	ALERO	BROWN	1G3NL52F52C291267
1993	FORD	TEMPO	GREEN	1FAPP31X9PK206770
2001	FORD	FOCUS	TAN	1FAFP34P81W125914
1983	PONTIAC	GR PRIX	TAN	1G2AK37H8DB274234
2010	KIA	SOUL	GRAY	KNDJT2A27A7159047
1997	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	WHITE	4C3AU52N2VE198625
2000	CHEVROLET	BLAZER	SILVER	1GNDT13W2Y2236879
2001	FORD	TAURUS	BLUE	1FAFP53U21G157691
1995	OLDSMOBILE	ACHIEVA	RED	1G3NL55M6SM309733
1993	FORD	AEROSTAR	GRAY	1FMCA11U7PZB18789
2000	OLDSMOBILE	INTRIQUE	GRAY	1G3WS52H7YF114283
1988	FORD	BRONCO II	BLUE	1FMCU14T4JUC37513
2003	POLARIS	4WHEELER	GREEN	4XACH50A93B794637
2002	CHEVROLET	CAVALIER	TAN	1G1JF524127250351
. 2009	FORD	FUSION	BLACK	3FAH01199R142209
2002	DODGE	STRATUS	SILVER	1B3EL76R12N355939

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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LOCAL NEWS

GC woman says beware of Lincoln Center check scam

By Sue Mason . Observer Staff Writer

Virginia Moore is wondering just who it is that's so interested in her. On three different occasions over the past year, she has encountered letters, emails and phone calls from people looking to get her money and personal information.

Last year, it was a phone call, reportedly from her grandson from Kingston, Ontario, Canada, looking for \$3,000 to stay out of jail after being involved in accident. Then it was a cousin from Canada telling her that she thought Moore's email account had been compromised. Now it's a \$1,460 check from the Lincoln Center for Performing Arts Inc., the first payment of \$36,480 in a promotional drawing.

Moore didn't fall for any of the scams, but is worried that there are people out there who might.

"I'm kind of suspicious," she said. "I don't want people to fall for this, especially seniors, since we're supposed to be dumb."

In the first incident, the phone call was from someone claiming to be her grandson, a Marine stationed in Hawaii. The young man called her "Grams" just like her grandson does and gave the name of a buddy of his in the Marines. He claimed he had been in an accident, had a broken nose and needed \$2,000-\$3,000 for bail.

"He kept talking over me, by then I realized it wasn't my grandson," Moore said. "I finally asked how much he needed and where I should send. The address was some place in Spain, a P.O. box."

Moore also was directed to go to a specific place to wire the \$3,000 to the young man. She said OK.

"Anyone with a half a brain would know it was a scam," Moore said. "I don't think the young man realized I was on to him until I hung up."

Moore had a new Yahoo account when her cousin contacted her on Facebook and told her she "thought someone was phishing" in her emails. She found among the tabs one marked conversations and when she opened it up there were 10 emails with addresses she didn't recognize.

ognize. "The minute I deleted them, my screen filled with them so I just shut down my computer," she said. "I was able to delete them, but I'm very cautious with my computer now. I shut it down when I'm done."

The latest scam came in the mail a few weeks ago, a bogus letter about her winning a sweepstakes and including a check drawn on J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, NA, of Brooklyn, N.Y. The check looked like a regular business check, and the letter stated that the document had a colored background and watermark on the back.

The check supposedly was a portion of her winnings from a consumer promotional drawing for "customers of participating retail stores in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada." As a winner, the letter said she would be paid the remainder of her winnings by certified check, delivered by a designated courier service.

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The letter also advised Moore that "as part of a security measure" she should keep the check away from the public.

There was a number on the letter to call, but Moore didn't call. She did look it up online and it wasn't for the Lincoln Center. She also found a web page where there were complaints about different scams. At least three referenced the Lincoln Center.

But Moore was suspicious. She had never heard of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts without the "the" and never with the Inc. She took the check to her bank, where a manger confirmed her suspicions.

"She said they get them all the time," Moore said. "Some people bring in the checks and if the teller's not aware of the scam, gives them the money. In a few days, they find out the check is a fraud and the individual has to pay back the money. Usually, it's been spent by then." She also took the letter to the Garden City Post Office to have it investigated for mail fraud by the Postmaster General. Her daughter will be

coming from Ohio in a few weeks and will help her set up a new email account. For now, she's being very careful with her computer.

"I'd like to think I'm having a good day, but I think someone is looking over my shoulder in the wrong way," she said. "I just don't want seniors to fall prey to these scams. They're around and they've been on the news."

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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 one for \$10.

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

Outdoor flea market

The final outdoor flea market of the season is being held the 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road.

The cost is \$15 for a 10by 10-foot space, payable the day of the flea market. No advance reservations are accepted. The flea market is held outside at the Straight Farm House and is cancelled during inclement weather.

Call Diane, the manager of the Garden City Craftique Mall, at (734) 765-7999 for more information.

Golf outing

Albert's on the Alley and Fleming Financial Services will sponsor the first annual Golfers Against Diabetes Golf Outing Saturday, Sept. 29, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 S. Lotz Road in Canton.

Tee time is 9 a.m., and all proceeds from the outing will go to the American Diabetes Association.

The outing will be in a four-person scramble format with a shotgun

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start at 9 a.m. The cost is \$85 per person and

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includes 18 holes of golf with cart, hot dog at the turn, awards luncheon at Albert's on the Alley afterwards and goody bags, games and prizes. People interested in becoming involved as a golfer, hole sponsor or volunteer, or giving a

donation can go online to www.AlbertsontheAlley.com and www.FlemingFinancialSvcs.com for more information, or contact John Fleming at (734) 604-0227 or by email at John@Fleming-FinancialSvcs.com.

Hole Sponsors are \$100 and registrations are due by Sept. 15. Checks should be made payable to the American Diabetes Association. Golfer registrations also are due by Sept. 15 with checks made payable to John Fleming. Payments can be sent to ADA Golf Outing, P.O. Box 819, Garden City, MI 48136.

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 dollarto-dollar matching grant is Oct. 31. If you donate \$25, the total donation to the Friends is \$50. FGCHM is a 501(c)3 nonprofit 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

3455 Dearborn St • Wayne (Behind The Tire Stop)

734) 721-1044

Hours: Monday, Tuesday,

can be made payable to FGCHM and sent to the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

Zumba classes 🗉

Zumba classes are returning to Merrimán 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.

Community Chat

Join your host Kerry Partin along with cohosts Kelly, Tom, Derek and Ben every Thursday night at 9 p.m. This is an internet talk show recorded live where the residents and surrounding communities are welcome to participate. Share your events, promotions or comments with your fellow residents and the communities. Listeners can call in live at (724)444-7444 and enter the call ID 82757, or go to the chat room at http://talkshoe.com/ tc/82757.

AFTER 49 YEARS

In 1963 Paul Franks helped his father, William C. Franks and his mother Betty Franks in a modest store on Wayne Road. What began as a furniture refinishing business grew to include new furniture sales. For 47 years the business grew as did the store which had several additions to become a beautiful 20,000 square foot showplace. It was THE store to find quality furniture and old fashioned service. Paul Franks employed as many as 14 people who worked at the store and the separate warehouse. On December 29, 2010 tragedy struck. Two employees and the store were lost.

We want to thank the Wayne community and all of our customers who came as far as 100 miles to shop at Franks Furniture. The warehouse has been turned into a showroom with everything priced to go for this Retirement Sale.



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LOCAL NEWS

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'It's gone': Pastor recounts his experiences of 9/11



Steve and Karin Downer of Garden City listen to the Rev. Bill Wrede of at the annual 9/11 ceremony.

By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer

The Rev. Bill Wrede vividly recalls his first view of Manhattan on Sept. 11, 2001, as the black SUV he was riding in crested a hill. He could see all the way from Harlem to midtown to the World Trade Center. The black, acrid smoke that billowed from the Twin Towers was in sharp contrast to the clear blue sky.

Wrede was riding with an FBI agent, heading to Manhattan in hopes of being able to be of some assistance. He wasn't sure what he would do, but he knew he had to go.

"All of a sudden I exclaimed, 'It's gone, it's gone," said Wrede. "The agent asked what was gone and I said the South Tower."

Wrede recounted his journey from picking up groceries for dinner in a store on Long Island to his work as a chaplain at the on-site morgue in the months following the terrorist attacks during Westland's annual 9/11 service, conducted by St. Matthew Lutheran Church on the steps of Westland City Hall Sunday. This is the seventh vear the church has conducted the service in cooperation with the city of Westland. More than 200 people were on hand to hear Wrede's firsthand account of 9/11 and to pray for the safe keeping of the nation's military and first responders. Wrede, director of admissions for Concordia Seminary, was in New York serving as the mission field developer for Deaf Ministry in New York City when



Westland resident Mert Wortman, sings the National Anthem during Sunday's 9/11 service.

the attack on the World Trade Center happened. wanted to hear me and be comforted," he said.



The Rev Bill Wrede talks about his experiences ministering to the first responders at the World Trade Center on 9/11 and serving at the on-site morgue afterwards.



He admits he broke a few rules that day.

He was 30 miles from the World Trade Center when he saw the second plane hit the South Tower. He drove as fast as he could and eventually parked his car in Queens where he started walking and hitchhiking. Two construction workers saw and him and said he needed to go to the WTC. They stopped the next car, the black SUV that was headed to 1 Police Place in Manhattan. The FBI agent "invited me in," he said.

"There were moments when I didn't know what I would do when I got there, but that was replaced by people who



Bailey Biggs and Joshua Schwaegerle, eight-graders at St. Matthew School, get ready present the colors at the start of the service, held on the steps of Westland City Hall.

"While I was consoling a woman who was sobbing on my shoulder, we heard a rumble. It sounded like the water going over Niagara Falls. We knew what it was. We heard it and we ran."

Wrede turned a corner and as he saw the debris cloud coming, he pulled a handkerchief from his pocket, covered his face and bent down. The debris fell. It was "quite gentle as it fell and fell," he said. When it cleared, "what had been colorful moments before was all gray," he said.

Wrede asked a police officer if there was anything he could do and he was sent to a staging area at Vessey and West streets on the west side of the World Trade Center. It was like a scene of a movie. Towers 1 and 2 were down, the Marriott Hotel and WTC-4 severely damaged and WTC-5, 6 and 7 were on fire.

"I was standing at the end where the North Tower had stood and realized what I thought at first as a ghost or seemed like a ghost was a man walking toward me," he said. "He was the ghost of a hero. I had no idea I was the first live person he had seen after the tower collapsed. His entire body was covered in debris, he was gray except for two streaks of color down his face. He was crying.'

The firefighter told Wrede that he and his partner knew the tower was going to collapse and timed their run to safety to avoid being stuck by people who were jumping from the building.

"He said, 'We were running and running

Westland residents Reuben Tanner and Jordan Andres bow their heads in a prayer for the victims of 9/11.

and then he was gone, struck by someone who was jumping," Wrede recalled.

Wrede spent his time there blessing the first responders as they went into the site looking for survivors. They would give him their names and he would bless them. Then they would take off their jacket, roll up their sleeve and write their name or Social Security number on their arm, so if something happened to them, others would be able to let their families know.

He was asked to stay on and eventually served as chaplain at the on-site morgue where the bodies were brought. As a

volunteer with the Red Cross, he was asked to keep his blessing generic. He decided to err on the side of faith and would bless the remains with a Sign of the Cross. He worked with the coroner and knew by the look on his face if it would be a difficult or an easy one. Sometimes the remains in the body bag were nothing more than an hand with a wedding ring on it.

The recovery work at Ground Zero didn't stop for holidays and Wrede was at the site on Jan. 1, 2002, in the area of the Marriott Hotel when a call went out to Ladder Company 18 in Brooklyn Heights. "We knew whose bodies they were and we called Ladder 18 to come and bring back their brothers," Wrede said.

Wrede said that what happened on 9/11 and what followed was a benchmark for our nation.

"We're gathered here to remember, and I pray that each of you continue to be about the greater good, " he added. "Everyday young men and women are called to serve. We are all called to serve and must create a legacy for those who follow us."

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St. Matthew's Jubilee and Cherub Choirs line the steps of Westland City Hall to sing "Heal Our Land" during the service on Sunday.

OCAL NEWS

Can't do it without our Friends

e all need them - friends to get us through the rough times and the good times. The Garden City Public Library is no exception. Since coming to work here at the library, I have come to realize just how valuable a healthy Friends group is for our library.

The Friends support many of the programs we do here at the Garden City Public Library. Without them this past summer, the summer reading program - Step Right Up and Join the Fun - would not have been possible! Other things the Friends have been doing:

• Nancy Bailey and some other Friends of Garden City Public Library members have been doing a wonderful job improving the landscape at the Maplewood Center. There is not a week that goes by that someone does not mention to me in passing how gorgeous the outside of the building is looking.

 The Friends also have purchased the new computer stools that many residents of Garden City and the surrounding areas use every day at the library. They also came out one Friday during the springtime to help the employees at the library move bookcases and furniture around the library in order to have a more pleasing environment for our library users.

 Theresa Manuel has taken on the huge undertaking of organizing the annual Friends Used Book Sale. Come visit with the Friends group members and, if you can, purchase a book or two to support the library. One hundred percent of the money the Friends group raises goes directly back to the



library.

Friends' memberships are available year around. Right now the Friends are offering to all those who join the Friends and contribute a minimum of \$5 when joining, a \$5 Friends Book voucher good at either their upcoming annual sale or their ongoing sale in the library. So it is very much like joining the Friends group for free right now. Be sure to stop by soon to join. We could always use more Friends.

The library Director Lawrence Marble and I would like to personally say thank you in our loudest whisper possible (since there is no yelling in the library) to all those that make the Friends of the Garden City Public Library as valuable as they are to us. So thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being there to support us these last eight months, we could not do it without you!

Please save the date for the Friends of the Garden City Public Library Annual Book Sale: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, through Wednesday, Sept. 26, in the Maplewood Center hallway. Be sure to use the library entrances, which are the east side doors off of Balmoral to be able to access the book sale

The upcoming general session for the Friends

group is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the Garden **City Historical Society** building, also known as the Straight Farmhouse. New Releases Available

at the Library: **ADULT TITLES**

• Wanted Man by Lee Child

Four people are in a car, hoping to make Chicago by morning. One man is driving, eyes on the road, and another man next to him telling stories that don't add up. A woman in the back is silent and worried, and next to her, a huge man with a broken nose, hitching a ride east to Virginia. An hour behind them, a man lies stabbed to death in an old pumping station. He was seen going in with two others, but he never came out. He has been executed, the knife work professional, the killers vanished.

• Frozen Heat by Richard Castle

NYPD Homicide Detective Nikki Heat arrives at her latest crime scene to find an unidentified woman stabbed to death and stuffed inside a suitcase left on a Manhattan street. Nikki is in for a big shock when this new homicide connects to the unsolved murder of her own mother. Paired once again with her romantic and investigative partner, top journalist Jameson Rook, Heat works to solve the mystery of the body in the suitcase while she is forced to confront unexplored areas of her mother's background

• Delusion in Death by J. D. Robb

Robb's newest novel follows Lt. Eve Dallas, who is trying to sort out the inexplicable events. Surviving witnesses talk about seeing monsters

and swarms of bees. They describe a sudden and overwhelming feeling of fear, rage and paranoia. When forensics gives its report, the mass delusions make more sense: It appears the bar patrons. were exposed to a cocktail of chemicals and illegal drugs that could drive anyone to temporary insanity and possibly death.

YOUNG ADULT TITLES

• Chic Sweats: 22 Ways to Transform And Restyle Your Sweatshirts by Carmen Webber and Carmia Marshall

If you are interested in Project Runway, Fashion Star or just love to sew. this book is for you. Hit up the Goodwill. Salvation Army or give new life to your own sweatshirts with ideas in this book. The book features clear diagrams and sewing tips to help you through the revamp of your sweatshirt. Your friends will be asking where you got such a fabulous shirt and you will be able to tell them you did it yourself.

• Alton Brown by John Grabowski and Rachael Ray by Susan Korman

Are you fans of the Food Network? Perhaps you love to cook and curious how two of the country's most recognizable cooks got their start? These two biographies are sure to keep you captivated. Be sure to keep these titles in mind for that upcoming book report assignment featuring biographies. Youth Titles

• Duck for President by Doreen Cronin

One of my favorite picture book authors (other works include Click, Clack Moo: Cows that Type and Diary of a Worm), comes a book just in time to introduce an introduction to elections.

With so much attention on the upcoming elections, this book gets to the heart of what it means to win an election fairly.

• The Boxcar Children Beginning by Patricia MacLachlan

Have you ever wonder how Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny came to be out on their own? This book comes in to tell how the Boxcar children came to be about before we know them. The Boxcar Children is one of the quintessential children's series of all time so this sure to be a sure fire hit with those already familiar with The Boxcar Children and introduce a whole new generation to the series. • Meet Caroline, Caro-

line's Secret Message, A Surprise for Caroline, Caroline Takes a Chance. Caroline's Battles and Changes for Caroline . by Katherine Ernst for American Girl

Another set of books from a popular publisher -American Girl. Come meet Caroline a young girl from 1812. Come read and learn about the time in our country's history when our country was on the cusp of war with Great Britain for our independence.

Find all these titles at the library. You can also call the library and we would be happy to put these titles and other titles on hold for you. The library is located at 31735 Maplewood Street in Garden City. Our hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

At the Library is written by Stephanie Charlefour, Youth and Teen Librarian. To contact her, send an email to scharlefour@garden-city.lib. mi.us or call (734) 793-1837.

Chippewa enrollment Saturday

Chippewa Nation of the Great Lakes will hold a tribal citizenship drive for new members 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Redford Township Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. Vice chief Bonnie Moore will be present.

The enrollment drive is for descendants of the Swan Creek, Saginaw and Black River Indian Settlements of Michigan and Ohio who are not members of a federally recognized tribe. People should bring documentation showing they are a descendant or attend the drive to find out how to acquire documentation.

The Chippewa Nation of the Great Lakes and descendants of the Saginaw, Swan Creek and **Black River Settlements** of Chippewa Indians was originally located near the shores of Lake Huron and extended from the Thunder Bay River in Alpena inland and down along the Lake Huron shoreline to Ohio, including a portion along the shores of Lake Erie.

Tribal leaders, in a press release, wrote that, "many descendants still roam this territory and we are seeking to make contact with you.'

For more information contact Lyman Joseph at (989) 313-1859 and/or Bonnie Moore at (989) 313-2384 of the Chippewa Nation of the Great Lakes, send an email to info@chippewanationofthegreatlakes.org,or write to Chippewa Nation of the Great Lakes at P.O. Box 102, Hale, MI 48739. Visit the Chippewa Nation website at chippewanationofthegreatlakes.org.



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Get your football fix

By Jon Gunnells Guest Columnist

fter a summer hiatus, high school, college and pro football are back. Here's how you can keep up with all the games and scores whether you are local high

school fanatic, college alumni or fantasy football addict. Let's



lar NFL. The com-

mon cable subscriber only gets about six games a week. Including Thursday night, Sunday night and Monday night contests. But there are a few ways to see action from every single NFL game but it may take some finagling with your cable plan or provider.

DirecTV shows subscribers every NFL game every Sunday with NFL Sunday Ticket. The price is \$199 and includes a channel to track players as well as the game mix channel which shows highlights from games around the league.

If you don't want to deal with a satellite dish or a \$199 add on, check and see if your cable provider offers NFL Red Zone, an NFL-run channel that shows highlights and scoring plays from every game. Sometimes the channel splits screens and shows up to

four games at once. NFL Red Zone is

offered by a number of cable providers in the area including Comcast and AT&T U-verse, which also offers the NFL Network. The NFL Network will be showing more games in 2012 than in any year prior. If your cable provider doesn't offer NFL Network, you can follow online at NFL. com for video cut-ins, news and box scores.

Similarly, if you don't have DirecTV or NFL Red Zone you can visit NFL.com each Sunday to check on your fantasy football players. Additionally, if your fantasy football league is run on Yahoo.com or Espn.com you can take advantage of free live-scoring that shows stats from NFL games plus your fantasy football games.

CBS Sportsline and other sites tout live scoring as well, but the system simply does not compare to Yahoo.com and Espn. com

If you are more of a college football buff, there are even more options to get your games each week. As usual, ESPN will carry a full slate of Saturday games with some weekday game scheduled in. ESPN, The Big Ten Network and FSN also carry more regional games through channels that are sometimes only offered in sports packages. The Big Ten Network often shows three to four games at a time so check with your cable provider to see which overflow channels

the games will appear on. And if your basic cable plan doesn't offer enough games, think about adding another tier of channels for \$7-\$10 and then cancelling after the season is over.

Keeping up with high school football is a bit easier and cheaper. You can find information on the Observer & Eccentric Media website, hometownlife.com, and you can catch highlights and scores Fridays on Fox Sports Detroit.

MHSAA.com also puts every high school football score online and quickly. Typically, by Saturday morning 99 percent of the games played across the state are listed.

And if you need to check a team's score, schedule or previous information you can do so by utilizing one of the best football resources around - Michigan-football.com

Michigan-football.com is an online football encyclopedia with high school records and scores dating back to 1950. They also have the same data for the NFL, NCAA, CFL and Arena League.

Now that you know how to keep up with all of the games and scores this fall all you need to decide is what type of pizza to order during the games.

Jon Gunnells is a social media planner at a Detroitbased advertising agency. He can be reached at jonathan.gunnells@gmail. com. Follow him on Twitter @GunnSh0w.



Law firm provides supplies to students

The Northville law firm Kelly & Kelly, P.C. initiated a back to school fundraiser to benefit Taft-Galloway Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland School District. Pictured (from left) with many of the items collected are Taft-Galloway fourthgrade teacher and project coordinator Melissa Kelly, as well as Mike Kelly, Kelsey Siemen, John Kelly, Ryan Kelly and Michele Kelly, all of Kelly & Kelly, P.C. Many of the students at Taft-Galloway cannot afford some of the most basic school supplies. With the help of the community, the firm raised more than \$500 in school supplies and received a \$500 donation to be used for the school's annual field trip. The firm offered special thanks to the Blickle family, Patti Mullen & Associates, and Melissa McNier for their generosity. For more information about the firm, visit www.kel-

lykellylaw.com.

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ly social and provides information to its members about items which may impact all retirees of Detroit Diesel Corporation from GM, through the current ownership. For the past 33 years the club has held an annual luncheon get together on the third Thursday of

October. **Retirees come from**

For information on the luncheon and to preregister, contact Robert Pavol, membership director, at (734) 455-2668 or by email at jrpavol64@prodigy.net or John Leidlein, president, at (313) 863-8850 or by email at dieseljml@aol.com.

Financial planning

Certified Financial Planners Danielle Holmes and Paula Swain of Swain Financial will offer a free retirement workshop for women who are within five years of retirement or recently retired and are willing to do homework between

Book benefit

Brandon Musgrave, chief resident of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, has recently published a book about his medical school years at Loyola University Chicago titled Hour 30: An Uncensored Memoir of a Doctor-in-Training.

During the month of September, Musgrave is donating all royalties from book sales to the Head & Neck Cancer Fund at Henry Ford Hospital, which provides financial assistance to patients for medical equipment and supports

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Retirees meet The Detroit Diesel Retiree Club will hold its annual luncheon and business meeting on Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The club is primari-

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all over the country and overseas to renew friendships and get caught up on any new happenings. Socializing is at 11 a.m., followed by a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and brief business meeting with discussion on any topics of current interest to the attending guests.

Cost to attend the lunch is \$25. The price includes a roster of current membership and a memorial page of those we know have passed. Retirees who cannot attend the luncheon or wish to register for future mailings can purchase the roster for \$3.

sessions.

The workshop will take place 6:45-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, and 26, or 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, at the Eastern Michigan University Livonia Campus, Room 408, 38777 W. Six Mile Road, just west of I-275.

Topics will include building your retirement, identifying your sources of income, impact of health care and longterm care, Social Security and protecting your assets through smart estate planning. Advance registration is required. Call (734) 420-4722

clinical research and continuing medical education for staff.

In addition, former emergency financial manager for Detroit Public Schools Robert Bobb made a significant contribution to the Head & Neck Cancer Fund following his treatment at Henry Ford Hospital in 2011.

Hour 30, published by Sunbury Press, is available in paperback and as an e-book on Amazon.

To donate to the Head & Neck Cancer Fund at Henry Ford Hospital, contact Mary Jane Vogt at (313) 876-8409 or Mvogt1@hfhs.org.

Reputation: Do your best all the time

By Clarity Patton Newhouse Guest Columnist

orking hard comes in many forms and one of the areas individuals and compa-



Clarity Patton the right Newhouse thing can

be wiped way in moments. In the words of Warren Buffett: "It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you'll do things differently."

These days, thanks to the power of the Internet and social media, saying the wrong thing can ruin one's reputation in liter-

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A SUNNY NOTE

ally seconds. It's wise to remember that no comment made online is ever actually private, even if the comment is made inside a private account. It's not just social media where the big gaffes are made; e-mail is also a major culprit.

Say the wrong thing in an e-mail message and it's likely to become a public Internet post. That's what happened to a PR firm whose e-mail exchange with a customer destroyed the company. Perhaps this guy did a lot of great things in the past, but no one talks about that now.

Reputation isn't built and maintained by doing our best most of the time, it requires us to do our best all of the time. Have a sunny day! Clarity



men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company."

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Clarity Patton Newhouse

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LOCAL NEWS

Document locator is key piece for any estate

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

hen it comes to estate planning, the conversation generally

focuses on whether you have an estate plan or not and whether you Money Matters

need a will or a **Rick Bloom** trust. In addition,

somewhere in the conversation, medical and general durable powers of attorneys are also discussed. These are all important issues. However, another document that doesn't get much conversation, but is equally important, is a document locator.

A document locator is a listing of assets, where they are are located and how to access them. Also who, if any, professional advisers have been consulted.

I cannot stress enough how important this document is in the management of an estate upon death.

Knowing what and where assets are will save your loved ones lots of aggravation and make administering your estate easier and less expensive.

One of the most common themes I hear upon death is that family members cannot locate assets.

1 I've heard from many widows who know they have, for example, U.S. Savings Bonds, but they cannot locate them. And it's just not U.S. Savings Bonds that get lost, it is insurance policies and all sorts of other financial assets. Not only is there a monetary loss when assets can't be located, but there's an emotional toll for loved ones.'

The simple solution is a document locator. This isn't something that has to be done by your attorney. It could be nothing more to taking pencil to paper.

In the locator it is also important to include what legal documents you have and where they are located. If, for example, you have will, someone should know where it is. Other legal documents that beneficiaries may need upon your death should also be included in this form. For example, if you own of a business and you have a buy-sell agreement, the location of that agreement should be disclosed.

It is also important to list professional financial and legal advisers. If an attorney helped draw up your estate plan, that person should be disclosed. If you've used a financial adviser or have an insurance professional, those names should also be disclosed.

Upon your death, it is important that your personal representa-

tive contact these people to make sure that everything is taken care of in the way that vou want.

Having a document locator that your loved ones can easily access upon your death will save lots of pain and aggravation and, at the same time, make administering the estate easier and less expensive.

The key to doing a document locator is to make sure that it is always up to date and that upon your death it is easily accessible by the individual in charge of administering your final affairs.

The document locator act likes a roadmap, so it is important that it is current. In other words, if you change a password, it's not a bad idea to reflect that on your document locator.

If you don't have a document locator, now is a great time of year to do one. Remember, this has nothing to do with how rich you are or how complex your estate plan is. Everyone needs a document locator, because everyone should have as a goal to make life as easy as possible on his/ her loved ones. Good luck!

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

Navy, Marine bands get 'greatest generation' hopping, clapping

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, September 13, 2012

A crowd of about 250-300 people enjoyed a free concert of patriotic music Sunday at Livonia City Hall. The concert was presented by members of the Navy Band Great Lakes and Marine Corps Band New Orleans

"I thought they were really a talented group," said Gretchen Guisbert of Farmington. "I was really impressed with the talent, intonation and preciseness from the conductors."

Guisbert, a secretary in the civil service department for the city of Livonia, brought her 79-yearold mother, Marie Hans, also of Farmington. "We both enjoyed it,"

she said, adding the two of them like to attend musical events.

Guisbert said she was disappointed more children and families didn't attend. The crowd was comprised mostly of members of the "greatest generation," she said.

Audience members seemed to enjoy the more familiar tunes. "I saw one older gentleman get up and start hopping around," she said. "It was a nice event."

The show was among the area events marking Detroit Navy Week 2012. It commemorated the 200th anniversary of both the War of 1812 and The Star-Spangled Banner.

Janina Jacobs of St. Clair, who helped coordinate the concert as chairperson of the Recruiting District Assistance Council, said the musicians, led by Lt. Patrick K. Sweeten and Master Sgt. William Call, played for about 75 minutes, ending with a medley of the traditional theme songs of all the branches of the

military.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The Navy Band Wind Ensemble joined by members of the Marine Band in concert Sunday evening on the steps of Livonia City Hall.

She said all the veterans in the audience were asked to stand up as the theme song for the branch they served in was played. The medley ended with the United States' official march, The Stars and Stripes Forever by John

Philip Sousa. "Everybody started clapping in unison; people really, really enjoyed it,"

she said. Navy Band Great Lakes performs more than 600 times each year throughout a 12-state area of the United States. Dubbed "America's Band" by President Woodrow Wilson, Navy Band Great Lakes annually entertains more than 60 mil-

lion people as the U.S. Navy's "Ambassadors to the Midwest." Navy Band Great Lakes is homeported at Naval Station Great Lakes near North Chicago.

Marine Corps Band New Orleans was established Oct. 1, 1978, and is under the control of Marine Corps Forces Reserve. The band is comprised of active duty Marines stationed at the Naval Support Activity Base in New Orleans and each year travels throughout the United States performing more than 250 concerts, parades and ceremonies, entertaining more than 6 million people.

By Karen Smith

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OUR VIEWS



Must have Library cards put world of services at your fingertips, save you money

How important is a local library? Ask the residents of Garden City. Last November, they showed their support for their Garden City Library by approving a dedicated 1-mill levy to finance operations. Their decision prevented the closing of the library and transferred control of it from the city to an elected Library Board.

Ask the residents of Westland. Last month, they overwhelmingly approved a .99-mill levy to finance operations. The new millage will allow the library to bring back staff and restore programs cut this budget year because of declining tax revenue.

Libraries are an important resource. They may have started out as a place to get books, but today's libraries go beyond books with services and resources that are free of charge. For residents with a limited income or those who are looking to cut down on spending, libraries are a money-saving resource.

Look at what's available at libraries - books, magazines, CDs and DVDs And the first step to using them is by getting a library card. September is National Library Card Month, a time to encourage people to get their library card. It's free. It's the key that unlocks the door to so many opportunities at the library. **COMMUNITY VOICE**

On a scale of 1 to 10, how anxious are you for the presidential campaign to be over?

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



"I'm tired of it already. I like the British system. It takes three months." Maureen Whitman Romulus



"I'm 100 percent tired of it because as it goes on, they start trash talking. If they kept it civil, I'd be fine."

Nancy Wilton Westland



"I want it to be over with because it's interrupting my TV time. It's (conventions) are all over the place. I want it done." Geena Bommarito Westland



"I don't like politics. They're a bunch of liars."

Judy Walker Westland

LETTERS

Fantastic evening

Well, it finally happened after three years of working to get the school district to honor Chuck Gordon. I have to say the night turned out fantastic. I am so happy for the Gordon family. It was great seeing all of them. Festivities started at 6 p.m. Chuck, Lloyd Carr and I led the dignitaries to the stage and Chuck's family. It was great. I want to thank Dr. Greg Baracy, the school board, Glenn Principal Dave Ingham, all the Rocket Boosters, the Observer for what turned out to be a great night. And we set a record for alumni

And we set a record for alumni players. We had 138 former players, ranging from 1972 to 2011, and for the first time I wasn't the oldest player out there. I think that all these players have so much respect for Chuck, and the numbers showed it.

The funniest part of a speech was when Chuck said, "Did anyone else notice, but when Lloyd hired me, that's when his career took off." What a great moment. After all the speeches, Rodney Richardson, the booster president, was the last to speak, and I presented Chuck with a plaque. After all that we went into gym 5 for a brunch provided by chef Tony and his crew. It was great, I think he must have had his picture taken with at least 150 people, and the same for coach Carr, He was great, and for him to come and share this moment was great. I want to also thank all of the custodians for setting up the stage and the quick tear down to get the game under way They did a fantastic job, And to all the fans who showed up to honor Chuck on his night, thank you so much, I only wish I would have done this sooner, but we now are honored to have the Rockets play on the Irma Kionka/Chuck Gordon field. I want to thank all of you for being there, and as always, Go Rockets!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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Ken Carter

receive a \$60,000 tax cut, while an individual in the wealthiest .01 percent would receive a \$264,000 tax cut.

Romney's plan raises taxes on everyone earning less than \$200,000. Middle class families will experience tax increases of \$2,000 per year. Romney and Ryan plan to slash Medicaid by one-third, deprive 30 million Americans of their health care coverage and cut Pell Grants for one million students in order to reward the mega-wealthy with additional tax breaks. This policy

appears to be Robin Hood in reverse. Mitt Romney further exhibits his disregard for the facts when he attempts to take credit for the plan that saved the auto industry. However, it was President Obama, a true visionary, who demonstrated strong leadership by saving the auto industry, while Romney showed a lack of vision and leadership in advocating a policy which has as its basic premise "Let Detroit Go Bankrupt."

> Jill Farber-Bramson West Bloomfield

Need a few reasons why a library card is the "smartest card" to have in your wallet. Here's a few:

• Got a Kindle, a Nook, an e-reader? Your library card lets you download e-books free of charge. And there's also classes to help you learn how to use these electronic devices.

• If you still enjoy turning pages, there's plenty of advantages to borrowing books from the library. Besides being free, library books can be requested online and picked up at any location throughout the library system.

• Looking for a movie of music? Check out your library's selection of DVDs. Why rent movies, when you can use your library card to get them from the library. And CDs or audiobooks are also available.

• Take a trip. You can visit one of Michigan's parks through the Park and Read program. Library card holders can check out a one-day pass that waives the Recreation Passport entry fees to 101 state parks and recreation areas.

Libraries are community staples and a great place to learn about what's going on in town. Stop by and check it out. And be sure to get your library card. It can open the door to so many good things and more than your local library.

It's the one card you really shouldn't leave home without.



Sue Mason, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor **Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising Bud Somerville Westland

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Romney-Ryan 'facts'

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his vice presidential pick Paul Ryan are asking the American electorate to put their trust in the Romney-Ryan ticket.

How can the American people trust these politicians when over the course of time they have shown a reckless disregard for the facts? Romney and Ryan display their dishonesty when they assert that President Obama poses a threat to Medicare. In fact, President Obama has made no cuts to Medicare benefits. Instead, through the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), reimbursements to insurance providers have been dramatically reduced, increasing the fiscal solvency of Medicare by eight years. The \$700 billion in savings is filtered back into the health care system enabling senior citizens to receive preventive care without co-pays.

Under the Romney-Ryan plan, Medicare would become a voucher system where the typical 65-year-old would see their annual out-of-pocket costs more than doubling, increasing by \$6,350.

Romney's running mate Paul Ryan has stated several times that President Obama is responsible for a General Motors plant in Wisconsin shutting down. This GM plant closed before Barack Obama became president.

Mitt Romney claims that under his tax plan this country's wealthiest citizens would "continue to pay the largest share of the tax burden." In reality, under Romney's plan an individual in the wealthiest 1 percent category of Americans would

Ryan's 'untruths'

Paul Ryan, in his vice presidential acceptance speech, made at least five errors of fact. There are more depending upon who is doing the research and who is counting. Sticking to these five, Ryan reported the following:

1. President Obama closed the James Town, Wis., auto plant. Fact. Obama did not take office until after the plant closed. Obama never made a promise to save it.

2. Obama cut Medicare money to divert to cover the costs of Obamacare. Fact. Obama cut Medicare money to providers. Obama has made no cuts to Medicare beneficiaries.

3. Obama ignored the recommendations of his bipartisan debt committee. Fact. Ryan served on this commission. He and his fellow U.S. House Republicans voted down these recommendations.

4. Obama is responsible for downgrading U.S. debt. Fact. U.S. House Republicans, including Ryan, held hostage the credit of this country as ransom for cutting trillions from social programs, including Social Security and Medicare. This is exactly the reasons given by Standard and Poor's in downgrading US credit.

5. Ryan will protect the poor and weak. Fact. Ryan staked his political career on draconian cuts to the weak which he vowed to protect.

These are just a few fact of Ryan untruths in his VP speech which have independently been fact checked.

The more import question is does not Ryan know his speech would be fact? Did Romney approve these untruths?

> Gerald Maxey Farmington Hills

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-67**51**.

Upcoming **Events**

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 dav. 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.

CANOE ROUGE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

Location: Lower branch of the Rouge River in Wayne **Details:** Friends of the Rouge are holding their sixth annual public canoe trip on the lower branch of the Rouge River in the City of Wayne. The route, through Wayne County parkland, is mainly forested and the fall foliage should be in full glory at that time. The trip is limited to experienced paddlers due to water quality concerns. Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental will be providing rental canoes for those who do not have their own. Reservations requested. Contact: For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org, email monitoring@therouge.org or call (313) 792-9621.

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 McMurtry, a creation scientist, who will examine the truth through scientific evidence in his program,



Caring Week

Eight volunteers from Ford Motor Co. helped with fall cleanup at Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia on Tuesday, trimming hedges, pruning trees, removing spent plants and tidying up the grounds. The service project was part of the seventh annual Ford Global Week of Caring, running through Sept. 16 around the world. Pictured from left are Todd Chesna of Berkley, Craig Rinke of Lincoln Park, Patrice Lussiez of Livonia and Michael Bolby of Lathrup Village. They were among the volunteers completing projects at nonprofits around Metro Detroit.

able at a cost of \$25 each.

Contact: Mary at (734) 425-

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: St. Mel's Church,

Details: St. Mel's Women's

Club is looking for crafters

for its craft fair. More than

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able. They cost \$25 each. A

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

CRAFT SHOW

Date/Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 Location: St. Mel's Parish Gym, 7506 N. Inkster Road, **Dearborn Heights** Details: St. Mel's Craft Show and Bake Sale will have more than 55 local crafters showcasing their talent. There will be door prizesevery 30 minutes. No admission fee.

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 avail-

THINKING ABOUT... NEW FURNACE? LEŃNOX

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.

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 55hour 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: - 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.



Creation vs. Evolution," at the church.

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

WIDOWED FRIENDS 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.

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

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John Glenn goalkeeper David Issacs (yellow jersey), who made 12 saves, deflects this attempt by Churchill's Tyler Piotrowski (15) as teammate Tyler Simpson backs up the play.

Answering the bell Rockets pull off 2-1 victory vs. Churchill

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

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It is believed to be a first in annals of Westland John Glenn boys soccer.

The Rockets, getting secondhalf goals from Alex Isaevski and Bobby Mason with Tyler Simpson assisting on both, pulled off a stunning 2-1 victory Tuesday over Livonia Churchill.

This is the first time in Glenn soccer's history beating Churchill," said Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson, whose team is 6-2 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA's South Division. "Our guys believe in each other and draw strength from their shared goals."

Churchill notched its lone goal in the second half from Jacob Meyer off an assist from T.J. DeYoung, but couldn't score the equalizer.

"I need to point out the play of our defenders, they played lights out all 80 (minutes) tonight," Tomlinson said. Glenn goalkeeper David

Isaacs also came up big in the clutch with a total of 12 saves, including a penalty kick against Tyler Piotrowski with only five . minutes remaining.

"He was terrific," Tomlinson said. "Not only did he make saves, but he made big saves including a late PK that would have tied the game.'

Tomlinson hopes the signature victory can be a spring-

board for future success. "I'm proud of these dingdongs tonight," joked Tomlin-son. "They stayed composed when things got tight and got over some mental barriers, a big step for our program.'

Meanwhile, Colton Robison made six saves for the Chargers, who slipped to 1-3-3 overall and 1-2 in the KLAA South.

"Glenn has a dangerous team and they work hard," Churchill first-year coach Matt Grodzicki said. "We came out flat and let them hang around. To Glenn's credit they took what we gave them. It's never a good feeling when you give up points in the divișion.'

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Warriors grind out grid win

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Lutheran High Westland got untracked with a big third quarter en route to a 47-28 nonleague football win Saturday at home over Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy.

The Warriors trailed 22-19 at halftime before exploding for 28 third-quarter points.

Austin Olsen's interception set up the first touchdown of the third **PREP FOOTBALL** quarter

as Nick

Andrzejewski scored on a 50yard run followed by his own extra point — the first of five straight — to make it 26-22.

Martin Kemp then added a nine-yard TD run to put the Warriors up by two scores, 33-22, and then an Alex Reardon interception set up a three-yard TD pass from Jacob Richter to Jacob Davenport to increase the lead to 40-22

Davenport picked off a Chavez pass for a 40-yard interception return and the fourth TD of the period to give the Warriors a commanding 47-22 advantage.

"I'm proud of the way our guys kept battling back," said Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusè, whose team stands 1-2 overall. "We struggled against their 5-3 (defense) in the Wing T, but we kind of figured it out the second half. For the most part we executed, which was good for us."

Chavez scored on three long TD passes in the first half as

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Bedell earns soccer honor

University of Detroit Mercy junior midfielder Adam Bedell (Livonia Churchill) was named the Men's Soccer Horizon League Offensive Player of the Week as the Titans (2-4-0) went 1-1 in Buffalo, N.Y., over the weekend.

The 6-foot-6 Bedell scored a goal and added an assist in a 2-1 victory over Buffalo on Friday and then added another goal against Canisius on Sunday in a 4-2 setback.

Ocelot men's soccer rolls

Chris Long (Livonia Stevenson), Ardit Dushkaj (Livonia Clarenceville and Adrian Tash each tallied a pair of goals Saturday to propel the host Schoolcraft College men's soccer team to a convincing 6-3 triumph over Parkland College (III.).

Schoolcraft, now 4-1-1 overall, trailed 2-1 at halftime as Parkland got goals from Jesus Morales (unassisted) and Luke O'Neill (off a corner kick from Alonso Torres).

Tash notched his second of the year in the fourth minute from Dushkaj and Romario Georgis.

The Ocelots, ranked No. 7 in the latest NJCAA poll, then scored five straight goals within a 20-minute span in the second half — Dushkaj (unassisted); Tash (from Gino Pasquali), Long twice (both unassisted) and Dushkaj (from Georgis).

O'Neill notched his second of the game unassisted in the 70th minute for the Cobras (1-4).

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Tom Duquette made one save and gave up two goals in 70 minutes of action, while Ryan Tikey (Livonia Franklin) fir

the difference against Wayne

Livonia Franklin got contributions from a variety of players Tuesday night to earn a 25-19, 25-16, 23-25, 25-16 KLAA South Division girls volleyball win over host Wayne Memorial.

Stellar defense was one of the reasons why the Patriots improved to 8-10 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA South.

Four players finished with 15 digs apiece including Mackenzie Lukas, Sarah Cramton, Afton DeWyse and libero Kelly Newton.

VOLLEYBALL

Kelly O'Brien had a team-high 10 kills, while

Maggie Leins and Lukas added nine and seven, respectively.

Setter Mikayla Sienkiewicz finished with 18 assist-to-kills, while DeWyse and Cramton served four and three aces, respectively.

We are not big at the net so for us to be successful everyone has to contribute," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "Mikayla did fantastic spreading the net, we hit from ' all sides. Tonight our spike defense, serve receive and serving enabled us to be successful. We really played as a team. Everyone was in sync.'

Franklin was also able to keep Wayne's 6-foot Miss Volleyball candidate Katie Horton in check. The Ohio University-bound Horton had 12 kills, 10 blocks and 20 digs.

Deja Tamlin added eight kills and six blocks, while Danielle Robbins contributed 10 digs for the Zebras, who slipped to 3-8-1 overall and 0-2 in the KLAA South.

"Franklin is a very good hustling" team," Wayne second-year coach Samantha Dye said. "They were able to dig our hits and dig our blocks the entire match. They out played us tonight.

"As a team we learned tonight that we have to play together in order to get success. We are going to learn and move on."

Churchill cruises

Piease see VOLLEYBALL, B3

By Brad Emons **Observer Staff Writer**

Pats' defense | Jatta kick-starts C'ville

One player stood above the crowd in Monday's boys soccer clash between host Redford Thurston and Livonia Clarenceville.

Ma Sambou Jatta, who came to this country two years ago from Gambia, used his lanky 6-foot-3 frame to figure in both Clarenceville goals as the Trojans notched their first victory of the season with a 2-1 triumph.

The senior tri-captain broke a scoreless deadlock with 35:23 left when he took a feed from junior David Vandekerckhove and slotted a shot past Thurston goalkeeper Mitchell Cowan.

The 0-5 Eagles, also searching for their first win, got the equalizer with only 16:14 remaining when sophomore P.J. McGeary scored unassisted off a scrum in front of Clarenceville keeper Evan Gregg. But just 7:10 later, Jatta

rang a shot off the left post and Vanderkerckhove banged home the rebound to give Clarenceville the victory.

"I was proud of the effort," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "I was worried when we gave a goal back, but we fought back. We were due for one. We've been pressing for two weeks now finishing a game. We finally finished one ... it's good and I'm proud.'

Clarenceville had a week to stew over a last-minute 1-0 loss to Madison Heights Bishop Foley, which Johnson called "a killer."

Meanwhile, Thurston is still searching for its first victory in five starts, but coach Scott Bridges remains upbeat.

"I think we played really well," he said. "I think at times physical play is what let us down and not necessarily skill. We did a really nice job of controlling the flow of the game and passing, but what matters is in the back front and front third — we're getting



ED WRIGHT PHOTO Livonia Clarenceville's Ma Sambou Jatta (left) and David Vandekerckhove rejoice after Vandekerckhove's game-winning goal against **Redford** Thurston.

out-physical-ed to the ball. I thought Clarenceville did really well today."

The Eagles, however, had a hard time containing Jatta, who can play a variety of roles.

"He's definitely really a good player with a strong shot," Bridges said. "His one goal was excellent. The balance of play was a bit in our favor, but they moved him to center. We had a harder time handling him there and they were able to get forward. And that ultimately was the difference."

Jatta is a dual-sport athlete in the fall. He also serves as Clarenceville's kicker on the football team where he already has a 46-yard field goal to his credit.

"He runs track, plays basketball, a good athlete and an even better kid," Johnson said. ""He plays wherever I need him besides goalie — and I hope I never have to play him at goalie. He plays everything. He's my utility guy."

The Clarenceville coach also admires Jatta's tenacity and endurance.

"He's the hardest working kid that I've ever coached,' Johnson said. "He plays to exhaustion. He finally pulled himself out today. He really needs a breather once in awhile, but he really busts his butt out there."

Clarenceville had a decided advantage on shots on goal, 12-4.

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NMU boots Lady Ocelots

up.

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team slipped to 4-3 overall with a 3-1 setback Saturday at Northern Michigan University.

Hunter Jurecki tallied the only goal for the Lady Ocelots.

Tara Gessler started in goal and played the first half before Schoolcraft before Danielle Schendel (Canton) and Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) divided duties in the second half.

"Despite the scoreline, our girls played really well and had numerous opportunities to tie and even win the game,* Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman said. "We were very dominant in the second half."

Field hockey: **Blazers tie**

Junior Erin Badge had the lone goal Monday for Livonia Ladywood, which earned a 1-1 draw Monday with host Birmingham Marian in a Catholic League girls field hockey encounter. Senior Lauren Kozlowski assisted on Badge's goals, while senior goalie Stephanie Mackley made four saves for the Blazers, who stand 4-1-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the division. **Courtney Hellyer** made three saves for the Mustangs (2-1-1, 0-1-1).

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GOLF RESULTS

PREP GIRLS GOLF RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 209 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 253 Sept. 11 at Idyi Wyld G.C. Churchill scorers: Maggie McGowan, 44 (medalist); Jackie Burdette, 48; Marin McGowan, 57; Claire Rose, 60; Megan Hellie, 61; Elizabeth Havlik, 66.

Franklin's top scorers: Kendall Payne and Jacquelyn Hansen, 59 each; Allison Karczynski, 65; Adjanee Anderson, 70.

Dual match records: Churchill, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA South

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF **CRUSADER CLASSIC**

Sept. 9-10 at Treetops TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Madonna University, 335-325-660; 2. Aquinas College, 337-356-693; 3. Lake Superior State, 359-342-701; 4. Adrian College, 378-368-746. Individual medalist:

Kaitlyn Brasher (Madonna), 80-80-160; 2. Chelsea Collura, 82-80-162

Other MU finishers: 3. (tie) Jordyn Shepler (Livonia Churchill), 88-80-168; 6. Michelle Hall, 85-85-170; 12. (tie) Holly Laginess, 88-91-179); 14. (tie) Becca Porter, 95-89-184; 20. Megan Fleischer, 97-100-197

MEN'S COLLEGE GOLF WOLVERINE-HOOSIER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE **JAMBOREE** (No. 1)

Sept. 8 at Lenawee C.C. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Siena Heights, 295: 2. Madonna, 3. (tie) Indiana Tech and Northwestern Ohio, 299 each; 5. Davenport, 304; 6. Cornerstone, 307; 7. Aquinas, 308; 8. Lourdes (Ohio), 326; 9. Concordia, 387 Individual medalist: Adam Schmaltz (Siena Heights), 1-over 70.

Madonna scorers: 4 Erik Taurence, 73; 5. (tie) Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn), 74; 11. (tie) Benjamin Gawronski, 75; 19. (tie) Dave Goad and Joe Parker, 76 each; 37. (tie) Nick Corbeil, 82.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 9 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0 Sept. 11 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Jonathan Martin (LC) defeated Tyler Harnos, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Joe Mulka (LC) def. Sam Herber, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Aditya Vemulopati (LC) def. Josiah Ault, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 4:** Mit Patel (LC) def. Daniel Seluia, 6-1, 6-2

No. 1 doubles: Mark Densteadt-Riley Prince (LC) def. Andrew Watson-Antonio Heberling, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Mayuresh lyer-Steven Van Wormer (LC) def. Davion Holt-Tyler Dunn, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Drew Lang-Shantam Ravan (LC) def. Jack Delisi-Dan Mills, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: **Cooper King-Raymond Peters** (LC) def. Brandon Revell-Sam Washington, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Joe Healy-Aditya Agrawal (LC) def. Austin Bryce-Tyler Stoll. Dual match record: Churchill, 9-3 overall, 2-0 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 1-3-1 overall, 0-2 KLAA South

ADRIAN QUAD MEET Sept. 8 at Adrian H.S. **BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Jackson Lumen Christi: 2.

Livonia Churchill; 3. Adrian; 4. Plymouth Christian Academy. NORTHVILLE 8

LIVONIA STEVENSON 1 Sept. 6 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Tyler Gardiner (N) defeated Chad Northey, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Connor Johnston (N) def. Sam Tabor, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Nathan Albanelli (N) def. Marcus McCathney, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Johnson Yang (LS) def. Rahul Raj, 6-2, 6-3. No. 1 doubles: Matt Evasic-Brian Manney (N) def. Asron Dziobak-Jeff Frederick, 6-2, 6-3: No. 2: Brendan Slovisky-Andrew Schaefer (N) def. Chase Tinham-Jason Wysocki, 6-0, 5-2; No. 3: Liver Daniel-Jason Wang (N) def. Ahmed Hussain-Joe Osmialowski, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; No. 4: Nick Chatas-Dan Baldwin (N) def. Neal Adams-Chris Haldane, 6-4, 7-6; No. 5: Sam McCutcheon-Evan Simoff (N) def. Matt Lackey-Sam Clos, 6-4. 6-1.

Stevenson's dual match record: 2-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.



PREP GRID PICKS

Week 4

Friday, Sept. 14 N. Farmington (1-2, 0-2) at Harrison (2-1, 1-1), 7 p.m. Oxford (2-1, 2-0) at Farmington (3-0, 2-0), 7 p.m. Crestwood (0-3, 0-1) at Garden City (2-1, 1-0), 7 p.m. Redford Union (1-2, 1-0) at Robichaud (3-0, 1-0), 7 p.m. Canton (2-1, 1-0) at John Glenn (0-3, 0-1), 7 p.m. Livonia Churchill (3-0, 1-0) at Wayne (0-3, 0-1), 7 p.m. Livonia Stevenson (3-0, 1-0) at South Lyon (2-1, 1-1), 7 p.m. Northville (2-1, 1-0) at Salem (3-0, 1-0), 7 p.m. Plymouth (2-1, 0-1) at Livonia Franklin (1-2, 1-0), 7 p.m. Lutheran Northwest (2-1) at Clarenceville (2-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 Univ. Liggett (2-1, 1-0) at Luth. Westland (1-2, 0-1), 1 p.m. Last week Overall

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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 professional Tami Bealert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Hickory Creek.

Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted. For more information,

e-mail Glenn wrestling coach Bill Polk at rocketwrestling@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 Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Check-in for the fourperson scramble is 7:30 a.m. with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$75 (includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner). Dinner only is \$20. Also included are longest drive and closestto-the-pin contests, 50-50 raffle, door prizes and silent auction.

For more information, call George Salloum at (734) 558-1150; or email gasal2112@yahoo.com. 4/ You can also call Roger Garvin at (248) 890-4506; or email raragar@

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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Novi at Stevenson, 5:30 p.m. **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL** Thursday, Sept. 13

Luth. W'sld at Liggett, 5:30 p.m. Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Ladywood at Marian. 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 Milford Tournament, 9 a.m. Parkway Invitational, 9 a.m. PREP SWIMMING / Thursday, Sept. 13 Livonia Public Schools Meet at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Gibraltar Carlson at Liv. Comm. Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m. PREP CROSS COUNTRY Friday, Sept. 14 MSU Spartan Invitational at Forest Akers, 5:35 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 Huron Invitational, TBA. Autumn Classic, TBA.

at St. John's G.C., 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 Grosse lle Invitational at West Shore G&CC, 1:30 p.m. **BOYS TENNIS** Thursday, Sept. 13 John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Novi, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 Play for the Cure Invitational at Howell, TBA. COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Sept. 13 Schoolcraft at Mott, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14 S'craft at Lakeland, TBA (Can-Am Classic at MU) Madonna vs. Windsor, TBA. MU vs. W. Ontario, TBA. Saturday, Sept. 15 S'craft at Lakeland, TBA MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Friday, Sept. 14 MU at Illinois Tech, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 S'craft at Cincy St., 1 p.m. 5unday, Sept. 16 MU vs. Purdue-Calumet at Munster H.S., 2 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Friday, Sept. 14 (Mt. Vernon Cougar Classic) MU vs. Rob. Wesleyan, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 S'craft at Cincy St., 3 p.m.

Franklin vs. Canton

at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.

Stevenson vs. S.L. East

at Links of Novi, 3 p.m.

at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Mercy

1 John Glenn vs. Plymouth

(Mt. Vernon Cougar Classic) MU vs. Mt. Vernon, 2 p.m. TBA - time to be announced

The Aztec Eagles (1-2), who scored late in the fourth quarter on Ian Auberry's 13-yard pass reception, wound up with 324 total yards ing in the air. The Aztec Eagles were 13-of-43 passing, but threw four interceptions and gave

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Lutheran Westland

secures 1st victory

The monkey is finally off Bob Regan's back.

The first-year Lutheran High Westland boys soccer coach earned his first victory Tuesday at home as the Warriors rallied from a 2-0 halftime deficit to beat Plymouth Christian Academy, 3-2.

Lutheran Westland is now 1-5 overall and 1-5 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Lucas Albrecht scored both goals for the Eagles (0-7, 0-7) in the 18th and 35th minutes, respectively.

The Warriors mounted their comeback on the first of two Ernie Babon goals in the 44th minute (off an assist from Walt Gembarski).

Five minutes later, Brandon Wyman made it 2-all with Troy Gotchev drawing the assist.

Babon then tallied the game-winner in the 52nd minute with Wyman assisting.

Lutheran Westland goal-

BOYS SOCCER

keeper Jordan Williams made seven saves. STEVENSON 3, S.L. EAST

0: On Tuesday, Livonia Stevenson (4-1-3, 2-0-1) tallied all three goals in the second half to beat host South Lyon East (3-5-3, 0-2-1).

Jake Zeppa finished a rebound off a John D'Agostino shot to notch his first career goal in the 48th minute for the Spartans.

Dominic Sabatini then added a penalty kick in the 64th minute and scored again in the 73rd minute from 25 yards out in the 73rd minute from Josh Fryzlewicz to complete the Stevenson scoring. Zack Verant made three saves to post the shutout, while Jake Kuznicki had nine saves for the Cougars.

'Their goalkeeper played great," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said of Kuznicki. "He was able to step up when they needed him to in order keep us off the board early.

"I thought we did a nice job keeping our composure and finishing off some chances in the second half." FRANKLIN 3, WAYNE 0:

Nick O'Brien scored twice Tuesday as host Livonia Franklin (2-5-1, 1-2) downed stubborn Wayne Memorial (1-6, 0-3) in a

KLAA South Division encoun-

O'Brien and Matt Freed tallied first-half goals to stake the Patriots to a 2-0 advantage. O'Brien also notched his sec-ond off an assist from Robert Jiga during the second half. Franklin goalkeeper Hunter Ferran made four saves to record the shutout. "We moved the ball well, but

once we get into the 18-yard box, we fizzle," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We just can't put a period on it." GARDEN CITY 3, JOHN

GLENN 1: Christian Stombaugh scored a pair of goals Friday lifting the host Cougars (1-4-3) to a non-conference victory over Westland John Glenn (5-2).

Stombaugh's goals came at the 7- and 28-minute marks, while Brad Johnson added an insurance goal with three minutes remaining.

Glenn's Bobby Mason scored on a penalty kick with 13 minutes left in the first half to give a the Rockets a 1-0 lead. CRESTWOOD 8, WAYNE 0: On Friday, host Wayne Memorial (1-4) was no match for Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a non-league encounter.

"The boys were flat and did not play well," Wayne first-year coach Jason Dean said of the eight-goal mercy rule setback.



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Abron honored

Former Michigan State University volleyball standout Kyndra Abron (center), flanked by her parents Cassandra and James, was honored Saturday night during MSU's match in the Spartan Invitational against Georgia in East Lansing. The former Miss Volleyball from Livonia Churchill High had her name added to a banner in the rafters at Jenison Fieldhouse after earning, honorable mention All-America honors in 2009 during her sophomore season. The 6-foot-2 outside hitter was a two-time All-Big Ten selection and finished her MSU career with 1,171 career kills, including 420 last year for the 22-12 Spartans.

Stevenson runner-up at Croswell-Lexington

Livonia Stevenson made a strong run in Saturday's Croswell-Lexington girls volleyball tournament only to fall in three sets to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 16-25, 25-15, 15-5, in the championship match. The Spartans finished

4-1-1 on the day as junior Katie Tomasic had a total of 54 kills, 18 blocks and was 55-for-58 setting.

The Spartans, 7-9-1 overall, also got 19 kills from Morgan Copper-

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serves. Other leaders included Mackenzie Hamill (18 kills), Audrey Durocher (12 kills, 26 digs); Natalee Dziewit (15 assists, 12 digs), Rayna Yetts (68 assists, 16 digs) and Julia Szuba (44 digs).

Patriots go 2-1-1

On Saturday, Livonia Franklin reached the quarterfinals of the Uni-

land reached the Silver Bracket finals before losing to Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley, 20-25, 21-25, at the UM-Dearborn Tournament.

In pool play, the Warriors beat Lincoln Park (25-11, 25-14), split with Livonia Clarenceville (25-11, 18-25) and lost to Livonia Franklin (23-25, 21-

In the Silver Bracket, Lutheran Westland downed Royal Oak Shrine



ED WRIGHT PHOTO Livonia Clarenceville's David Vandekerckhove battles through a pair of Redford Thurston players to gain control of the ball Monday afternoon.

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good game. Ian Bunker

ston coach said. "We kind

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"My keeper (Gregg) managed well, a couple of assertive plays by him," Johnson said. "I thought my whole defense played well — Matthias Hoffman had a good game. Cameron Fyffe had a

Lutheran High West-

registered 15 kills to lead

four players in double fig-

Madonna University completed a four-match sweep

land's Emilie Freeman

ures Saturday as host

of the 13th annual Julie

Martin Memorial Clas-

sic rallying for a 20-25, 23-

25, 25-21, 25-15, 15-13 vol-

leyball win over St. Fran-

ers, who improved to 11-

4 overall, also got 12 kills

from Taylor Dziewit and

ja Barnovska and Stacey

tributed 49 assist-to-kills,

10 kills apiece from Nasti-

Setter Evia Prieditis con-

The 18th-ranked Crusad-

cis (Ill.).

Catalano.

played well. It was pretty solid all the way around. I was pretty happy. Collin Orchard played strong at stopper.'

Bridges had to alter his tactics after going down a goal, but also gave credit to his backline. "Hunter Mullett and

Joey Otte did really well . on defense," the Thur-

Crusader spikers roll

while Catalano paced the

defense with a team-high

Other digs leaders

Jazzmyne Robbins

paced St. Francis (10-2)

with 15 kills, while setter

Ashley Richards finished

with 46 assists. Dana Wet-

tergren led the defense

Earlier in the day, MU

lege, 25-19, 25-18, 25-17, as

tha Geile led the way with

Prieditis had 38 assists

Baranovska and Saman-

11 and nine kills, respec-

downed Rochester Col-

and Prieditis (10).

with 27 digs.

tively.

included Breanna Geile

(16), Samantha Geile (15)

24 digs.

of had to switch up trying to get more offense from them. We were playing a little bit different in the back. I think if we had just left them there it might have only been 1-0, but we needed some goals."

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The loss drops Roches-

Lady Ocelots roll

Schoolcraft College

Conference play Satur-

na Community College.

The Lady Ocelots cap-

sets, 25-12, 23-25, 25-17, 25-

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14, 25-15, 27-25.

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tured the opener in four

opened MCCAA Eastern

day by sweeping a pair of

matches against host Alpe-

and 11 digs.

ter to 3-10 overall.

stone and 17 from Amanda Hawkins.

Sarah Soave was 79-for-90, while Holly Moosoian led the defense with 29 digs, while Abby Whitehead added 15 blocks. Stevenson reached the finals with a 25-23, 25-21 victory over St. Clair after splitting with Port

Huron (25-19, 24-16), while defeating Marine City (25-12, 25-10), Deckerville (25-15, 25-6) and the host Pioneers (25-21, 25-16).

Chargers stopped

Livonia Churchill made it to the semifinals in Saturday's Grand Blanc Tournament before losing to Novi in battle of top 10 Class A state-ranked teams, 25-13, 25-23.

The Chargers, now 21-3 overall, captured its pool with victories over Flint Kearsley (25-14, 25-15), Almont (25-15, 25-9) and the host Bobcats (25-23, 25-23).

In the first round of the playoffs, the Chargers ousted Lapeer West, 25-13. 25-23.

Senior outside hitter Emily Norscia had a team-best 63 kills on the day to go along with four blocks and five ace

versity of Michigan-**Dearborn Invitational** before falling to Brownstown Woodhaven, 25-23, 26-24.

The Patriots started the day splitting with Livonia Clarenceville (17-25, 25-18), while defeating Lincoln Park (25-10, 25-12) and Lutheran High Westland (25-23, 25-22).

Kelly O'Brien record a team-best 20 kills on the day, while libero Afton DeWyse finished with 40 digs and five aces.

Other standouts for Franklin, now 7-10-1 overall, included Mackenzie Lukas (17 kills, 31 digs, three aces); Maggie Leins (15 kills, 22 digs); Sarah Cramton (27 digs) and Breanna Hourigan (23 digs, five aces). Setter Mikayla Sienkiewicz collected 55 assists to go along with four aces.

"It took a game for the team to adjust to the absence of Kelly Newton," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "But Afton DeWyse and Breanna Hourigan stepped up and played great defense.'

Warriors at UMD

Lutheran High West-

(25-19, 25-14) and Dearborn Edsel Ford (25-15, 25-21).

"Making it to the Silver finals was a step in the right direction for us and we battled Chippewa Valley," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said, "but made too many mistakes throughout the match that we weren't able to overcome."

Alissa Flury and Leah Refenes each finished with 23 kills on the day. Refenes also had a team-best 45 assists. while Shannon Abbott added 30.

Digs leaders included Julia Yancy (51), Aldreanna Fikes (36) and Chandler Davenport (18).

Alissa and Marcella Flury also combined for 23 blocks, including four solo.

"Our focus needs to be more on those little things so that as the season progresses we will have a better chance of winning those close sets," Wade said. "Overall I was pleased and now we need to get focused and prepared for conference play because we definitely be challenged night in and night out."

VOLLEYBALL

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Senior outside hitter Emily Norscia finished with 13 kills and six ace serves Tuesday to propel host Livonia Churchill to a 25-13, 25-4, 25-12 KLAA South Division triumph over Westland John Glenn.

State-ranked Churchill, which improved to 22-3 overall and 2-0 in the division, also got sev-

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en kills and four blocks from senior middle hitter Marissa Pomaville. Other standouts for the

Chargers included Courtney Pietruszka (five aces, five digs, three kills); Rayna Yetts (14 assists); Megan Damico (eight digs); and Casey Bias (six digs)

Val Ernat, filling in for injured starting setter Claire Truskowski, finished with eight assists to pace the Rockets (8-9-2, 0-2). Hannah Staples chipped 19 assists, while Abby

in with three kills and five kills, while Courtney Schaber also had five digs.

Stevenson wins

Junior Katie Tomasic led a balanced attack with 11 kills, six blocks and six assists Tuesday as host Livonia Stevenson downed South Lyon East in a KLAA Central Division match, 25-9, 25-17, 25-20.

Junior setter Sarah Soave also dished out

Whitehead contributed seven kills and three blocks as the Spartans improved to 8-9-1 overall and 1-1 in the Central. Other standouts for the Spartans included Holly Mossoian, who had four digs and was 16-of-17 serve receive; Amanda Hawkins, three kills and four blocks; Morgan Copperstone and Taylor McLaud, three kills apiece.

Trojans clipped On Tuesday, Dearborn Divine Child was in control from start-to-finish en route to a 25-11, 26-24, 25-9 win victory over host Livonia Clarenceville.

Tonya Vernier led the Trojans (4-7-2) with seven kills and three blocks, while Ayanna Buckley added six kills and two blocks.

"Divine Child outplayed us tonight," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "We had a good second game, but our defensive game just wasn't there. We need to

get more consistent. The girls are working hard and I believe we will get better at this the more we play.

On Saturday, the Trojans finished 1-1-2 in the UM-Dearborn Tournament losing to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian in the Gold Bracket in three sets, 2-1. In pool play, Clarenceville defeated Lincoln Park (25-11, 25-8) and split with Franklin (25-17, 18-25) and Lutheran Westland (11-25, 25-18).

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Livonia's Chris Naida putts glo golf balls on a neon-lit green at Hilltop in Plymouth. He was part of a group of friends enjoying the unique recreational opportunity last Friday night.

Let it glow They only come out at night for Hilltop 'Glow Golf'

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

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(WL)

Golfing is tough enough under the bright sunlight.

It's a lot more fun at night, especially when hitting illuminated golf balls toward neon-lit fairways and greens at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth.

Just ask Plymouth resident Andrew Peters and others who joined him in Friday night's "Glow Golf" guys night out at the course on Beck Road.

Admittedly, the outing wasn't about setting records or breaking par. It was about having a good time playing the scrambles format while figuring out how to navigate the lay of the land. Two of the Peters foursomes finished at 1- curvy under-par and the third won with a 3-under-par tally.

old Chris Naida of Livonia who, with Peters, Jim Darkangelo of Waterford and Craig Heikkinen of Madison Heights, comprised a foursome. Overall, there were three foursomes with the Peters group.

"The neat part was, usually when you're golfing, you shank a ball and you can't see where it goes," Naida said. "Well in this case, right when you hit it it lights up, so we saw quite a few actually hit the trees and kick back out into the fairway and that was kind of neat to watch.

"And every time you drive, it's like a comet taking off."

Looking for clues

Neon markers also encircled greens to give participants an idea which direction to smack their wedge shots.

Once on the green, however, it was pure nate the greens a little bit, to get an idea which directions the greens are sloping.' To help the golfers

know where the other participants were standing, each wore neon necklaces provided by Hilltop.

There were about eight foursomes all told for the latest Glow Golf installment.

A good chunk of the golfers were with Peters' group — which enabled his wife Maureen and her friends to also enjoy Friday night together. Maureen Peters is about seven months pregnant.

"They wanted to get all the guys out on the course before the baby comes," Naida said. "A night of 'guys will be guys,' to just relax."

When Naida found out about the Glow Golf outing, he figured it would be a good time. Yet he didn't know what to

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 19 **PLYMOUTH 41** Sept. 11 at Cass Benton Pk.

Individual winner: Marina DeBiasi (Plymouth), 20:52 (5,000 meters)

Churchill finishers: 2. Vivien Okechukwu, 21:11; 3. Sydney Anderson, 21:11; 4. Kerigan Riley, 21:15; 5. Michelle Azar, 21:45; 6. Megan McFarlane, 21:48; 8. Elyssa Hofmann, 22:35; 9. Alexis Lombardo, 22:36. **Other Plymouth finishers:** 7. Brianna Lax, 22:00; 10. Shannon Shaver, 22:51; 11. Charlotte Clark, 22:52; 12. Alex Cichon, 22:53; 13. Marianne DeBrito, 23:00; 14. Hailey Foster, 23:23. Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 19 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 41 Sept. 11 at John Glenn

Individual winner: Natalie Douglas (Franklin), 21:23 (5,000 meters).

Other Franklin finishers: 3. Natalie Martinez, 22:18; 4. Anna Snider, 22:21; 5. Mandy Pokryfky, 22:26; 6. Kaitlyn McWilliams, 22:47; 7. Katelyn Kovach, 23:11; 8. CC Shoemaker, 23:28.

John Glenn finishers: 2. Shekinah Johnson, 21:46; 11. Kaitlyn Mitchell, 23:57; 12. Barb Messics, 24:00; 16. Courtney MacQuar rie, 24:18; 17. Caroline Mahalak, 24:43; 24. Hannah Mitchell, 26:33; 29. Mary Dreher, 30:32. Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1

KLAA South. LIVONIA STEVENSON 24 **NOVI 40** Sept. 11 at Cass Benton Pk. Individual winner: Jackie

Mullins (Novi), 20:50.9 (5,000 meters). Stevenson finishers: 2. Lind-

sey Gallagher, 21:02.6; 4. Emily Chapski, 21:22.2; 5. Barbara Scupholm, 21:23.0; 6. Karlie Gallagher, 21:22.2; 7. Emily Kwasnik, 21:56.7; 8. Moore, 22:09.6; 9. Maggie Law, 22:33.4. Dual meet records: Steven

son, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; Novi, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central. CATHOLIC LEAGUE

GIRLS JAMBOREE Sept. 11 at Metro Beach TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Warren Regina, 17 points; 2. Farmington Hills Mercy, 67; 3. Birmingham Marian, 71; 4. Livonia Ladywood, 79.

Individual winner: Jenny Ponkowski (Regina), 20:31 (5,000 meters).

Ladywood finishers: 10. Sarah Wilson, 21:45; 15. Kath-erine Taylor, 23:05; 17. Hannah Pereira, 23:11; 25. Erica Mucci, 23:55; 26. Katarina Gaffka, 24:01.

KLAA ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY MEET Sept. 8 at Willow Metropark TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 37 points; 2. Salem, 49; 3. Brighton, 86; 4. Livonia Churchill, 94; 5. Plymouth, 176; 6. Hartland, 178; 7. Livonia Franklin, 189; 8. Canton, 205; 9. Westland John Glenn, 258; 10. Novi, 271; 11. Walled Lake Western, 314; 12. Wayne Memorial, 378. Individual winner: Avery

Evenson (Hartland), 18:25.3 (5,000 meters). Churchill finishers: 7. Kerigan

Riley, 19:43.7; 9. Sydney Ander-son, 19:53.9; 20. Michelle Azar, 20:15.8; 26. Megan McFarlane, 20:40.3; 40. Alexis Lombardo, 21:26.5; 46. Elyssa Hofmann, 21:44.6; Lauran Bernhardt,

21:57.9 Franklin finishers: 29. Natalie Douglas, 20:53.6; 42. Anna Snider, 21:30.8; 50. Natalie Martinez, 21:55.0; 57. Mandy

Pokryfky, 22:17.1; 61. CC ¹³ Shoemaker, 22:19.4; 70. Kaitlyn McWilliams, 22:48.7; 89. Jane Modes, 23:36.5. John Glenn finishers: 30. Shekinah Johnson, 20:54.9; 67. Caroline Mahalak, 22:42.0; 94. Kaitlyn Mitchell, 23:53.1; 97. Courtnie MacQuarrie, 24:13.8; 123. Monet Jackson, 30:01.1; 125. Madison Gehr. 33:23.6: Wayne finishers: 108. Megan Macek, 24:51.7; 118. Kendelle Hood, 27:11.7; 122. Kayla Hood, 29:23.9; 124. Alana Cyrus, 30;23.8; 126. Victoria Boyd, 36:10.1.

BATH INVITATIONAL Sept. 8 at Bath TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline,

28 points; 2. Grandville, 66; 3. Hudsonville, 83; 4. Rockford, 92; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 150; 6. Holiy, 172; 7. St. Johns, 182; 8. Holt, 212; 9. Owosso, 235; 10. Lansing Eastern, 311. Individual winner: Alex Berends (Hudsonville), 18:38.2

(5,000 meters). Stevenson finishers: 19. Lindsey Gallagher, 19:50.3; 28. Karlie Gallagher, 20:34.9; 33. Em-ily Chapski, 20:52.9; 35. Barbara Scupholm, 20:59.6; 37. Emily Kwasnik, 21:05.1; 41. Natalie Moore, 21:46.6; 47. Colleen Fitzgerald, 22:14.8. WARRIOR INVITATIONAL

Sept. 8 at Lake Erie Metro TEAM STANDINGS (18 schools): 1. Saline, 33 points; 2. Grosse Ile, 105; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 158; 4. Dearborn Divine Child, 165; 5. Woodhaven, 177; 12. Livonia Ladywood, 375. Individual winner: 1. Lindsey Brewis (Divine Child), 19:10 (5,000 meters).

Ladywood finishers: 27. Sarah Wilson, 22:00; 56. Katherin Taylor, 23:35; 70. Katarina Gaffka, 24:11; 101. Sydney Triest, 25:34; 121. Mackenzie Darr, 27:02; 135. Katie Maier, 28:52.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 26 PLYMOUTH 33

Sept. 11 at Cass Benton Pk. Individual winner: Ben Yates (Churchill), 17:14 (5,000 meters). **Other Churchill finishers:** 4. George Bowles, 17:26; 6. Jon Hovermale, 17:37; 7. Andrew Malik, 17:51; 8. Matt Cohan, 17:55; 9. Jon Alessandrini, 17:56; 10. Sean McKeon, 18:121; 11. Colin Murphy, 18:27; 14. Brian Duszkiewicz, 18:58. Plymouth finishers: 2. Zane Berlanga, 17:17; 3. Brandon Dalton, 17:21; 5. Liam Cardenas, 17:29; 12. Nick Williamson, 18:34; 13. Jonny Dalton, 18:46; 14. Brian Duskiewicz, 18:58; 15. Matt Pahl, 19:08.

Dual meet records: Churchill. 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South. LIVONIA FRANKLIN 19

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 41 Sept. 11 at John Glenn Individual winner: Ross Cecil

(Franklin), 18:22. **Other Franklin finishers:** 2. Keenan Jones, 18:23; 3. Jacob Forgacs, 18:48; 6. Tony Floyd, 19:33; 7. Nick Robertson, 19:42: 10 8. Alex Perelli

Gibson (Wayne), 18:06.4 (5,000 meters). Canton finishers: 2. Tom Walkinshaw, 18:20.3; 3. Billy

Toth, 18:22.1; 4. Evan Dunklee, 18:47.7; 5. Evan Childs, 18:58.1; 8. Andrew Stephens, 19:16.1; 10. Josh Joy, 19:53.0. Other Wayne finishers: 6. Daniel Malcolm, 19:04.0; 7. Michael Gibson, 19:12.4; 9. Zack Williams, 19:46.5; 16. Tim Flores, 20:53.6; 21. Uriel Figueroa, 24:24.8; 22. Tyrell Hicks, 24:48.0. Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 1-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South. **LIVONIA STEVENSON 19**

NOVI 44 Sept. 11 at Cass Benton Pk. Individual winner: Jacob

Colley (Stevenson), 17:10 (5,000 meters). **Other Stevenson finishers:**

3. Stephen Fenech, 17:22; 4. Michael Sopko, 17:46; 5. Tyler Reamer, 17:48; 6. Peter Walkuski, 17:50; 7. Andrew Stratton, 17:58; 8. Ryan Paulus, 18:03. Novi's top finisher: 2.

Barnes, 17:19. Dual meet records: Stevenson, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division: Novi

meters) Churchill finishers: 7. Ben Yates, 16:54.2; 10. Jonathan Allesandrini, 17:05.0; 13.' ' George Bowles, 17:08.7; 18. Matt Cohan, 17:19.8; 19. 3 Andrew Malik, 17:20.5; 26 Jonathan Hovermale, 17:41.0; 29. Colin Murphy, 17:45.1; Franklin finishers: 12. Keenan Jones, 17:07.7; 14. Ross Cecil, 17:13.6; 58. Jacob Forgacs, 18:41.1; 80. Michael Elrod, 19:16.6; 83. Nick Robertson 19:35.0; 87. Tony Floyd, 20:12.3; 88. Alex Perelli, 20:16.8;. Wayne finishers: 20. Daniel Malcolm, 17:22.3; 33. Devin Gibson, 17:55.0; 44. Zack Williams, 18:12.3; 59. Michael Gibson, 18:41.9; 84. Tim Flores, 19:42.5; 94. Uriel Figueroa, 23:04.5; 95. Kyle Saavedra, 23:12.6. John Glenn finishers: 61. Jesse Osoria, 18:45.6; 68. Chris Codd. 18:58.6: 97. Jeff Busick. 24:21.4; 98. Jason Morhan, 25:39.7; 99. James Demsky, 27:00.8; 100. Chase Spanos, 30:17.3

BATH INVITATIONAL Sept. 8 at Bath

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Rockford, 33 points; 2. Saline, 55; 3. Northville, 71; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 109; 5. St. Johns, 134; 6. Holt, 163; 7. Ann Arbor Huron, 165; 8. Holly, 182; 9. Owosso, 281; 10. Lansing Eastern, 317; 11. Lansing Everett, 340. Individual winner: Drew Woznick (Rockford), 16:06.3 (5,000 meters). Stevenson finishers: 11. Stephen Fenech, 16:47.6; 17. Jacob Colley, 17:09.4; 22. Michael Sopko, 17:20.3; 27. Tyler Reamer, 17:29.8; 32. Andrew Stratton, 17:34.3; 33. Erik Grisa, 17:34.6; 34. Peter Walkuski, 17:35.4.

Show them the way

"What they do, they have the pins lit up with LEDs," Peters said. "There's maybe four neon lights surrounding the greens and they light up 100-yard markers and 150-yard markers. You basically just shoot at the lights."

Different-colored glow golf balls, provided by Hilltop as part of the \$25per-person fee, didn't fly as far as regular ones do.

That didn't matter because they were fun to track, said 28-year-

guesswork.

"That was very difficult," said Peters, who found out about Hilltop's Glow Golf from a friend. "It was drizzling a little bit on Friday, so not only were they slower, usually Hilltop has fast greens, you basically need to know the course well enough to have any guess on which direction the putts are going to break.

"One of my buddies brought a lantern and another used his cell phone to kind of illumi-

expect when he showed up at Hilltop.

"I was really

impressed," Naida said. "I wasn't actually sure how it was going to work. But they set the course up pretty well as far as being marked.

"It's not lit, per se. It was challenging, for sure. It was nearly impossible to read the green."

Now a veteran of Glow Golf, Peters stressed anybody considering future trips to Hilltop for Glow Golf should maintain some perspective.

"My biggest piece of advice would be you're going out there to have fun," he said. "You're not out there to break course records and play competitive golf."

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Mike Eirod, 20:27; 12. Andrew Barnes, 21:37.

John Glenn finishers: 4. Micah Orr, 19:04; 5. Jesse Orsoria, 19:20; 8. Chris Codd, 19:42; 11. Ayron Franka, 21:18; 13. Austin Hickerson, 21:48; 14. Graham Tyrell, 22:00. Dual meet records: Franklin.

1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

CANTON 22 WAYNE MEMORIAL 35 Sept. 11 at Wayne (Flats) Individual winner: Devin

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TOMMY TITAN INVITATIONAL

Sept. 8 at Cass Benton Park

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Bucknell (Pa.), 26 points);

sity of Detroit Mercy, 62; 4.

Madonna University, 134; 5.

Macomb Community College,

Wayne State, 47; 3. Univer-

0-1 KLAA Central.

KLAA ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY MEET Sept. 8 at Willow Metropark

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Hartland, 38 points; 2. Grand Blanc, 65; 3. Livonia Churchill, 67; 4. Satem, 97; 5. Canton, 168; 6. Walled Lake Western, 180; 7. Northville, 181; 8. Livonia Franklin, 191; 9. Wayne Memorial, 203; 10. Westland John Glenn, 306; Individual winner: Sean Pen-

gelly (Hartland), 15:53.2 (5,000

COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Dugan (Bucknell), 20 minutes, 31 seconds (4 miles). Madonna finishers: 34. Tim Boes (Westland John Glenn), 21:58; 48. Jeffrey Grzywinski, 22:37; 53. Nathaniel Theobald, 22:57.0; 68. Dan Pratt, 24:05; 74. Ryan Carrigan, 24:19; 92. Erick Roth, 26:20.

WOMEN'S TEAM STAND-INGS: 1. Bucknell (Pa.), 18 points; 2. Wayne State, 49; 3. Detroit, 90; 4. Macomb CC, 132; 5. Cleveland State, 134; 6.

232; 8. UM-Dearborn, 235; 9. Lawrence Tech, 251; 10. Concordia. 283.

Individual winner: Caroline Tolli (Bucknell), 18:27 (5,000 meters).

Madonna finishers: 21. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 19:37; 36. Jaclyn Sawasky, 20:35; 57. Brittany Slinker, 21:56.0; 59. Kimberly Adler, 22:07; 73. Kayla Daugherty, 23:28; 78. Shannon Dusute, 24:16; 79. Brittany Hayden (Canton/Dearborn Divine Child), 24:19.



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Byzantine choir performs chant at Livonia church

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

The choir of St. Roma-. nos the Melodist of the Archdiocese of Beirut, Lebanon, will make two stops at Detroit-area churches during its current U.S. tour.

The all-male group will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 at St. George Orthodox Church in Troy and at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14 at the Basilica of St. Mary, 18200 Merriman, in Livonia.

"This group came by invitation of his eminence Archbishop Philip of North America to tour the entire United States. The concert will present musical talent without musical instruments of the most ancient form of chant by eight men who are trained in this Byzantine art of music," said the Rev. George Shalhoub, pastor of the Basilica of St. Mary.

The Order of St. Ignatious of Antioch, which

is the charitable arm of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America is funding the tour.

The group will chant hymns related to Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, various saints, Mary, and more. They'll sing in Greek, Arabic and English.

Shalhoub said he trained in Byzantine chant for seven years and is a student of the art.

"It sounds so simple but is most difficult because vou have to use your voice as an instrument to sing in different tones and melodies," he said.

Shalhoub said Byzantine chant is rooted in the "earliest ancient churches."

"Most Byzantine chant is happy, jolly, inviting and exciting because it involves your total body - voice, heart, ear, chest," he said. "That is the way of all our worship. It has a tone of excitement and celebra-

tion."

Concert goers will get a chance to participate in a major feast day The Elevation of the Cross — after the performance.

"There will be a procession of the Holy Cross in honor of the Elevation of the Holy Cross," Shalhoub said. "The cross is decorated with flowers and honors the day in the Helena found the cross. Those in attendance will receive a blessed flower."

The feast celebrates the discovery of Christ's crucifixion cross found under basil flowers - by Empress Helena, mother of St. Constantine the Great.

Shalhoub said the cross used in the processional will be decorated in carnations and basil.

A cheese and wine afterglow also will follow the choir performance.

For more information call (734) 422-0010.



The choir of St. Romanos the Melodist of the Archdiocese of Beirut, Lebanon, will perform Friday, Sept. 14, at the Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia.

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memorial service will be held at

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805

Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills,

Friday at 1:30pm. Memorial con-

tributions may be directed to

Please share a memory at:

www.rggrharris.com

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Age 91. Beloved hus-

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ALLEN, DOUG

11/4/1970 ~ 9/9/2012 Doug is survived by his brothers, Michael Allen and Tim Allen. His sister Donna Young and his son Kyle Allen. Much laughter and love!!!!

BOCK, JAMES R.

Age 67. Beloved father of Kelly (Frank). Dear brother of Robert Oakes and Norman Lee Bock. Loving uncle of Kelly Breijak and Tracy. Cherished grandfather of Jonathan Staisil and Samatha Baas. Uncle of Cindy, Lee, Don, Craig, and Catherine. Retired truck driver for Roush.

Sec. 15. HOUSEMAN, WALTER R.

Age 85. September 10, 2012.

Survived by sons Guy Derek and

Brian Clay and long time com-

May peace be

Farmington Hills, MI 48336.



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SCHAEFER, EDNA P.

Age 81, September 6, 2012. Loving wife of the late Randolph. Beloved mother of Lois (Phil) Pfefferle and William Schaefer. Grandmother of Eric and Steve Pfefferle. Sister of Agnes Frost, Nadine Abshire, Glenda Thomas and Joedith Vincent and the late Lillian Ferrel and Kenneth Vincent. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

VOSLER, RICHARD G.

Age 91, September 10, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Marion. Loving father of Diane Macdonald, Karen James, Rick Vosler, Cheryl Butler, Jan Zoyes, Colleen Swanson, Laurie Haas and Rob Vosler. Dear grandfather of 25 and great grandfather of 34. Dear brother of Marianne Yapp. Visitation Saturday at Highland Park Baptist Church 28600 Lahser Rd., Southfield from 2 pm until Funeral Service at 3 pm. Those wishing to make a contribution in

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at 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 CLASS

Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. Sunday, beginning Sept. 23 Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford Details: Included in the discussion are heaven, hell, the resurrection of the dead, final judgement, and other topics Contact: (734) 968-3523 or

RELIGION CALENDAR (313)532-8655. 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 mile. All-you-can-eat breakfast costs \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10 Contact: (734) 425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 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

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14 Location: The Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 7575 Hix, Westland Details: Free concert by pianist David Glen Hatch Contact: (248) 478-8588, davidglenhatch.com or 2011581@LDSChurch.org

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: newbeginningsolgc@gmail.com



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with you in this time of **sorrow**.

Richard's name are asked to con-sider Southfield Christian School 28650 Lahser Rd., Southfield, MI 48034. Share a memory at: www.rggrharris.com



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Duo returns home with film on Detroit's decline

By Diana Wing Special Writer

Detropia, a new documentary by Jesus Camp filmmakers Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady, gives us a glimpse into the lives of several Detroiters who haven't yet given up on the city they call home.

The owner of a blues bar, a UAW rep, a young video blogger, a couple of avant-garde artists, a gang of illegal "scrappers" and an opera impresario go about their dayto-day lives, all the while reflecting on the past and searching for solutions to turn around the Motor City's downward spiral. Their musings are strung together with beautiful footage of decaying architecture and empty streets, as well as clips of old auto ads, gloomy union meetings, spirited public meetings and live blues.

Detropia opens next weekend at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak.

Ewing, who was born in Southfield and raised in Farmington Hills, has a family connection to Detroit. Her parents were living in the city during the 1967 riots, and they were part of the exodus to the suburbs a year later. Her grandmother remained in the city.

Ewing said that while she moved out of state to study and work in film, she often returned home to visit. Recognizing the situation in Detroit was getting more desperate, Ewing came back to the city in October 2009 with Grady and co-producer/ cinematographer Craig Atkinson, who grew up in Royal Oak, to see if there was a story to be told "I stayed with my parents, and she stayed with our cinematographer and his parents, and we filmed for three days, Ewing said. "We just wanted to get a sense of the characters, the people who chose not to leave Detroit. We had an amazing three-day experience,



Illegal scrappers dismantle old structures and collect the metal in the documentary "Detropia."



UAW Local 22 President George McGregor talks to a union member about available benefits after the bailout.

and we were so touched by the people we met that we became obsessed with making a full-length documentary film about the city.

"In September 2010 we moved to Detroit. We got two apartments downtown, a crew and two cars and basically moved in for about a year. The result is *Detropia*."

Detroit's struggles

Initially, the filmmakers weren't sure where they were going with the story. They filmed many different people and followed a variety of storylines until they got a strong sense of the story that was emerging — a much more national story than they had expected.

"Detroit's troubles are more grave than other cities, but definitely representative of the national anxiety we're having as a country," said Ewing, who noted that the film has screened for audiences around the country. "Plenty of cities and people have been able to identify with the job

loss, with the sense of being left behind, with the crumbling infrastructure, with problems that don't seem to be getting solved administration after administration," she said. "I hear people say-ing, 'Hey, that's happening here too.' The foreclosure crisis and the gutting of the manufacturing sector and the people who don't have the skills to compete are finding they've fallen out of the middle class.

"So those things are happening nationwide, and I think Detroit can be looked at as the canary in the coal mine in many ways," Ewing said.

Of the Detroiters highlighted in the film, Tommy Stephens, proprietor of the Raven Lounge and Restaurant on Chene in east Detroit, stands out. "The fact that he is an African American business owner who is struggling to keep his business open, and the fact that his fortunes could rise and fall with the auto industry, because of his direct proximity to the plant

Detroit's abandoned train st curious.
 up the street, something about that just connected so many dots for us," Ewing said. "The ups and downs of a one-industry town, the importance of maintaining culture in a city where so many people have left, keeping the blues alive ... there are so many things about his story and him as a person.

"He's a retired school teacher. He cares so much about the city and he's concerned about our country being competitive. As a documentary filmmaker, you couldn't ask for more."

One of Ewing's favorite



"Detropia" chronicles the lives of several Detroiters — including these performance artists in gas masks — trying to survive a city in economic decay.



Detroit's abandoned train station draws artists and the curious.

nething es. He approaches the rep at the Volt display and asks, "What are you going ups and to do about the BYD?" hdustry Not getting the answers ance of he wants, Stephens figure in a ures the guy "has his head in the sand." He warns, "Remember when nobody would buy a Honda, and then Honda took a per-

Finding solutions?

The effort to demolish vacant homes, repurpose excess land and encourage residents to relocate in order to receive better city services draws anger at a public meeting in the documentary. One woman asks, 'Why do we have to move? Why not build around us?' In the film, UAW. Local 22 president George McGregor talks about the need for an improved educational system to help young people stay competitive. Blues club owner Stephens points to capitalism as exploiting the weak, and advises that you should "help your neighbor put out that fire or that fire is coming to you."

The filmmakers didn't want to overplay the arrival of artists and young people to Detroit.

"There are new people coming to Detroit all the time, and they definitely bring energy. We didn't want to portray it as though they're definitely going to save the city," she said, admitting that she wished she had found a solution to Detroit's turnaround. "We looked real hard. But with these problems, there is no easy solution...this has been a long time coming, 🗎 and it's not going to be a quick fix. That's one of the messages of our film.'

Ewing and Atkin¹ son will appear in person for a question and answer session after the 7:15 p.m. show, and to introduce the 9:50 p.m. show, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 14-15, at the Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main, at 11 Mile, in Royal Oak. Tickets are available at www.landmarktheatres.com/tickets or at the box office. Call (248) 263-2111 for more information.

scenes in the film has Stephens at the North American International Auto Show talking to representatives of BYD (Build Your Dreams) Auto of China. The electric vehicle he's looking at is about half the price of the Chevy Volt, and it runs farther between charg-

Essay winner will 'rule' amphibians at zoo

Newts, frogs and toads at the Detroit Zoo are looking for a leader. Amphibiville, a twoacre wetland village that is home to the National Amphibian Conservation Center, is seeking a new mayor for a twoyear term.

To join the race, candidates, 7-12, must submit an essay of 100 words or less on why they should be mayor of Amphibiville. All entries must be submitted by Oct. 5 to PR1@dzs. org or to Mayor of Amphibiville, Detroit Zoological Society, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Entries must include the candidate's name, age, address and daytime telephone number. The winner will be announced in November. The new Mayor of Amphibiville will be sworn in and receive a plaque, inscribed with his or her name, that will be displayed in the National Amphibian Conservation Center; a certificate acknowledging his or her position as Mayor of Amphibiville; a plush frog; and a one-year family membership to the Detroit

Zoo.

Amphibiville's outgoing mayor is Claire Kozal, 10, of Whitmore Lake. Sworn into office in November 2009, Claire built her own home nature center when she was just 3, and says she loves all animals, "even the slimy ones."

Amphibiville opened in 2000

featuring the award-winning National Amphibian Conservation Center, a state-of-theart facility that includes a spectacular diversity of frogs, toads, salamanders, newts and caecilians.

For more information about the Detroit Zoo, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo. org.



New season of folk music starts in Plymouth

BaseLine Folk Society kicks off its eighth season of open mic and featured acts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Plymouth Community Arts Center, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Singer/songwriter Doug McClennen, a regular at Baseline, will host its first open mic of the season. He is a true "folky," having met Pete Seeger and other greats of folk music, and has a wealth of folk songs and stories. McClennen will sing a couple of songs and introduce the evening's performers.

Anyone interested in performing in the open mic may sign up between 6:15-6:45 p.m. at the show. Eight open mic spots are available. If more than eight performers signup, a lottery will be held for the open mic spots. Each musician will perform two-songs. Cover and original both are welcome.

The featured group, "Circle of Friends," consists of Mary Foley, Dean Barnett and Gordon MacDonald. Foley has played professionally in the Detroit folk scene for many years. She plays guitar and sings. Barnett sings, plays guitar and mandolin and also performs with other groups. MacDonald is a retired music teacher who plays almost any instrument you can name. He plays bass with Circle of Friends. The group will perform a 30-minute set. Admission at the door is \$5 per person.

Annual memberships also will be available for

both individuals and families at the door.

An individual membership includes free admission to monthly open mic concerts from Sept.-May for \$25. Family memberships enable parents and their children to attend all monthly concerts free. Membership cost is \$50. **BaseLine Folk Society** is a non-profit organization dedicated to .promoting and preserving the fine art of traditional acoustical folk music. Look for its season lineup on its new Facebook page. The group also plans a few "all open mic" events this season. For more information contact its new president, Scott Ludwig, at BFSpresident@yahoo. com or call (734) 453-

0869.

online at hometownlife.com

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

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, through Sept. 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.BiddingFor-Good.com/DWB-MSF. Online bidding runs through 9 p.m. Sept. 21. Coming up: "Vote for Me! Artists Respond to the Presidential Election of 2012," Oct. 5-27, with an opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5

Contact: (248) 344-0497

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

cantonvillagetheater.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 an 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: Ino Cattrodale, club

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

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 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 Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth Details: "People Like Us," \$3

Coming up: "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. penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 21 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 22 Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: "The Sea Hawk," \$4 Coming up: "The Birds," 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, with a special appearance by Tippi Hedren on hand at all three shows, \$5; The Three Stooges Festival, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, includes "Three Little Pigskins," "Three Little Beers," "Hoi Polloi," "Ants in the Pantry," "We Want Our Mummy," and "Dutiful But Dumb," \$5 Contact: (313) 537-2560



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Sweet treats for the lunch box

FOOD

Transitioning back to school means getting accustomed to a new schedule, teachers and classmates. Parents can help make the transition a little easier by surprising their little one with a sweet treat in their lunch box. But because of food allergies, many desserts with peanuts are not allowed in schools.

These treat recipes are made with SoyNut Butter from I.M. Healthy. A great tasting and safe alternative, soynut butter does not contain peanuts, gluten, eggs or dairy, making it the perfect go-to ingredient for lunch box meals and after school snacks

Soynut butter should be stored in an air-tight container. It can be stored in the refrigerator or cabinet. Use soynut butter as a replacement for peanut butter in your favorite recipes. For example, substitute soynut butter ounce for ounce in Hershey's recipe for Peanut Butter Blossoms. For more soynut butter recipes and health information, visit www.soynutbutter. com.

Hershey's Peanut Butter Blossoms This version substitutes soynut butter for peanut

buttter

48 Hershey's Kisses brand milk

chocolates 1/2 cup shortening 3/4 cup soynut butter 1/3 cup granulated sugar 1/3 cup packed light brown sugar 1 egg 2 tablespoons milk 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking soda 1/2 teaspoon salt Granulated sugar Heat oven to 375°F. Remove wrappers from chocolates. Beat shortening and soynut butter in large bowl until well blended. Add 1/3 cup granulated sugar and brown sugar; beat until fluffy. Add egg, milk and vanilla; beat well. Stir together flour, baking soda and salt; gradually beat into peanut butter mixture.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in granulated sugar; place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Immediately press a chocolate into center of each cookie; cookie will crack around edges. Remove 1 from cookie sheet to sat wire rack. Cool completely. About 4 dozen cookies.

Nutritional Information

Chocolate Soynut Butter Cookies

1 stick softened butter 2 eggs 34 cut granulated sugar 34 cup brown sugar 2 teaspoons vanilla 1 ¼ cup chocolate soynut butter 1/4 cup cocoa 1 cup flour minus 2 tablespoons 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1/2 teaspoon salt 4 ounces chocolate chips 4 ounces peanut butter chips (optional)

In a large bowl, combine butter, eggs, granulated sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla. Once mixed, add chocolate soynut butter. In a separate bowl, combine cocoa, flour, baking soda, and salt. Fold the dry ingredients into the first bowl. Add chocolate chips and peanut butter chips

Drop onto cookie sheets and bake 8 minutes at 375 degrees. Allow to cool 1 minute before removing from cookie sheet.

Walking Salad

1 apple, cored 2 tablespoons I.M. Healthy Honey Sweetened Creamy SoyNut Butter 1 teaspoon raisins

1 teaspoon diced roasted soynuts

After apple is cored, fill center with Honey SoyNut Butter and top



Chocolate Soynut Bars

Chocolate Soynut Bars Yield: 16 bars

2 tablespoons margarine, melted

- 34 cup creamy soynut butter 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 34 cup crushed graham crackers 2 to 4 tablespoons apple juice

3/4 cup chocolate soynut butter Combine margarine and soynut butter in food processor. Add sugar and gra-

ham crackers, drizzling in just enough apple juice (one tablespoon at a time) to make the dough stick together, but not enough to make it wet.

Press dough into 8 x 8-inch baking dish. Chill for 20 minutes.

Spread chocolate soynut butter liberally over dough. Chill for 20 minutes.

Cut into 16 squares.

Nutty Butter

Yield: Approximately 45 cookies

- creamy) 1/3 cup canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed 1/2 cup chopped soy nuts
- 1 ½ cups whole wheat pastry flour 1/4 cup soy flour 1 teaspoon baking powder 1 teaspoon baking soda 1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 375°F. Combine moist ingredients; cream until smooth. Combine dry ingredi-

ents in small bowl. Stir dry ingredients into wet ingredients until well blended. Batter will be stiff. Take dough with fingers, shaping into 1 to 1 ¹/₂-



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Nutty Butter Cookies

Brown Rice Crispy Squares Yield: 16, 2-inch squares

1/2 cup brown rice syrup 3 tablespoons creamy soynut butter

1/4 cup chopped, dried fruit (apricots, cranberries, etc.) 1/2 cup roasted soynuts, coarsely chopped

1 teaspoon vanilla 3 cups crispy brown rice cereal **Combine first 2** ingredients in a large saucepan. Heat over medium low to simmering (microwave if desired). Add dried fruit of choice and sovnuts and simmer five minutes more; remove from heat. Stir in vanilla and cereal. Mix thoroughly. (Wearing disposable gloves helps). Firmly press mixture into a lightly oiled 8- by 8-inchsquare pan. Using a

Thumb Print Cookies

2 cups unsweetened soynut butter

24 drops Fat to Skinny Zero Sweetener 1/4 cup GG Bran Crisp Fiber

Sprinkles

3 eggs 2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 cup fruit spread Preheat oven to 350. Beat eggs in a medium size bowl. Add Fat to Skinny Zero Sweetener to eggs and mix well. soynut butter, bran crisp fiber sprinkles, and baking powder. Mix until all ingredients are combined well. Grease a cookie sheet. Roll the dough into balls and place on cookie sheet. Flatten the balls twice with a fork (crisscross) and make a thumb indent in the middle, fill with fruit spread. Bake for 8 minutes. Cool on rack. Refrigerate to firm up.

Cookies

1 cup soynut butter (chunky or

34 cup liquid egg substitute

per serving (1 cookie): 90 calories: 6g total fat, 2g saturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 75 mg sodium, 10g total carbohydrate, less than 1 g dietary fiber, 6g sugars, 2g protein

with raisins and soy nuts — or any topping of your choosing. Eat while you walk.

inch balls. Place dough balls on prepared cookie sheet. Flatten with a fork, making crisscross patterns. Bake 10 minutes.

Cool on wire rack.

sharp knife, make light indentations to denote 2-inch squares. This will expedite in cutting later. Refrigerate about 30 minutes. Cut into 16, 2-inch squares.

Courtesy of Family Features

Make brown bagging better

Brown bagging with a tasty sandwich is a great way to save money and enjoy a healthier lunch. But sometimes you can fall into a rut and get bored eating the same thing every day. Here are some easy ways to make brown bagging better:

 Try different sandwich bread - Add some extra flavor to your favorite sandwich with a zesty rye, a dark pumpernickel or an Asiago ciabatta.

 Switch spreads – Mayo and yellow mustard are good, but how about Italian-style deli dressing, honey mustard or even Russian dressing?

 Stack your sandwich high with fresh ingredients - Avocado, hummus and cucumbers are all unexpected options that give an extra kick to any sandwich.

For more delicious ways to make your lunch better, visit www.boarshead.com.



California Turkey Sandwich

- 3 slices Boar's Head Ovengold Turkey Breast
- 1 slice Muenster cheese

1/4 medium avocado, peeled, pitted, thinly sliced 2 lettuce leaves

3/4 tablespoon Boar's Head Pepperhouse Gourmaise 1 whole wheat sandwich roll, thin, round

Separate the sandwich roll in 2 halves. Layer the bottom half of bread with lettuce, tomato, turkey, avocado and cheese. Spread the Pepperhouse Gourmaise over top half of bread; then flip atop the sandwich. Press together lightly and serve.





Ovengold Asiam-Style Lettuce Wraps

12 slices Boar's Head Ovengold Turkey Breast Thinly Sliced

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 6 whole Bibb lettuce leaves
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger 6 tablespoons almonds, slivered
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 tablespoon vinegar, rice
- 1 package crispy noodles

Wash and dry lettuce leaves and set aside. Combine oil, vinegar, honey, soy sauce, ginger and garlic together and whisk until well blended. Add broccoli slaw and toss to evenly coat. Make a wrap by adding 2 slices of turkey to the lettuce leaf, then top with ginger slaw, almonds and crispy noodles.

Mesquite Turkey Garden Wrap

2 ounces Boar's Head Cream Havarti Cheese 3 ounces Boar's Head Mesquite Turkey Breast

- 1 ounce spring mix lettuce
- 1/2 ounce carrot, blanched, julienne
- 1 each lavasch wrap

1 ounce pesto cream cheese

1/2 ounces asparagus spears, blanched, julienne

- 1/2 ounce Granny Smith apple
- 1/2 ounce Vidallia onion, shaved

Spread cream cheese evenly over the entire wrap. Evenly place the ingredients on the wrap, as you would on a pizza. Leave a 2-inch area clear on the top of the wrap. Roll up the wrap, tucking ingredients as you roll, as tightly as possible.

Courtesy of Family Features

REAL ESTATE

Back to school: College students need to heed fire safety

By Julie Brown O&E Staff Writer

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When Tom Kiurski sent his daughter to Central Michigan University a few years back, he had concerns of any normal parent.

As the training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department, Kiurski was also keeping an eye out for dorm fire safety. Their daughter, 20, lived in a CMU dorm her first two years and is now in a sorority with 14 young women.

"We talked about the different ways out," he said of her dorm. "We brought an extra smoke alarm with us." The university also had a working smoke detector, which Kiurski appreciated.

Students are back to school, and for those starting college fire safety may not top the list. It's usually their first time away from home for an extended period, Kiurski said, and they haven't had the time older adults have had to learn about fire safety.

"It's not on the top of the radar screen," he said.

He recommends parents review fire escape planning at home before leaving for school. "It does have to be specific," he said of the escape plan, so he also recommends a quick review upon arrival at the dorm of ways out to safety.

"I think they have gotten better, yes," Kiurski said of colleges/universities and fire safety. Alarms are often retrofitted into buildings with sprinklers added as well. Fire departments lack authority to mandate sprinklers in older buildings, he said, and cost is an issue for schools with adding sprinklers.

'We try to educate. I think they're making steps toward safety," he said

If you're sending a student off



to college this fall, include some fire safety planning in talk of friends, classes and social gettogethers. Kiurski noted most dorm students have a meal plan, so shouldn't need to cook much in their room.

Most college fire deaths are off campus, he said, where it's tougher to maintain safety standards.

College students living away from home should take a few minutes to make sure they are living in a fire-safe environment. Kiurski echoes these safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association. including looking for fully sprinklered housing when choosing a dorm or off-campus housing.

 Make sure your dormitory or apartment has smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside every sleeping area and on each level. For the best protection, all smoke alarms should be interconnected so that when one sounds they all sound. •Test all smoke alarms at

least monthly.

•Never remove batteries or disable the alarm.

•Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing.

•If you live off campus, have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.

•When the smoke alarm or fire alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out.

•During a power outage, use a flashlight.

•Cook only where it is permitted.

•Stay in the kitchen when cooking.

•Cook only when you are alert, not sleepy or drowsy from medicine or alcohol. Check with your local fire department for any restrictions before using a barbecue grill, fire pit, or chimenea.

•Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.

•Use a surge protector for your computer and plug the protector directly into an outlet.

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JULIE BROWN, EDITOR

By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: I am a frequent reader of your column, but take issue with you concerning your comment regarding the exclusion of certain breeds of dogs. I think you are wrong to imply that pit bulls are dangerous.



And limitations on pit bulls in condos only cause more pit bulls to wrongfully end up in

Robert Meisner

shelters. Do you agree?

A: Thank you for your e-mail. I appreciate the fact that you read my column, but the gist of my column was that community associations through their bylaws, and municipalities through their ordinances, have the right to pass enforceable prohibitions on dog breeds, whether or not you agree with them. I have two dogs, i.e. beagles, a granddogson who is a Golden Doodle, and as a kid, a cocker spaniel. I was merely answering a question which is my job as an experienced community association lawyer. Your gripe is not with me, but with the municipality or community association that respectfully feels ' differently than you.

Q: Can you give me any basic information about what the stimulus plan of President Obama has done for the benefit of homeowners? A: One example

is the refinancing opportunities under the

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 4-8, 2012 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office.

43339 Stonington Ct 48527 Warwick Cir 1852 Wentworth Ct GARDEN CITY 654 Arcola St

\$195,000 37564 Scone Ct \$299,000 18808 Stamford St \$174,000 NORTHVILLE \$30,000 47471 Arbor Trl

\$216,000 \$155,000 17853 University Park Dr \$65,000 \$243,000

16696 Beech Daly Rd 11370 Garfield 20421 Gaylord 9049 Grayfield 16003 Leona Dr

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42668 Barchester Rd	\$63,000		\$76,000				\$8,000
			\$112,000				\$32,000
		36859 Angeline Cir	\$103,000		\$64,000	8127 Bristol St	\$35,000
		31415 Arizona St	\$100,000	PLYMOUTH		1011 Edwin St	\$100,000
		28617 Bayberry Park Dr	\$145,000	15146 Amber Ct	\$124,000	1932 Golfview Ln	\$127,000
		27827 Buckingham St	\$83,000	1450 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$30,000	8266 Huntington St	\$11,000
		31826 Delaware St	\$95,000	48660 Chambury Ct	\$310,000	32217 Mackenzie Dr	\$81,000
							\$30,000
	\$75,000						\$70,000
44963 Lemont Rd	\$160,000						\$115,000
43514 Lotus Dr	\$163,000						
415 Patriot St	\$189,000						\$77,000
							\$70,000
							\$53,000
							\$35,000
					\$160,000	7532 Woodview St	\$20,000
		28510 N Clements Cir	\$112,000	48780 W Normandy Ct	\$275,000		
		14042 Riga St	\$175,000	REDFORD			1
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 21-25, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS 31709 Auburn Dr \$373,000 32328 Sheridan Dr \$294,000 BIRMINGHAM 565 Aten Ct \$410,000 \$174,000 \$185,000 811 Bird Ave 2328 Derby Rd 677 Harmón St 250,000 381 N Old Woodward Ave \$285,000 1710 Pierce St \$450,000 \$420,000 555 Smith Ave 761 Southfield Rd \$280,000 808 W Lincoln St \$220,000 1045 Westchester Way 375,000 1793 Winthrop Ln \$429,000,

250 Woodland Villa Ct \$1,600,000 **BLOOMFIELD HILLS** \$170,000 4443 Derry Rd 4007 Overlea Ct \$255,000 1584 S Hill Blvd BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP \$87,000 1046 Eastover Dr 4153 Golf Ridge Dr E \$340.000 \$450.000 \$605,000 4557 Kiftsgate Bnd 6080 N Cross St \$347,000 1206 S Timberview Trl COMMERCE TOWNSHIP \$189,000 \$40,000 2300 Brigantine 2314 Brigantine \$40,000 4390 Cooley Lake Rd 243,000 3120 Edgewood Park Dr FARMINGTON \$649,000 23740 Ely Ct 31750 Marblehead Rd \$93,000 \$80,000 23663 Whittaker Dr \$125,000 FARMINGTON HILLS 32814 Cadillac St \$240,000 \$200,000 \$295,000 30781 Cedar Creek Dr 33460 Colony Park Dr

\$229,000	30664 Vine Ct	\$90,000
\$66.000	22841 Wavcroft Dr	\$296,000
	SOUTH LYON	
	58699 11 Mile Rd	\$200,000
		\$50,000
		\$304,000
		\$125,000
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New office

Pictured (left to right) are broker/owner Ron LaCasse, Manager Steven Barnes and Realtor Renata Ballas, office manager and recruiter for Weichert Realtors - Cass Realty. The three shared in the official cake-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of a second office of the Dearbornheadquartered Weichert agency. The new office, with Barnes at the reins, is located at 42020 Grand River Ave., Suite A in Novi.



REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

New faces

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel (CBWM) has recently welcomed a number of new sales professionals to the company.

They are: Commerce: Anne Taylor; Birmingham: Brianne Yarnevich: Northville: Jevon Cole; Plymouth: Nick Bitterle.

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government's Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP). Your current mortgage loan may be eligible for a refinance under the program. Some benefits of refinancing under this plan include refinancing up to 150 percent of the loanto-value ratio, and no need for an appraisal on some single-family homes. Also, the mortgage insurance companies have agreed to transfer the insurance, which was not the case before. However, to be eligible for HARP, you have to be current on your mortgage payments with no late payments in the last six months and, no more than one late payment in the last 12 months. Your existing loan has to have been sold to Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac on or before May 31, 2009, and, your mortgage must not have been previously financed under HARP. In any event, you should check with a qualified mortgage lender to give you the full details as to whether you qualify.

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