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Looking for a way to cut down on fuel costs? How about the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation's Park & Ride program in Westland?

SMART has returned the Route 255 Park & Ride bus lot to the Westland City Hall parking lot. With the closing of the Bailey Recreation Center on July 1, parking was freed up and the city was able to accommodate a request to return the Park & Ride lot to the civic center complex, according to Mayor William Wild.

The SMART bus will now drop off and pick up in the southwest parking lot of City Hall, located just behind John F. Kennedy Drive. Morning departures will be at 5:51, 6:11, 6:30, 6:50, 7:09, 7:30 and 7:50 a.m. Afternoon arrivals will be at 4:52, 5:12, 5:37, 6:07 and 6:37 p.m.

## Surplus food

The city of Westland will distribute surplus federal food at the Dorsey Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, for residents living north of Michigan Avenue.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can pick up their food at the apartment complex and must call their building manager for their day of distribution.

For the month of October, peaches, peas, salmon, kidney beans, tomato sauce and macaroni and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distribution sites and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

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## Busy, busy: Clerk handles uptick in voter signups, ballot requests

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Tuesday was the deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 6 presidential election and plenty of people waited until the last minute.

"We have been so busy you wouldn't believe it, we've had tons of people registering," said Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof. "I think

it's wonderful. If they register before the presidential election, they will show up at the polls."

In the space of 90 minutes Tuesday morning, Schoof said her staff had registered 15 voters. With people also registering at the Michigan Secretary of State and the Wayne County clerk, it wasn't clear yet how many voters were being added in Westland.

"Over the last three or four weeks, we have gotten quite a few voter registrations from the Secretary of State and the Wayne County clerk," said Schoof.

Westland has approximately 61,000 registered voters and had a 66 percent voter turnout at the 2008 presidential election. Demand for absentee ballots will be high for this election.

"We sent out almost 5,300 absentee ballots last week. We have sent out 70 absentee ballots a day since then," said Schoof. "I anticipate that we will send out 10,000 absentee ballots."

Due to the length of the ballot, which has state and county ballot proposals along with candidates, Schoof has been encouraging people to use absentee ballots, if

they meet the criteria of age, physical disability or that they will be out of the city while the polls are open.

"I want to encourage people to get their absentee ballots back in plenty of time," said Schoof, adding two first class stamps are required to mail the absentee ballot.

Following last week's  
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It's a once in a lifetime award for Wayne-Westland school bus driver Sandy Leopardi who has been named Bus Driver of the Year for the state of Michigan by the Michigan Association of Pupil Transportation.

## Best in the state

### W-W employee named Bus Driver of Year

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

When Sandy Leopardi initially got behind the wheel of a 78-passenger school bus in 2002, she thought she might "never get the hang of it."

Ten years later, Leopardi is not only got the hang of driving a school bus for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, she's also training other bus drivers and reveling in the fact that she is the Michigan Association of Public Transportation's School Bus Driver of the Year for 2012.

"I feel very honored," said Leopardi. "I've competed in the bus rodeo for eight-nine years, I've gone to state, and I've seen many drivers win Bus Driver of the Year. It's a huge honor. You can only win it once in your lifetime."

This is the first time in more than 20 years that a bus driver from Wayne County has won the state award and the first time "on my watch" for Sherice Roark, Wayne-Westland's director of transportation, who nominated Leopardi for the honor.

"I had one place third, but never had one win it," said Roark. "Sandy comes to work with a smile on her

face, she comes in ready to work. It amazes me, she comes in and she's never down. I've never had a parent complaint against her, but I did have parents complain about losing her as their children's bus driver."

### 'Good with kids'

Leopardi got into driving a school bus through a friend who recommended she try it because she "was good with kids." She had been a waitress and bartender before staying home with her third child. She decided to "give it a shot."

She admits it took a little getting used to and that she thought she would never get the hang of it, but she discovered it wasn't much different than coaching and transporting her children's soccer team. After a few months, "it felt like second nature to me," she said.

Leopardi drives Bus 79. Between 6:15 and 9 a.m., she picks up students who attend Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne, Stevenson Middle School in Westland and Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton. Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., she does bus driver training and from 1:40 to 4:45 p.m., she returns students to their homes.

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## 4 cities' leaders look at delivering services

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland recently consolidated its parks and recreation department with Wayne's and is moving forward with a merger of the cities' fire departments.

Now, Mayor William Wild has started meeting with leaders from Canton, Livonia and Dearborn — joining Westland as the largest communities in western Wayne County — to look for innovative and cost-effective solutions for delivering services.

At the recent first meeting, human resources, public services, information technology and golf course management were among the topics.

"The thought was those had the commonality, we would try to get one or two successes," said Wild. "We could mirror services against each other. We are all part of the Conference of Western Wayne."

At the first meeting, the communities looked at DPS equipment, for example. Three of the cities expect to be purchas-

ing a vector truck in the new few years and all are using the same brand equipment.

"All four cities brought their top talent to the meeting. At the very least, when you bring the four cities together and their top talent, you have a pretty good think tank," said Wild. "It was pretty impressive."

A lot of smaller communities aren't able to spend time studying sharing services or consolidations, Wild said.

"We can see what we can put together and offer it to the Conference of Western Wayne," said Wild. "We've got to try and do this on our own for the region. With the problems they are having, we're not getting the leadership on consolidation from Wayne County. We have to work on it from the outside."

With Wild and Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly, both Democrats, working with Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, both Republicans, the partnering

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## City uses website to get input on new city hall

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

There are two more town hall meetings scheduled to gather input on possible scenarios for replacing Westland City Hall.

But residents also can cast their vote online through the city website, www.cityofwestland.com. Mayor William Wild announced the online survey Tuesday night at the third of five town hall meetings — this one held at P.D. Graham Elementary School.

The question for residents is whether they want a new City Hall constructed on the current Ford Road site, which would require a millage increase and relocation of Fire Station 1, or in the Tax Increment Financing Authority District, behind the William P. Faust Library or another

site within the district which surrounds Westland Shopping Center. The TIFA generates sufficient revenue to pay for a new city hall with a price tag that could exceed \$8 million.

Built in 1966 on Ford Road just west of Carlson, City Hall has been plagued with multiple structural problems resulting from flooding that has been consistent for over 40 years due to the high water table on the property. Additionally, the building recently had to have some asbestos remediation.

"The town hall meetings are going well. We're kind of drawing from the geographic area," said Wild of the first two meetings held at Holiday Park Cooperative and Christ Temple Apostolic Church.

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idea is getting bipartisan interest. They've dubbed themselves the Big 4 representing a combined 370,000 residents.

"Sustainable cities and regions are rapidly becoming the defining element of the global economy," said Wild. "Those that align their assets are in a much better position to compete by growing jobs, attracting investment and appealing to current and future homeowners."

To grow and remain viable in today's marketplace, it is neces-

sary for elected officials to be more efficient, he said, working together towards shared strategies and pursuing collaborative partnerships that build on their communities' strengths and assets.

The Big 4 are prepared to take the lead on creating a regional approach to issues and challenges, said Wild, adding that although each community is very different, many of the challenges they face are similar.

"Recognizing and supporting community distinctiveness while promoting community cooperation and development is crucial to our mission," said Wild. "That's why we are taking a strate-

gic regional approach to solving issues. By looking at common needs, joint problem solving helps everyone, including our neighboring communities."

The parks and recreation and fire department mergers received praise from Lt. Gov. Brian Calley as prime examples of what the governor is promoting as true consolidated efforts.

"We believe that these two mergers could possibly serve as a blueprint for other communities who are seeking opportunities to work together," said Wild.

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## CITY HALL

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An estimated 50 residents attended the Holiday Park Cooperative town hall meeting, Wild said, with the input divided about equally over keeping City Hall on Ford Road or relocating to the TIFA.

The second session had a smaller turnout of about 30 people with about 90 percent supporting the Ford Road location and a related millage increase. The Ford Road location

and a millage increase also found support from the Dyer Center senior citizens, said Wild, who spoke at the group's meeting.

"I'm trying not to influence it," said Wild. "My goal is to get back with council in November, see where we are at with this."

If a ballot question is to be placed before voters, the earliest regularly scheduled election would be the August 2013 city primary.

"If consensus is a ballot question for August, we need to decide on what

to ask and on a fall back plan," said Wild. "It's a three-year process and we are putting it back a year by waiting for the August ballot. I would hope to use the first year to do our design work."

The remaining town hall meetings are scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at Edison Elementary School, 34505 Hunter, and Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Cooper Elementary School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail.

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## DRIVER

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Leopardi doesn't look on her work as a job. That, she said, would mean it's some type of "boring, grueling work that you really don't want to do."

"I never look on my days as eight hours long, rather I look upon them as an opportunity to assist someone, be a part of an experience and possibly even make a positive impression on the students I transport," she said.

### 'Dedicated'

In nominating her for the award, Roark described Leopardi as "one of the most dedicated employees" she has ever worked with.

"She goes above and beyond the call of duty in whatever she does, Sandy is high spirited, enthusiastic, energetic and caring," Roark said. "When Sandy was driving one of our difficult routes out of an elementary school, the bus coordinator said we sent an angel. When she was forced to leave that route, the parents called and asked how they could get her back."

Leopardi was the 2006 Rookie of the Year at the State School Bus Driving Championship, placed first in the Wayne County competition with the highest score ever and was eighth in the state in 2009.

"These are all big accomplishments, but in my personal opinion, Sandy's most outstanding achievement is her

dedication to the employees, students and parents in the Wayne-Westland Community School district," Roark said in her nomination. "Sandy is selfless and giving, dedicating her time and energy to teach and help others."

Roark added that Leopardi also is involved in the community. She helps with the department's Stuff A Bus collection drive at Christmas and in 2007 organized a bowl-a-thon for a substitute bus driver who had brain cancer and no insurance, raising \$10,000 to help with medical expenses.

According to Leopardi, the children she transport feel like her "kids." She protects them watches over them and tries to help them when they're having a bad day.

"I really enjoy my job, I can't think of anything else I'd want to do," she said. "To me, it's all about the kids and at day's end, when I've dropped off my last student and returned my bus to the garage, I feel fulfilled."

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# Westland rakes in more than \$600,000 in grants

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

When it comes to grants, Westland has hit the jackpot in recent weeks.

"I've got really great news on new grant money. In the last two weeks, we've received over \$609,000 in grants," Mayor William Wild said.

That total includes qualifying for the first phase of the state Economic Vitality Incentive Program, which provides \$425,000. The city met conditions regarding accountability and transparency, including an updated citizens guide with the most recent audited financial information and an updated performance dashboard.

Last year, Westland met all three parts of EVIP and received \$1.17 million in funding. If the

city complies with all three phases this year, more than \$1.25 million in funding would be received.

Other grants received include:

- \$81,020 from a USDA Farmers Market Promotional Program. Aimed at increasing awareness and access to the Farmers Market, the grant provides funding for transportation, advertising, branding/signage and a market manager.
- \$50,000 from the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance. This grant will fund substance abuse prevention services with an emphasis on mentoring. It will expand current services to emphasize education and accountability.
- \$26,156 Justice Assistance Grant from the federal Department of Justice. The money will be used to purchase equipment for the West-

land Police Department.

- \$27,000 for a supplemental environmental project. The money will be used to retrofit four fire trucks and seven snow and salt trucks with direct oxidation catalysts, which will reduce emissions that will soon be federally mandated.

The grant also will pay for a generator for the city's camera truck, which was recently updated with new equipment.

Council President James Godbout credited the efforts of the city's lobbyists, Strategic Public Affairs, in particular Lisa Nocerini and Stephanie Moran, in getting the grants.

"It's well worth the investment we make to use their help to supplement the budget," Godbout said.

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Harvest Dinner

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold its annual Harvest Dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the church, 3 Towne Square, across from the Wayne Post Office in Wayne.

The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-12 for a complete turkey dinner, including beverage and desert. Pop will be sold for an additional 50 cents. Carry-outs will be available. There also will be crafts, Rada cutlery, silent auction for quilt and bake sale and more.

The church is handicap accessible. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

### Craft show

St. Theodore Church will hold its fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

There will be 70 crafters displaying their unique and handmade crafts, an assortment of homemade baked goods and a large raffle of several generously filled baskets. There is no admission charge, free parking and a concession kitchen with salads, kielbasa and kraut, hot dogs, pizza and beverages.

St. Theodore is at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

### 'Be Proud' workshop

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health

Center is hosting a "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshop for youth 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Dorsy Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, Westland.

The pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program is for adolescent youth ages 12-18. It is interactive, fun, and most importantly, it works. All participants will get a free snack, lunch, and prizes.

For more information or to register, call the Westland Youth Assistance Office at (734) 467-7904.

### Hiring Day

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps will be holding a bell ringer hiring day Friday, Oct. 12. Applications will be accepted at the corps headquarters, 2300 Venoy in Westland between 1-3 p.m.

No musical ability is required for applicants wanting to work as bell ringers collecting donations through the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Christmas Campaign. Two forms of identification must be presented when an application is being filled out. The most commonly ones used are a driver's license and Social Security card.

The position begins Nov. 9 and runs Monday through Saturday until Dec. 24. Paid bell ringers receive \$7.40 per hour and can work up to 40 hours a week. For more

information, call the corps at (734) 722-3660.

### Town hall meetings

Mayor William Wild will continue his scheduled series of town hall meetings to discuss with the public the City Hall project.

The meetings will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at Edison Elementary at 34505 Hunter and Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Cooper Upper Elementary at 28550 Ann Arbor Trail.

### Appraisal Clinic

Gather up those items you've always thought might be a valuable and get an answer as the Westland Historic Village Park hosts an Appraisal Clinic by DuMouchelle Galleries. The clinic will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Octagon House.

The cost is \$10 per item for verbal appraisals with a maximum of three items per person. Appraisal items must be able to be brought inside the building.

Call (734) 522-3918 with the number of items to be appraised and get an estimated time slot for the appraisal. Walk-ins will be accepted at the end of the scheduled appraisals.

Octagon House is located in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road south of Marquette.

## VOTERS

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court ruling that a citizenship check box on the voter application was illegal. Schoof said she will have her election workers cross out the box before giving the application to voters. That will save the expense of reprinting the forms without the check box.

A voting rights coalition brought a lawsuit requesting federal Judge Paul D. Borman strike down the check box as unconstitutional and a violation of federal and state law.

In his ruling from the bench last week, Borman said that the check box "will create chaos" and cause "irreparable injury to the voting process." He issued an injunction against the check box

which had been ordered included on ballot applications by Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.

"It's a shame that they had to go to court over this, we weren't going to enforce it," said Schoof. "The governor had vetoed it, and the governor trumps the Secretary of State."

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# Three Cities Art Club brings festival to Westland mall

Three Cities Art Club's Festival of the Arts, a celebration of visual and performing arts, is returning to Westland Shopping Center Friday-Sunday, Oct. 19-21.

The second annual three-day event is free and offers a growing list of creative art, live performances, events and fun for the whole family in the main court of Westland Shopping Center. The festival begins at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 19 and runs through 5 p.m. Oct. 21.

"This year's festival will far outshine last year's spectacular," said Allen Brooks, co-chair of Three Cities Art Club's art exhibition



Artists Elizabeth Gullikson's oil painting Dried Roses, will be among artwork on display and for sale at the Three Cities Art Club's Festival of the Arts at Westland Shopping Center Oct. 19-21.

and sale. In addition to original

artwork and photography by members of Three

Cities Art Club, there will be a variety of music from classical to jazz as well as ballet and modern dancing. Throughout the weekend, there will be free face painting for the kids, drawing and painting demonstrations by art club members, including a demonstration especially for kids by Sharon Dillenbeck, owner of D&M Art Studio in Canton, 4-5 p.m. Oct. 19.

Special guest judges State Sen. Glen Anderson, D-Westland, Westland Mayor William Wild, Westland Rotary Club President Antoinette Martin and Westland Shopping Center's General Manager Car-

ol Rutz will select their favorite pieces of art and awards will be presented to the winning artists at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 21.

There also will be a "Paint-Off" 2-3:30 p.m. Oct. 20, when four artists will draw/paint in four different mediums - oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastel.

More than 15 artists from Three Cities Art Club will be displaying and selling more than 100 paintings and photographs. Framed and matted prints and note cards will also be available for purchase.

Enter to win prizes donated by Center Mass Inc., D & M Art Stu-

dio, Westland Shopping Center, artist Kenneth Barbb, Lakeshore Grill Restaurant, Belanger Tire, Red Lobster and Fruigart. No purchase necessary, and people need not be present to win. The chances of winning are based on number of entries.

The Festival of Arts is sponsored by the Westland Rotary Club. The Three Cities Art Club meets at Canton Township Hall the first Monday of the month and is made up of southeastern Michigan artists.

For more information, call (313) 231-3939 or visit the club's website at www.threecitiesartclub.org.

## Westland council OKs appointments

The Westland City Council has approved the reappointment Donna Jackson and Alan Marszalek to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Lori Wilson and Donna Jackson to the Westland Planning Commission.

Jackson is a Westland resident and business owner and has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Westland Planning Commission since 2002.

Marszalek served as an alternate from February 2012 until June 2012 when he was appointed as a voting member to fill an unexpired term with a term to expire October 2012. His new appointment is a three year term.

"Both Commissioners are dedicated members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and their willingness to continue to serve our All American



Wilson



Jackson

City is much appreciated," said Mayor William Wild.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a seven-member board that is appointed by City Council. The ZBA may grant an appeal and modify the zoning ordinance based on practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in carrying out the regulations of the ordinance. Variance applications are filed with the Clerk's office.

On Oct. 1, the City Council confirmed the reappointment of Wilson and Jackson to the Westland Planning Commission.

Wilson, is a long time Westland resident and has been a member of the Planning Commission since 2000.

Jackson, also a long-time Westland resident has been a member of the Planning Commission since 2002.

"I appreciate the commitment and dedication of these women to our city and I look forward to working with them in the future," said Wild.

The Planning Commission is a nine-member board appointed by the mayor and confirmed by city council. The Planning Commission reviews and recommends to city council all applications for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance or zoning map, applications for special land uses, site plan approvals and planned unit developments.



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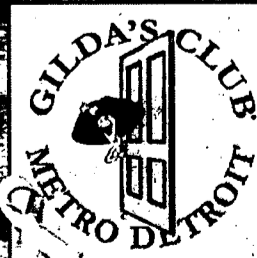
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## McCotter faces subpoena in election fraud case

By David Veselenak  
Observer Staff Writer

Two former staff members working to reelect former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter could be reunited with the Livonia Republican Thursday morning in 16th District Court.



Seewald



Yowchuang

A preliminary examination for Livonia resident Paul Seewald and Farmington Hills resident Don Yowchuang is set to begin at about 9:30 a.m. Thursday in Judge Sean Kavanaugh's courtroom in Livonia.

The pair is charged with several counts regarding McCotter's failed re-election campaign after the Secretary of State found problems with nominating petitions.

Defense attorneys told Kavanaugh they have subpoenaed McCotter, saying he would be able to provide insight in the case. McCotter is expected to attend and possibly testify Thursday.

Yowchuang is charged with 10 counts of election law forgery, one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator. Seewald is

charged with one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner and nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator.

Both men entered "not guilty" pleas during their arraignment Aug. 10. If convicted on the counts, the pair could see more than five years in prison.

McCotter once planned to run as a write-in to try and secure a fifth term in Congress representing parts of Wayne and Oakland counties after the Secretary of State invalidated the signatures, but dropped his campaign and resigned July 6.

McCotter has not been charged with any crime.

The men are two of four people arrested and charged after the Secretary of State discovered many of the signatures on the filing petition turned in this past summer were either forged or outdated. Attorney General Bill Schuette filed charges against the four earlier this summer. Former staffer Lorianne O'Brady, 52 of Livonia, pleaded no contest last month to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator. She is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 26.

Mary Melissa Turnbull of Howell also faces one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, as well as one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner.

## Woman finds 2 pit bulls missing from her yard

### Stolen dogs

A Garden City woman is hoping that the person or persons who stole her two pet pit bulls from her back yard Sept. 30 will return them.

The resident who lives in the 33000 block of Alvin said that she let the two dogs out about 4 p.m. that day into her fenced yard. When she went to bring them back in two hours later, they were gone.

Although the fence is gated, the gate has a clip on it. She didn't believe that the dogs would have been able to get the gate open.

Together, the two pit bulls are valued at \$500. One dog is 2 years old, is brown and white and has a microchip. The second dog is 1 year old and is bluish gray and white.

The woman put up fliers around her neighborhood to tell people that she was looking for her dogs. The woman told police that at about 9 a.m. Oct. 2 she received a strange phone call from a private telephone number. The man on the phone appeared to be masking his voice and hold her that her dogs are now Up North.

He began to ask her questions like how are the dogs in the house, are they friendly and are they good watch dogs. She told the caller that he can't keep the dogs and that she wants them back. She was able to get the

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man's phone number from her telephone carrier and turned it over to police.

When they tried the phone number, they got a message that the number was either disconnected or no longer in service.

### Vehicle theft

A resident in the 600 block of Janice Court reported Oct. 5 that someone stole her husband's 1999 Ford pickup that was parked in the driveway. The vehicle had been left unlocked with a key under a mat on the driver's side.

There are no suspects.

### Theft

A woman who works at a business at 29295 Ford reported Oct. 4 that she observed a man put an unknown amount of bricks into his backpack. The bricks were piled nearby.

The suspect was described as a thin white man who looked somewhat scruffy, thin, about 150 pounds, and 5-foot-7 to 5-foot-10.

### Theft

A resident in the 200 block of Hubbard told police that someone stole 20 NORCO prescription pills and \$15 from a vehicle left unlocked in the driveway. NORCO is a strong

central nervous system depressant designed to alleviate moderate to severe pain in adults.

The theft was discovered at 7 a.m. Oct. 4.

### Suspended license

Garden City police arrested a 25-year-old Westland man about 10 p.m. Oct. 6 for driving with a suspended license and for an outstanding traffic warrant.

The driver became verbally abusive and accused the officers for arresting him because he was black. He complained that the officers didn't have a right to search his vehicle and began yelling.

The officers explained that the vehicle was going to be impounded.

Once inside the police car, the man complained that he wasn't feeling well and had trouble breathing. The responding officer said the driver wore a football uniform and said that he had just completed a semi-professional football game. He continued cursing the officers.

When the EMS rescue arrived, the paramedic said that the man was breathing fine but the driver insisted that he be transported to a nearby hospital.

### No license

When the Garden City police stopped a man on southbound Merriman

Oct. 6, the officer found that the driver had never acquired a license.

The officer cited the man for that and also for defective equipment.

### Suspended license

The police arrested a 30-year-old Inkster woman about 4:30 p.m. Oct. 6 for driving with a suspended license at Middlebelt and Cherry Hill.

The woman showed the police officer an Arizona license. She also had no proof of insurance.

The police impounded the automobile of a 35-year-old Detroit man about 11:30 a.m. Oct. 2 at Middlebelt and Bridge after they stopped him for no brake lights. He also had a suspended license and an outstanding warrant from 46th District Court in Southfield.

The officer saw that a baby was in an improper child seat in the back seat. She was in a booster seat with only a strap around her waist.

The baby's mother arrived after she was called to transport her child home. She had a proper child seat.

When the police stopped a driver about 11:30 a.m. Oct. 2 for failing to stop near Inkster and Maplewood, they learned that he had a suspended license. The driver was arrested.

By Sue Buck

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# Oakwood run attracts record number of participants

Brisk fall weather didn't seem to bother a record number of runners and walkers who turned out for the 22nd annual Oakwood Red October Run Saturday, Oct. 6.

The event brought 1,503 participants from Michigan, Canada, Ohio and other states to the City of Wayne, where they had the option to compete in a 10K run, a 5K run or a 5K walk. The event also featured a one-mile Junior October run for children of all ages.

The top winners were:  
• 10K run - women: Deborah Abrams of Clermont, Fla., with a time of 42:10.

• 10K run - men: John Trojanssek of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, with a time of 32:58.

• 5K run - women: Suzanne Larsen of Fenton with a time of 17:26.

• 5K run - men: Keith Erichsen of Farmington Hills with a time of 17:22.

Rick and Shelly Huber, a husband and wife walking team from Montrose, Mich., took the top honors in the 5K walk. Shelly finished in 32:44, while Rick crossed the finish line in 28:23.

Other notable participants included Sister Beth Wood, IHM, an 83-year-old nun from Detroit who ran the 10K for the third time, winning her age group; several JROTC students from Wayne Memorial High School, who ran the 10K and 5K runs, and a group of teenagers from Oakwood's Inkster Teen Health Center who trained for and completed their first 5K.

Also competing were a group of young students from Wayne-Westland's Taft Galloway Elementary School who participated in a summer training log program followed by the Kids' Jr. October 1 mile.

Harrison Hensley, a Michigan running community legend who has competed in more than 2,000 races, took part, as well.

For full race results, visit [www.oakwood.org/redoctoberrun](http://www.oakwood.org/redoctoberrun).



Deborah Abrams of Clermont, Fla., with a time of 42:10, won the womens' 10K run is congratulated by Mary Zatina, senior vice president of government relations and corporate communications for Oakwood Healthcare Inc.



Students from Taft-Galloway Elementary School in Wayne trained during the summer for the Junior October one-mile run.



Keith Erichsen of Farmington Hills crosses the finish line in 17:22, winning the men's 5K run.



John Trojanssek (#308) of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, gets off to a good start with the rest of the 10K runners on Saturday. Trajanssek won the event with a time of 32:58.

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### Free film festival

Free is the word, as Oak Park-based MJR Digital Cinemas announced it will offer its Free Fall Children's Film Festival every Saturday and Sunday, beginning Saturday, Oct. 13, and running through Sunday, Nov. 4.

It's totally free to children 12 years and under. Parents are just \$1. Advance tickets are not available, and tickets are distributed on a first-come, first served basis until theatre capacity.

The film line-up at the Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16 is *The Pirates! Band of Misfits* (PG) Oct. 13-14, *Dr. Seuss' The Lorax* (PG) Oct. 20-21, *Ice Age: Continental Drift* (PG) Oct. 27-28, and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* (PG) Nov. 3-4.

Call theatre at (734) 298-6257 for showtimes or check online the Tuesday prior to the show at [mjrtheatres.com](http://mjrtheatres.com).

Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16 is at 6800 N. Wayne Road, south of Warren Road, Westland.

### Web developer

Julie Van De Water has joined J.R. Thompson Company's digital team as a web developer.

Van De Water, a resident of Garden City, comes to J.R. Thompson from Ilium Software in Ann Arbor where she was a web and marketing associate for the independent software vendor. She holds a bachelor of science in web development degree from Baker College in Allen Park.

Founded in 1974, J.R. Thompson Company is a creative marketing services firm specializing in planning, publishing, communications, Web development and event marketing. For additional information, visit [www.jrt.com](http://www.jrt.com).

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### Directs advertising

Jane Englehart of Farmington Hills has taken over as director of advertising for Ford Dealer Advertising.

Englehart has worked the past 17 years with Ford Dealer Advertising, a full-service agency that handles all marketing and communications for the 48 dealerships in the Southeast Michigan Ford Dealers group. She had previously been an account director and an account supervisor with Ford Dealer Advertising.

Her appointment was effective Oct. 1.

Prior to working at Ford Dealer Advertising, Englehart held a position at MetLife. She is a graduate of Ferris State University.

Englehart replaces Rick Bartus of Waterford, who spent 45 years working in the Detroit advertising community.

### Autism Friendly

Autism Speaks and White Castle System, Inc. have announced "White Castle is Listening," a statewide pledge by the restaurant chain to help raise awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

As part of the initiative, White Castle has committed to making all 45 of their Michigan locations Autism Friendly. Through the education of team members and a continued dedication to spread the word about autism, the restaurant promises to work to provide those affected by ASD with a safe, positive experience at each of their locations.

The program is in conjunction with Autism Speaks' 'Michigan is Lis-

tening'. Michigan is Listening is an awareness campaign that asks the people of Michigan to pledge to tell 10 people about autism and encourage destinations across the state to pledge to become autism friendly. White Castle is the first restaurant chain in the country to pledge to be Autism Friendly.

"We are excited to lead the way on this important charge," said Jamie Richardson, White Castle vice president. "We look forward to providing top quality service for our guests on the spectrum while doing everything we can to help spread the word and help educate others on this disorder."

In addition to the autism friendly restaurants, the iconic fast food chain has expanded their pledge through an awareness contest that asks the public to snap a picture doing the Michigan is Listening pose onsite at a White Castle location, upload it to [facebook.com/Michiganislistening](http://facebook.com/Michiganislistening) and be entered in a sweepstakes to win a White Castle tailgate party. The restaurant is also offering a special coupon for two free sliders to any customer who makes the commitment to tell 10 people about autism.

"We are honored to have this partnership with White Castle," said Tom Riopelle, Midwest Regional Director, Autism Speaks. "Awareness is key to early diagnosis and intervention for autism which affects 1 in 88 children. Partnering with such a well-loved national brand will help us reach countless people to engage in this quest."

For more information and to get involved visit [facebook.com/michiganislistening](http://facebook.com/michiganislistening).



Celebrating receipt of the \$1,000 "Summer of Sharing" donation are Laura Gring, UHHS community liaison (from left), Jenny Lynch, assistant branch manager for Community Financial, Mary Jane Swanson, UHHS community liaison, and Penny Rhein, UHHS president.

## United Home Health benefits from CF's 'Summer of Sharing'

United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care company, was recently chosen as a "Summer of Sharing" recipient by Community Financial.

United received a \$1,000 donation which will go toward its Patient Support Fund.

"We are so thrilled and thankful to be chosen to receive this wonderful donation," said Penny Rhein, president of United Home Health. "Our Patient Support Fund is used to provide home care services to patients without health insurance or whose needs go beyond insurance coverage. We also use these donations for food, clothing, emergency medications, medical equipment, and transportation for patients in need."

"All of our staff is extremely grateful to Community Financial for their generosity and community spirit! Donations such as these assist

us to fulfill our mission to serve the people of our community," she added.

"As a community credit union, investing in the communities in which we operate is one of our core missions," said Christine Schilling, manager at the Plymouth branch. "To honor that part of our mission, we launched our second annual 'Summer of Sharing' program to recognize and thank those organizations that strive to keep our communities strong and help those in need. The program, which ran through the summer, totals \$60,000 in donations to not-for-profits and educational groups."

United Home Health Services hopes to bolster their Patient Support Fund even more by hosting its sixth Annual Charity Event 6-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Genetti's Hole-in-the-Wall in Northville. Tickets are \$50 and include an all-you-can-eat family style

Italian dinner followed by the hilarious audience participation murder mystery, *Murder at Party Beach*.

Call Mary Jane Swanson at (734) 981-8820 for reservations or for more information.

United Home Health Services is a Medicare-certified home care agency that has been providing skilled nursing, therapy, social work, home health aide, and registered dietitian services to this community for nearly 30 years.

It also provides caregiver/companion services which include personal care, medication reminders and management, meal preparation, grocery shopping, laundry, housekeeping, transportation, and errands. United also offers an Alzheimer's/Dementia program and Geriatric Care Management. For more information, call (734) 981-8820 or visit its website at [www.uhhs.org](http://www.uhhs.org).



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## Catching up on the tech buzz

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

There are two types of technology news people need to know about from the last month. They can be separated into two buckets: news that's not about the iPhone 5 and news that is about the iPhone 5. We will start with the latter.

**iPhone 5 Hits Shelves:** It was hard to miss this one, but in case you did, here's what you need to know. The iPhone 5 is as impressive as a phone can get - but it still doesn't have anything that should make you rush out and dump your earlier version.

I've still held on to my iPhone 4s but Verizon allowed me to test out the iPhone 5 on their 4G LTE Network. On both versions, Siri finally works as advertised. Meanwhile, the maps interface is much improved and easier to follow although many users have expressed concerns about some functionality. To date, I haven't had any issues with the maps feature, but one thing that did irk



Tech Savvy  
Jon Gunnells

me about the new iPhone is the new cord.

While every other phone manufacturer has moved to a common charging system, the folks at Apple decided to change things up. The new adapter is easier to plug in and charges your phone faster, but it makes the device incompatible with docking systems, radios, alarm clocks and car chargers. Additionally, the cord is still way too short.

Other improvements include a thinner device with a larger and brighter screen with "retina display" and a home row with room for more apps. There's also panoramic photo feature which is a cool concept, except it works about as well as my first computer - which is to say - not very well at all.

Lastly, the new earbuds, which you may have seen commercials about, are a great idea because they actually fit in your ears. I liken this to when Wendy's started making Vanilla Frosty's - a tremendous thought that should have been executed much earlier.

The new earbuds will allegedly stay in your ear better which means many users ignorant drivers will be using them while driving (this is illegal by the way).

**Facebook Hits One Billion User:** No surprise here. One of the

most popular destinations on the web is hitting McDonald's-esque numbers. The good news is, the site hasn't announced any sweeping changes in a while so you don't have to fear about your privacy. Unless of course you are one of the unlucky few who have had private messages show up on your timeline.

To be safe, I encourage all users to go back to 2009 and 2010 and ensure no private data has been public. If it has, you can remove it by clicking the little "x" to the right of the post.

**LinkedIn Adds Endorsements:** If you are searching for work, LinkedIn just made it easier for co-workers and former colleagues to recommend you. Instead of writing a post for recruiters to see, your connections can now endorse particular skills that you have listed in your profiles. With the addition, hiring managers can see where you really excel.

**New Smart Thermostat:** Winter is coming and if you want to save on your energy costs there is no cooler device than the Learning Thermostat from Nest Labs. We've talked about it before, but now the second edition is out meaning the first version has dropped in price. You can learn more at [Nestlabs.com](http://Nestlabs.com).

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# Kosowski: Jobs are main focus

**Editor's note:** Democrat Robert Kosowski is being challenged by Republican Mary Stargell of Westland. She did not return the *The Observer* candidate questionnaire nor did she participate in an endorsement interview process.

Robert Kosowski believes in the residents of Wayne and Westland, a belief that has led to his campaign to be elected representative for the 16th State House District. The Westland resident who recently retired as parks and recreation director for the city of Westland, said he has been considering serving residents "in a much broader spectrum for some time."

"I believe that my work ethic and willingness to work hard for our community is prevalent, and it would be my honor to be the voice of our residents in Lansing," he said. "I believe my experience working in municipal government for more than 20 years is a key ingredient to representing the residents of Wayne and Westland." Kosowski said it is a "great honor" to have been endorsed by all of the local and state officials, including Westland Mayor William Wild, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, State Sen. Glenn Anderson, Wayne County Commissioners Joan Gebhardt and Kevin McNamara and all of the members of the Westland and Wayne City Councils.

"Having worked with them has been a very valuable asset and allowed me to gain an instrumental amount of knowledge," he said. Proposal 6 would require 2 votes of the people before the State of Michigan can construct or finance new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles. Gov. Snyder says the proposal is a detriment and Michigan needs a new bridge to Canada to reinvent the state and bring more and better jobs to our state. What is your position on the proposal and building a new bridge to Canada?

My view is that the construction of the bridge will create much needed jobs. The access to more consumers can be a huge proponent for the State of Michigan. The economy could see a tremendous upside with the bridge construction, opening the door to viable economic opportunities.

Proposal 2 on the November ballot would put in the constitution the right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions. The Governor says it will benefit only 3 percent of Michiganders, if approved, and would roll

## ROBERT KOSOWSKI

**City:** Westland  
**Age:** 48  
**Family:** Married, he and his wife have two sons  
**Employment:** City of Westland Parks & Recreation Director (retired)  
**Education:** Business Management Adrian College and Wayne State University  
**Community Involvement:** Active within the communities and serve on multiple advisory boards, including secretary of the Westland Democratic Club, member of the Supervisory Committee for the Wayne-Westland Credit Union, the Westland Hockey Association Board, Lions Club and the Westland Community Foundation.

back important reforms that help get control of deficits and out-of-control spending, eliminating hundreds of existing labor laws in the process. Does Michigan need a constitutional amendment? Explain your answer.

I am a strong advocate of Proposal 2. We need to ensure the protection of the working families of Michigan. Collective bargaining protects Michigan workers and revitalizes what has made Michigan such a great place to raise a family. By protecting our jobs, we will continue to provide a place where families want to invest in and raise their families.

Collective bargaining has been a stable component ensuring workers the right to negotiate fair wages and benefits. Good wages, safe work places and fair pensions are essential to the prosperity of Michigan.

What do you see as the three big issues facing municipalities, school districts and residents in the 16th House District? If elected, what would you do to address

those issues?

Jobs are the main focus, "as jobs go, we go." I will work to facilitate community job fairs with both cities so that residents have every access to jobs within our communities.

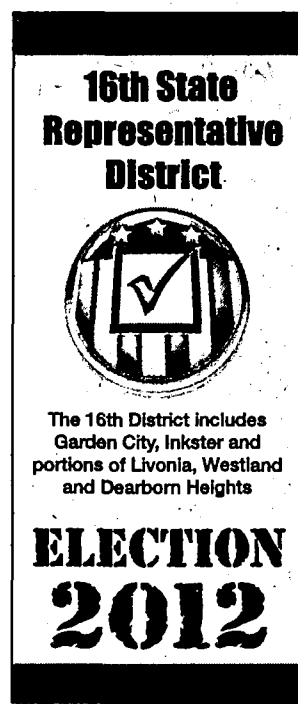
We need to protect senior and veteran rights and stop the numerous attacks that jeopardize their pensions and rights.

Public safety and great schools are crucial to a vibrant community. Maintaining a safe community and maintaining our top notch schools will help attract people to become residents of Wayne and Westland. I will work collaboratively with both communities to ensure that we continue to offer such great services.

In recent years, legislators have increasingly voted strictly along party lines. Do you see this as a positive? Why or why not? If not, how do you envision collaborating with members of the opposing political party?

Being a lifelong Democrat and believing in the hard working families of Michigan, it is imperative that I vote on issues that best benefit my constituents. I believe that the platform of my party is best suited to move "Michigan Forward."

What is your main goal, if



elected to the House, and how do you plan to accomplish it?

My main goal is to represent the hard working residents of our community. State Rep. Richard LeBlanc has done an excellent job standing up for the residents of our community. I want to continue to work to have Wayne and Westland be a major stakeholder in Lansing, representing the best interests for our communities.

I plan to accomplish this by working on obtaining funds for our communities and serving on committees in the legislative branch that will help build the future of our communities.

# Snyder signs legislation for violent offender sentencing

Gov. Rick Snyder has signed into law the Violent Offense-Fourth Felony (VO-4) legislation, requiring a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years in prison for violent repeat offenders. The measure is part of Attorney General Bill Schuette's public safety and crime prevention initiative.

"This is an important part of reinventing public safety in Michigan," Snyder said. "By holding chronic offenders accountable, we can keep our communities safe, bring peace of mind to victims and their families, and help Michigan reach its full potential."

Under Senate Bill 1109, sponsored by Sen. Rick Jones, those who have committed four felonies while progressing to more violent crimes like attempted murder, assault with the intent to commit murder, criminal sexual conduct, carjacking or kidnapping are subject to the stricter penalty.

During testimony before the Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee, Schuette highlighted the case

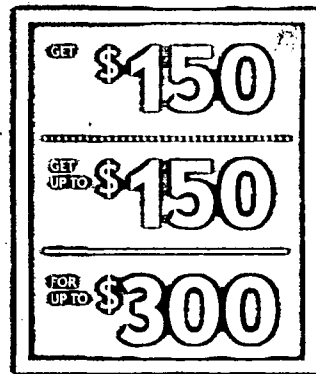
of Terry Bowling, 49, who was convicted of second-degree murder and other crimes for his role in a home invasion that resulted in Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil being killed in the line of duty last year. Prior to facing the second-degree murder charge, Bowling had six felony convictions and nine misdemeanors. Under the new law, Bowling would have faced a possible minimum of 25 years in prison after his fourth conviction for armed robbery in 1999, which occurred more than 10 years before the death of Officer Nehasil.

"VO-4 helps ensure safer communities by giving prosecutors a tool to remove the worst of the worst - violent, repeat offenders - from our streets," said Schuette. "I am pleased to join Governor Snyder, Speaker Bolger, Majority Leader Richardville, Representative Walsh and Senator Jones to make Michigan safer by putting public safety first. We will never have a full economic recovery until we have safety in our streets, neighborhoods, and schools."

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Michelle Furlong, a fifth-grade teacher at Adams Upper Elementary School in Westland, tries out chair she received from employees of OfficeMax in Canton as part of their A Day Made Better program.

# Surprise! OfficeMax makes teachers' day better



Ken Schaal listens as Ian Brown, a student of Chris Swanson, tells him he likes to play "Brain Gym" with her in the morning.

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Two Wayne-Westland teachers definitely had a better day Tuesday after receiving \$1,000 in classroom supplies as part of OfficeMax's A Day Made Better program.

Michelle Furlong, a fifth-grade teacher at Adams Upper Elementary School, and Chris Swanson, an academic intervention specialist at P.D. Graham Elementary, received the supplies and new desk chairs during surprise assemblies.

Furlong received her gifts from the Office Max store in Canton, while the Ann Arbor store provide the supplies for Swanson as well as more than \$3,000 worth of supplies to P.D. Graham that had been donated by customers.

This is the sixth year OfficeMax has sponsored A Day Made Better program, in which associates surprise 1,000 teachers in their classrooms with \$1,000 each worth of school supplies. OfficeMax consumers and business clients contributed nearly \$900,000 in additional school supplies through its summer's in-store supply drive. These additional supplies were donated to the A Day Made Better

schools where the teachers are being honored.

"The chair is my favorite thing," said Furlong. "My teacher chair was broken when I got to Adams. This is my third year there."

### Video camera

The "biggest" item in the box of supplies was a video camera, but there also was a laminator, label maker and "tons of notebooks, folders and pens and pencils."

"It took forever to sort through it," said Furlong. "The kids were so excited to see what was in the box, but a lot of them want the box. They keep asking if they can have it when it's empty."

Furlong was nominated for the honor by the school secretaries because she stays late to do a lot of work for the kids and spends a lot of her own money on them.

"I don't keep track of that, if I had to guess it would be around \$2,000 a year," she said. "I spend most of my money on binders for the kids to help them be organized."

Furlong uses the three-ring binders and fills them with folders and a money pouch and uses it as an organizational tool for her students.

"The school I was at



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Roger Swanson (from left) watches as his wife Doris gives daughter-in-law Chris Swanson gets a hug after she was announced as the winner of OfficeMax's A Day Made Better program. Also at the surprise assembly was her husband Christopher and her parents, Gail and dad John Cooper (seated).



P.D. Graham students cheer for teacher Chris Swanson who received plenty of supplies and a new chair from OfficeMax.

before used to buy the stuff, but that's not in the budget here," she said, adding that "I find the deals over the summer, but it still adds up." She's excited about the

video camera. Each year she makes DVDs of the school for each of her students.

"Now I'll be able to add video to the DVD," Furlong said.

### Big surprise

For Swanson, the surprise included not only school supplies, but seeing her family — husband Christopher, parents Roger and Doris Swanson of Canton and John and Gale Cooper who drove from Fremont — to be at the assembly.

"Christopher called and said she was getting an award and we need to come," said John Cooper. "He said not to say anything. This is pretty cool, we're so proud of her."

"It wasn't hard keeping this a secret because she leaves for work an

hour before I do, so she didn't know I was staying home," said Christopher Swanson.

Swanson's box included a Kodak camera, calendar, pencils, backpacks, tissue and a laminator among other things.

"This is priceless, especially for the paraprofessionals, it's more resources to work with the kids," said Swanson. "This is a huge benefit for the Graham community, it will be used."

Swanson estimates she "easily" spends 10, 15 times more than the \$250 tax credit the government gives on the students.

As an interventionist, Swanson works with students in their classrooms and in small group settings. She's also responsible for testing, including the MEAP.

"I'm kind of a jack of all trades, if they need something done, I do it," she said.

"She's an interventionist, but I don't think I know of anyone who does more, who's willing to go above and beyond with a smile," said Principal Jennifer Curry, who nominated her for the award.

The presentation was made by Ken Schaal whose son was a student at P.D. Graham. He honored one his son's former teachers, Jeanie Beatty, last year.

Getting the honor two years in a row had Curry asking Schaal if he could do it a few more years, "so I can recognize my whole staff."

"He needs to come 18 months," she said.



P.D. Graham Principal Jennifer Curry joins the staff and students in applauding a surprised Chris Swanson as she finds out she's won \$1,000 in school supplies from Office Max.





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) 222-6751.

Upcoming Events

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

**Details:** Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory.

**Contact:** John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

SHORT SALE SEMINAR

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12

**Location:** Novi Public Library, 45255 10 Mile Road, Novi

**Details:** Come with your questions to a free seminar and learn about what a Short Sale is and the different alternatives available. Explore your options with a Professional Resource Panel, from both the Selling and Buying side. Sponsored by The MacNRO Team, Keller Williams Agents, working the Detroit Metro Area.

**Contact:** Call Sheila Roma at (248) 760-6785 or Debbi McLaughlin at (248) 561-0077 for reservations by Friday, Nov. 9.

CRAFT SHOWS

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10

**Location:** Cherry Hill Baptist Church, 1045 N. Gulley, Dearborn Heights

**Details:** The annual craft show will feature crafts,



Westland teen appears in youth theater production

Lexi Fata, 15, of Westland is appearing as Belle in the Spotlight on Youth production of "Beauty and the Beast" Thursday, Oct. 18, through Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The daughter of Greg and Teri Fata and a sophomore at Livonia Churchill High School, Fata has appeared in many shows as well as recitals and dance performances with Angie Hahn's dance school in Livonia. Her SOY credits include A Speed Steno in "Thoroughly Modern Mille Jr.," the Cheshire Cat in "Alice in Wonderland Jr." and the Pied Piper in "The Pied Piper."

Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 18-19, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 20-21.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available by calling the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or www.spotlightplayersmi.org. They also can be purchased at the door. The box office opens one hour prior to show-time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

raffle and food. The \$1 entry goes toward Bridges to Healing: A Veteran's Support Group.

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10

**Location:** Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Lucerne, Redford

**Details:** Admission is \$1 to a vendor/craft show held by American Legion Auxiliary Post 396. Food will be available for purchase and there will also be a bake sale.

Volunteers

FIRST STEP

**Details:** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic

violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

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

VNA HOSPICE

**Details:** Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family

or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

**Contact:** (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

SEASONS HOSPICE

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

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

LITERACY COUNCIL

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

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

HEARTLAND HOSPICE

**Details:** Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Liv-

ingston 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.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

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

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

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

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

For Your Health

W-W NAMI

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

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

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

SAFE PLACE

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

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

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

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

ADULT DAY SERVICES

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

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

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

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

METRO FIBROMYALGIA

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

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

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

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

MENOPAUSE & MORE

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month

**Location:** Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

**Contact:** (734) 655-1100

COUNTERPOINT

**Details:** Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

**Contact:** (734) 563-5005

TOUGHLOVE

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

**Location:** Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia

**Details:** Support group, newcomers welcome.

**Contact:** (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748

LIFECARE

**Time/Date:** 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday

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

**Details:** LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

**Contact:** Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or (734) 956-2109

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

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**CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**  
MTG. 23 10/1/12

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves  
221: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 9/17/12.  
- Adopted Manpower Budget Amendment 2013-05; increase Finance Dept. staffing level to 12.  
- Adopted Budget Amendment 2013-06; General Fund \$31,988.00.  
222: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. elevations changes, Marlee Woods Sub., w. side of Farmington Rd. n. of Ford Rd. w/contingencies.  
224: Conf. re-app't of L. Wilson to Planning Comm. for 3 yr. term to exp. 9/17/15.  
225: Conf. re-app't of D. Jackson to Planning Comm. for 3 yr. term to exp. 10/18/15.  
226: Appr. checklist: \$688,800.86 & Prepaid: \$23,196,287.32.  
Mtg. adj. at 8:30 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout Tina M. Stanke  
Council President Deputy City Clerk-CMC

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**CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On October 16, 2012, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will 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
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2002	PONTIAC	4 DR	WHITE	1G2NF52F32C277721
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2002	BUICK	4 DR	TAN	1G4CW54K924137062

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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Livonia's Bill Heaton, right, chats with a St. Nicholas Institute participant at Wednesday's awards banquet.

## Christmas arrives early in Livonia

It was a mild October evening, but that did not stop some 140 people from gathering at a festively decorated Livonia banquet hall to sing Silent Night, hear joyous Santa Claus sounds, and celebrate those who embody the Christmas spirit year-around.

Livonia's Bill Heaton, Red Wing legend Ted Lindsay, and the couple that created the famed Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth were among those honored at the inaugural St. Nicholas Institute Awards Banquet held Wednesday at the Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center.

The banquet was the culmination of a four-day training program for those who professionally portray Santa Claus, a program created by Fr. Joseph Marquis, pastor of Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church and a member of the International Santa Claus Hall of Fame.

There were 16 men and one woman from nine states who participated in the St. Nicholas Institute training held at Detroit's St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. One of those completing the program was former Livonia

City Library Director A. Michael Deller.

The faith-centered training was based on the story of the fourth-century bishop St. Nicholas of Myra. The four core values emphasized in the program are Nicholas as our Model, Openness to the Christmas Spirit, Exercising Compassion, and Love for Children (NOEL). These core values were also the namesakes for the awards handed to those for their Christmas-inspired philanthropy and community service.

Heaton, a recipient of the *Livonia Observer* First Citizen Award, was honored with the Love of Children Award for his long-time leadership with the Livonia Goodfellows and its "No Child without Christmas" effort where donations are collected to give needy families holiday gifts for their children.

"It's an honor to share the stage with everyone receiving awards tonight," Heaton said.

Lindsay received the Exercising Compassion Award for the Ted Lindsay Foundation that has raised some \$2 million over 11 years to support children with autism. This is one of numerous

charities Lindsay supports.

"I have been blessed with the ability to skate on frozen water, but more importantly, I was blessed with parents who taught me values," said Lindsay, a Troy resident.

Carol Myers, a Holland, Mich., resident who founded a Christmas resource called the St. Nicholas Center, received the Nicholas as our Model Award. Phillip Wenz, of Crescent City, Ill., collected the Openness to the Christmas Spirit Award, for his production work on many Christmas parades, broadcasts and other programs.

The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Wally and Irene Bronner, who established the Bronner's in Frankenmuth seven decades ago and grew it into the largest Christmas store in the world. The success of the store enabled the family to generously support many faith-based and philanthropic efforts. Wally Bronner died in 2008, but Irene Bronner and members of her family were in Livonia to collect the award.

"This was a beautiful program," Irene Bronner said. "We really appreciate the honor."

## Friends help 'fabulous family' battling cancer

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Jennifer Boze is on a mission — to "help a fabulous family" that's waging a battle against cancer.

The Westland resident has organized a bowling fundraiser for 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the Super Bowl in Canton to help Randy Wilson, his wife, Dawn, and sons Austin, 15, and Nolan, 13. Wilson was diagnosed with gastric cancer two years ago, and the benefit is meant to raise money for medical and basic living expenses.

"They're wonderful people," said Boze. "They've given so much to so many. It's time for us to really come together and help them out in their time of need."

The bowling benefit will start at 7 p.m. It costs \$20 per person and includes two games of bowling, two slices of pizza, pop and shoes. A cash bar will be available. Gift baskets also will be raffled off and there also will be a 50/50 raffle, said Boze.

"Many people have donated and we're still accepting donations," said Boze. "We'll take any item. Bring it in and we'll make it work."

### By accident

According to Dawn Wilson, finding out that her husband had cancer was "by accident." He had developed what he thought were signs of

a ruptured appendix and told his wife they needed to get to the hospital. Tests showed he didn't have a ruptured appendix, but spots were found on his liver and a thickening on the top of his stomach. More blood work was done.

"The doctor came out and told us he had esophageal cancer and had four-six months to live," said Dawn Wilson.

But that diagnosis eventually was changed to gastric cancer, and Randy Wilson began treatment at the University of Michigan. Things went well and the cancer was shrinking. However, last September, it was stopped. In February, a new round of chemotherapy started using three different drugs.

"We didn't know it but there was a test they could run and if it came back positive, you could get a third drug," said Dawn Wilson. "We found out about it from a cousin who worked for a pharmaceutical company and talked to people about it. Randy came back positive."

The chemotherapy involved three breast cancer drugs and Randy Wilson started on a regular regimen. However, in June, doctors gave him one to six months. He is now being cared for by Angela Hospice.

"He's doing good right now," said Dawn Wilson. "We're trying to keep a positive attitude."

Randy Wilson has not been able to work since July. His short-term disability has ended, and he is now on long-term disability. As a result, the family lost his benefits and is paying for the medical insurance.

"We haven't seen too many medical bills, Randy had great insurance," said Dawn Wilson. "If we hadn't had his insurance, I don't know what we would have done."

### Helping out

That's why friends are stepping in to help.

Boze had hoped to have the benefit at a bowling center in Westland, but with the closing of Westland Bowl, Town 'N Country couldn't fit in the event. Neither could Wayne Bowl in Wayne.

"We're expecting a good turnout, they have a lot of family, friends and co-workers," said Boze. "A lot of people know Randy. We're expecting more than 200 people."

But more are welcome. So are donations. People who want to donate money can contact Boze at (734) 756-3102.

"Dawn has always been the helper with benefits," said Boze. "They're a fabulous family. I hope we have a good turnout so we can give back to them."

Super Bowl is at 45100 Ford Road, just east of Canton Center Road in Canton.

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# Spooky reads and viewings at GC library

October is here and with it comes a fresh wave of interest in the spooky side of the library. We have a few spots left in our "A Haunting We Will Go" program that is on at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18.

On Monday, Oct. 29, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., join Ms. Stephanie for Boo Spectacular!, a program filled with stories, crafts and more here at the Garden City Public Library.

For both these programs, advance registration is required. Call (734) 793-1830 to sign up as space is limited.

In the meantime, if a spooky read or movie is more up your alley or you just want to get in the scary frame of mind, check out these frightening reads and movies for the whole family:

### ADULT BOOKS

- *Haunted Michigan* by Gerald Hunter.
- *Michigan's Haunted Legends and Lore* by Kristy Robinett.
- *The Weird: A Compendium of Strange and Dark Stories* by Ann VanderMeer.
- *The Complete Book of Ghosts and Poltergeists* by Leonard Ashley.
- *Ghosts: A Treasury of Chilling Tales Old and New* by Marvin Kaye.
- *The Complete Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe*.

### YOUTH BOOKS

- *Scary Stories* series by Alan Schwartz.
  - *Ghosts* by Mary Pope Osborne.
  - *Ask the Bones: Scary Stories from Around the World* by Arielle Olson.
  - *Ghosts and Ghouls (It's Fun to Draw series)* by Mark Bergin.
- Spooky Reads and Viewings at Your Library

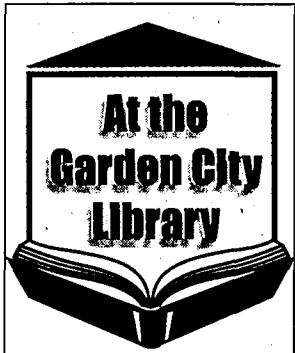
### TEEN BOOKS

- *Cirque du Freak* series by Darren Shan.
- *I Know What You Did Last Summer* by Lois Duncan.
- Christopher Pike and R.L. Stine books.
- *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman

### MOVIES

(In our General Movie Collection)

- *The Exorcist*.
  - *Rosemary's Baby*.
  - *Psycho*.
  - *Vertigo*.
  - *Dementia 13*.
- (In our Youth or Family Movie Collection)
- *Hocus Pocus*.
  - *The Haunted Mansion*.
  - *Mickey Mouse Clubhouse: Mickey's Treat*.
  - *Go Diego Go! Diego's Halloween*.
  - *It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*.
  - *Nick Jr. Favorites: Happy Halloween*.



There are also many picture books for the littles listeners available in our Halloween Holiday Collection. You will also find books to get you in the mood to decorate and tips on how to make costumes. All these and many more items, are available at the Garden City Public Library. Come on, we don't bite - I promise.

The library is located at 31735 Maplewood Street in Garden City. The best entrance to get into the library is off of Balmoral, one road south of Maplewood. 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 was written by Stephanie Charlefour, Youth and Teen Librarian. Contact her at scharlefour@garden-city.lib.mi.us or call (734) 793-1837.

# Sous chef to do demo at library

Rachael Shooshanian, a sous chef at Schoolcraft College, will demonstrate preparing a meal she would expect at her favorite restaurant including miso soup, salad, her favorite rolls and a dessert with green tea at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Shooshanian is a graduate of the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program and assists Certified Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel during the school year. Shooshanian grew up watching the food channels and has been cooking since early childhood.

Outside of school, Shooshanian caters and cooks for families as a personal chef even though she cooks all day. She said she rarely eats out partly because she is "cheap" and partly because she is a "food snob."



Rachael Shooshanian

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## OUR VIEWS

# Government by initiative is no way to govern: Say No to Props 2-6

There is a lot more than a pack of candidates and a string of ballot proposals at stake in the Nov. 6 general election. The decisions made that day will be reflected in the kind of government under which everyone in Michigan ultimately will live.

While we proudly say that we live in a democracy, in Michigan, we live in a republic, that form of government through which we say, likewise proudly, is elected "by the people." That requires some clarification. Candidates may say that they represent "the people," but they are elected only by those people who actually vote for them. Once elected, the "people" to whom a particular candidate — now an elected official — refers can take on new meaning.

It takes a lot of votes to win an election and, these days, a lot of money is involved. For some candidates, that means "the people" includes political action committees representing special interest groups. That compromises the essence of a republic, having an impact on the voting public and, likely, on the votes that elected officials cast in the Legislature on issues involving those special interest groups.

### Special interest

When special interest groups don't get their way, the result is seen in the ballot proposals in this

### SEEK OUT INFORMATION

While we have taken a position on the proposals discussed above, democracy works best when voters are informed and make independent decisions.

We urge voters to seek out many opinions before making their decision on all of the state proposals. Visit the Citizens Research Council at [www.crcmich.org](http://www.crcmich.org) for detailed information on the proposals. The Citizens Research Council is a privately funded, not-for-profit public affairs research organization noted for the accuracy and objectivity of its research. The CRC does not lobby, support or oppose candidates for public office, or take positions on ballot issues.

Voters can also read pro and con positions on each proposal offered by the League of Women Voters of Michigan, a nonpartisan organization, at [www.lwvmi.org](http://www.lwvmi.org).

In addition, voters can visit the Center For Michigan, ([www.TheCenterforMichigan.net](http://www.TheCenterforMichigan.net)) a think tank based on Ann Arbor which offers a "truth squad" analyzing information used in 2012 political campaigns.

November's election. That result comes at an extraordinary cost, both in terms of dollars and in terms of a potentially disastrous shift in Michigan's form of government.

If these proposals were to pass, Michigan would move from a republic, in which voters elect officials to represent them, to a form of government by referendum. The result would be paralysis of the legislative process, with officials unable to act without real or potential fear of the next move by special interest groups.

For instance, one report places at \$30 million the amount of money that has entered the campaigns to pass six ballot proposals in this November's election. While all six are the work of special interest groups, proposals 2 through 6 would change the Michigan constitution.

Many of this year's ballot proposals are the result of initiatives in which signatures were collected on petitions. While many of those petition drives were orchestrated by special interest groups seeking to serve their supporters of causes or organizations, the proposals also are a by-product of an electorate frustrated with the state Legislature and its inability to address many issues.

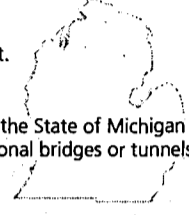
Lawmakers should take heed of the rush to initiative and listen to what has become an increasingly frustrated electorate. Drafting legislation would allow debate and input, instead of voters needing to decide an "all or nothing" ballot proposal.

Government by initiative is no way to govern. Voters should reject attempts to strong-arm the changes and amend the state constitution by voting "NO" on

## BALLOT ISSUES

The following proposals are initiatives that would amend the Michigan Constitution

- **Proposal 12-2:**  
To create a new right to collective bargaining.
- **Proposal 12-3:**  
To establish a standard for renewable energy.
- **Proposal 12-4:**  
To establish the Michigan Quality Home Care Council and provide collective bargaining for in-home workers.
- **Proposal 12-5:**  
To limit new taxes by state government.
- **Proposal 12-6:**  
To require a vote of the people before the State of Michigan can construct or finance new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles.



### Proposals 2-6.

#### Concerns

There are a number of problems with these proposals.

First, their passage would open the door to a dizzying array of potential changes in the Michigan constitution, creating a patchwork quilt of legislation that would eventually fray and lay in tatters.

Second, their passage binds the hands of the governor and legislators to do what we, in a republic, elect them to do — namely, lead. An up or down vote negates any dialogue or discussion of the issues. If the issues involved in these proposals are sufficiently serious, they should be taken up with elected officials who are duty bound to act. And if they don't, then find candidates who will.

One pundit has remarked that the problem is not with the model car we have bought in

Michigan. It is with who is in the driver's seat.

Third, changes to the constitution cannot be readily altered or undone, if the original change brings with it other problems.

Some changes in the proposals just don't belong in the constitution, and a lot of the hype that goes with them plays fast and loose with the facts — and the sensibilities of the public.

**Proposal 2** forgets that workers already have the right to bargain, and it would strangle the role of government.

**Proposal 3** would require that utilities get 25 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2025. There is precious little talk about how realistic this is, not to mention that renewable sources are specifically listed and could mean that new resources would be prohibited.

**Proposal 4** is the perfect example of a

special interest group pushing for something that is a legislative function that does not belong in the constitution. It would create a Michigan Quality Home Care Council and would ensure that in-home care workers could collectively bargain. We all want the best care for our parents and loved ones, but this is one for the Legislature.

**Proposal 5** is a curiosity. It would require a vote of the people to approve new taxes, something we already have with the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment. What's more, approval would further shift Michigan government into a new direction, from a republic to a direct democracy under which voters would have to approve every change. That would mean no need for legislators, and the result would be chaos.

Finally, **Proposal 6** is clearly directed at the controversy over a new bridge plan that would link Michigan and Canada. It calls for a statewide vote of the people for any international bridge or tunnel that is proposed to be built. These proposals are largely the work of special interest groups and, while offering some merit, they do not overall serve the best interest of voters, who should firmly check the "NO" box for each one Nov. 6.

## LETTERS

### Voting rights

Voters with disabilities:

- You have the right to vote. The U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to vote to all American citizens who are at least 18 years old. Michigan election law requires that you live in Michigan, are registered in your town or city of residence and are not currently serving a prison or jail sentence.
- You have the right to access your local polling place. The Americans with Disabilities Act Title II prevents discrimination on the basis of disability in the "services, programs or activities of all state and local governments."

Michigan election law requires accessibility in the elections process which is defined as: "the removal or modification of policies, practices and procedures that deny an individual with a disability the opportunity to vote, including the removal of physical barriers ... so as to ensure individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate in elections in this state."

- You have the right to cast a secret ballot. As of the August 2006 primary election, new accessible voting devices located in each polling place enable voters with various types of disabilities to cast a ballot privately and independently.

- You have the right to request assistance with marking and casting your ballot. As a person with a disability, you have the right to

have a family member or friend of your choice accompany you into the booth (it cannot be your employer or an officer/agent of a union to which you belong) or two poll workers of declared different party affiliations may assist you upon request.

- You have the right to cast an absentee ballot. Michigan election law stipulates that anyone who identifies as being a person of disability as it is legally defined, has the right to vote by absentee ballot.

### Westland Disabilities Concerns Commission

#### Vote yes on Prop 2

There is only one way to stop the attacks on the middle class. We must stand up for ourselves!

I urge you to stand up and vote YES this November on Proposal 2, which would guarantee the right of all workers, public and private, to collectively bargain with employers.

What is collective bargaining? It's a police officer or firefighter negotiating for life-saving equipment and proper training. It's a nurse who can speak up about a patient's care without fear of backlash or being fired. It's a teacher trying to keep class size small and ensuring students get the best possible education.

I know that Michigan families understand what is at stake. Vote YES on Proposal 2 this November.

Chris Lindstrom  
Garden City

## OUR VIEWS

# McNamara, LeBlanc best for county commission

For many years, all of Westland and Garden City have been in the same Wayne County Commission District, but with redistricting, Westland will be in two districts - with Garden City in the new 12th District and the southern portion in the new 11th District.



McNamara LeBlanc

A familiar face is seeking the 12th District seat. Richard LeBlanc, currently a state representative, is running unopposed for the seat. He brings to the office a wealth of experience. He has served on the Wayne-Westland school board, Westland City Council and six years as a state lawmaker.

A Democrat, LeBlanc has proven to be a hard worker as an elected official. He sweats the small details in whatever he is involved in and isn't shy to ask the hard questions. He has always been accessible to constituents and has already begun familiarizing himself with residents in Garden City. While he lacks a challenger, we still think it's important to say that we recommend **Richard LeBlanc** for the 12th District seat in the November general election.

In the 11th District, Democrat Kevin McNamara is being challenged by Republican Robert Stano. McNamara served on the Schoolcraft College Board of

Trustees and on the Wayne County Commission since 2006.

McNamara is a behind-the-scenes commissioner who has worked hard for the 11th District, helping to secure funds and grants to improve roads and parks in the current district. We believe he will continue that work in the new 11th District.

He serves on five commission committees and chairs the commission's newly-formed Youth Services Committee that oversees all funds and services related to youth programs in the county. He also is a representative to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and is joining the Airport Authority Board later this month.

We believe **Kevin McNamara** is the right choice in the 11th District and recommend his reelection.

We also urge residents to vote, either absentee or at the polls, on Nov. 6. Let your voice be heard.



# Prop 1: Referendum on emergency manager law

## PRO: It's about accountability, leadership, results

By **Al Pscholka**  
Guest Columnist

"Our members would rather have these schools and municipalities file for bankruptcy than deal with this bill." That came from a leader of a public sector union in my office in February 2011 as debate was going on regarding the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act that I sponsored and was later signed

into law as Public Act 4 of 2011. It was clear that for some this was about politics and not fiscal accountability and good public policy. Those who stand to gain from preserving the status quo of financial mismanagement have spent nearly two years inciting fears about oppression, authoritarian control and an assortment of outcomes they claim the Fiscal Accountability Act intends to accomplish. While the sensationalism has succeeded in getting widespread attention, the arguments against the law were either factually inaccurate or untrue. Almost all of the law's detractors like to gloss over the primary effect of the act: the vital addition of proactive, preventative steps designed to save municipalities and school districts from plummeting toward financial insolvency. Following a set of specifically defined triggers, the state now starts an early dialogue with local units that show signs of financial instability. Prior to the passage of this initiative, an early state response was nonexistent and intervention came only when unsolved problems had escalated to a degree that demanded extreme solutions with very few good options. In many cases the financial records were a mess, years of overspending and financial irregularities had left communities and schools on the brink of

bankruptcy and bailout. The appointment of an emergency manager is now the last resort, rather than the only option in trying to curb a financial collapse that would pass the burden on to all Michigan taxpayers and threaten the credit rating of the entire state. In short, this law protects taxpayers. Let's look at the dire predictions made by detractors and the rants of cable television extremists. They claimed that dozens of communities would be taken over by corporate interests across Michigan. That has not happened. They claimed the governor had new and unchecked powers that would lead to appointed "dictators" across the state. That is a claim leveraged against the new law that was actually a symptom of the old PA 72 law. The governor's ability is now a matter of procedure, not personal preference. And let's look at the results. Ecorse now has a budget surplus, Benton Harbor has seen new economic development projects and growth and is close to balancing its budget, and reforms in Flint, Pontiac and the Detroit Public Schools have saved taxpayers \$100 million. The law has led local officials to start discussions on fixing debt and taking care of unfunded liabilities. In the end, accountability, responsibility and results are the foundations of successful communities. Despite the forces that continually attempt to mislead the public in order to further their own agenda or protect the status quo, the record is bearing out the truth of the law's success. It's why Michigan voters and taxpayers need to vote yes to accountability Nov. 6. State Rep. **Al Pscholka**, R-Stevensville, represents Michigan's 79th District in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the legislation that became Public Act 4. His district includes Benton Harbor, which has been in receivership since 2010. He can be reached by email at [AlPscholka@house.mi.gov](mailto:AlPscholka@house.mi.gov).



Al Pscholka

## CON: Law creates a democracy emergency in Michigan

By **John C. Philo**  
Guest Columnist

Public Act 4 of 2011 creates a gaping deficit in democracy between Michigan communities, while doing little to alleviate financial difficulties faced by cities. On Nov. 6, Michigan citizens will have the opportunity to eliminate the democracy deficit by voting no on Proposal One. Public Act 4 is founded upon an assumption that democracy is incompatible with financial stability. Under Public Act 4, an emergency manager becomes the government of the community. The power of all elected officials is concentrated in the emergency manager. They can pass local laws, cut departments, and sell city property from their desk — no public notice, no hearings, no vote. Under Public Act 4, Michigan is experimenting with a form of local government with no checks and balances and it is precisely the type of government that James Madison warned against writing: "The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive ... in the same hands ... may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny."

The law resurrects old bigotries against the poor and against racial and ethnic minorities, who were forbidden from voting in many places during the early days of our nation. By barring Michigan citizens from their right to vote for local officials, Public Act 4 assumes that these officials caused the crisis and residents acquiesced. History has taught us that income rarely reflects one's wisdom in the voting booth and we have laws to remove corrupt officials. To the extent such laws are lacking, they should be strengthened and culpable officials held accountable. Public Act 4 forgoes this. Rather, it punishes local residents by silencing their voice in local government and on how a financial crisis will be resolved. Public Act 4 finds economically poor communities solely to blame for their financial difficulties. There is no escaping that such communities are all-too-often

composed of racial and ethnic minorities shut out from economic opportunities. They are communities where property and income tax revenue plummeted following the national recession and are ones with spiraling home foreclosure and unemployment rates. Their revenue declines have been compounded by years of cuts in state revenue sharing. In short, they are the victims of failed regulatory and economic policies felt by all in the Michigan, but they are the ones who have been hit the hardest. Yet, the law provides no stabilization revenue to local communities — not one penny. Rather, the law adds the costs of the state's emergency manager, their staff, and their consultants to the distressed community's budget. At the time it was passed, Public Act 4 was publicly justified by a need to adopt an early warning or intervention system to alert state officials to impending financial stress within local communities. However, it is not an early warning system that has been employed most zealously. Instead, it is those provisions allowing emergency managers to cut and privatize services and to break union contracts. These actions have been taken despite the increased need for services and despite deep concessions from public unions. Yet, fiscal deficits remain and, in many communities with an emergency manager, have worsened. They will likely continue to do so until bondholders and private contractors are also brought to the table and asked to sacrifice along with local residents and public employees. Michigan has faced difficult economic times in the past and likely will again in the future. However, in the past we were able to work our way through such events without sacrificing our principles. We should do so now and recognize that in these times, more democracy is needed, not less. Vote No on Proposal One. **John C. Philo** is legal director of the Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice, which filed suit on behalf of various council members in Benton Harbor, Flint and Pontiac believing they should have been allowed to resume their duties when PA 4 was suspended. He can be reached at [jphilo@sugarlaw.org](mailto:jphilo@sugarlaw.org).



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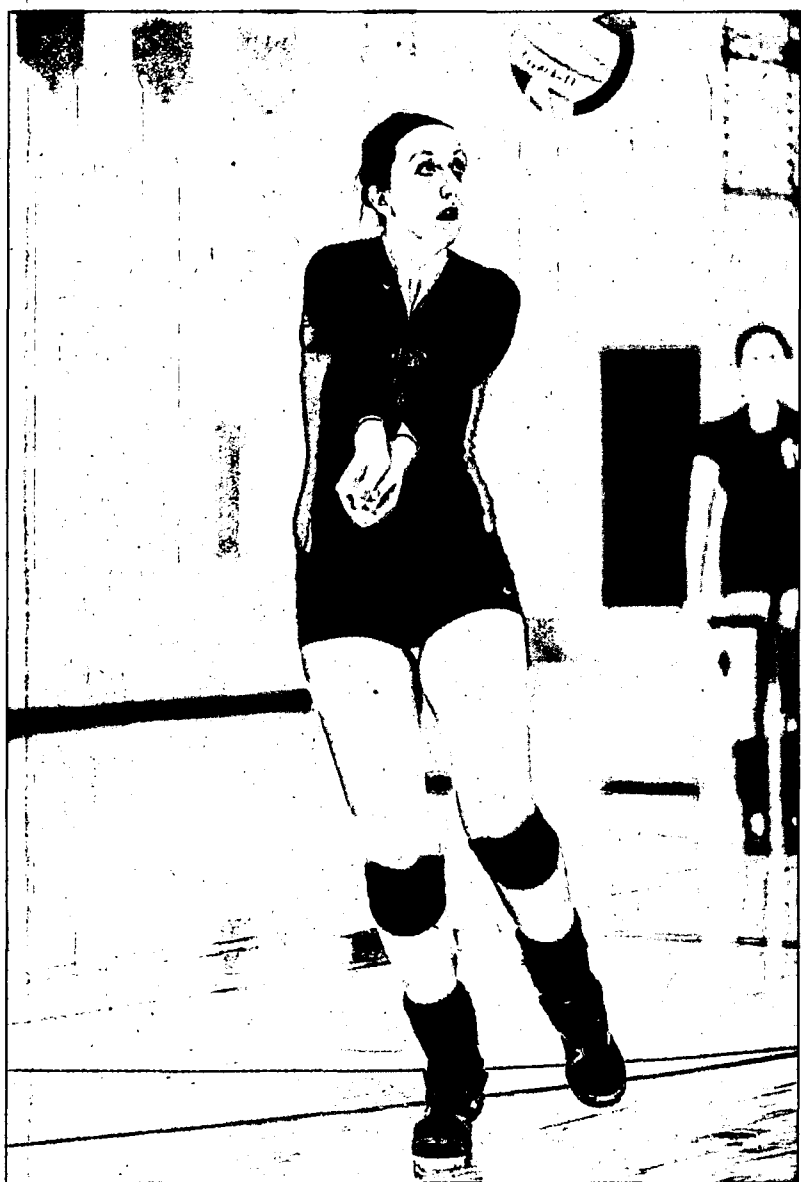
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Senior outside hitter Emily Norscia was a standout with 93 kills and 17 ace serves on the day as Churchill captured the Northville Invitational.

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## Churchill gives N'ville 1st loss

### Norscia stars in invite finals

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's calling card this season has been ball control and defense.

That was no more evident than in Saturday's Northville Invitational girls volleyball tournament final as the Chargers handed the host Mustangs their first setback of the season in a showdown of top-flight KLAA teams, 25-23, 22-25, 15-10.

State-ranked Churchill, now 41-5 overall, captured all eight matches on the day including elimination round victories over Fenton (25-23, 25-20) and Farmington (25-17, 25-15).

In pool play, the Chargers also defeated Walled Lake Central (25-17, 25-15), West Bloomfield (25-14, 25-22), Farmington (25-13, 25-13) and Livonia Franklin (25-15, 25-12).

Krystyn Niescier, Julia Szuba, Audrey Durocher and Casey Bias — sparking the defense — combined for 239 total digs in the tournament.

Senior outside hitter Emi-

ly Norscia spearheaded Churchill's hitting attack with 93 total kills, including a match-best 18 in the victory over Northville. The 6-foot Norscia also served 17 aces.

Middle hitter Marissa Pomaville, a 6-1 senior, also chipped in with 60 kills and six blocks, while senior setter Katie Chartrand had a total of 135 assist-to-kills.

Northville (38-1-4), coached by former Churchill assistant Amanda Yaklin, got 14 kills from high-flying junior outside hitter Symone Abbott.

"I told the girls she (Abbott) won't be stopped all the time, so if she does get a good swing, she deserves it," said Churchill assistant coach Anna Gatt, who filled in on the bench for head coach Mark Grenier (personal family commitment) for Churchill's final two matches. "Emily Norscia does the same. We've got to let it go and go on to the next one. I told them, 'Don't get upset or think about

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## WHAC honors MU's Kubicki

Madonna University sophomore Bianca Kubicki (Canton) was selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week (ending Oct. 7).

Kubicki set a new MU record with a clocking of 18:06 over the 5-kilometer course Friday at the Michigan Intercollegiate Championship.

Kubicki, who also earned the WHAC honor the previous week, bested the old record — held by three-time All-WHAC runner Sarah Sherwood — by 17 seconds and beat her own personal collegiate best by 31 seconds in placing 13th at the event.

## MU volleyball stands 21-5

Brianna Strete collected 18 kills and setter Lauren Crump added 61 assist-to-kills as No. 18-ranked Indiana University-East (25-2) defeated No. 17 Madonna University (21-5) in five sets, 22-25, 25-22, 22-25, 25-18, 15-12, at the Liz Lykowski Memorial women's volleyball tournament Saturday hosted by Indiana Tech.

The Crusaders had four players notch double figures in kills including Samantha Geile (19), all-tournament pick Nastija Baranovska (16), Lutheran High Westland's Emilie Freeman (14) and Taylor Dziewit (13).

Setter Evia Prieditis, the tourney MVP, finished with 65 assists, while Breanna Geile paced the defense with 29 digs.

Samantha Geile and Prieditis added 14 and 12 digs, respectively.

Earlier in the day, Baranovska and Freeman had 12 and 11 kills, respectively, in a 25-19, 25-15, 25-16 victory over Ashford (Iowa).

Prieditis chipped in with 42 assists, while Breanna Geile and Ashley Hulbert added 17 and 12 digs, respectively.

Liz Gbur had 19 assists and Karrah Toby 14 digs for Ashford (14-12).

## Krysiak's 2 goals lifts MU

Katlyn Krysiak scored twice as the Madonna University women's soccer team ended a two-match losing streak with a 4-2 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Saturday at home over Aquinas College.

Krysiak was one of three Crusaders to score as the MU offense also broke a 244-minute scoreless streak to improve to 4-5 overall and 1-1 in the WHAC.

Krysiak tallied her first goal in the 19th minute from Amanda Ferrick, but Elizabeth Vaughn answered for the Saints (5-7, 1-2) in the 22nd minute.

Krysiak scored her fifth of the year from Ashley Parent in the 27th minute, while Parent made it 3-1 with her seventh of the year from Krysiak at the 27-minute mark.

Jennifer Jurcak made it 4-1 in the 61st minute off an assist from Morgan Himanek.

Madeine Rammal then scored for Aquinas in the 75th minute, but it was too little, too late.

MU goalkeeper Blair Schmalenberg made five saves, while Molly O'Conner had four stops for Aquinas.

## KLAA sweep

### Stevenson boys finish third in County

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

If there is a better proving ground for boys cross country than the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, then Saturday's Wayne County Championship was Exhibit A.

On a cool, crisp morning at Willow Metropark in New Boston, it was KLAA teams sweeping the first five places led by Northville (109 points), Plymouth (134), Livonia Stevenson (137) Salem (138) and Livonia Churchill (146).

Other local teams finishing down in the pack included Wayne Memorial, 11th (342); Franklin, 17th (428); Lutheran Westland, 19th (570); and Westland John Glenn, 26th (730).

"It's really a testament to how good the area is," said Salem coach Steve Aspinall, who was the meet host. "For the top five schools in Wayne County to be from our region is a pretty cool thing. The Observerland area is strong, that's good."

Northville junior Dan

Sims was individual winner with a 5,000-meter clocking of 15 minutes, 48.11 seconds

Garden City's Jhaira Johnson isn't in the KLAA, but he finished third (16:08.48), while Salem senior Steve McEvelly placed fourth (16:18.68).

Stevenson's Stephen Fenech, a junior, earned first-team honors in sixth with a time of 16:25.39.

"It was the best race of the season by the team," Stevenson coach Chris Inch said. "(Stephen) Fenech is starting to find his stride and our three-to-six guys are racing tough and growing in confidence. We will build off this performance as we enter the championship phase of the season."

Other coaches concur with Aspinall about the KLAA stamp of dominance at the county meet.

"Salem's really good this year, Stevenson's really good this year," Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said. "To beat both of those teams knowing those are teams we have to beat at the region without one of our varsity runners is

good for the guys to know. We're in the right direction coming into these next couple weeks."

The top 35 earned all-county medals with places one through seven making first team; 8-14, second team, 15-21; third team; and 22-35, honorable mention.

Plymouth's top finishers included Brandon Dalton, eighth (16:31.46); Zane Berlanga, 10th (16:34.42); and Liam Cardenas, 15th (16:40.24).

Other area second-teamers included Churchill senior Ben Yates (ninth, 16:34.03); Franklin sophomore Keenan Jones (13th, 16:38.98); and Wayne senior Daniel Malcolm (14th, 16:39.48).

Meanwhile, Churchill junior George Bowles took 20th (16:45.44) to garner third-team honors.

Honorable mention finishers included Stevenson's Jacob Colley (16:52.24) and Michael Sopko (31st, 16:56.63), along with Churchill's Jon Alessandrini (30th, 16:56.06).

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## NAIA honoree

Madonna University 5-foot-10 junior Evia Prieditis (Milford) was named NAIA Volleyball Player of the Week (Oct. 1-7) after leading the No. 17-ranked Crusaders to a 4-1 record. Prieditis handed out a total of 232 assists (12.2 per set) to go along with 42 digs, 10 kills and five block assists. Of her 644 set attempts, 232 went for kills. She was named MVP of the Liz Lykowski Classic held last weekend at Indiana Tech after putting up a season-high 65 assists, just four shy of her career best, in a 3-2 loss to No. 18 Indiana University-East.

## Jatta delivers as C'ville downs Warriors



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Clarenceville's Ma Sambou Jatta (5) goes airborne against Lutheran Westland's Nick Flanery (11) in Monday's match.

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Ma Sambou Jatta was certainly the X-factor in Monday's boys soccer match between host Livonia Clarenceville and Lutheran High Westland.

The quick and rangy 6-foot-3 midfielder and defender, who is adept at playing multiple positions, scored both goals, including the game-winner with only 6:40 remaining to give Clarenceville the 2-1 victory Monday night over the Warriors.

The goal came after a Lutheran Westland defender couldn't clear the ball cleanly after Andrew Murphy crossed the ball into the 18-yard box.

And Jatta made no mistake firing a shot into the upper right side past Lutheran Westland keeper Jordan Williams, who had no chance on the shot.

"I didn't want a tie today," said Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson, whose team improved to 6-7-3 overall. "And I thought if it was going to go either way, I'd roll Jatta up top and go for it. He's a beast, he's a monster."

Jatta, ironically rattled a shot off the crossbar with only 9:40 remaining

after teammate David Vandekerckhove had drilled a lengthy direct free kick off the crossbar as well with 15:56 remaining.

"It happens all the time with us, but we finished it off and I was proud of the effort there," Johnson said. "I was telling my assistants that something was going to happen soon. I could feel it at the nine-minute mark (to go) ... the way the ball was taking weird bounces all night on the field. With all the rain and football, something was going to happen either way. I could sense it."

Lutheran Westland struck first when Ernie Babon scored on a header off a perfectly placed corner kick from Walter Gembariski with 19:58 left in the first half.

"It was laziness in the zone," Johnson said of the Warriors' only goal. "It happened to us last week against (Novi) Franklin Road Christian — same exact thing. Somebody wasn't doing their job, either one of my mids or defensive players."

But just 3:02 later, Jatta scored on a

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
**Friday, Oct. 12**  
 Plymouth at Steve, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at S.L. East, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Novi, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
 N.D. Prep at C'ville, 7 p.m.  
 Parkway at L. W'sld, 7 p.m.

**(Kensington Championship)**  
 Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
**Thursday, Oct. 11**  
 HVL at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.  
 C'ville at S.L. East, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 12**  
 Oak Chr. at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Oct. 11**  
 Luth. W'sld at PCA, 5:30 p.m.  
 Ladywood at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 12**  
 UM-Dearborn Tourney, 3 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 13**  
 East Kentwood Inv., 8:30 a.m.  
 Michigan Elite Inv., 8:30 a.m.

**PREP CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Thursday, Oct. 11**  
 Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 13**  
 A.A. Gabriel Richard Inv. at Hudson Mills, 9 a.m.

**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
**Thursday, Oct. 11**  
 Wayne at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
 Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.  
 Stevenson at N'ville, 6:30 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 13**  
 MISCA Meet at EMU, noon.

**GIRLS GOLF**  
**Thursday, Oct. 11**  
**(MHSAA Regional Tournaments)**  
 Division 1 at Fox Hills, 9 a.m.

**BOYS TENNIS**  
**Friday, Oct. 11**  
**(MHSAA Regionals)**  
 Div. 1 at Woodhaven, 9 a.m.

**GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
**Friday, Oct. 12**  
 Ladywood at G.P. South, 6 p.m.

**COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Oct. 11**  
 S'craft at St. Clair, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 12**  
 UM-Dearborn at MU, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 13**  
**(Concordia Univ. Tourney)**  
 MU vs. Cincy Christian, 10 a.m.  
 MU vs. Robert Morris, noon.

**MEN'S SOCCER**  
**Saturday, Oct. 13**  
 S'craft at Muskegon, 1 p.m.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
**Saturday, Oct. 13**  
 MU at Marygrove, 12:30 p.m.  
 S'craft at Muskegon, 1 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 14**  
 Monroe (N.Y.) at S'craft, 11 a.m.  
**TBA** - time to be announced.

# Marian gets best of Blazers

Paige Carey and Meghan Cotant had 12 and 10 kills, respectively, leading state-ranked Birmingham Marian to a 25-14, 25-14, 25-19 victory Tuesday at Livonia Ladywood.

Carey also had eight blocks, while Cotant and Jessie Kopmeyer each added a team-best 12 digs as the Mustangs improved to 37-10 overall and 5-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Izzy Porada and Lindsay Wagner had 18 and 13 digs, respectively, for the Blazers (17-13, 2-3).

Allison Malick also finished with six kills, while Sabine Hutter and Olivia Quinn each added five.

### Warriors prevail

Alissa Flury contributed a team-best seven kills and eight solo blocks Tuesday to propel host Lutheran High Westland to a 25-17, 25-13, 25-14 MIAC Blue Division triumph over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Aldreanna Fikes chipped in with six kills, while Leah Refenes, Sam Roberts and Natalie Freeman added four each.

Refenes also had 12 assists, while Julia Yancy paced the defense with 13 digs. Shannon Abbott was 12-for-12 serving with eight points, including four aces. She also added eight assists.

"I thought we played very well from start to finish tonight," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team is 16-13-5 overall and 4-3

in the MIAC Blue. "Last time out against them (Northwest) we dropped the first two sets and came back to win the next three. We sort of picked up where we left off a couple weeks ago. We are doing good things, but we can't be satisfied. We know we need to keep working and I know we will as the season pushes toward November."

The loss drops Northwest to 6-16-3 overall and 1-6 in the MIAC Blue.

### DCD tops C'ville

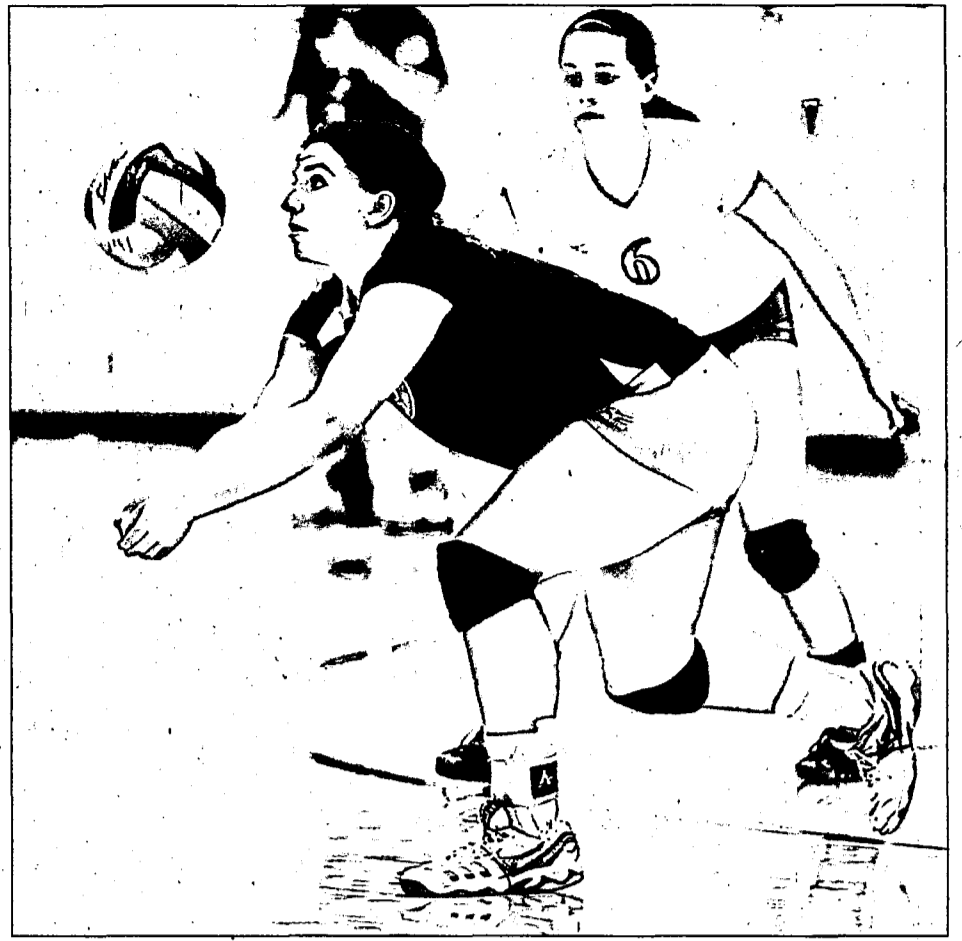
After a 13-day layoff, Livonia Clarenceville returned to the court and fell to visiting Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 25-19, 25-21, 25-20.

Junior Ayanna Buckley had 10 kills and six digs as the Trojans fell to 13-14-4 overall.

"Country Day outplayed us tonight," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "They were scrappy and played hard. We really just need to pick it up. All night we were trying to climb out of a hole. We play well at the end of games and it's too late."

Other leaders for the Trojans included Ashley Murphy (six kills, five digs); Tonya Vernier (six kills); and Christine Hurmiz (seven digs).

"Christine (Hurmiz) led us on defense tonight," Merschman said. "When she passed, we were able to run an offense. The girls did really good things. We just need to put the puzzle together."



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Franklin's Mackenzie Lukas (blue jersey) goes for the dig while libero Kelly Newton (white jersey) looks on in Tuesday's KLAAs South Division match against Churchill.

# Spartans upstage Northville in 3 sets

Livonia Stevenson turned some heads Tuesday night with a 26-24, 25-20, 25-22 upset victory at home over KLAAs Central Division girls volleyball champion Northville, which lost for only the second time this season.

The Spartans, now 20-15-1 overall and 6-4 in the Central, got a huge lift from junior Katie Tomasic, who finished with 18 kills, five assists, four blocks, eight digs and 9-for-9 serving.

Setter Allie Koestering contributed 13 assists and was 14-of-15 serving with a pair of aces.

Other Stevenson standouts included Holly Mossoian (seven digs, 13-of-17 serve receive); Annie MacDonald (10-of-13 serving, eight digs); Abby Whitehead (five blocks,

11-of-12 serving); Morgan Copperstone (three kills); Taylor McLaud (three kills, three blocks); and Mara Murray (three assists).

The loss drops the Mustangs to 38-2-4 overall and 9-1 in the Central.

### Chargers clinch

Senior setter Katie Chartrand collected 32 assists as Livonia Churchill clinched the KLAAs South Division title Tuesday with a 27-25, 25-16, 25-11 triumph at Livonia Franklin.

The state-ranked Chargers, now 42-5 overall, finish 9-1 in the division.

Churchill's defense was sparked by Krystyn Niescier with eight digs, while Casey Bias, Natalee Dziewit and Megan Damico added six apiece.

Bias also served four aces.

Kelly O'Brien finished with eight kills as the Patriots slipped to 9-26-2 overall and 3-7 in the KLAAs South.

Mackenzie Lukas added four kills and 10 digs, while sophomore Kelly Newton turned in her best match of the season with 19 digs and 95 percent serve reception. Afton DeWyse also added three ace serves.

### Wayne stopped

In a KLAAs South Division match Tuesday, host Plymouth came away with a 26-24, 25-12, 25-19 win over Wayne Memorial.

Senior Katie Horton had nine kills, two blocks and 11 digs in the setback as the Zebras fall to 8-19-3 overall and 3-7 in the KLAAs South.

Other leaders for Wayne included Danielle Robbins (four kills, 10 digs); Deja Tamlin (four kills, three blocks); Paige Chalmers (three kills, five digs); and Crystal Fletcher (six digs).

"Tonight's match started out good and competitive," Wayne coach Samantha Dye said. "The entire first set was a back-and-forth battle. Then our defense broke down. The girls were not adjusting at the net and getting the block, which left too many holes on our court. Plymouth was able to find our holes and put the ball to the floor."

### Rockets defused

On Tuesday, host Canton defeated Westland John Glenn in straight sets, 25-12, 25-15, 25-16 in a KLAAs South match.

Setter Claire Truskowski led the Rockets (10-22-3, 0-10) with 11 assists and two aces, while Caitly Lenard chipped in with 16 digs and two aces.

Val Ernat was the top hitter with four kills, while Kelly Epperson and Erin Parrinello contribute three each.

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Week 8 Friday, Oct. 12	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
Canton (4-3, 3-2) at Salem (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Garden City (4-3, 3-2) at Belleville (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.	Garden City	Garden City	Belleville	Belleville
Redford Union (2-5, 1-4) at Romulus (1-6, 0-5), 7 p.m.	Union	Union	Union	Union
Thurston (5-2, 4-1) at Dearborn (4-3, 4-1), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Dearborn	Dearborn
Plymouth (6-1, 4-1) at Stevenson (6-1, 4-1), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Franklin (2-5, 2-3) at South Lyon East (3-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
John Glenn (1-6, 1-4) at Novi (1-6, 1-4), 7 p.m.	John Glenn	Novi	Novi	Novi
Wayne (0-7, 0-5) at South Lyon (3-4, 1-4), 7 p.m.	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon
Notre Dame Prep (7-0) at Clarenceville (5-2), 7 p.m.	Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep
S.H. Parkway (3-4, 1-3) at Luth. Westland (4-3, 2-2), 7 p.m.	Parkway	Westland	Westland	Westland
Churchill (7-0, 5-0) at Northville (5-2, 4-1), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Harrison (4-3, 3-3) at Farmington (6-1, 5-1), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Farmington	Farmington	Harrison
North Farmington (2-5, 1-5) at Roch. Adams (2-5, 2-4), 7 p.m.	Adams	Adams	Adams	Adams
<b>Last week</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>8-2</b>	<b>10-0</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>54-31</b>	<b>63-22</b>	<b>63-22</b>	<b>66-19</b>

# S'craft men sweep against Ohio teams

The sixth-ranked Schoolcraft College men's soccer team cruised to a pair of NJCAA Region XII victories last weekend in Ohio.

On Sunday, the Ocelots improved to 11-1-1 overall and 9-0-1 in Region XII with an 11-1 triumph over host Cuyahoga Community College in Parma.

Romario Georgis, Tom Ashmore and Derek Boatright each scored a pair of goals for the Ocelots, who led 7-1 at halftime. Other Schoolcraft goal scorers included Pat Smith (Livonia Stevenson), Garett Hintzman (Livonia Clarenceville), Nate Motta (Livonia Churchill), Mustapha Raychouni and Rob Ramirez.

Adrian Tash, Nate Hicklin and Ashmore each added two assists, while Gino Pasquali, Mike Bojovic, Chris Long (Livonia Stevenson), Raychouni and Georgis contributed one apiece.

Ionut Trimbates scored in the 30th minute for Cuyahoga (1-11-2, 1-10-2).

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Tom Duquette made three saves in the first half, while Ryan Tikey (Livonia Franklin) had two in the second

half. On Saturday, Georgis had a goal and assist in a 4-1 triumph over Lakeland CC in Parma.

Georgis opened the scoring in the second minute with his fifth of the season from Long.

Tash made it 2-0 in the 48th minute from Smith and Hicklin scored at the 67-minute mark from Georgis.

Boatright struck in the 74th minute from Pasquali to make it 4-0 and Lakeland's Brian Anderson broke the shutout bid with a goal in the 90th minute.

**DAVENPORT 3, MU 1:** Ryan Williams had the lone goal as Madonna University (5-6-1, 1-3-1) fell Saturday night to host Davenport University (8-4, 4-1) in Grand Rapids.

JC Smith's goal in the 24th minute staked Davenport to a 1-0 lead before Williams answered in the 26th minute off a corner kick from Dane Laird (Farmington Harrison).

Ryan Duffy McGirr then scored the game-winner on a penalty kick in the 59th minute and Stephen Solademi put it away with a goal in the 79th minute.

MU goalkeeper John Boudreau (Livonia Stevenson) gave up a goal and made two saves in 45 minutes, while Scott Poole came on for the final 45 and allowed two goals with three saves.

# Olsen's 3 TDs spurs Warriors' win

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

With only two weeks left in the regular season, the Lutheran High Westland football team finds itself back again in playoff contention.

The Warriors, who went to the postseason for the first time in school history last season, improved to 4-3 overall with a 43-22 win Saturday over visiting Hamtramck.

"You could say we took care of business and beat a team that we were supposed to beat," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé said. "We also learned there are all kinds of people we can get the ball to."

Sophomore running back Austin Olsen had a breakout game with a team-high 117 yards rushing on eight carries.

Olsen scored a pair of touchdowns in the first quarter to catapult the

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Warriors to a 21-6 lead thanks to an 80-yard kickoff return followed by a 28-yard touchdown run. (Luke Bonkowski also had a two-point run after Olsen's TD kickoff return.)

Jacob Richter and Nick Andrzejewski each had and identical 102 yards on six carries.

Richter opened the first quarter with a 21-yard scoring pass to Andrzejewski.

Richter's 60-yard run set up an 11-yard scoring pass to Martin Kemp in the second period as the Warriors led 28-14 at halftime.

Meanwhile, Dontevean Bell scored a pair of first-half TDs for the Cosmos (1-6) on runs of 50 and 35 yards.

The Warriors pulled away in the third quarter as Olsen scored on a 44-yard TD (followed by

Kemp's two-point run) and Kemp added a 9-yard TD run (with Andrzejewski converting the point-after).

"We knew he could get to the outside, but we also found out that Olsen can run inside and right at people," said Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé. "It was his coming-of-age party."

The Warriors finished with 461 total yards, including 389 on the ground. Richter, who played out of the shotgun spread, was 5-of-9 passing for 72 yards.

"Three of the school's top five all-time total offensive outputs have come in the last three weeks," said Gusé, whose team has won three straight. "We're moving the ball O.K., but the question is can we stop them and keep the momentum going?"

Hamtramck, using the wishbone attack, had 277 total yards, including 257

rushing. Jacob Davenport led the Warriors' defense with 10 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Alex Reardon and Richter chipped in with eight and seven tackles, respectively. Jonah Lambert also recovered a Hamtramck fumble.

Lutheran Westland returns to Michigan Independent Athletic Conference action 7 p.m. Friday at home under the portable lights in a homecoming game against Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (3-4, 1-3) before ending its season 1 p.m. Saturday at home against Detroit Allen Academy (2-4), which is coming off a forfeit loss to Ecorse.

Two wins will give Lutheran Westland the automatic six to make the postseason for the second straight year.

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# Stevenson surges by Churchill, 3-1

By Brad Emons  
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It had been 49 days since the last boys soccer meeting between rivals Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill.

The first encounter, the season opener back on Aug. 20, ended in a 1-1 draw.

And it looked like the same scenario all over again Monday night, but this time host Livonia Stevenson broke a 1-all deadlock with two quick goals in the 50th and 52nd minutes to beat the Chargers, 3-1.

Senior John D'Agostino figured in all three Stevenson goals as the Spartans improved to 9-3-5 overall with the Kensington Conference crossover victory.

D'Agostino's game-winning goal came on a close-range free kick after a handball was called by a Churchill defender in the box with Dominic Sabatini getting credit for the set-up.

And just two minutes later, captain Ben Stromberg scored off an assist

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from D'Agostino to give Stevenson a two-goal cushion.

Stevenson got on the board first on Tom O'Brien's goal from D'Agostino at the 21-minute mark, but Churchill's Daniel Jones answered with a penalty kick with only 15 seconds remaining in the half.

"I loved our response after they (Churchill) got that goal at end of the half," Stevenson first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said. "For us to come back ... we really pressed in the second half. I thought it was a win that we deserved and the boys were rewarded for hard work. It was two good goals."

The back-to-back goals turned out to be a back-breaker for the Chargers.

"Ken (Shingledecker) has his guys organized and you can tell the way they came out the second half and adjusted to things and scored two goals off what we

gave them," Churchill first-year coach Matt Grodzicki said. "Not to take anything away from Stevenson, they got those. That's what happens. You put two into the back of the net and you're down 3-1 before you know it."

"Like I told the guys, when you play good teams, you have to do what the expression is: 'Do ordinary things extraordinarily,'" and we didn't do that today. We were effective for about a minute - drew a restart, got a PK and scored."

The loss drops Churchill to 5-9-2 overall with one regular season match remaining on Wednesday before the state playoffs start on Monday.

"I'm looking to see how our seniors respond and how we come back from this game," Grodzicki said. "I really liked the play of Daniel Jones today. I thought he had his best game and I think we found a position for him in the middle of the field."

**NORTHVILLE 4, JOHN GLENN 1:** Four different players scored Monday as the host Mustangs (10-6-3) downed Westland John Glenn (9-7) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Senior captain Ben Holbrook, freshman Nick Toubin and juniors Michael O'Brien and Joey Van Houten scored for Northville. Bobby Mason had the lone goal for the Rockets, while goalkeeper David Isaacs made seven saves.

**SOUTH LYON 2, FRANKLIN 0:** Tudor Reducea and Alex Stowe tallied first-half goals Tuesday as the host Lions (4-6-5) downed Livonia Franklin (4-11-1) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Franklin goalkeeper Spencer Lewandowski made eight saves in the setback. "Our big concern was finishing, we had many opportunities," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "And on the long ball we fell asleep a couple of times, but overall I thought we played pretty well."

Rodopoulos also singled out the play of junior defenders Hayden Steinman and Greg Bo.

**S.L. EAST 8, WAYNE 0:** On Tuesday, host South Lyon East (3-8-2) invoked the eight-goal mercy rule to beat visiting Wayne Memorial (1-15) in a Kensington Conference crossover. "We had six varsity players not come because of commitments," Wayne first-year coach Jason Dean said.

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penalty kick off on a nice play set up by Andrew Murphy and Steven Spens to knot the game at 1-1.

"We covered him pretty well most of the game, but then towards the end maybe we were getting a little tired out and he started to get behind us," Lutheran Westland first-year coach Bob Regan said of Jatta.

The loss left Lutheran Westland with an overall record of 3-13.

"I thought we played hard today," Regan said. "We were missing a couple of guys that would have helped, we'll have them back tomorrow for (Ann Arbor) Greenhills."

"But all in all, our defensive intensity was good. Our goalkeeper (Jordan Williams) - who is a freshman - by this time of the year is looking more like a sophomore. I can't say enough about him. That really helps us to have a guy back there like that. We know we can make a mistake now-and-then and he'll take care of it for us."

Despite the loss, Regan was encouraged by his team's play. "We keep making progress, I think," the first-year coach said. "We stayed with these guys. They're a .500 Division 3

school, so we can't feel too bad by losing by just one goal essentially on a PK and unlucky ..."

Meanwhile, the Trojans got seven saves from junior goalkeeper Evan Gregg and pulled within one win of reaching the .500 mark.

**C'VILLE 5, HARPER WDS. 0:** Five different players scored Tuesday as host Livonia Clarenceville (7-7-3) blanked the Pioneers in a nonleague encounter.

Clarenceville goal scorers included Ma Sambou Jatta, Steven Spens, Shane Martin, Evan Gregg and Andrew Murphy.

Gregg and Alec Jones combined for three saves and the shutout in goal for the Trojans, who led 4-0 at halftime.

**GREENHILLS 5, LUTH. WESTLAND 1:** Second-half goals by John Lazarsfeld, Quentin Millette and Michael Vanek carried Ann Arbor Greenhills (9-7, 6-7) to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory Tuesday over visiting Lutheran High Westland (3-14, 2-13).

The Warriors, however, jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Walt Gembarski's goal before the Gryphons answered on goals by Peter Michaelides (15th minute) and Abe Estenson (35th minute).

Lutheran Westland freshman goalkeeper Jordan Williams made 13 saves, while Andrew Khouri had five for Greenhills. "I thought our outside-back Andrew Tuomi-Galindez did an outstanding job the second half marking Michaelides and shut him down," Lutheran Westland coach Bob Regan said.

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# County champ

## Grosse Pointe South girls rule meet

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

It was mission accomplished as far as Salem varsity girls cross country coach Dave Gerlach was concerned following Saturday's Wayne County Championship meet held at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

The Rocks displayed their team depth by finishing third out of 26 teams with 71 points.

The only teams ahead of them were top-ranked Grosse Pointe South and Northville, with 39 and 66 points, respectively.

"Our goal coming in was to be top three in the county and we made that accomplishment," Gerlach said. "The two teams that were in front of us - Northville - is ranked third in the state - and Grosse Pointe South - is ranked first. So we're real excited going into

the postseason here. Today is a big step toward that."

Pacing the race-host Rocks, who came away with a team trophy for third, was junior Kayla Kavulich.

The junior was fourth overall (18:33.64), only surpassed by three Grosse Pointe South runners led by individual winner Hannah Meier (17:45.24).

"Kayla ran real well," Gerlach said. "The problem with her is she was stuck in no-man's land as we call it. She had no one to really compete against."

"The top three from Grosse Pointe South really took the pace out hard and then there was a group behind her. So she was stuck in a spot where she couldn't latch on to someone."

Meier was eight seconds ahead of teammate Kelsie Schwartz

(17:53.78). "I wasn't totally gassed, I had more in me," said Kavulich, one of seven Salem medalists. "But I just couldn't turn over and start kicking."

"My legs wouldn't turn over, I kept trying to go faster and faster, but I couldn't get them up to full speed."

Other Salem medalists included second-teamer Lauren Arquette (ninth, 19:04.04); third-teamers Anya Cho (15th, 19:22.59) and Alejandra Beltran (21st, 19:40.39); and honorable mention winners Emily Bizon (22nd, 19:40.90), Natasha Stevenson (26th, 19:52.70) and Shannon Flynn (31st, 20:11.02).

Three Livonia squads cracked the top 10 led by Churchill, fourth (120); Stevenson, sixth (204) and Franklin, eighth (233).

The Chargers had three medal winners led by

senior Sydney Anderson, who placed eighth (19:03.61) and senior Kerigan Riley, who was 10th (19:04.59).

Senior Michelle Azar was honorable mention in 23rd (19:42.36).

Stevenson's Gallagher sisters, Lindsey (second-team) and Karlie (honorable mention), placed 20th and 28th, respectively, with times of 19:36.26 and 19:56.52.

Franklin freshman Natalie Douglas was the lone Patriot to win a medal in 25th (19:51.5) to earn honorable mention honors.

Other area teams, however, did not fare as well with Westland John Glenn placing 14th, 459; Livonia Ladywood, 18th, 521; Lutheran High Westland, 20th, 577; and Wayne Memorial, 26th, 745.

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Blazers blanked

Mariel Ward's two goals sparked Ann Arbor Huron to a 5-0 girls field hockey victory Tuesday over visiting Livonia Ladywood.

Haley Evoy, Casey Ammerman and Keeley Erhardt also scored for the River Rats, who improved to 11-0-2 overall and 7-0-2 in division play.

Ladywood (5-6-2, 2-5-2) got a heroic effort in goal from senior Stephanie Mackley, who made 17 saves.

Carly Brown recorded five stops en route to the shutout for Huron.

#### Patriot mat sale

The Franklin wrestling team will be holding a mattress sale fundraiser from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the high school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

Prices are 40 to 60 percent off retail with factory warranty name brands such as Simmons, Southern and Restonic. All sizes are available in pillowtop, orthopedic and memory foam. (Mattress protectors and frames available.)

Over 1,200 tread count sheets set are available in 12 different colors for only \$38 to also help support the program. (Visit [www.just12000treadcountsheet.com](http://www.just12000treadcountsheet.com) and enter the code LFWR to receive the discount price.)

To receive an additional \$50 off coupon, e-mail

Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola at [chiola44@yahoo.com](mailto:chiola44@yahoo.com).

#### Girls lacrosse

Tryouts for the 2015 Westside Women's Lacrosse Club under-14 through under-17 teams will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, 21 and 28 at ITC Community Sports Park, located at Eight Mile and Napier roads in Novi.

The tryout fee is \$25. To register, visit [www.miw-wlc.com](http://www.miw-wlc.com).

For more information or interesting in coaching, call Beth Donovan at (734) 231-7766; or e-mail [bethd@miw-wlc.com](mailto:bethd@miw-wlc.com).

#### Learn to Skate II

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its eight-week Learn to Skate (Session II) classes beginning Monday, Oct. 29 through Dec. 17 at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

The 25-minute classes for ages 3-and-up will be at 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays, along with boys hockey skills at 6:25 p.m. each Monday.

No equipment is needed for boys hockey skills. No sticks or pucks are used. There is a limited skate rental available at no charge.

Fees are \$62 (residents) or \$76 (non-residents). Walk-in registration is from 6:30-8 p.m. (resi-

dents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Private lessons are also available for all levels of skating.

For more information, call (734) 466-2412.

#### Pom Pon clinic

The Livonia Churchill varsity pom pon team will stage a clinic for girls ages 6-14 from 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 27 at the high school gym.

The cost is \$30 per person (includes T-shirt, music CD and snack).

Registration begins at 9 a.m. (Please pre-register by Oct. 18.)

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

#### Men's basketball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its men's winter basketball league managers meeting for new teams at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard Road (at Five Mile Road).

The registration deadline for returning teams is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26. The league projected starting date is Jan. 7, 2013.

The fee is \$400 per team (plus non-resident and official fees of \$28 per game).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

#### Turkey Trot

The seventh annual Livonia Turkey Trot, a 5-kilometer run-walk, will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

Late registration and T-shirt pick-up will be at 9 a.m.

The \$10 fee includes T-shirt (if registered prior to Oct. 24), snacks and refreshments.

All proceeds and canned food donations will go to the Livonia Goodfellows (and automatically be entered in a prize raffle).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410; or visit [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us).

#### 5K Fun Run

The Churchill Family 5-kilometer Fun Run will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 with the start at the high school parking lot.

There will also be a 1-mile 10-and-under fun run. (Donation is a can of pet food.)

The pre-register cost is \$12 (ages 13-18) and \$15 (adults). Race day fees are \$15 and \$20, respectively. Family of four can pre-register for \$45.

To ensure a race T-shirt, register by Oct. 21 online at [www.chs-cap.com](http://www.chs-cap.com).

For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

### BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS NORTH FARMINGTON 7 LIVONIA STEVENSON 2**  
Oct. 4 at N. Farmington  
**No. 1 singles:** Griffin Mertz (NF) defeated Chad Northey, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Sam Tabor (LS) def. Ernesto

Valtierra, 6-2, 7-5; **No. 3:** Aditya Pramad (NF) def. Marcus McMathney, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Johnson Yang (LS) def. Mitchel Watsky (LS), 6-0, 6-2.

**No. 1 doubles:** Andrew Murtland-Rob Chapekis (NF)

def. Aaron Dziobak-Jeff Frederick, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Colin Harlow-Danny O'Neil (NF) def. Chase Tinnam-Jason Wysocki, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Sachin Ravel-Noah Garber (NF) def. Ahmed Hussain-Joe Osmialowski, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 4:**

Ryan Nash-Rakesh Rajakumar (NF) def. Tom Cwiek-Chris Haldane, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 5:** Shiva Metha-Abhi Jain (NF) def. Matt Lackey-Neal Adams, 6-2, 6-4.

**Stevenson's dual match record:** 9-3 overall.

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

#### WAYNE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY MEET

**Oct. 6 at Willow Metropark GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Grosse Pointe South, 39 points; 2. Northville, 66; 3. Salem, 71; 4. Livonia Churchill, 120; 5. Dearborn Divine Child, 187; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 204; 7. Plymouth, 218; 8. Livonia Franklin, 233; 9. Canton, 242; 10. Allen Park Cabrini, 335; 14. Westland John Glenn, 459; 18. Livonia Ladywood, 521; 20. Lutheran High Westland, 577; 26. Wayne Memorial, 745.

**Individual winner:** Hannah Meier (G.P. South), 17 minutes, 45.24 seconds (5,000 meters).

**All-County (1st team):** 1. Meier (G.P. South), 17:45.24; 2. Kelsie Schwartz (G.P. South), 17:53.78; 3. Ersula Farrow (G.P. South), 18:27.21; 4. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 18:33.64; 5. Taleen Shahrigian (N'ville), 18:43.66; 6. Rachel Coleman (N'ville), 18:54.03; 7. Lindsey Brewis (Divine Child), 18:57.41.

**All-County (2nd team):** 8. Sydney Anderson (Churchill), 19:03.61; 9. Lauren Arquette (Salem), 19:04.04; 10. Kerigan Riley (Churchill), 19:04.59; 11. Sabrina Williams (Allen Park), 19:05.03; 12. Alison Robinson (N'ville), 19:07.54; 13. Marina DeBiasi (Ply.), 19:13.29; 14. Mary Galm (Canton), 19:19.08.

**All-County (3rd team):** 15. Anya Cho (Salem), 19:22.59; 16. Christina Firl (G.P. South), 19:24.92; 17. Megan Sklarski (G.P. South), 19:27.87; 18. Mary Spencer (G.P. South), 19:28.75; 19. Erin Zimmer (N'ville), 19:31.41; 20. Lindsey Gallagher (Stevenson), 19:36.26; 21. Alejandra Beltran (Salem), 19:40.39.

**All-County (honorable mention):** 22. Emily Bizon (Salem), 19:40.90; 23. Michelle Azar (Churchill), 19:42.36; 24. Hailey Harris (N'ville), 19:50.45; 25. Natalie Douglas (Franklin), 19:51.50; 26. Natasha Stevenson (Salem), 19:52.70; 27. Emma Herrmann (N'ville), 19:55.99; 28. Karlie Gallagher (Stevenson), 19:56.52; 29. Nicole Mosteller (N'ville), 19:57.33; 30. Haley Divis (Divine Child), 19:57.94; 31. Shannon Flynn (Salem), 20:11.02; 32. Brianna Lax (Ply.), 20:13.25; 33. Jessica Siegler (Canton), 20:13.88; 34. Zoe VanAuker (Trenton), 20:14.86; 35. Lillian Hill (Riv.), 20:18.30.

**Other area finishers:** 39. Megan McFarlane (Churchill), 20:24.03; 40. Vivien Okechukwu (Churchill), 20:25.17; 44. Natalie Martinez (Franklin), 20:47.67; 45. Barbara Scuphalm (Stevenson), 20:49.34; 49. Annaliese Snider (Franklin), 20:53.29; 51. Emily Kwasnik (Stevenson), 20:55.36; 52. Shekinah Johnson (Glenn), 20:56.30; 53. Katelyn Kovach (Franklin), 20:56.77; 55. Alexis Lombardo (Churchill), 20:57.93; 60. Natalie Moore (Stevenson), 21:03.21; 62. CC Shoemaker (Franklin), 21:06.65; 64. Jenna Hickson (Churchill), 21:12.68; 69. Colleen Fitzgerald

(Stevenson), 21:31.22; 75. Emily Chapski (Stevenson), 21:46.26; 76. Michelle Greening (Luth. Westland), 21:49.63; 78. Barb Messics (Glenn), 21:52.43; 81. Sarah Wilson (Ladywood), 21:55.33; 90. Jennifer Jaynes (Franklin), 22:12.75; 93. Hannah Mitchell (Glenn), 22:25.70; 96. Tina Olter (Franklin), 22:27.78; 99. Alana Hill (Luth. Westland), 22:30.30; 104. Courtnee MacQuarrie (Glenn), 22:37.26; 105. Hannah Pereira (Ladywood), 22:40.68; 109. Sinead Cox (Ladywood), 22:46.39; 121. Carlee Faber (Ladywood), 23:04.82; 122. Katarina Gaffka (Mucci (Ladywood), 23:19.71; 128. Kendelle Hood (Wayne), 23:24.14; 131. Katherine Taylor (Ladywood), 23:30.93; 134. Rachel Wiggins (Luth. Westland), 23:40.85; 141. Megan Macek (Wayne), 24:10.72; 143. Megan Heil (Luth. Westland), 24:28.31; 144. Casey Butler (Glenn), 24:30.95; 147. Allison Johnson (Luth. Westland), 24:37.32; 169. Kayla Hood (Wayne), 26:22.09; 172. Kaiserin Macairan (Wayne), 27:33.83; 173. Bailey Paddock (Glenn), 27:41.45; 178. Victoria Boyd (Wayne), 28:06.51; 186. Arzooyan Alexandra (Wayne), 30:53.38; 188. Madisyn Gehr (Glenn), 33:07.26.

#### DUAL MEET RESULTS

##### LIVONIA CHURCHILL 17 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 46

**Oct. 9 at Cass Benton Pk. Individual winner:** Vivien Okechukwu (Churchill), 20:58.4 (5,000 meters).

**Other Churchill finishers:** 2. Jenna Hickson, 21:53.1; 3. Lauren Bernhardt, 21:58.6; 5. Julia Twigg, 22:27.4; 6. Michelle Azar, 22:27.5; 7. Kerigan Riley, 22:27.6; 8. Sydney Anderson, 22:27.5.

**John Glenn finishers:** 4. Barb Messics, 22:14.5; 9. Courtnee MacQuarrie, 23:36.9; 10. Hannah Mitchell, 25:05.1; 11. Casey Butler, 25:38.9; 12. Bailey Paddock, 27:25.4; 13. Carissa Urban, 29:51.8; 14. Carissa Root, 29:53.1.

**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 5-0 overall, 5-0 KLA South Division (clinched title outright); John Glenn, 1-4 overall, 1-4 KLA South.

##### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 15 WAYNE MEMORIAL 50

**Oct. 9 at Nankin Mills Individual winner:** Natalie Douglas (Franklin), 20:32.2 (5,000 meters).

**Other Franklin finishers:** 2. Natalie Martinez, 20:46.4; 3. Anna Snider, 20:55.7; 4. Mandy Pokrytky, 21:28.3; 5. Katelyn Kovach, 21:41.1; 6. CC Shoemaker, 21:42.7; 7. Tina Olter, 22:02.8.

**Wayne finishers:** 8. Megan Macek, 24:35.6; 9. Kendelle Hood, 24:48.0; 10. Kayla Hood, 25:53.0; 11. Kaiserin Macairan, 27:15.9; 12. Alanna Cyrus, 27:34.0; 13. Navneet Kaur, 28:19.8; 14. Victoria Boyd, 30:05.1.

**Dual meet records:** Franklin, 2-3 overall, 2-3 KLA South Division; Wayne, 0-6 overall, 0-5 KLA South.

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

#### WAYNE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY MEET

**Oct. 6 at Willow Metropark BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 109 points; 2. Plymouth, 134; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 137; 4. Salem, 138; 5. Livonia Churchill, 146; 6. Riverview, 187; 7. University of Detroit-Jesuit, 203; 8. Dearborn Divine Child, 238; 9. Grosse Pointe South, 255; 10. Trenton, 282; 13. Wayne Memorial, 342; 17. Livonia Franklin, 428; 19. Lutheran High Westland, 570; 26. Westland John Glenn, 730 (28 schools).

**Individual winner:** Dan Sims (Northville), 15 minutes, 48.11 seconds (5,000 meters).

**All-County (1st team):** 1. Sims (Northville), 15:48.11; 2. Griffin Miller (Divine Child), 16:04.36; 3. Jhaira Johnson (Garden City), 16:08.48; 4. Steve McEvilly (Salem), 16:18.68; 5. Daniel Garza (Dearborn Edsel Ford), 16:22.86; 6. Stephen Fenech (Stevenson), 16:25.39; 7. Zine Nasr (Edsel Ford), 16:29.32.

**All-County (2nd team):** 8. Brandon Dalton (Ply.), 16:31.46; 9. Ben Yates (Churchill), 16:34.03; 10. Zane Berlanga (Ply.), 16:34.42; 11. Drew Kanya (N'ville), 16:37.04; 12. Jeremy Rafter (Allen Park), 16:37.59; 13. Keenan Jones (Franklin), 16:38.98; 14. Daniel Malcolm (Wayne), 16:39.48.

**All-County (3rd team):** 15. Liam Cardenas (Ply.), 16:40.24; 16. Jack Dolan (U-D Jesuit), 16:40.82; 17. Jonathon Houdek (Riv.), 16:41.36; 18. Nick Salomon (U-D), 16:43.20; 19. Chaz Jeffers (Salem), 16:43.71; 20. George Bowles (Churchill), 16:45.44; 21. Ryan Pickell (Riv.), 16:48.60.

**All-County (honorable mention):** 22. Jason Ferrante (N'ville), 16:49.69; 23. Daniel Ciarravino (G.P. South), 16:50.25; 24. Erik Davis (Riv.), 16:51.73; 25. Jacob Colley (Stevenson), 16:52.24; 26. Sean Nowak (Trenton), 16:52.78; 27. Michael Karizat (Salem), 16:53.15; 28. Riley Doxtader (Salem), 16:53.57; 29. Billy Toth (Canton), 16:53.94; 30. Jon. Alessandrini (Churchill), 16:56.06; 31. Michael Sopko (Stevenson), 16:56.63; 32. Bradley Sanford (G.P. South), 16:57.54; 33. Jimmy Castellano (N'ville), 16:58.63; 34. Johnny Dalton (Ply.), 16:58.96; 35. Thomas Jozwiak (Southgate).

**Other area finishers:** 36. Andrew Stratton (Stevenson), 17:00.25; 39. Peter Walkuski (Stevenson), 17:05.17; 40. Luke Green (Stevenson), 17:06.02; 41. Matt Cohan (Churchill), 17:06.44; 46. Andrew Malik (Churchill), 17:11.56; 48. Devin Gibson (Wayne), 17:13.25; 53. Sean McKeon (Churchill), 17:17.87; 56. Jonathan Hovermale (Churchill), 17:23.17; 58. Zack Williams (Wayne), 17:24.16; 68. Tyler Reamer (Stevenson), 17:34.18;

97. Eric Smith (Luth. Westland), 18:01.80; 100. Calvin Hilt (Franklin), 18:07.09; 101. Jacob Forgacs (Franklin), 18:08.03; 103. Hunter Roedel (Luth. Westland), 18:10.49; 105. Alex Perelli (Franklin), 18:14.01; 108. Tim Flores (Wayne), 18:20.06; 109. Chris Codd (Glenn), 18:21.67; 113. Nick Robertson (Franklin), 18:24.78; 115. Eduardo Maya (Glenn), 18:25.82; 117. Michael Gibson (Wayne), 18:26.85; 119. Daniel Bunge (Luth. Westland), 18:30.54; 127. Tony Floyd (Franklin), 18:55.73; 128. Ian O'Banion (Luth. Westland), 19:02.04; 132. Pete Sillanpaa (Luth. Westland), 19:14.16; 133. Uriel Figueroa (Wayne), 19:18.66; 139. Michael Elrod (Franklin), 19:31.75; 169. Austin Hickerson (Glenn), 20:52.29; 173. Darian Reilly (Glenn), 21:06.50; 174. Weslee Warren (Luth. Westland), 21:06.99; 178. Kyle Saavedra (Wayne), 21:23.00; 186. Jason Morhan (Glenn), 21:57.81; 193. Matthew Parent (Luth. Westland), 22:12.70; 207. James Demsky (Glenn), 24:56.33.

#### DUAL MEET RESULTS

##### LIVONIA CHURCHILL 15 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 50

**Oct. 9 at Cass Benton Pk. Individual winner:** Ben Yates (Churchill), 17:05.3 (5,000 meters).

**Other Churchill finishers:** 2. George Bowles, 17:26.6; 3. Jon Hovermale, 17:26.8; 4. Sean McKeon, 17:35.5; 5. Jon Alessandrini, 17:40.2; 6. Brian Dusskiewicz, 18:02.6; 7. Andrew Malik, 18:03.7; 8. Colin Murphy, 18:04.7; 10. Clint Cowen, 18:55.2; 11. Sam Yurgill, 18:57.6.

**John Glenn finishers:** 9. Micah Orr, 18:42.2; 12. Ed Maya, 19:05.2; 13. Jesse Osoria, 19:19.7; 16. Chris Codd, 19:58.9; 23. Austin Hickerson, 20:35.7; 27. Darian Reilly, 22:08.4; 28. Jeff Busick, 22:11.8.

**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 5-0 overall, 5-0 KLA South Division (clinched title); John Glenn, 0-5 overall, 0-5 KLA South.

##### WAYNE MEMORIAL 27 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 28

**Oct. 9 at Nankin Mills Individual winner:** Ross Cecil (Franklin), 16:36.3 (5,000 meters).

**Wayne finishers:** 3. Devin Gibson, 17:18.1; 4. Daniel Malcolm, 17:28.4; 5. Zack Williams, 17:33.6; 7. Michael Gibson, 18:08.1; 8. Tim Flores, 18:12.0; 13. Uriel Figueroa, 19:15.0; 14. Jordan Whitehead, 21:28.3.

**Other Franklin finishers:** 2. Keenan Jones, 17:13.4; 6. Tony Floyd, 18:01.3; 9. Calvin Hilt, 18:17.3; 10. Nick Robertson, 18:30.1; 11. Alex Perelli, 18:35.2; 12. Jacob Forgacs, 18:58.6.

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

### SPIKERS

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what just happened. Forget about it, next point, next game, we've just got to turn around fast."

Abbott collected seven of her 14 kills in the second set to force a winner-take-all third set to 15.

But Churchill took control from the start jumping out to leads of 5-0 and 13-8 before Norscia came through with the game-winning kill off a left-side attack.

"We always say, 'first to five, first to 10, first to 15,' so just to get to those little markers in a game that are just goals before the other side does," Gatt said. "They all played phenomenal. (Krystyn) Niescier was picking up everything that came back there."

Durocher, a senior, also came up with four blocks in the championship final against Northville.

"Audrey stepped up big against Symone," Gatt said. "Just getting a touch and slowing them down is all I told them. I told them, 'If you can just get a touch on them, I'd be happy, just so that it's not full force on our defense.'"

"The key is just getting a hand on it. She's a good player. She's going to get some kind of swing. We expected that. She jumps out of the gym. It's crazy."

Meanwhile, Northville senior setter Rebecca Martin, who is headed to Georgia Tech, also proved to be a handful.



# Milestone: Basilica marks 40 years in Livonia

Parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia will observe the 40th anniversary of their church and its leadership, the Rev. George H. Shalhoub, with a "Weekend of Gratitude" activities, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 12-14.

The celebration will start with a welcome reception and awards presentation honoring founders and volunteers at 6:30 p.m. Friday. A "Dare to Dream" banquet is set for 5:30 p.m. Saturday. His Eminence, the Most Rev. Metropolitan Archbishop Philip Saliba, Primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, will lead bishops, priests, dignitaries and other faithful in prayers and devotions all weekend, culminating with Hier-

archical Divine Liturgy, at 10:30 a.m., Sunday. A brunch will follow the Mass.

Shalhoub also marks the 40th anniversary of his ordination this year. Born in Hama, Syria, he was sent to the Balamand Monastery in Lebanon at age 12 and later ordained a deacon. He arrived in the United States in 1971 to serve the growing number of American Orthodox Christians. That same year he married Nouhad Ghareeb, with whom he has raised four children. Shalhoub was assigned to the Mission of St. Mary in Livonia immediately after his ordination on Feb. 6, 1972. At that time there were few parishioners and no building to call their own.

In the years that followed, the group of immigrant Christians from across the Middle East and non-immigrants from throughout the United States, forged a family-like bond that helped the church to grow. Under Shalhoub's leadership, the congregation saw the construction and dedication of its current home in 1977 at 18100 Merriman. In 1991, the St. Mary's Cultural Center was completed and helped further solidify fellowship among the parishioners of St. Mary.

"Fellowship and faith are vital to a thriving parish; and, we have been blessed to build a congregation-in-Christ over our 40 years with more

than 600 hundred families who call St. Mary Basilica their house of worship, today," stated Shalhoub in a press release. "Because of the freedom of worship we have in America, we have been able to honor celebrate our faith for 40 years and grow it like a tree."

St. Mary Church was elevated to the stature of a basilica in 2002. The church has assumed a growing leadership role in educating Michigan-ers about the Eastern Orthodox faith. Saliba proclaimed it "a new church for a new century."

For more information about the 40th anniversary celebration, visit [www.saintmarylivonia.com](http://www.saintmarylivonia.com) or call (734) 422-0010.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

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

### October

#### BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

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

**Details:** All-you-can-eat French toast and pancakes breakfast also includes scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

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

#### CAPUCHIN MINISTRIES

**Time/Date:** 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19

**Location:** Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, in downtown Detroit.

**Details:** The 5th Annual Second Helping Afterglow costs \$50 per person and includes two free drink tickets, parking, desserts, coffee bar, entertainment. Proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. **Contact:** Get tickets at [www.secondhelping.org](http://www.secondhelping.org) or call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153

#### CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

**Details:** Free clothing

**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

#### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

**Location:** Universalist Unitar-



The Detroit Lutheran Singers will perform Sunday, Oct. 21, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.

ian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Folk musicians Joe Jencks, Terry Gonda and Kirsti Reeve perform. Admission is \$12 at the door; age 18 and under pay \$8

**Contact:** (248) 478-7272

#### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

**Location:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The Detroit Lutheran Singers 48th season with Bach's "Singet den Herrn" and many other songs. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for seniors and students 12 and over

**Contact:** [www.detroitlutheransingers.com](http://www.detroitlutheransingers.com)

#### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14

**Location:** First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, just north of Eight Mile, Southfield

**Details:** Pianist Calvin Taylor will perform beloved hymns, well-known spirituals and classical sacred music. Light

refreshments will be served

**Contact:** (248) 569-2972

#### CONTEMPORARY PRAISE SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20

**Location:** Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** Live Christian pop/rock music, a special drama and message, communion and refreshments are planned. Free will offering with proceeds to feeding people in need in local communities through Gleaners Food Bank and Deacons of the church

**Contact:** Mark Adams at [smadams\\_2@hotmail.com](mailto:smadams_2@hotmail.com)

#### DIVORCED CATHOLICS

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11

**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Junior High School Commons, 1062 Church, Plymouth

**Details:** New Beginnings is a support group for divorced Catholics that features guest speakers who will address topics central to the experience of divorced Catholics.

The evening will begin with a talk by Pam Haase, MS, LLPC, followed by a Q&A session providing attendees the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration for this event is recommended and free of charge

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

#### FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free meal

**Contact:** (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

#### FILM SERIES

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Oct. 17

**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

**Details:** The film "Precious Knowledge" will screen. Admission is free. Other upcoming films are "Domestic Violence," Nov. 14, "Freedom Riders," Jan. 16, 2013, "Traces of the Trade," Feb. 20, 2013, "Economic Happiness," March 20, 2013, and "Race is the Place," April 17, 2013

**Contact:** (734) 271-0070

#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Oct. 17

**Location:** The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Forgotten Harvest will be on site to give free food to anyone who needs it. Bring a grocery bag

**Contact:** (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

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## Livonia, Dearborn Heights thespians share local stage

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Zombies are taking over the Grantland Street Playhouse in Livonia — zombies from Dearborn Heights. The Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre will stage *Night of the Living Dead* the weekends before and after Halloween, at Motor City Youth Theatre's (MCYT) home.

"We love them and they love us and it's working out nicely," said Nancy Florkowski, MCYT director and founder. "I like to promote adult theater, too. They were in a situation and this looked like theatre heaven to them."

Ron Williams of Redford, a Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre board member who is producing the zombie-filled play, said his group is pleased to "try something different" by staging the show in Livonia. "We are renting the space for the show, but they've (MCYT) been very cordial with us."

Williams said his group has used space in the Berwyn Senior Center in Dearborn Heights, but that the site, "in the round on a gym floor," isn't the most conducive to theatre.

"Our goal is to be our own community theatre," he said. "We're in the process of trying to see where we go from here."

Williams isn't sure if his group eventually will leave Dearborn Heights, but also noted that "right now Livonia seems to be supportive of the arts."

He said the Dearborn Heights theater had staged two adult plays each year, along with a youth program during the summer. The group won't continue its youth theater at the Grantland, where Florkowski produces youth classes and plays year-around.

"We're not sure if we're going to try to still run a children's program out there (in Dearborn Heights) during the summer. We're flying by the seat of our pants right now," Williams said.

"The biggest challenge for us is to get people to see us ... people aren't looking for a show in Livonia. It's tapping a new audience for us."

### Mutual interests

He hopes the Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre will build a solid relationship with Florkowski's group. Williams agreed to leave the *Living Dead* set on stage for use by MCYT in an upcoming production. He plans to meet with a Grantland crew member to talk about other ways his group can assist MCYT.

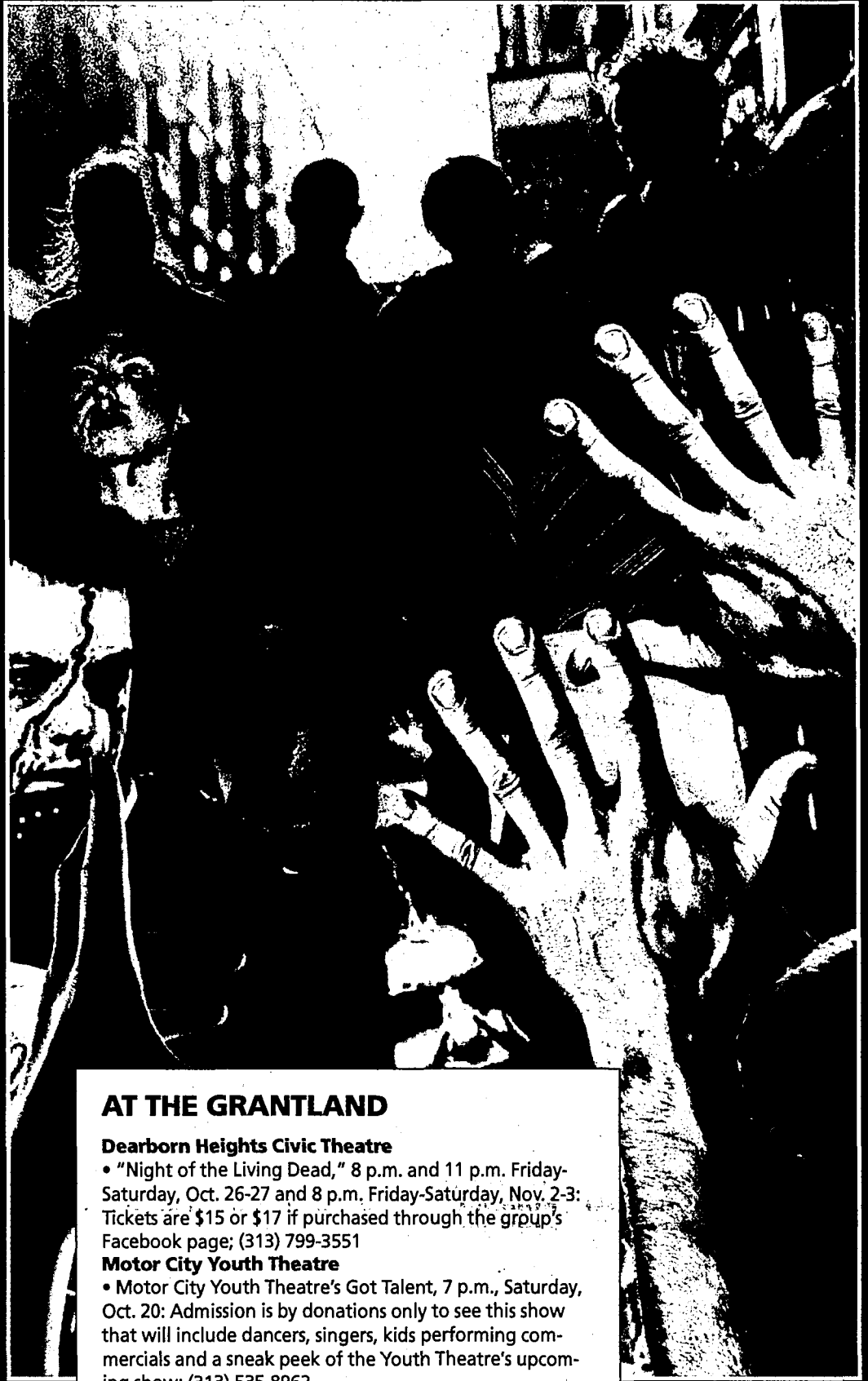
The Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre drew actors from Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Livonia, Garden City and Dearborn for its *Night of the Living Dead* cast.

Williams describes the show as "scary but cheesy." "It's not a children's show. It's like the (1960s) movie. It's a great show."

Anyone interested in portraying a zombie in the show should contact the troupe as soon as possible. "At this point we have enough, but if people are interested in being a zombie we need to hear from them. We never turn people away."

"The hardest part is finding people to help who don't want to be in a play. It's more difficult to find someone who wants to come and help backstage."

Contact Williams at [verbalkint7@aol.com](mailto:verbalkint7@aol.com). Visit [www.dhctstage.org](http://www.dhctstage.org) or call (313) 799-3551.



### AT THE GRANTLAND

#### Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre

• "Night of the Living Dead," 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27 and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3; Tickets are \$15 or \$17 if purchased through the group's Facebook page; (313) 799-3551

#### Motor City Youth Theatre

• Motor City Youth Theatre's Got Talent, 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20: Admission is by donations only to see this show that will include dancers, singers, kids performing commercials and a sneak peek of the Youth Theatre's upcoming show; (313) 535-8962

• "A Little Princess," 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11: Tickets are \$8 for children and senior citizens over 65 and \$10 for adults. "A Little Princess" tea for girls will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 10 and will include a ticket to the show. Cost is \$10; (313) 535-8962

The Grantland Street Playhouse is located at 27555 Grantland, Livonia



FILE PHOTO

### Country lovin' concert

Annabelle Road gets toes tapping at the Canton Liberty Fest in June. The group will make a return visit to the community Saturday, Oct. 13 for a benefit concert to aid the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a welcome reception with samples and specials from local establishments, followed by the two-hour country concert, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$30 and include the reception. Get tickets at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or call (734) 394-5460. For more about the Partnership, visit [www.partnershipforarts.org](http://www.partnershipforarts.org)

## Chili Cook-off roars into Plymouth

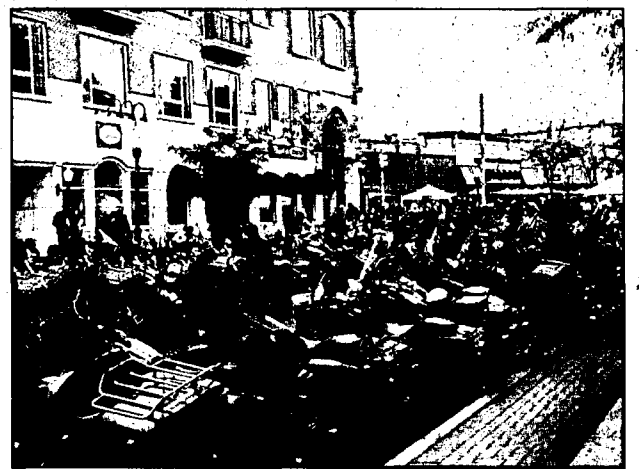
Jeff Scott can't begin to count all the motorcycles that visitors will see Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off in downtown Plymouth.

"Literally we're talking about hundreds and hundreds of bikes there. There are hundreds of bikes if not thousands," he said.

Scott, of Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles, figures his dealership's "Chili Ride" will draw at least 60 or 70 of those riders for a 75-minute tour throughout Livonia. The ride will begin at 10 a.m. at the dealership, 36534 Plymouth Road and end in downtown Plymouth.

Meanwhile, Motor City Harley-Davidson of Farmington Hills, also will offer a Chili Ride that will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the dealership, located at 34900 Grand River Avenue, and will end in downtown Plymouth. Registration for the two rides will begin at 8:30 a.m. at both sites. Cost is \$10 per person and include a police-escorted tour along with VIP parking at the Cook-off. Proceeds will benefit the Penrickton Center for Blind Children.

Motor City Harley-



Motorcycles line the streets during the annual Great Lakes Chili Cook-off in downtown Plymouth.

Davidson will sponsor a motorcycle show on Ann Arbor Trail at Kellogg Park in connection with the Chili Cook-off. Registration for the Great Lakes Regional Chili Bike Show will start at 10 a.m. and awards will be announced at 4:45 p.m. Cost to participate in the show is \$10.

Trophies will be given for the Peoples Choice and in all classes, along with "Best of Show."

Nine Harley Davidson categories will be available. Open categories include street, custom, touring, trike, antique, chopper and rat bike. For

more information call (248) 473-7433.

Live entertainment, including a performance by Steve King and the Dittilies, and children's activities will run noon to 5 p.m. at the Cook-off.

The public will get a chance to sample chili made by local restaurants beginning at 11 a.m. Chili competing in the "People's Choice" category will be available at noon, green chili at 1:30 p.m. and red chili at 3 p.m.

For more information visit [www.greatlakeschili.com](http://www.greatlakeschili.com).

By Sharon Dargay

## Farmington Hills seeks art for City Hall

The City of Farmington Hills invites professional artists in all media to submit work for its Public Art Program.

The program gives independent artist a chance to show their work to the public on a daily basis at Farmington Hills City Hall, located on 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

The City seeks both outdoor and indoor sculpture, two-dimensional work and relief. Artists may submit up to eight pieces, in the form of jpgs or CDs. Applications are due no later than Nov. 2, and are available 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills; via e-mail from [cpowers@fhgov.com](mailto:cpowers@fhgov.com); or online at [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com).

[fhgov.com](http://fhgov.com), under "Community/Cultural Arts/Art Exhibits." This opportunity is open to all artists; applicants do not have to be residents of Farmington Hills.

Works chosen will be presented to the public at an artists' reception in December prior to a Farmington Hills City Council meeting. Artwork will also be featured in news releases, on the City website, and in a printed price guide. Art will remain on exhibit for approximately two years. Special arrangements to substitute other artwork during this period also will be allowed, upon sale of the piece.

For more information, call Nancy Coumoundouros, cultural arts supervisor, at (248) 473-1856.



Art

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Time/Date: Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12. Runs through Nov. 9

Location: 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham
Details: The Michigan Ceramics Show, curated by John Glick of Farmington, is a biennial exhibition and competition that shows the diversity of ceramic art in Michigan and neighboring states

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 11
Location: City Gallery, located at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: The Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild shows elaborate decorative pieces, jewelry, and variations of other items that cel-

brate the use of beads in their creation

Contact: (248) 473-1856

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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

Friday Night: Concerts include Trio Voronezh, Oct. 12; Crime and the City Solution with American Mars, Oct. 19; Aerial Angels Ghost Circus, Oct. 26 and Shuffle Concert, Nov. 2. Aerial Angels, 7 p.m.; all others at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
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; Hid-

den Treasures: An Experiment, Oct. 31-March 3, 2013

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Oct. 27

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Vote for Me! Artists Respond to the Presidential Election of 2012," includes a variety of works by more than two dozen artists

Contact: (248) 344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: Through October

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: This first exhibit of the new season features work by instructors, students and board members, along with displays and photos from the Council as well as other community groups

Contact: (734) 416-4278

VAAL

Time/Date: Nov. 5-17; artist reception is 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9

Location: Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: The Visual Arts Association of Livonia fall exhibit will include original art work done by VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and mixed media. The art work will be for sale. Ellen M. Moucoulis of Schoolcraft College is the show jury

Affordable Art Sale: The 14th annual sale is 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Show will consist of unframed and small framed paintings, note cards and small art objects

Contact: (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Oct. 29

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: 20th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition includes paintings, sculptures, mixed media, charcoal drawings, pastels, ceramics, and photography by artists from throughout southeast Michigan

Contact: (734) 394-5308

Film

MJR DIGITAL THEATRE

Time/Date: Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 and Nov. 3-4

Location: 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Children's film festival includes "The Pirates!" "The Lorax," "Ice Age," and "Dog Days." Free for children, 12 and under. Adults pay \$1. Check show times the Tuesday before each weekend screening

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## Olive, vinegar sales benefit cancer patients

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Old World Olive Press customers will see red, white and pink this month when they shop the store's Plymouth and Birmingham locations.

The store is selling a pack of three products — its traditional balsamic vinegar that's aged 18 years, Tuscan herb-flavored olive oil and Arbosona olive oil — in 2-ounce bottles for \$17. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Pink Fund in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The store also recently began selling red and white wine.

"We have 10 varieties of wine now in Plymouth and Birmingham," said Kristin Holmes, manager of the two locations. "Five white and five red. They are chosen with the oil and vinegar in mind. We can suggest an oil and vinegar to go with them.

Pair the chianti with the Tuscan herb oil, for example, and "you get a burst of black olive flavor on the back of your palate that you don't get if you taste them separately."

"You can do an easy pasta dish using the Tuscan herb," Holmes said, adding that it also works well as a dipping oil.

Customers can taste oils, vinegars and wine when they visit the store. Holmes encourages shoppers to bring along the oils they normally buy at the supermarket and compare them to Old World Olive Press oils.

She said the two-ounce gift sets, such as the trio of oils and vinegar that benefit The Pink Fund, are a "nice introduction" to the store.

"It's perfect because these are three of our best selling oils and vin-



Old World Olive Press in Plymouth and Birmingham is selling this three-pack of oils and vinegar. A portion of the proceeds benefits The Pink Fund.

egars."

The store generally pairs the two-ounce bottles with a recipe of the month, but will offer them as a part of the cancer awareness campaign through October.

"We wanted to go ahead and donate to this cause," she said, adding "A lot of our focus here is on the health benefits (of olive oil).

The Pink Fund distributes short-term financial aid in the form of direct bill payment for breast cancer patients during active treatment or recovery for breast cancer. The organization assists patients with such bills as car payments, house or rent payments, medical or auto insurance and utility costs.

Visit the Plymouth store at 467 Forest; (734) 667-2755. The Birmingham location is 282 W. Maple; (248) 792-2192.

For more information, visit [www.oldworldolivepress.com](http://www.oldworldolivepress.com); [www.thepinkfund.org](http://www.thepinkfund.org).



GETTY IMAGES

## School lunches get a makeover

As schools introduce lunch menus in line with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) new school lunch regulations, chocolate milk has already undergone a makeover that schools, parents and kids can all feel good about.

Keith Ayoob, a nationally-recognized child nutrition expert, highlights the biggest changes under the new regulations:

- Nutrient-rich milk is emphasized. Along with lowfat and fat free white milk, now all the chocolate milk served for school lunch will be fat free.

- More colorful fruits and vegetables. Both fruits and vegetables must be served every day of the week, and there is now a weekly requirement for specific colors of vegetables. Previously schools only had to offer either fruit or vegetables.

- Whole grains will be required. While encouraged in the past, schools now must offer whole-grain rich foods. Schools are really looking at how to ensure foods are nutritious, but also appealing to kids. It's a challenge, but one that schools across the nation are focused on.

- Schools are paying attention to portions. Calorie limits will be enforced based on the

age of children being served to ensure proper portion size. New menus will be increasingly focused on reducing saturated fat, trans fats and sodium.

While the requirements for school lunch menu has only recently changed, school chocolate milk has been undergoing changes for the past five years. The nation's milk processors have been hard at work to lower the calories and sugar in school flavored milk, while continuing to deliver a nutritious and delicious drink kids love. School flavored milk now has 40 percent less added sugar than just five years ago and on average, just 132 calories per serving, according to a new nationwide survey of milk at schools during the 2011-2012 school year.

Flavored milk is the most popular choice in school lunch rooms, and kids drink less milk and get fewer nutrients when it's taken away. Whether flavored or white, milk has nine essential nutrients, including calcium, vitamin D and potassium, which are all "nutrients of concern" that most kids fail to get enough of. Many kids are falling short of the recommended milk each day, and when they skip milk at lunch, they're not likely to make up

for it the rest of their day.

Ayoob has some tips to help parents and kids make the most of school lunches:

- It's equally important that school meals are appealing, as they are nutritious. Along with good nutrition, food choices need to be practical, so they don't end up in the trash. Many children are overfed but undernourished, so focusing on our kids' nutrient intake is essential now more than ever. Studies show flavored milk contributes just 3 percent of added sugars to kids' diets, compared to sodas and fruit drinks, which account for close to half of the added sugar and deliver much less, if any, nutritional value.

- Help kids learn healthy choices. Research has found that if you offer kids carrots and celery, they'll eat more carrots than if you just provide carrots alone. Offering nutritious choices in schools helps kids learn food and nutrition lessons and research suggests the ability to choose between two or more options helps boost kids' overall intake of nutritious foods.

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## Party with pork in entrees, desserts

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This Simply Saucy Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin is sure to be a crowd pleaser because, after all, everything is better when wrapped in bacon. This delectable dish offers a new and memorable approach to standard party food with four different accompanying sauces to suit any party goer's palate. Add a fruity twist with crushed pineapple sauce, or spice things up with a kick of jalapeño chilies. Go savory with a touch of Dijon, or smoky with chipotle chilies in adobo sauce.

Or try something a little out-of-the box by preparing Coconut-Crusted Pork Tenderloin Lollipops.

Top off dinner with a dessert that combines bacon and peanut butter.

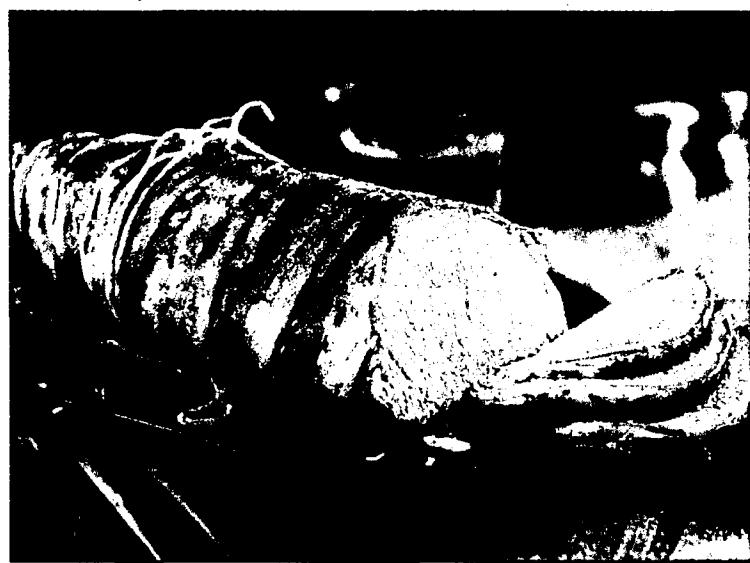
Whatever type of event you are planning, your guests will leave with mouthwatering memories.

For more seasonal inspiration and pork recipes, visit the National Pork Board at [www.PorkBeInspired.com](http://www.PorkBeInspired.com), [www.Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired](http://www.Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired) and [www.Pinterest.com/PorkBeInspired](http://www.Pinterest.com/PorkBeInspired). Also, be sure to follow @allaboutpork on Twitter for timely recipes and tips.

### Simply Saucy Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin

Serves 10 (6-ounce portions)

4 pound boneless center-cut pork loin roast, (untied), fat and silver skin trimmed  
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt  
1 teaspoon black pepper, freshly ground  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
8-9 slices bacon  
1 cup barbecue sauce, purchased



Simply Saucy Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin

Preheat oven to 450°F. Sprinkle pork with salt and pepper.

Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add pork and brown on all sides, about 6 minutes. Transfer to plate and cool for 10 minutes.

Wrap bacon slices vertically around pork roast; do not overlap bacon. Tie lengthwise and crosswise with kitchen string to hold bacon in place; tuck loose ends of bacon under string. Place on a rack in a roasting pan, tucked-bacon side down.

Roast on rack for 15 minutes. Turn pork over and reduce temperature to 350°F and roast for 15 minutes. Remove rack and return pork to pan, tucked-end side up. Roast, turning occasionally until bacon is browned and an instant-read thermometer inserted in the center of the roast reads 145°F,

about 50 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand for 10 minutes.

Skim fat from pan juices, leaving browned juices in pan. Add barbecue sauce and preferred savory, spicy, fruity or smoky ingredient and bring to simmer over medium heat, stirring to loosen browned bits in pan; simmer 2 minutes. Remove strings, carve pork, and serve with sauce.

Preferred Ingredients:

- Savory: Whisk 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard into the sauce.
- Spicy: Stir in 2 tablespoons pickled jalapeño chilies (nacho sliced), drained and finely chopped, into the sauce.

- Fruity: Stir one 8.25-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained, into the sauce.
- Smoky: Stir in 1 or 2 minced canned chipotle chilies in adobo into the sauce.

### Coconut-Crusted Pork



Coconut-Crusted Pork Tenderloin Lollipops

### Tenderloin Lollipops

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

1 pork tenderloin, (about 1 pound)  
1 cup sweetened coconut, shredded  
1/4 cup honey  
1/4 cup apricot jam  
1 tablespoon fresh ginger root, grated  
2 cloves garlic, peeled  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
Salt  
Ground black pepper  
12 6-inch wooden skewers

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Spread coconut on baking sheet. Place in heated oven and bake for 6-8 minutes or until lightly toasted, stirring halfway through baking.

Meanwhile, place honey, jam, ginger and garlic in blender container. Cover and blend until well mixed.

Rub tenderloin with oil; season with salt and pepper. Prepare a medium-hot fire in covered grill. Grill tenderloin, over direct heat for 5 minutes or just until entire surface is brown,

turning occasionally. Adjust grill to indirect heat; generously brush entire tenderloin with honey-apricot mixture. Cover and grill over indirect heat for 20 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 145 degrees F, brushing generously with additional honey-apricot mixture halfway through grilling. Transfer pork to cutting board. Loosely cover with foil; let rest for 10 minutes.

Brush tenderloin again with honey-apricot mixture. Coat tenderloin in coconut, firmly pressing coconut on pork. Skewer with lollipop sticks or bamboo skewers, from the top straight through to the bottom, at 1/2-inch intervals. Slice between sticks into lollipop-shaped pieces. Pat edges of "lollipops" with remaining coconut, if necessary.

Makes 6 appetizer servings.

Courtesy of Family Features



## Firefighting groups take aim at false alarm problem

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) released the Fire Service Guide to Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarms, a free 17-page downloadable PDF document that offers guidance to members of the fire service to reduce unwanted fire alarms. It is available through NFPA's catalog at [www.nfpacatalog.org/redgd](http://www.nfpacatalog.org/redgd).

Fire departments are often faced with challenges presented by unwanted alarms as they strive to allocate limited resources to fulfill their core mission of protecting lives and property and deal with these types of notifications which do not require emergency services. An unwanted alarm is defined by NFPA 72®, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, as any alarm that occurs that is not the result of a potentially hazardous condition. A recent NFPA study found that in 2009, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 2.1 million false alarms, which included 979,500 responses due to unintentional activations and 698,000 due to system malfunctions.

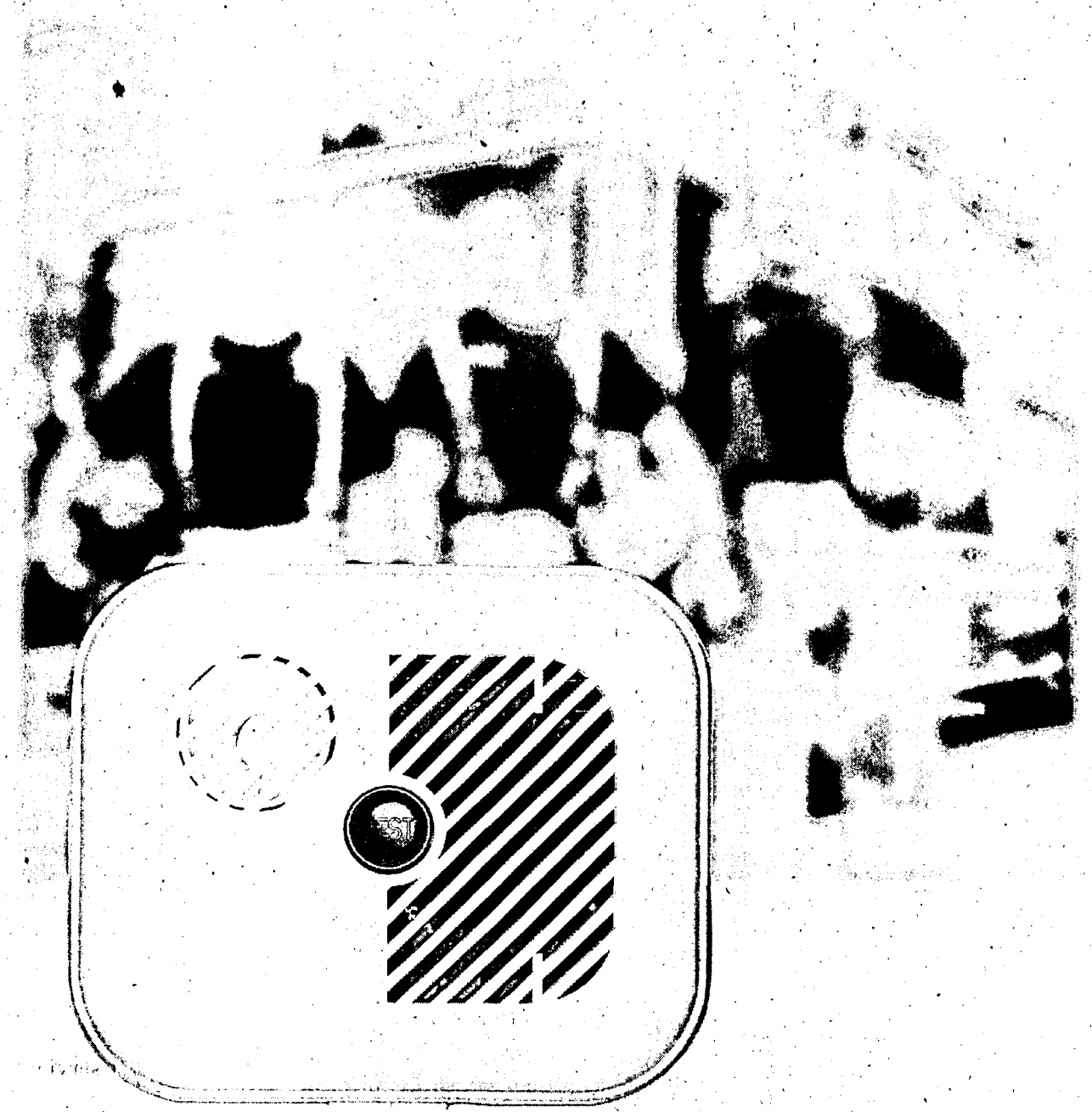
"Unintentional fire alarm activations that clearly do not require an emergency response are happening at a rate that challenges the fire service and this guide was developed to offer guidance to fire departments seeking out information on how they can take action to reduce the amount of unwanted alarms in their commu-

nity," said Ken Willette, NFPA's division manager of Public Fire Protection and a former fire chief.

This new guide offers fire service personnel basic knowledge on how fire alarm systems and detection devices operate and how to assess the cause of alarms where no emergency condition is apparent. The guide can assist authorities having jurisdiction in developing strategies to manage response to unwanted alarms through practices reflective of risk assessment, resources management, and current code recommendations. It addresses commercial and residential building fire alarm systems, as well as single-family dwellings and single- or multiple-station smoke alarms within dwelling units.

"Unwanted alarms are a drain on fire department resources and pose a significant safety hazard to both responders and the public," said Chief Hank Clemensen, IAFC president and chairman of the board. "IAFC was pleased to work in collaboration with other fire service organizations, the federal government and industry to address this issue at the national level; but our work can't have true meaning if we don't provide tools and resources for our fire departments to make a difference in local communities."

This guide is the outcome of a summit that addressed the challenges of unwanted fire alarms that was hosted by NFPA, IAFC and



the United States Fire Administration in 2011. NFPA and IAFC developed this document in collaboration.

The IAFC represents the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders worldwide. IAFC members are the

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NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the inter-

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 2-6, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
912 Atherstone Dr	\$315,000
43243 Barchester Rd	\$160,000
40456 Blytheheld Ln	\$73,000
8461 Chatham Dr	\$533,000
366 Cornell St	\$190,000
8661 Creekwood Dr	\$497,000
217 Edington Cir	\$140,000
1665 Heron Cir	\$140,000
1909 Jan Cir	\$60,000

49552 Lansdowne St	\$340,000
1201 Liberty Ct	\$410,000
48392 Manhattan Cir	\$395,000
7962 N Lilley Rd	\$77,000
1796 Oakview Dr	\$128,000
8532 Sandpiper St	\$170,000
4640 Shoreview Dr	\$191,000
51028 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$178,000
2930 Stanton St	\$225,000
798 Taylor Ln	\$310,000
48560 Warwick Cir	\$319,000
GARDEN CITY	
32502 Alvin St	\$79,000
28636 Balmoral St	\$42,000
31966 Chester St	\$85,000
535 Clair St	\$65,000
29434 Florence St	\$70,000
30420 Florence St	\$65,000
5826 Helen St	\$71,000
28651 Rosslyn Ave	\$35,000

LIVONIA	
35550 Ann Arbor Trl	\$165,000
31529 Arizona St	\$70,000
28704 Bayberry Park Dr	\$139,000
11301 Berwick St	\$175,000
18333 Brentwood St	\$124,000
18775 Canterbury Dr	\$175,000
17748 Country Club Dr	\$220,000
18601 Doris St	\$136,000
15929 Ellen Dr	\$165,000
14756 Harrison St	\$81,000
33735 Hathaway St	\$100,000
15981 Houghton Dr	\$222,000
11310 Hubbard St	\$104,000
9348 Iowa St	\$130,000
20007 Maplewood St	\$70,000
16609 Marsha St	\$160,000
36561 Parkdale St	\$110,000
16317 Riverside St	\$210,000
15231 Santa Anita St	\$14,000

31568 Scone St	\$84,000
17718 Westbrook Dr	\$161,000
NORTHVILLE	
16587 Dundalk Ln	\$291,000
16866 Horseshoe Dr	\$461,000
15947 Morningside	\$114,000
PLYMOUTH	
13001 Beacon Hill Dr	\$385,000
9601 Bobwhite Ct	\$275,000
48636 Chambury Ct	\$340,000
230 Garling Dr	\$137,000
45978 Litchfield Dr	\$305,000
45450 Moonlight Dr	\$260,000
40652 Newport Dr	\$43,000
855 Penniman Ave	\$335,000
REDFORD	
19304 Centralia	\$14,000
19604 Dalby	\$40,000
18286 Denby	\$23,000
19908 Fox	\$41,000

15032 Gaylord	\$63,000
14710 Lenore	\$65,000
9209 Nathaline	\$40,000
9631 Nathaline	\$50,000
25055 S Sylbert Ct	\$30,000
11359 Seminole	\$60,000
16919 Wakenden	\$38,000
WESTLAND	
2817 Batavia Ct	\$17,000
34558 Donnelly St	\$65,000
30820 Geraldine St	\$83,000
37050 Gilchrist St	\$75,000
8105 Huntington St	\$23,000
39003 Huron Pkwy	\$150,000
31731 Joy Rd	\$70,000
30037 Malvern St	\$73,000
8715 Terri Dr	\$39,000
5735 Wilmer St	\$30,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 18-22, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16286 Buckingham Ave	\$125,000
32000 Evergreen Rd	\$630,000
17138 Kirkshire Ave	\$290,000
160 Turnberry Ct	\$200,000
18600 Walmer Ln	\$312,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1023 Bennaville Ave	\$535,000
1486 Edgewood Rd	\$205,000
1393 Fairfax St	\$1,400,000
1393 Fairway Dr	\$390,000
1900 Fairway Dr	\$270,000
1060 Hazel St	\$205,000
1842 Hazel St	\$170,000
1276 Holland St	\$128,000
648 Humphrey Ave	\$165,000
1253 Lake Park Dr	\$640,000
1501 Mansfield Rd	\$208,000

1456 Ruffner Ave	\$514,000
864 Smith Ave	\$490,000
1003 Wakefield St	\$280,000
1695 Washington Blvd	\$340,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
6914 Halyard Rd	\$138,000
4140 Lakeridge Ln	\$260,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1389 Ashover Dr	\$145,000
38 Barrington Rd	\$108,000
6705 Birmingham Club Dr	\$645,000
3340 Chickering Ln	\$172,000
962 Dowling Rd	\$840,000
3950 Franklin Rd	\$1,903,000
1844 Golf Ridge Dr S	\$385,000
1031 Home Ln	\$330,000
4134 Nearbrook Rd	\$398,000
5151 Vincennes Ct	\$265,000
1750 Ward Rd	\$128,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
5199 Birkdale Dr	\$317,000
4665 Commerce Woods Dr	\$222,000
1555 Huron Springs Ln	\$345,000
5954 Lochmore Dr	\$189,000
8621 Oaksdale Ave	\$80,000
769 Polvadera St	\$144,000
5742 Strawberry Cir	\$60,000
FARMINGTON	

33041 Annewood St	\$140,000
23231 Ashley St	\$85,000
21427 Birchwood St	\$155,000
32080 Grand River Ave Unit 8	\$38,000
23111 Hawthorne St	\$61,000
21217 Robinwood St	\$150,000
33503 Shiawassee St	\$186,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29498 Beau Rdg	\$127,000
28730 Bella Vista Dr	\$101,000
37047 Birwood Ct	\$258,000
34000 Braebury Rdg	\$336,000
28020 Brandywine Rd	\$203,000
28638 Briar Hill Dr	\$200,000
22640 Colgate St	\$50,000
24550 Creekside Dr	\$90,000
36299 Crompton Cir	\$215,000
28407 E Greenmeadow Cir	\$131,000
28937 Kendallwood Dr	\$249,000
35705 Lone Pine Ln	\$144,000
22079 Malden St	\$49,000
22849 Montclair St	\$81,000
26053 Pleasant Valley Rd	\$264,000
21420 Randall St	\$260,000
23499 Sans Souci St	\$138,000
29775 Sierra Point Cir	\$90,000
29870 W 12 Mile Rd # 705	\$35,000

33866 Walnut Ln	\$235,000
39202 Wilton Ct	\$215,000
FRANKLIN	
32525 Haverford Rd	\$253,000
30650 Rosemond Dr	\$335,000
MILFORD	
1580 S Hickory Ridge Rd	\$133,000
768 S Millford Rd	\$70,000
1180 Stetlane	\$428,000
2605 W Commerce Rd	\$84,000
378 Whitewater St	\$265,000
NOVI	
50695 Amesburg Dr	\$627,000
25842 Arcadia Dr	\$467,000
45321 Bartlett Dr	\$246,000
24520 Bashian Dr	\$61,000
24633 Cavendish Ave E	\$415,000
31132 Centennial Dr	\$122,000
25458 Danyas Way	\$60,000
28105 Hewes Ln	\$160,000
40588 Lenox Park Dr	\$268,000
330 Ludlow St	\$125,000
27852 Middleton Dr	\$153,000
23962 Mondavi Dr	\$50,000
23221 Mystic Forest Dr	\$305,000
23265 Mystic Forest Dr	\$327,000
24671 Nepavine	\$560,000
41812 Quince Dr	\$110,000

41441 Reindeer Dr	\$315,000
25280 Seeley Rd	\$50,000
27547 Sloan St	\$249,000
25270 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
41211 Todd Ln	\$190,000
SOUTH LYON	
23530 Bristlecone Ct	\$371,000
222 E Lake St	\$190,000
827 Huntington Dr	\$245,000
60600 Mary Ln	\$250,000
61071 Preakness Blvd	\$315,000
53944 Springwood Dr	\$25,000
Southfield	
27530 Abington St	\$133,000
22552 Avon Ln	\$93,000
17930 Bonstelle Ave	\$111,000
29070 Fairfax St	\$82,000
30505 Old Stream Cir	\$130,000
28680 Ranchwood Dr	\$130,000
20965 Virginia St	\$160,000
17319 Wiltshire Blvd	\$41,000
30465 Woodgate Dr	\$138,000
WHITE LAKE	
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**Rummage Sales & Flea Markets**

**CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
27225 Wixom Rd., Nov. Sat. Oct. 13, 8-1pm. \$2 bag sale at noon. Drop off donations accepted Fri. Oct. 12 only.

**FARMINGTON HILLS RUMMAGE SALE**  
The Birmingham Temple 28611 W. 12 Mile btwn Middlebelt & Inkster. Thurs., Oct. 11, 5pm-8pm (20% Mark-Up 1st Night) Fri., Oct. 12, 9am-4pm Sat., Oct. 13, 9am-noon Bag Sale! Cash Only.

**Estates Sales**

**Another Bernard Davis Estate Sale** 313-837-1993  
2450 John R Rd., Troy 48063  
Oct. 11-13, 8:45am-4pm. Info at: estatesale.net See You There!

**HUGE ESTATE SALE!**  
37538 Glenogrove Dr., Farmington Hills. Oct. 11-13th, 9-5pm. Exquisite merchandise throughout. A must see!  
Estate Sales Plus 586-219-5703

**REDFORD: ESTATE SALE**  
Oct. 13, 9am-6pm. Oct. 14, 9am-3pm. Furniture, tools, many sports, health, books, exercise equip. 25021 Donald at Sarasota, E. of Beech, N. of Schoolcraft.

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**Garage/Moving Sales**

**CANTON: Estate/Garage Sale.**  
Oct. 11-13, 9-5, 1179/1211 Heritage Dr. Palmer & Haggerty, 3/4 twin bed set, misc. furniture, leather couch, Native American novelties, sewing machine, some antiques, painting, household items & clothes, much more. Items priced to sell.

**CANTON-Huge Sale**  
Oct. 12 (9 to 5), Oct. 13 (9 to 5) & Oct. 14 (9 to 1). Bunker Hill Lane, Canton (off Warren Rd., between Lily and Shelton). Kitchen items, linens, towels, clothes, antiques, lots of Halloween decorations!

**FARMINGTON HILLS: 33753**  
Rhoswood. NW of 8 Mile & Farmington. Off Flanders. 10-5, Oct. 13-14. No Early Birds.

**GARDEN CITY:**  
29552 Rush Ave. 1st street off Middlebelt, S. of Warren. Oct. 11-13, 9-5pm. Some furniture, lots of glassware & much more!

**LIVONIA LARGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE!**  
Fri. & Sat. (10/12 & 10/13) 9am-5pm  
Huge variety of baby items, furniture, tools, designer clothing & shoes, toys, LONGABERGER baskets, bedding, holiday items, household items, electronics and jewelry  
**EVERYTHING MUST GO!**  
15447 Susanna Circle Livonia 48154-2 blocks W. of Newburgh, 2 blocks N. of 5 Mile. (734) 365-1735

**LIVONIA: Mom 2 Mom Sale.**  
Sat. October 13th, 9am-1pm. Franklin High School 31000 Joy Rd. Gently used children's items.

**LIVONIA Sat-Sun, Oct. 13 & 14, 9am-4pm.** 9150 Colorado St. E Farmington Joy. Furniture, TV's, Clothing, Household items - all priced to sell!

**LIVONIA: Semi-Hoarders Garage Sale.** Thurs-Sat. 9-6. Sun. 10-5. 38415 Plymouth Rd. 1/2 W. of Newburgh Rd.

**LIVONIA Yard Sale**  
18618 Farmington Rd - S of 7 Mile. 9am-4pm, Sat., 10/13 only! Furniture, antiques, and artsy things.

**NEW HUDSON-** 60634 Lamplighter Dr. W of Martin-dale in Cobblestone Sub. Sat & Sun, 9-4. Clothes, crafts, decorative holiday items, mirrors!

**NOVI - Furniture, baby/kids toys, clothes, electronics kitchenware, rugs.** 22745 Foxmoor Dr., Nov. Oct. 12-13, 9am-4pm.

**NOVI - Oct. 12-13, 9am-6pm-** 40311 & 40257 Oak Tree, S of 10 Mile, off Cranbrook. Furniture & lots of misc.

**PLYMOUTH - Corinne off Joy,** 10/13-10/14, 3 garages! 12 families, 9-5pm. NEW home goods, collectibles, girl's clothes (size 7-10), electric lawn mower, baskets, x-mas.

**PLYMOUTH Garage/Moving Sale**  
Friday, Oct. 12, (9am-6pm) & Saturday, Oct. 13 (8am-5pm) 50150 Joy Rd. Plymouth

**PLYMOUTH: Garage Sale.** Thurs. & Fri. Oct. 11 & 12, 9-3. Sat. Oct. 13, 9-1. 48522 Southview Lane, 48170. Btwn. N. Territorial & Ann Arbor Rds.

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**Thursday**

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLER**

**ACROSS**

- Digestive juice
- Number one
- Alt.
- Valhalla host
- Hodgepodge
- Hollover subj.
- Looked a long time
- Dropped the ball
- Hindu royalty
- Exercise system
- Plug up
- Commencement
- Fumbled lumberjack
- Guns, in cop shows
- List ender
- Email option
- Trick -- treat!
- Ms. Hagen of films
- Keep on repeating (hyph.)
- Pakoe packet (2 wds.)

**DOWN**

- Wet, spongy area
- Spud st.
- Designer -- Claiborne
- Oomph
- "10" actress
- Diminutive
- Carbondale sch.
- Back-fence yowler

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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	5			6				
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	2							
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	6	8		9	1	7		
2	1		4			8	3	
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5				7	2	4		
1				4				8

Level: Beginner

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

**Word Search - Adoption**

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adoption child family infant lengthy  
baby custodian guardian international parents  
caregiver duration household legality proceedings

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

**Sudoku**

8	9	2	8	7	9	6	7	1						
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**Word Search**

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**Garage/Moving Sales**

**WATERFORD HOUSEHOLD SALE**  
Friday, Oct. 12, Noon-7pm  
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QUALITY Household Items, furniture, electronics, boys/infant clothing, LOTS OF TOYS! 1262 Forest Bay Drive, between Cass Lake & Cooley Lake Rds, in Forest Bay Subdivision

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