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Art show

Seventeen artists from Three Cities Art Club will display and sell framed paintings and photographs during the club's Festival of the Arts Friday-Sunday, Oct. 19-21, at Westland Shopping Center.

This second annual free event offers creative art, live instrumental, vocal and dance performances and family activities. Show hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, call Allen Brooks at (734) 525-9708.

For more information about the Three Cities Art Club, call Marilyn at (313) 231-3939.

Open house

Wayne-Westland's Champions program will participate in the annual Lights On Afterschool nationwide celebration of afterschool programs today, Oct. 18.

Champions will be one of more than 7,500 sites across the nation sending the message that afterschool is key to children's success, and that the lights must be kept on and doors open after school. It will be holding an open house 4-6 p.m. at Marshall Upper Elementary School on Bayview east of Wayne Road in Westland.

There will be refreshments, activities and a chance to see why children and families like Champions and how its high-quality programs are making a difference.

"The benefits of quality afterschool programs are clear. They support working families by ensuring that children are safe and productive when the school day ends," program manager Dawn Adkins said. "We hope that you will help us keep the lights on after school, and give our children a brighter future."

Council tables vote on merger of fire unions

By LeAnne Rogers
 Observer Staff Writer

From a practical standpoint, the Westland and Wayne fire departments are already merged into one operation.

But the legal merger into a separate fire entity hit an unexpected snag Monday as the Westland council tabled a vote on a letter of understanding between the two firefighter unions and the

two cities.

The council had already approved an interlocal agreement with Wayne that merged the departments.

The tabling motion was made by Councilman Bill Johnson, and supported by Councilwoman Christine Bryant, both of whom denied their actions were politically motivated.

At issue was language in the letter of understanding which

says that the new separate legal entity created by the two cities will become a self-funded fire authority with voter approved millage or some other similar mechanism.

"It requires a millage increase and that is not proper in a labor agreement. We should table it," said Johnson, who wanted the language clarified.

Heading the joint department, Fire Chief Michael Reddy said

that no one on the council had contacted him with questions or concerns in the two weeks since the agreements were presented at a study session.

"I hate to see politics put before public safety. If there was a question when it was presented two weeks ago, they could be answered by now," said Reddy.

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STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Who will it be?

The Homecoming spirit has invaded John Glenn High School and will culminate with the annual Homecoming football game, announcement of the Homecoming king and queen and Homecoming dance this weekend. The student body will select the king and queen with announcement to be made during halftime Friday evening. The winners will come from the Homecoming Court which include Clair Truskowski (front row, from left), Jenna Nabozny, Violet Gjocaj, Tessa Diaz, Casey Butler, Jewell Jones (back row, from left), Marcus Allen Jr., DeAndre Moore, Keith Kraning and DaMario Jones.

Memorial groundbreaking set for Veterans Day

By LeAnne Rogers
 Observer Staff Writer

The exact location hasn't been determined but a groundbreaking for the Westland Veterans Memorial Garden is set for Veterans Day Sunday, Nov. 11.

The groundbreaking will be part of the Salute Our Veter-

ans program at 2 p.m. on William P. Faust Library at 6123 Central City Parkway.

Originally, the memorial garden had been planned for Central City Park but now will be located near the library.

The park location was providing problematical due to the location of a fence blocking access to a contaminated

pond and inability have plantings due to lead contamination remediation.

Relocation of the memorial garden, to be privately paid for through fundraising, came as Westland explores possible locations for a new City Hall, including a site behind the

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W-W seeks author of bogus bomb threat

By Sue Mason
 Observer Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland school officials are trying to find out who left a bogus bomb threat at John Glenn High School in Westland.

Described as "scribble" by Deputy Superintendent Paul Salah, it was discovered by a midnight custodian in a stall in a boys' bathroom late Monday night. Westland police were called to investigate and determined the message to not be

"credible threat," Salah said.

"The police looked at it and immediately ruled it out," Salah said. "They didn't give it much credence to it."

Salah added that the message was lightly written and difficult to see. It was also "very vague and said something like bomb, get out."

"Obviously, it is not something we take lightly, we take these things very seriously," he said.

Salah alerted parents of Glenn students about the discovery

by a robocall Tuesday morning. The staff also was informed and kept a lookout for any suspicious behavior. School officials are not sure when the message was written, but are conducting "a thorough and complete" investigation to find out who left it.

"We have the best interest of the students at heart," Salah added. "We are looking out for the kids and building."

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Clerk predicts long lines at polls on election day

By LeAnne Rogers
 Observer Staff Writer

The combination of a lengthy ballot and expected high turnout for a presidential election is likely to result in long lines at the polls Nov. 6.

A resident recently called on Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof to speed up the voting process by having plenty of voting machines available.

"By state law, we can only have one tabulator per precinct," said Schoof.

With the computerized voting machines, voters take their paper ballots to a station with a privacy screen and then turn in their ballots to be feed into the tabulator.

If there were two tabulators, Schoof said they would generate two vote totals that would have to be processed manually to get the precinct results — something that would take longer than using a singular tabulator.

Just over two weeks before the election, Schoof said she still needs election workers as she plans to have six workers per precinct.

Westland has approximately 61,000 registered voters and had a 66 percent voter turnout at the 2008 presidential election.

Schoof is encouraging voters to cast absentee ballots, if they meet one of the qualifications — 60 years or older, physically unable to get to the polls or being out of the community election day.

"There are no absentee police who are going to come to your house," said Schoof. "There will be long lines election day. It's a two-page double-sided ballot. It will take people 20-30 minutes to vote."

During the 2008 presidential election, Schoof said people waited in three hour lines to cast their ballots.

"Come see me if you need an absentee ballot," said Schoof, adding two stamps are required to return the ballot by mail due to its size.

The Clerk's Office stays open the Saturday before the election — in this case Nov. 3 — to allow absentee voting. That would also be the last day absentee ballots can be returned by mail.

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W.C. Franks Furniture store closing for good

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

William C. Franks Furniture, a fixture in the city of Wayne for nearly 50 years, is announcing plans to close permanently nearly two years after a gas explosion leveled the store on Wayne Road, killing two employees and severely injuring the owner.

The store's website announces a retirement sale at its warehouse location on Dearborn Street off east-bound Michigan Avenue, which was opened to the public after the Dec. 29, 2010, gas explosion, the cause of which wasn't fully determined. The blast killed two Westland residents, Leslie Machni-

ak, 54, a secretary, and James Zell, 64, a salesman, and left owner Paul Franks, the son of the store's founder, with serious burns.

Franks, a Plymouth Township resident, declined to be interviewed for this story, saying he's a private person and has refused all media requests since the tragedy. By phone, Franks said the store could be closed by the end of the year.

Wayne Mayor Abdul "Al" Haidous said Franks' closing will be a big loss for his city, but that he understands and respects the decision.

"That store was built on good reputation, loyal customers, because of the quality of the people who

run that business and own that business," Haidous said.

Franks Furniture opened in 1963 and has its roots in a furniture refinishing business. Paul Franks helped his father, William, and mother, Betty, at the store as a young man.

Haidous said Paul Franks sold quality furniture, had good relations with the public and was active in the city. Everyone who dealt with the business "fell in love with them," he said.

"It's a big loss to lose business of that caliber, and the people will miss that store," he said.

The website advertises prices of up to 75 percent off.

Consumers Ener-



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The William C. Franks Furniture Store was leveled by a fatal explosion in December 2010. After reopening in a new location, owner Paul Franks, the son of the store's founder, has decided to close his doors for good.

gy, which supplied natural gas to the Wayne Road store, investigated the 2010 explosion but couldn't pinpoint the

source of the gas leak. In August of 2011, the company reached an undisclosed settlement with Paul Franks, according

to Wayne County Circuit Court records.

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library.

Stephanie Klefman, who lives in Newberry Estates Subdivision just south of the library, commented that she thought putting the memorial garden near the library was only a plan.

"This is more than a plan. This won't help our property values. How much of the woods will we lose?" said Klefman, who has opposed plac-

ing City Hall behind the library. "Will we lose the performance pavilion? Is there a site plan?"

There is a concept for the memorial garden but the exact location — behind the library or fronting along Central City Parkway — hasn't been determined yet, said Council President James Godbout.

"The veterans asked for a groundbreaking, so we are doing it Veterans Day," said Godbout. "There is ample room behind the library for multiple uses. The reason

we moved from Central City Park is this is more serene. People could walk respectfully through the memorial without kids playing soccer next to them."

Along with the Veterans Day ceremony and groundbreaking, the Westland Veterans Association also is collecting items to be sent to troops overseas.

The items sought include cotton T-shirts, long-sleeved cotton T-shirts, high over-the-calf socks, toothpaste, Gold Bond foot powder, toilet-

ries, individually packaged snack foods, microwaveable individual foods, writing materials, AA batteries, books, CDs, DVDs and positive messages of support.

Early donations can be dropped off in the lobbies of City Hall or the library.

Following the Veterans Day ceremony, guests are invited to a reception at the VFW Bova Post 9885 at 6440 N. Hix between Ford and Warren.

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MERGER

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Not moving forward with the merger endangers \$1.5 million in state Economic Vitality Incentive funding and the federal Safer grant which is funding 15 firefighters in the two cities, said Reddy.

"I was taken aback when I heard the council tabled it. I'm disappointed that they didn't pass it," said President Mitch Tokarski of the Western Wayne Professional Firefighters Local 1279, a new bargaining unit resulting from the merger of the Westland and Wayne firefighter locals.

The firefighters are aware that they can't require a millage increase, Tokarski said. The language aimed at making it clear that funding needs to be provided for the new merged fire entity.

The fire unions worked

long and hard to reach agreements for the merger that didn't cause a grievance for anyone, that will help the communities qualify for funding, reduce expenses and improve service in both communities, Tokarski said.

"I would never put politics over public safety or any other decision," said Bryant, adding she understood Reddy's comments about council members not asking their questions prior to the meeting.

"This has nothing to do with politics. A labor agreement can't dictate millage. I think it violates the city charter," said Johnson.

At the next council meeting, any member can ask to have the agreement removed from the table for a vote, said Council President James Godbout.

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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 tur-

key dinner, including beverage and desert. Pop will be sold for an additional of 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.

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Anderson treats vets to free movie

Local veterans will again be treated to a Veterans Day movie by State Sen. Glenn Anderson and AMC 20 Theatres in Livonia.

"Five years ago we were able to partner with Livonia AMC 20 Theatres and begin a wonderful tradition of recognizing our local veterans," said Anderson, D-Westland. "Our local veterans certainly deserve constant recognition for the tremendous sacrifice they have made and with the help of Livonia AMC 20, this event has become an annual event they and we look forward to."

This year, the veterans are invited to a free screening of the movie *War Horse* at 3 p.m. Veter-

ans Day Sunday, Nov. 11. Livonia AMC 20, 19500 Haggerty Road, north of Seven Mile, will be hosting the celebration.

In addition to the free screening, concessions will be provided free of charge courtesy of AMC Theatres of Livonia. Tickets are limited and a reservation is required.

Veterans may request their free tickets by contacting Anderson's office by email at SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov or toll free by phone at 866-262-7306. Tickets are limited to two per veteran.

Anderson represents the 6th State Senate District which includes Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township.

Jim North received a special certificate for more than 50 years of service from Garden City Rotary Club president Peggy Sexton.

GC Rotary honors Jim North for 50-plus years of service

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

When asked what his fondest memory of serving in the Garden City Rotary was, Jim North proclaimed it is what happened Oct. 11.

North was honored for his more than 50 years of service at a regular club meeting at Aman-tea's Restaurant in Garden City.

"This was my best memory," North said immediately after.

North has actually been a member for 51 and nine months, according to Garden City Rotary Club president Peggy Sexton.

"Just shy of his 49th

year we did a big party in the evening for him with his entire family invited," Sexton said. "That was the fall of 2009."

The Franklin resident stays current although he always goes out West for the winters.

"The club doesn't see him at all until early summer and then he does attend quite regularly and participates on most of our projects while in town," Sexton said.

North is the club's second oldest member at age 82.

"He is our longest serving member," Sexton said. "Our oldest member is Gene Zylinski at 86 years. He has been a

member for 31 years and eight months."

The Oct. 11 ceremony was strictly for North. He reportedly quipped at the first celebration for his years of service, "Don't you think that I am going to make it to 50 years?"

He did. North still stays young by skiing, and the people and the projects have kept him active in Rotary over the years.

North is the patriarch of the North Brothers Ford dealership on Ford in Westland,

"He has always been very generous donating money to the Rotary Foundation of which he is a Paul Harris Fellow,"

Sexton said.

He also has donated his company trucks in the past to help with the annual flower sale on Easter weekend as well as working shifts to help sell them.

"These are just a few of the ways he has benefited the club," she said.

North joined the Rotary when his dealership had a location in Garden City. He joined two years after his father dropped out. He served as president from 1973-74.

"This was a luncheon club, a group of men who got together," North said.

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GC guardsman returns from deployment in Afghanistan

Michigan Army National Guard Soldier from Garden City returns from deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Sgt. William F. Young has returned from a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan. During his deployment, he served as the Night Battle Captain for Bravo Troop 1st Squadron 126th Cavalry, Michigan Army National Guard.

This is his second deployment overseas

in support of the war on terror.

Young received the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the NATO Medal for service and actions performed while deployed from Jan. 3, 2012, to Sept. 22, 2012.

He and his wife Melissa have a son, Noah.

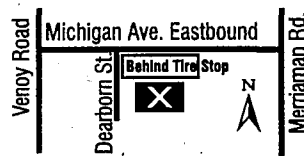
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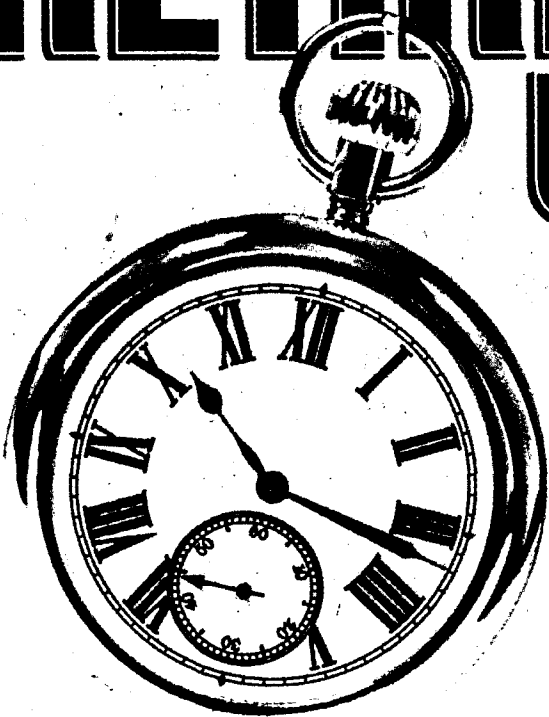
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GC man finds TV gone, bedroom ransacked in break-in

Break-in

A resident in the 32000 block of Pardo reported Oct. 9 returned home to find a door and windows open after someone broke into his home by cutting a screen.

He said his bedroom had been ransacked and that someone stole a flat screen TV from his son's bedroom.

Stolen vehicle

A man in the 28000 block of James reported that someone stole his vehicle Oct. 14 that was

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parked and locked on the street overnight.

Police found no broken glass in the area where the car was parked. The owner has all sets of keys.

Property damage

A resident in the 400 block of Clair reported Oct. 14 that someone put glue in the key hole of her garage door which rendered it inoperative.

Theft

A Westland man said that someone took his wallet while he was at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, on Oct. 11.

He said that he left his wallet on a counter in the examination room when he was with his son. After his son was admitted, he looked for the wallet and couldn't find it. None of the staff found it or turned it in.

The man said the wallet contained his debit and Social Security cards.

Stolen bike

An apartment dweller in the 6400 block of Middlebelt reported that someone stole his mountain bike after he left it in front of his apartment house about 8 p.m. Oct. 13. It was not chained up and locked and was gone when he went to retrieve it the next day.

There are no suspects or witnesses. He wasn't able to provide a serial number for the bike.

Theft

The manager at MAA-

CO Collision and Body Shop at 32630 Ford reported that the wheels and tires of two cars were stolen Oct. 9.

The police were able to view a video of a nearby business which showed thieves cut the fence and stack the tires up at Pfromme next door.

Later, the video showed a truck back up and a man take the stacked material. The driver never got out of the vehicle.

The police weren't able to identify the men.

No license

Garden City Police arrested a 28-year-old Wayne man for not having a valid driver's license at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 15 in the area of Merriman and John Hawk. He was stopped because he had an expired license plate.

When the police ran the vehicle information, they learned that he had a warrant out of 29th District Court in Wayne.

A baggie of marijuana was also found in the car's center console.

By Sue Buck

Four AC units reported stolen from church roof

Vandalism

Two vacant homes were reported damaged Oct. 6.

About midday, officers were sent to a home in the 32000 block of Manistee when neighbors reported the front door of the home open. Officers found heavy damage had been done to the windows, doors and interior of the home. A request was submitted to have the home boarded up.

Less than an hour later, officers were sent to a home in the 1900 block of Ackley after the homeowner reported finding two separate windows at the rear of the house were smashed.

The owner told police she had been living in Flint since March.

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Unable to pay the mortgage, she expected the house would soon be in foreclosure.

The woman told police she was at the home to get belongings and found the damage.

Larceny

Four air conditioning units were reported stolen from the roof of the Annapolis Park Church of Christ, 30355 Annapolis, Oct. 11. Valued at \$10,000, the equipment was reported to have been taken Oct. 7-8.

Larceny

Two bags containing tools, including a circular saw, charger, sockets/wrenches, volt meter,

thermostat and a drill, valued at \$425, were reported stolen Oct. 15 from a vehicle in the 35000 block of Rosslyn.

The passenger side door lock had been damaged on the 2009 Chevrolet Express van.

Stolen vehicle

A Westland man told police Oct. 10 that he was visiting at the Huntington on the Hill Apartments, 8110 Valleyview Circle, when someone stole his rental car.

The 2003 Dodge Caravan had been rented from Rent A Jalopy in Detroit. The man said he had the keys and was current on the payments.

Larceny

A silver tow dolly val-

ued at \$2,000 was reported stolen Oct. 11 from the parking lot of Westland Lawn and Snow Equipment, 27429 Joy.

Motorcycles stolen

A resident of an apartment at 6615 Yale told police Oct. 11 that someone had stolen her 2011 Suzuki motorcycle valued at \$13,000. She said the motorcycle had been parked in front of her apartment.

Also on Oct. 11, a resident in the 31000 block of Charlevoix Court reported a 2006 Harley Davidson Electra Glide motorcycle stolen from in front of his home. He said the ignition was locked but not the forks.

Equipment was reported stolen from a 1995 Harley Davidson motorcycle at a home in the 8000 block of Coven-

try Oct. 11. The missing items included a marine radio, leather riding chaps, a skull motorcycle helmet and a hard cover saddle bag.

Vandalism

A resident in the 36000 block of Marquette told police Oct. 10 that someone had broken the smaller rear window on his 2006 Pontiac Grand Prix. He said nothing appeared to have been stolen.

On Oct. 11, a resident in the 29000 block of Ann Arbor Trail told police that someone had smashed the rear window of her 2006 Kia Sportage.

Police were sent to a home in the 8400 block of Ingram Oct. 12 after the driver's side windows were reported shot out by BB gun on a 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt and a 2000 Volkswagen Beetle.

The driver of the Bug told police that the same window had been shot out two weeks earlier while the vehicle was parked in front of the home.

The officer noted several other vehicles on the street but none were damaged. Both drivers told police no one was angry with them.

Larceny

On Oct. 15 just after 3 a.m., police called to a home in the 2300 block of Deerfield Court. A resident told police she was packing her belongings to move out and left to go to the gas station.

When she returned a few minutes later, she said someone had entered the unlocked front door and stolen her lap top computer valued at \$800.

By LeAnne Rogers

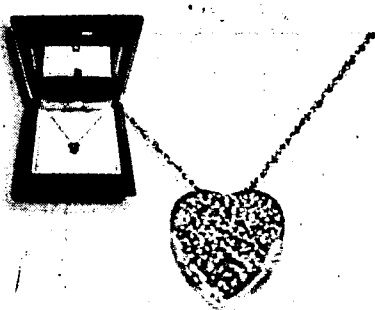
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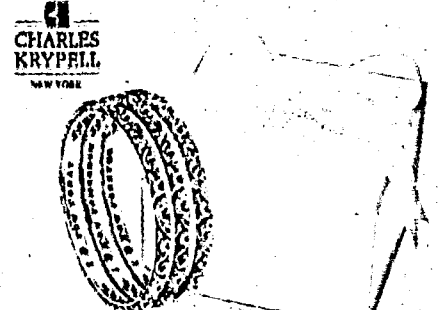
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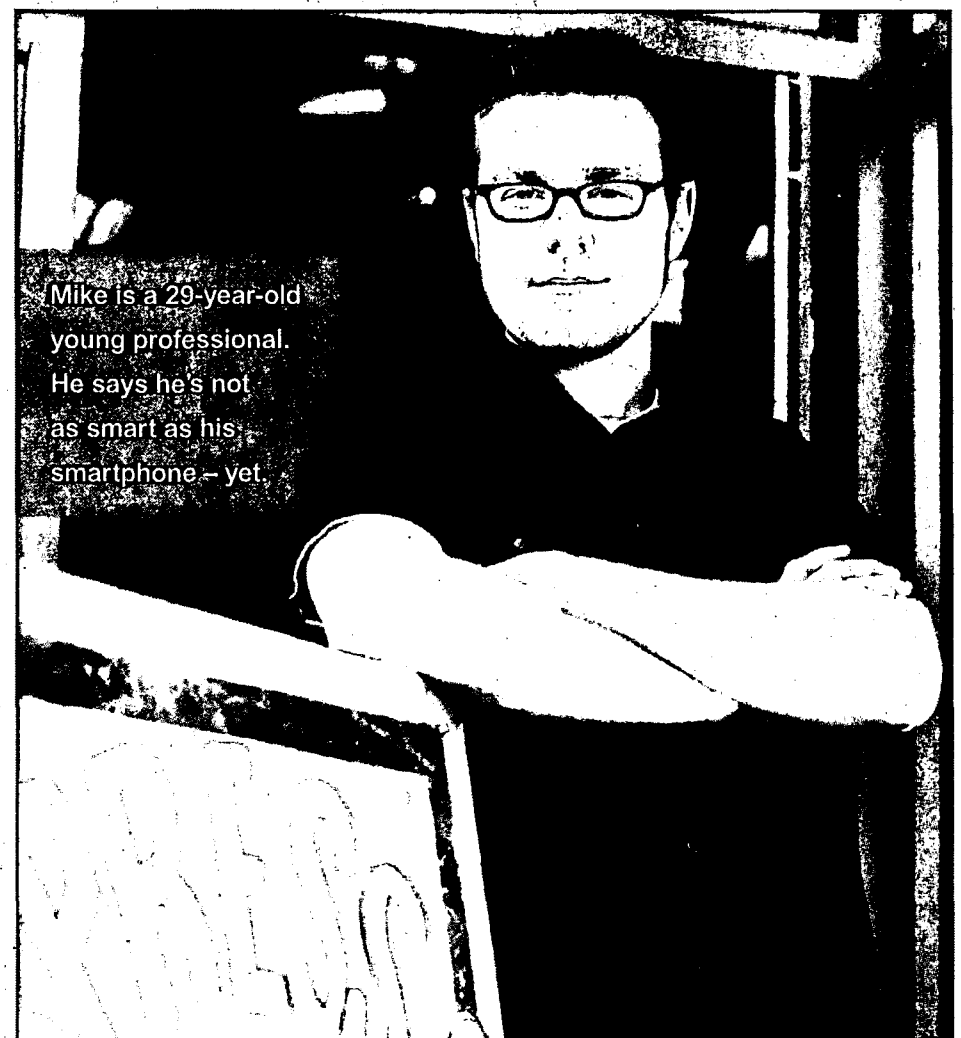
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Tough group sets out to raise cash for wounded military

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Tough Mudder competitions are hard-core grueling, and that point is made ever so clear when members sign off on a death waiver before the races begin.

Just ask South Lyon resident and former City Councilman John Galeas and South Lyon Hotel co-owner Corry Bala. They're on a team headed to Kentucky this weekend for the local group's second Tough Mudder race. And the best part, according to the participants, is raising money and awareness for the Wounded Warrior Project, serving military members with service-connected wounds, injuries, or illnesses on or after Sept. 11, 2001. The organization also supports the families of these service people.

Tough Mudder is dubbed "Probably the Toughest Event on the Planet," on toughmudder.com. "If you can do this, you can do anything you can put your heart and mind to."

South Lyon's team is ready for the Kentucky competition, which includes a 12-mile obstacle course designed by British Special Forces to test all-around strength, stamina, mental grit and camaraderie. As one of the leading companies in the booming obstacle course industry, Tough Mudder has already challenged half a million inspiring participants worldwide and raised more than \$3 million for the Wounded Warrior Project.

The local group finished a Tough Mudder race last April and despite



Corry Bala, co-owner of the South Lyon Hotel, sludges his way through an obstacle course during a recent Tough Mudders competition. His team is headed to Kentucky for another tough event this weekend.

the rigor of the competition they're ready to go again. In fact, when that race was over, Bala said, the first thing many participants said was, "When can we do it again?"

"You have to psych yourself up for it," he added.

Cross-fit training has become a way of life for Galeas, who watched his weight creep up to 230 pounds. He is now slimmed down to 185 pounds after working out one hour a day four to five times a week in preparation for Tough Mudder events.

The local team includes

Galeas, 52; Bala, 37, of Holly; Laurie Flohr, 25, a Livonia resident and team captain; David Soubeyrand, 43, of Livonia; Darryl Newman, 61, of Livonia; and the newest members, Meg Reid, 22, of Livonia and Amanda Southwell, 20, of South Lyon. Other team members are Mike Caskey, 53, of Livonia and Maria Malanyn, 25, of Westland. Caskey and Malanyn aren't participating in the Kentucky competition this weekend.

"It's treacherous," Flohr said. "But, there's no turning back."

One part of the course

even shoots electrical shocks at the participants, she said. Really.

Flohr is a fitness instructor at the Livonia Recreation Center and Galeas was a student in one of her classes when they met. She works out two to three hours a day six days weekly.

"This is not about who wins," Galeas said. "This is about camaraderie."

Galeas said it's inspiring to see Tough Mudders participants helping members of other teams. They are more interested in seeing the individual succeed, Galeas said. But, it's definitely not a walk in the park. In fact, 25 percent of the people who sign-up for Tough Mudder events don't finish. Sometimes people quit after they suffer injuries and other times participants just can't make it to the end.

"It tests you in ways that an average marathon won't test you," Bala said. "The average runner couldn't do it."

Bala said he looks forward to the day he can compete in a Tough Mudder competition with his two sons, who are 4 and 5 years old. He also "can't wait" for the Tough Mudder event in Michigan June 29-30, 2013. The local team is hoping to drum up a lot of support for that race, too, Bala added.

For more information on Tough Mudder, go to www.toughmudders.com, and to learn more about the Wounded Warrior Project, visit www.woundedwarriorproject.org

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Oakwood assures patients it doesn't stock tainted steroid

Oakwood Healthcare, Inc., has not and does not stock the steroid linked to a recent nationwide outbreak of fungal meningitis, according to officials from the health system.

As of Oct. 15, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, has reported 212 cases of fungal meningitis and two cases of peripheral joint infection nationwide that have been linked to a steroid, methylprednisolone acetate, that had been sold under the name Depo-Medrol and distributed by The New England Compounding Center (NECC) in Framingham Mass. There also have been 15 deaths, including four in Michigan.

The medication has since been recalled and all clinics have been advised to stop using it, according to the company's website. Four facilities in Michigan reportedly received the suspect steroids, but none of them is affiliated with the Oakwood Healthcare system.

Methylprednisolone acetate is steroid administered through an epidural injection and most commonly used to treat pain and swelling that occurs with arthritis and other joint disorders.

"We at Oakwood do not use that medication, our patients have nothing to fear from these reports," said Dr. Paolo Marciano, an Oakwood-affiliated interventional radiologist. Oakwood's drug of choice for epi-

dural injection is triamcinolone acetonide, which has been demonstrated to be safe and effective for spinal injections, according to American Journal of Roentgenology.


"Patients should have no concern about getting their care in the Oakwood Healthcare System," said David Batkie, director of pharmaceutical services for Oakwood Healthcare. "We take precautions to ensure our medicines are safe."

Symptoms of fungal meningitis, which is not contagious, include fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea and vomiting, and sensitivity to light.

The CDC estimates as many as 14,000 patients received the tainted steroid. A total of 15 states, including Michigan, have been impacted. The NECC recalled more than 17,600 single-dose vials of the steroid injection from 23 states on Sept. 26.

A total of 15 states, including Michigan, have been impacted. The NECC recalled more than 17,600 single-dose vials of the steroid injection from 23 states on Sept. 26. After investigators found a sealed vial of a steroid known as "methylprednisolone acetate" at the NECC plant that was contaminated with fungus, the Federal Drug Administration ordered the NECC plant closed and advised physicians to not use any of its products.

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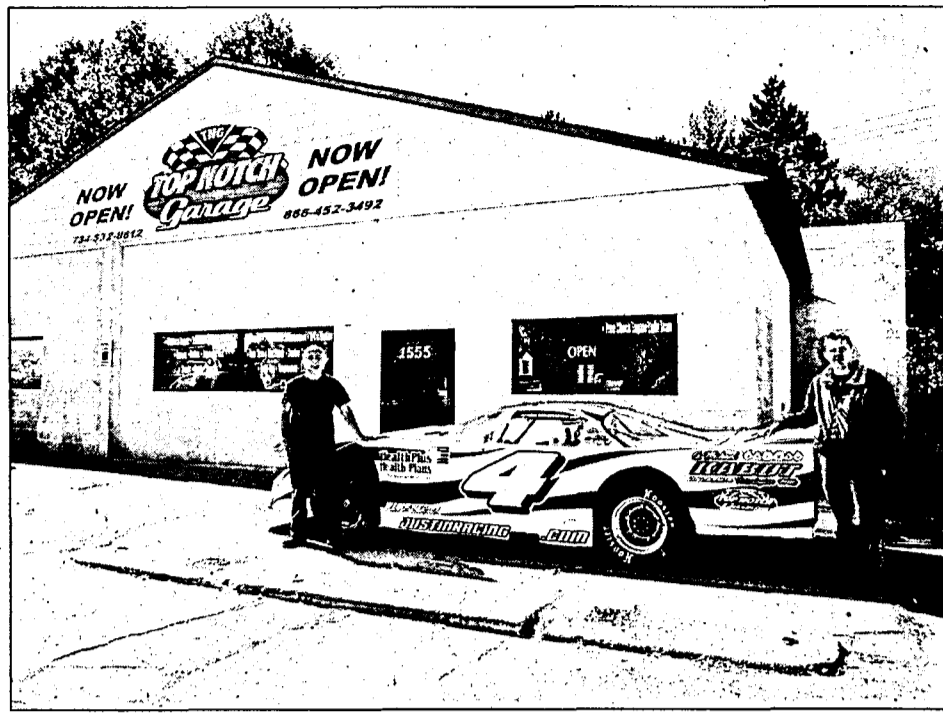


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Shop manager/technician Justin Schroeder and technician Patrick Rodriguez stand in front of the new Top Notch Garage with the Outlaw Super late model Schroeder built and raced on the weekends in the main event racing series.

Top Notch Garage offers customers efficient service

Earlier this year, Top Notch Garage renovated and moved into the building at 1555 N. Wayne Road, Westland, and opened an auto service repair shop.

"At Top Notch Garage, we want to be known as the friendly and honest, neighborhood shop," Manager Justin Schroeder said. "We want everyone to feel welcome."

Owner Tracy Wolf had a goal of creating a welcoming environment for men and women. She created an auto repair shop that is honest, neighborly and very competitively priced.

Schroeder grew up around cars. He has

gained invaluable real-life experience by surrounding himself by cars both at work and play. As a race car driver, he knows the importance of a safe and reliable car, and he uses this passion to ensure every car that leaves Top Notch Garage has received the best care.

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More must have apps for your smartphone

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

So many smartphone apps, so little time. Cut through the clutter of the Android marketplace and iTunes and read this quick guide to the must-have apps this fall.

Bad Piggies - The Angry Birds take a back-seat to the pigs in this new addicting game. Bad Piggies follows a similar structure as the cult-favorite Angry Birds series. The familiar game was created by Rovio - the Angry Birds creator and in just a few weeks has leapfrogged into the iTunes Top-10. It might not even be the best version of the Angry Birds series coming out this fall. Angry Birds Star Wars edition will be released in November.

Viggle - If you watch a lot of TV this application is for you. Viggle is much like GetGlue where users can use their smartphones to check in to television shows. Unlike GetGlue however, Viggle allows users to collect points which can be redeemed for gift cards to retailers, book stores and restaurants. I've



Tech Savvy
Jon Gunnells

used Viggle to check-in to football games and after a few weeks, I am already nearing a \$10 gift card to a pizza chain. Not an amazing benefit; but earning free pizza by watching football isn't a bad way to spend a Sunday.

Pic Stitch - This application is a great toy for those amateur smartphone photographers. Pic Stitch users can take multiple photos and build them into a collage. The application allows users to add effects to the photo much like Instagram or Facebook camera. The application is free, or users can spring for the enhanced application which has more features and no ads. The enhanced version is 99 cents.

Passbook - This gem is only available to iPhone users but it won't be long before other developers and smartphone manufacturers follow suit. Passbook organizes a users documents from boarding passes to movie tickets. It even allows consumers to organize coupons, loyalty cards and gift cards. If you don't own an iPhone and still want to keep your loyalty cards in one place, try KeyRing which is a free application supported by many devices.

ESPN Scorecenter - This isn't a new application but during the MLB playoffs, ESPN Scorecenter

can push updates to your phone to keep informed about the Tigers games. This application also has scores for other major sports although with more detailed information like box scores, game summaries and more.

Doodlecast - Here's one just for the kids. For \$1.99 Doodlecast allows users to draw pictures and make storybooks. The application also supports voice commands so kids can narrate their books before uploading to YouTube to share with family members. Users must have a YouTube account to share videos, but if you don't have one - the account takes about three minutes to create.

Monopoly Millionaire - This app for iPhones allows players to compete for \$1 million in a digital version of the classic board game.

Updated apps - A number of other popular apps have also released recent updates. Google+, Twitter for BlackBerry are a few top apps that have recently redesigned their mobile presence.

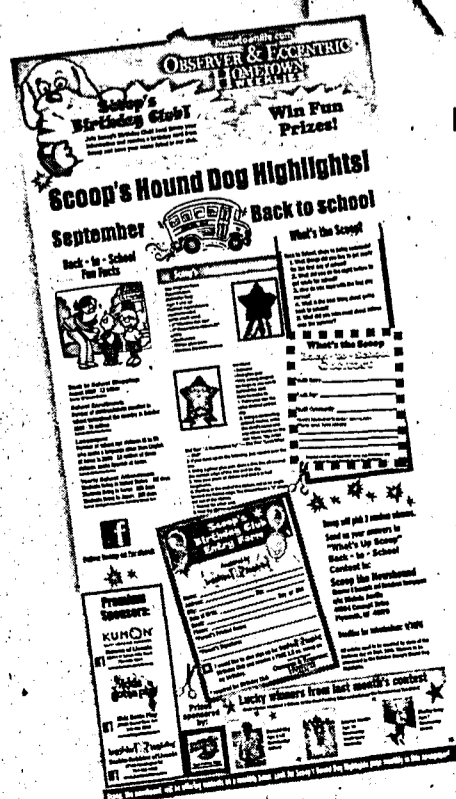
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Veterans Job Fair

In collaboration with more than 60 companies, the Michigan National Guard is hosting a Veteran's Job Fair Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 7-9.

"Our incredible servicemen and women need to know that America values them not simply for what they can do in uniform, but for what they can do when they come home," said Maj. Gen. Gregory Vadnaia, the director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard. "It's a win on all sides."

Michigan National Guard Veteran's Job Fair will operate between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. all three days in the Michigan National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters Lansing, 3411 N. Martin Luther King Blvd. The events are free and open to any veteran and or their spouse.

Dress is business casual and prospective employees should bring several copies of their resume for employers. Several employers will interview and hire on the premises.

Where there's smoke

Comerica Bank and the Detroit Red Wings have teamed up to collect new smoke detectors for low-income families and elderly citizens across southeast Michigan. The collection, which began during National Fire Prevention Week last week, runs through Friday, Nov. 16.

Comerica customers can drop smoke detectors into specially marked boxes at more than 140 Comerica banking centers and office buildings in southeast Michigan. All donated smoke detectors will be distributed through fire departments in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. Local fire officials will provide smoke detectors to low-income families as well as elderly and disabled members of the community.

"Fire prevention is a very important cause and we're pleased to partner with Comerica on this initiative," said Olympia Entertainment President and CEO Tom Wilson. "The Red Wings organization prides itself on giving back to the community and we're delighted that this smoke detector

collection will help protect disadvantaged Metro Detroit residents."

Free counseling

United Home Health Services, a local home care company in Canton, is offering free counseling with a certified Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program counselor.

The counselor can help clients review Medicare and Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D drug insurance, assist with Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, and explore long term care insurance options.

The MMAP counselor will be at the United Home Health Services office at 2200 Canton Center Road, Suite 250, Canton, 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1. No reservations are necessary. For more information, contact United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820 or access the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html.

Explore and gain new insight

By Clarity Patton Newhouse
Guest Columnist

This morning Mark Twain is on my mind because two different people recently brought up the same quote: "It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so."

It's a great reminder that we put ourselves at risk when we get too attached to a particular perspective on the world.



Clarity Patton Newhouse

A SUNNY NOTE

Things change and not everything we believe to be true is actually true, even if it was at one time in the past.

Instead, we're often better off to assume we don't know something because then we're more likely to explore it and gain valuable new insight.

Let's learn something new - and have a sunny day!

Clarity

P. S. The following link has an interesting comment about the quote attributed to Mark Twain: <http://johnrennie.net/category/miscellaneous/> I'd also love to hear your interpretation of this quote's meaning. P.P.S. Please join Sunny

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Choose wisely when selecting Medicare Prescription D plan

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

It's that time of year, when senior citizens have to make a decision regarding a prescription drug plan, also known as Medicare D.

Most seniors have already been getting notices about Medicare D and now the open enrollment period (Oct. 15 to Dec. 7) has started. What this means is that if seniors are going to make a change in coverage, now is the time to do it. Unlike other types of insurance that you may have, this is the only time of the year that you can change your plan. All policies begin Jan. 1 and end Dec. 31.

In understanding Medicare Prescription D, it is important to know that just because the plan



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you had this year met your needs does not mean that you automatically re-up. After all, plans do change from year to year. A medication that you are receiving under your current plan may no longer be covered by that same plan next year.

In addition, your health situation may have changed. Last year at this time, when you went through the process, you may have been on different prescriptions than you are on now. In addition, the dosage and the frequency of the prescription

may change. Therefore, it is important that you begin the process fresh to decide what plan best suits your needs.

In looking for plans, husband and wife need to do it separately. You can't assume that just because a plan is good for one means it's good for the other. Therefore, husband and wife need to independently look at their situation to make the right decision.

When you begin your search, it is important to review the list of medications that you currently are on. Not only should you check the medication, but the dosage. It is also helpful to prioritize these medications. After all, depending upon your situation, you may not find a plan that covers all your medications. On top of the list should be the

most expensive prescription, followed by all others in order of expense. Therefore, when you do your search, you obviously are looking for the plan that will best cover your prescriptions at the lowest price.

Another factor to consider in reviewing plans is the restrictions that some have. Some plans will require prior approval before you can fill or refill certain prescriptions. In addition, some plans will have limits on the quantity of a drug that you can order. Obviously, if you're taking a medication that has certain restrictions, that can be an issue in selecting a plan.

One of the best ways to begin your search is to visit Medicare's website at www.medicare.gov.

The site is an easy tool to use and can help you narrow your options. To begin your search, just click on Medicare Plan Finder.

Just like investing, I know lots of people will be paralyzed by analysis. They will be pulling their hair out trying to find the perfect plan. Keep in mind that there probably is no perfect plan. However, there are a handful of plans that fit your needs and the goal is to find them.

In doing your search, remember convenience is an important factor. Having a plan that requires you to drive across town to pick up your prescription is probably not the way to go. In addition, for the snowbirds who spend half the year outside the state of Michigan, consid-

er that before you select your plan.

Deciding on a Medicare Prescription D drug plan is not easy. However, there is no alternative. Don't assume that the plan you had last year will work for you this year. Begin the process of selecting a prescription drug plan now so that you'll have plenty of time to make your decision.

Start now, take your time and, if you have questions, contact Medicare directly for assistance. Good luck!

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Credit unions are also embedded in the communities they serve and have a social mission of improving their members' quality of life. Through financial education and a wide variety of charity work, credit unions are active in supporting and starting community initia-



tives to bring assistance to those in need, while helping people learn to support themselves financially.

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The credit union community is also working to push the Michigan and national economies forward through programs like "Invest in America," which offers discounts for credit union members on American-made products. "Invest

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Sound money management skills are a big part of a safe and successful financial future. Part of the credit union mission is to educate people of all ages on the basics of saving, budgeting and borrowing, so that consumers are well-prepared for each stage of their lives.

There is no better time to learn these lessons than during early development, which is why credit unions have made a large investment in classroom outreach. According to data from the National Youth Involvement Board, Michigan credit unions reached more than 48,000 students with 1,800 financial education presentations over the past year, capping a complete decade that Michigan has led the country in school involvement. Some of these were cooperative efforts through the Michigan Credit Union League's "Financial Literacy Legislative Challenge," in which lawmakers partnered with credit unions to teach students about important

Credit Unions Offer Members Financial Education Resources

financial topics.

Michigan credit unions also have more than 350 student-run branches at the elementary, middle and high school level that give youth and young adults hands-on experience with financial transactions. Students are able to open savings accounts and manage the branch's operations themselves, not only learning good money management habits, but also putting their own skills to practice. Giving young people this experience can instill lifelong financial values and a basic understanding of how banking works.

Credit unions take part in financial education outreach year-round, but also celebrate April as Financial Literacy Month. Working closely with the Federal Reserve initiative "Money Smart Week," credit unions offer a flurry of classes, seminars and classroom presentations during the third full week in April, and work to raise awareness of the importance of financial literacy to lawmakers and the public.

Through seminars and one-on-one counseling, credit unions work closely with adults on a number of important topics vital for financial well-being. Credit

unions often partner with other nonprofit organizations to offer expertise and assistance to as many consumers as possible — including unbanked populations in underserved areas. Most recently, the Michigan Credit Union League and several partners created www.RightAtHomeAnswers.org so that credit unions can work with members on the home buying process and how to avoid foreclosure when times are tight.

Financial education goes hand-in-hand with the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People." Credit unions exist not only to provide a trustworthy depository institution that is member-owned, but also to help consumers avoid the financial pitfalls that have many Americans deep in debt or facing the potential loss of their home or vehicle.

By working to educate their members and other Michigan residents, credit unions are helping to arm consumers with the money management skills they need in a tough economy, from college to a first home to retirement. For financial education resources, visit www.lovemycreditunion.org.

New Small Business Laws

In a landmark move for the credit union industry, the Michigan Commissioner of Financial and Insurance Regulation has signed an order authorizing credit union service organizations (CUSOs) to provide small business equity investments to Michigan credit unions and their members.

"This is an unprecedented step forward for credit unions," David Adams, CEO of the Michigan Credit Union League & Affiliates said. "Business investing authority has tremendous potential benefits to credit unions and to the small business community at large. It is further proof that there is nothing small about the credit union commitment to supporting small businesses. MCUL and CUcorp plan to work aggressively with our credit union community on a structure and business plan that will take advantage of this new opportunity. CUcorp is well positioned to facilitate this."

In his ruling, Commissioner R. Kevin Clinton noted that based on a review of applicable laws, and with all consideration of safety and soundness, "It is necessary and proper for CUSOs to offer small business equity and venture capital investment administration and related services to its member credit unions and their respective members."

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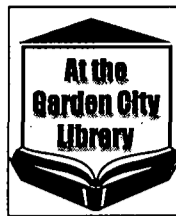


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Library offers plenty through holidays



It is hard to believe that it is already the middle of October. We know that the rest of the year can be very busy, but we don't want you to forget about us here at the Garden City Public Library. With knowing how much I appreciate advance notice of things, we wanted to give you the list of upcoming programs so you can be aware of them now and hopefully join us.

Please note all the programs listed do require registration. To register for the program, call (734) 793-1830 or send an email to scharlefour@garden-city.lib.mi.us, if that works better. Other programs, including story-times and more, will also

be available, so be sure to log onto the library website at www.garden-city.lib.mi.us to see what else will be happening over the next few months.

Without further ado, here are the programming highlights for the remainder of the year:

Boo Spectacular: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29

Join Ms. Stephanie for a pre-Halloween party. Participants will be making crafts, playing games and sharing stories. Please bring a bag of candy to share as we will go trick-or-treating, too.

Decorate-a-Pumpkin: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

Join Ms. Stephanie to decorate a pumpkin for your Thanksgiving table.

Everyone carves a pumpkin but we are going to use paint, glitter and more to decorate ours so it lasts until Thanksgiving.

Fire Prevention and Safety Talk: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14

Did you know there are more fires during the holiday season than any other time of the year? We are pleased to be having the Garden City Fire Department share important tips for staying safe during this holiday season.

Preschool Playdate - Lunch and Show at the Library: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29

Join Ms. Stephanie for lunch and show time at this Preschool Playdate.

This month we will be watching *Mickey Mouse Clubhouse*.

Saunders Confectionary Talk: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29

Come hear the interesting history of Saunders led by author Greg Tasker. It is sure to be a yummy hit with our library users!

Recycled Wreaths: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3

Join us as we use pool noodles and many other craft supplies to create a holiday wreath. This is a family friendly program but we do ask an adult to be present with our littlest users.

Teen "Gift" Your Craft On: 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8

Seventh- through 12th-grade students are cordially invited to this program to create crafts to give away or keep for themselves. Many different stations will be set up for your enjoyment.

Cookie Decorating and Exchange: 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15

You bring the cookies; the library will provide frostings, candies and sprinkles to decorate your holiday cookies this year. Bring a second

type of cookies for the cookie exchange. We are asking that everyone bring a dozen or so cookies to decorate. This family friendly program will surely delight the whole family.

Family Movie Day: 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27

Need a break or want to wind down from the holidays? Come to the Family Movie Day at the library to watch *National Treasure* (rated PG) with us. We will provide the popcorn, be sure to bring your favorite drink.

The library is located at 31735 Maplewood St. 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 at scharlefour@garden-city.lib.mi.us or by calling (734) 793-1837.

Comment sought on SC nursing programs

Schoolcraft College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and the Michigan Board of Nursing, will host a site review for additional national accreditation of its Practical Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing programs by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

The public is invited to meet the site reviewers and share comments about the nursing programs from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Livonia Campus in the VistaTech Center, Room 425. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to rweber@schoolcraft.edu or call 734-462-4401 by Oct. 22.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly by email to sjtanner@nlncac.org or by mail to Dr. Sharon Tanner, Chief Executive Officer, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Written comments should arrive at NLNAC by Oct. 22.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on the ES&S M-100 voting equipment for the November 6, 2012 General Election on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Eileen DeHart, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS CITY OF WESTLAND GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2012

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

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

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2012.

Eileen DeHart, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **October 25, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

Police Department - Body Armor

The Westland Police Station located at 36701 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan. Questions may be directed to Sergeant Richard Novakowski at (734) 467-3547 x 2229. Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at (734) 467-3204 or at www.cityofwestland.com. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

William Gabriel
City Controller

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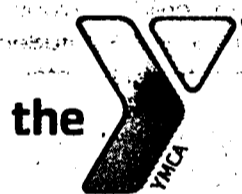
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Huge: GC residents turn out for annual open house



Garden City Firefighter Scott Marinkovich (center) does an extrication rescue demonstration at the open house.



Jozef Cunningham of Garden City gets a chance to see a fire truck up close and personal at the Garden City Fire Department Open House Saturday.



Elizabeth Lindsay from Leader Dogs for the Blind and her dog Nutmeg visit with Caitlin Arnold of Garden City.

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

On a chilly fall day Saturday, the public gathered at the Garden City Fire Department Open House.

It was a welcome shelter as they seized an opportunity to get out of the rain and to get better informed about the hard work of the fire department.

It also was a special time for the department which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

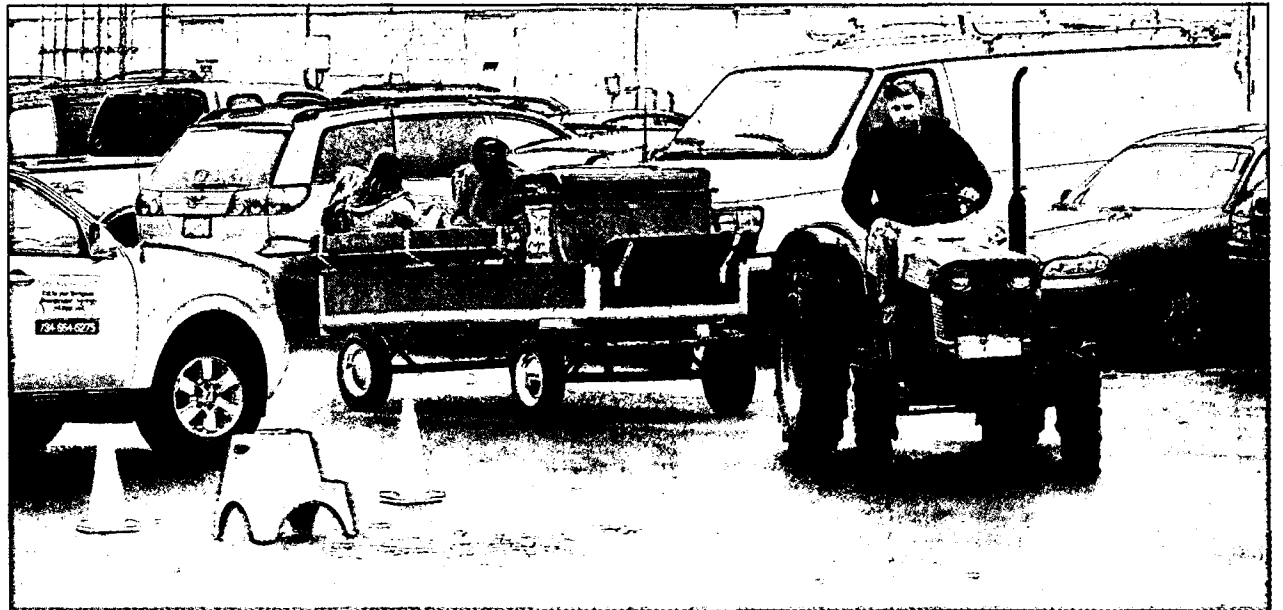
This is a time when current and former firefighters reminisce about how their second family — the one they spend hours together with — literally have or have had “their backs,” so to speak. They watched as their children grew up together, played sports and were



Sparky the Fire Dog welcomes Nathan Dean of Garden City to the annual Garden City Fire Department open house.

in Scouts together. The wives also formed long-lasting friendships with each other.

The open house, held annually during Fire Prevention Week, has been



Tractor driver James Gannon gave visitors a ride from the Garden City Downtown Development Authority Chili Cook-Off in the Farmers Market area to the Garden City Fire Department open house.

co-sponsored for about 10 years with the Garden City Lions Club, was billed a success. And according to Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman, “It was huge.” It might even had the highest turnout ever.

The event drew other community organiza-

tions like the Garden City Rotary and the Garden City Community Coalition. Kerry Partin, a Garden City resident, broadcast his Garden City Community Chat pod cast live from the fire station, talking to participants who attended.

“For being a first tim-

er at the event, I was very impressed,” Partin said. “The turnout was wonderful considering the weather everyone had to brave.”

His wife, Cheryl Partin, said that the Garden City Garden Club, of which she is a member and which held its first bake

sale at the event, marveled at how quickly the bake goods were snapped up leaving not more than crumbs where the sweets had been displayed. “It was our best fundraiser ever,” Partin said.

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Wet weather doesn't dampen spirits at chili cook-off

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

The Garden City Downtown Development Authority Chili Cook-off brought old and new faces into the downtown area Saturday, and Garden City Downtown Authority Director Stacey Tobar is pleased with the turnout despite the wet weather.

“I think it went well with marginal weather,” Tobar said.

This year, the DDA used well-known names to judge its fifth annual Chili Cook-Off held in the Farmers Market area of the Towne Center. Besides Tobar, the other judges were Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery, resident Kerry Partin and Mayor Randy Walker.

For the first time, a fifth person was added through a unique opportunity where raffle winner won an opportunity to be a judge.

“Ken Newman was the fifth judge,” Tobar said. “He is originally from Inkster and has just moved to Garden City after years of being in South Carolina.”

The winning Chili teams were:

First Place — Merri-man Road Baptist Church F.A.I.T.H. Riders, Darrel Manuel.

Second Place — Garden City Firefighters Union, Corey Chandler.

People's Choice — American Legion Riders, Jeff Adams.

Best Table — Witches Brew, Nancy Pisanski.

The 12 teams were required to make five gallons of chili but some entrants like Albert's on



Ryan Manuel of Garden City takes a break from promoting the chicken chili for Merriman Road Baptist Church.

the Alley made 18 gallons. Local merchants

participated in Merchants Alley and also



Keith Haranczak of Garden City stirs his Witches Brew chili which won the Best Table award at the Chili Cook-Off.

donated raffle items.

The DDA raised a total \$4,936. Sponsors brought in \$2,150. They included Gordon Chevrolet, the Garden City Firefighters Union, Hennessey Engineers, Orin Jewelers and O'Reilly Auto Parts.

A car show organized by Bob Hunt, owner of Kar-Go carburetor, brought in \$235.

The DDA will donate all of the money to four local charities.



Face painter Lori Singleton shows Nicklaus LaPrise of Garden City his new look.

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McNamara: Can make a difference for 11th District

Kevin McNamara wakes up every morning feeling he "can make a difference" as an elected official. And it is that feeling that has him seeking a fourth two-year term representing the redistricted 11th District on the Wayne County Commission.

County operations, he said, affects residents' lives directly "in a rubber meets the road manner."



"Looking back on my first term, at the time I thought I was the best county commissioner," he said. "I have learned that hard work and conviction are only half the battle to effect change. Effective change can only be done by positioning yourself in leadership positions that effect policy from the ground up."

McNamara said that through the leadership roles on County Commission committees and boards like the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' Finance Board, he has and continues to push for change in improving roads, drainage systems, parks, infrastructure, preschool programming, juvenile programs and senior services.

"Strength matters significantly in my role," he said. "I am perceived as a strong regional leader by many of my peers, often collaborating with leaders in the communities I serve in District 11, leaders in Detroit and leaders across the region. If I am working on an initiative, my regional peers know I am not going to walk away from it and will get the results with integrity."

What do you see as your responsibilities as a county commissioner?

The primary responsibility is the budget. This has been complicated by a decrease of more than \$100 million in property taxes and the legal positioning of elected officials and court orders dating back 30 or more years. These county officials and court orders keep us from taking the necessary action related to the quality of life that we have for decades.

Change is difficult but passage of my sponsored line item budgeting (through a County Charter amendment) will greatly improve the Wayne County Commission's ability to begin changing the structure of these organizations. We cannot maintain a system built 50 years ago for a county with nearly three million people. Services need to be realigned and in some case eliminated.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano's administration has been rocked with scandal. The Wayne County Commission established an ethics committee. Is that enough to deal with the current and future situations or is more need?

The Wayne County

KEVIN MCNAMARA

City: Belleville
Education: Livonia Stevenson High School, associate's degree in mathematics and science from Schoolcraft College
Employment: Elected to Wayne County Commission in 2006 to represent 11th District, vice-chair of the Committee on Public Services, chair of the Youth Services Committee, member of the Ways and Means Committee; previously worked in sales and management for an environmental company
Community Involvement: Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, 2001-2006; delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and chair of its Finance Board; member of the Head Start Board; Board of Directors of the McNamara Scholarship Fund, 1992-2005; member of the Wayne County Airport Authority Board

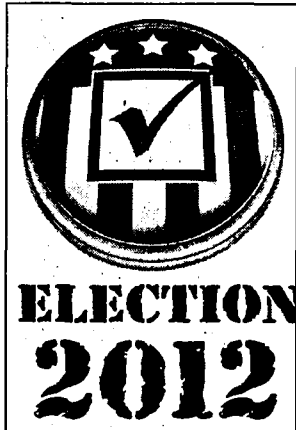
Ethics Board, which I supported through an ordinance, will likely go a long way in preventing future abuses.

The problems of the executive administration are rooted in a failure of transparency. There were misrepresented facts, hidden items that became detrimental to their initiatives or reputations, refused requests for information, gave misinformation when pressed and forced the commission to resort to legal requests for budget information that they still refused to put forward.

Again, the budget line item charter amendment I sponsored will likely stop this in the future. We need that charter amendment or the abuses may still occur.

What do you see as the three main issues facing the county? As you handle commissioner, how would you address them?

The primary issues relate to the county budget. The county has a \$35 million structural imbalance. The first thing we need to fix is instituting "line item budgets." Can you imagine a company whose board of directors was not



allowed to see how funds were spent within its budget. Believe it or not, that's what our current charter allows. The executive administration has used the charter to demand

lump sum budgets. As citizen fiduciaries, we do not get to see where exactly the money is spent.

Lump sum budgets give the cover for elected officials to throw that money into whatever pot they want blind to the commission and the public. One case would be severances. They had millions in economic development and paid severances without any knowledge by the commission or public as it was lumped in the overall budget.

The second issue is breaking the court orders of 40 years that demand doing business

as usual. This will need to be done at the state level. When you demand savings and cuts of a department, they can't be allowed to walk into court and have a judge give them more money that just isn't theirs! We spend millions on attorneys to fight these actions and lose every time.

The county executive has complained that departments like prosecutor and courts have repeatedly used the judicial system to force the county to give them more money impacting his ability to provide a balanced budget. How would you correct that problem?

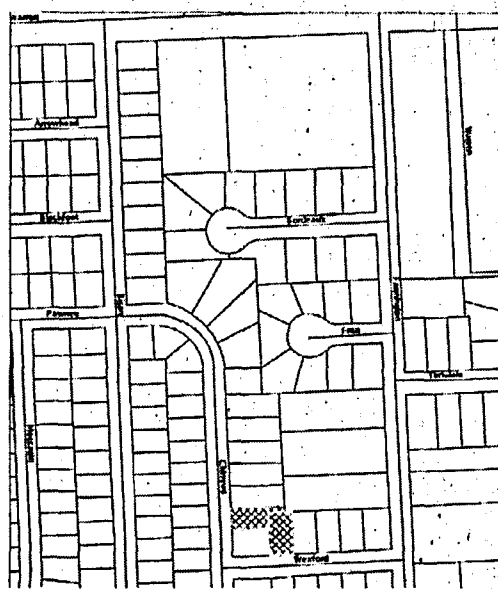
The county executive is correct in this manner. Elected

officials are very serious about their roles in government. They take their responsibilities very seriously and jealously guard against any in-roads by the commission to control their offices. They believe that their services are mandated and essential and MUST be funded by the county regardless of the amount of money the county has or the elected official wants to spend. This attitude means that if we demand savings from any elected official, they just can go to court to get an injunction.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #2186, Proposed Land Division, Parcel #033-11-006-000, 6830 Chirrewa, East Side of Chirrewa, South of Warren Road and West of Farmington Road Marvin Stone (Greg Freda)



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

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
 Westland Planning Commission

Publish: October 18, 2012

CITY OF WESTLAND GENERAL ELECTION November 6, 2012

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time the following items will be voted upon: President, Vice-President, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress 11th District (to fill a vacancy), U.S. Congress 13th District (regular term), State Representative, Member State Board of Education (2), Regent of Univ. of Mich. (2), Trustee Michigan State Univ. (2), Governor Wayne State Univ. (2), County Prosecuting Attorney, County Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Register of Deeds, County Commissioner, Non-Partisan Judicial Seats including: Justices of Supreme Court (2) and (1), Judge Court of Appeals (2), Circuit Court Judge (16), Circuit Court Judge (1), Circuit Court Judge (2), Probate Court Judge (3), Probate Court Judge (1), 18th District Court Judge, School Board Positions for Wayne-Westland, Inkster, Taylor and Livonia Schools, Trustee Schoolcraft College (2) (part of City), Trustee Schoolcraft College - Partial Term (part of City), Six State Proposals including A Referendum on Public Act 4 of 2011 - The Emergency Manager Law (Yes or No), A Proposal to Amend the State Constitution Regarding Collective Bargaining (Yes or No), A Proposal to Amend the State Constitution to Establish a Standard for Renewable Energy (Yes or No), A Proposal to Amend the State Constitution to Establish the Michigan Quality Home Care Council and Provide Collective Bargaining for In-Home Care Workers (Yes or No), A Proposal to Amend the State Constitution to Limit the Enactment of New Taxes by State Government (Yes or No) and A Proposal to Amend the State Constitution Regarding Construction of International Bridges and Tunnels (Yes or No), Five County Proposals including: Form of the Wayne County Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Yes or No), Independent External Auditor (Yes or No), Membership on the Wayne County Retirement Commission (Yes or No), Removal of the Wayne County Executive from Office by the Governor (Yes or No) and The Wayne County Commission's Power to Approve Compensation (Yes or No), A Taylor Community Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal (Yes or No) (part of City), One Wayne County Community College District Millage Proposal (part of City) - an additional one mill from July 2012 to July 2022 (Yes or No) [the entire verbiage for each proposal is available for viewing at the Westland City Clerk's office or at the City of Westland's website - cityofwestland.com]

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of January 10, 2012 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years In Effect
County of Wayne	12-2-2010	1 mill	2015
Wayne County Jail	Aug. 2012	.9381 mill	2015
Wayne County Parks	11-2-2010	0.25 mill	2015
Wayne County Comm. Coll.	11-6-2009	1.25 mills	2020
Wayne County DIA	Aug. 2012	0.2 mill	2021
Garden City Schools	6-2012	18 mills	2018 (non-homestead)

Garden City Schools	8-2011	2 mills	2015
Inkster Schools	May, 2006	21 mills	2015 (non-homestead)
Inkster Schools	May, 2006	6 mills	2015
Livonia Schools	11-2009	18.4568 mills	2015 (non-homestead)
Livonia Schools	11-2009	1.12 mills	2014
Taylor Schools	Jan. 2008	18 mills	2013 (non-homestead)
Wayne-Westland Schools	May, 2010	18 mills	2025 (non-homestead)
Wayne-Westland Schools	2-2012	.9922 mills	2022
Detroit Zoological Park	Operating	0.1 mill	2017
City of Westland	Operating	6.4834 mills	
City of Westland	Pol. & Fire Ret. Act 359	4.50 mills	
City of Westland	Act 359	0.0302	
City of Westland	Sanitation	2.0 mills	
City of Westland	Other	6.5302 mills	
City of Westland	Gen. Fund	13.0136 mills	
City of Westland	Library	0.9477 mill	
City of Westland	Library	0.99 mill	2021

Dated September 20, 2012

Raymond Wojtowicz
 Treasurer

The places of voting for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, will be as follows:

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

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

Eileen DeHart, CMC
 Westland City Clerk

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OUR VIEWS

House picks

Knezek in the 11th District, Kosowski in the 16th District

The November general election will see voters in Westland select representatives for two state House Districts - the 11th District which includes Garden City, Inkster and portions of Westland, Livonia and Dearborn Heights, and the 16th District which includes the city of Wayne and a majority of Westland.

In the 11th District, David Knezek of Dearborn Heights is facing Republican Kathleen Kopkczyk of Garden City in the November general election. In looking at the candidates, we believe the district would be best served by David Knezek.



Kosowski



Knezek

An Iraq War veteran and substitute teacher in Wayne County, Knezek has a keen eye on the issues, zeroing in on education. That, he has said, is his passion and the reason he decided to run for the State House of Representatives.

Knezek has said that reinventing Michigan is more than creating new sustainable jobs. You can't talk about the jobs and the economy without talking about education. If you leave education out of the mix, you're missing a "big part of the equation."

Business changes can't come at the expense of the education of children and, if elected, he would like "an immediate lockdown" of the State School Aid Fund to keep the state from shortchanging K-12 programs to balance its budget.

He also wants to see adequate police and fire services for all communities and is proposing a public safety task force to determine minimum staffing levels and passing legislation to ensure communities have that level of protection.

He understands that to accomplish those things he will need to reach out to fellow Republican lawmakers. He is ready to do so. His work as president of the Student Body at the University of Michigan-Dearborn shows that he has the ability to work with all sides to accomplish his goals.

In the 16th District, Democrat Robert Kosowski is being challenged by Republican Mary Stargell. In looking at the two candidates, we believe Robert Kosowski is the best choice for the district.

In a heavily Democratic district, Kosowski is the heir apparent to term-limited Rep. Richard LeBlanc. However, he has left nothing to chance and since announcing his candidacy last year, he has devoted a lot of time to meeting residents, especially in the City of Wayne.

In Westland, he is well-known. He recently retired as the Westland Parks and Recreation director after more than 20 years and believes his connections with local, state and county officials during that time will benefit the district.

He also has sought out the counsel of LeBlanc and State Sen. Glenn Anderson, who also represented the district in the House, to get to know the issues facing the cities, the district and the state and is prepared to face the challenges head on, if elected.

He understands those issues. The first and foremost issue is jobs. Wayne and Westland have strong blue-collar roots and, if elected, Kosowski wants to facilitate job fairs to make sure residents have easy access to work.

We also like the fact that Kosowski is campaigning on a slogan of "Let Me Work for You," a mantra he has followed throughout his years of working in municipal government. He makes it perfectly clear he is in this campaign to win and fully represent the district in Lansing.

We recommend Wayne and Westland residents vote for Robert Kosowski as representative in the 16th State House District and Westland and Garden City residents vote for David Knezek for the 11th District in the Nov. 6 election.

We also urge voters to take the time to vote in the election. Absentee ballots are still available and for those who plan to vote in person, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. election day, Nov. 6.

COMMUNITY VOICE

When do you think the holiday retail season should start?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"As far as I'm concerned, it should start after Thanksgiving."

Kay Pollifrone
Westland



"I think the sales should start the day after Thanksgiving and the music on the radio, too. It starts too soon. I have to change the channel."

Barbara Bailey
Westland



"I worked in retail and thought November and December were really good months for those types of things."

Lucille Dalian
Livonia



"After Thanksgiving, that's when we should see all the sales."

Pauline Cicala
Dearborn Heights

LETTERS

Tired of losers

I read in your paper of crimes that happen in Garden City. Does no crime happen in the other cities where you sell newspapers? Livonia, Westland, Canton? If you leave your wallet, credit cards and a laptop computer in plain sight, you must be a mental midget! I'm tired of reading about these (losers). I am moving to Romulus to live with the smart people.

Guido Panzeini
Westland

Yes on Proposal 2

Companies negotiate terms and conditions of their relationships with suppliers and customers and American CEOs can negotiate their pay, benefits, stock options, severance packages and so on.

Explain to me, why shouldn't workers be able to collectively bargain the terms and conditions of their employment with employers?

It seems to me that Proposal 2 is a much-needed response by Michigan's working families to an unprecedented "end-around" by forces in the Michigan legislature that have passed or put into motion more than 80 anti-union, anti-worker, anti-middle class bills.

Nearly 1/5 of Michigan residents have slipped beneath the federal poverty level. We need better paying, more secure jobs in Michigan so that we can get back to a sound economy and society. It's no wonder that so many college graduates, which our tax dollars help educate, flee our state after graduation.

I'm asking fellow voters to protect working families like mine and vote YES on Proposal 2.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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Scot Snead
Westland

A good decision

I am pleased that City Clerk Eileen Schoof did the right thing is refusing to require citizenship pledge cards for the upcoming presidential election. She was only resisting the illegal and improper position of the Republican secretary of state.

Since the city clerk's action, a federal judge in Detroit affirmed her position and that of simple common sense to block the citizenship affirmation card on the upcoming election. A person registering to vote for the first time needs to prove their citizenship at that time, but not every election after that.

The secretary of state feels that there 4,000 cases of election fraud but has refused to provide proof. Since then, there has been plenty of election fraud in Florida involving a business who was paid to circulate nominating petitions. Has our former con-

gressman Thaddeus McCotter, who has had plenty of experience with fraudulent nominating petitions for years, moved from Livonia to Florida? Just asking.

Leonard Poger
Westland

An ongoing problem

Recent articles in the *Observer* reporting on the Livonia Public School bus driver incidents have brought back anxious memories from 15 years ago. At dinner one night early in the school year, my 5-year-old LPS kindergartner announced, "I saw where all the school buses park."

"How did you do that?" I asked him.

"I fell asleep on the bus and the bus driver drove me there."

Imagine my shock at finding out this information from my son. In the morning I spoke with the school principal who stated, "The bus driver searched her bus when she returned to the bus yard and when she found him she returned him safely to the school. I did not see a need to inform you."

Well, I'm sorry, but any routine that deviates from the norm involving my young child, I need to be informed of! I still remember the anxiety I felt as my mind went to the what if the driver hadn't found him and he had awakened and picked up his backpack and wandered on down Farmington Road in search of his school?

I would not have known he was not in school unless I had received a call from the school verifying his absence. Obviously this has been an ongoing problem for at least 15 years.

Donna Olmstead
Westland

OUR VIEWS

13th District: No contest hurts electorate

At election time, voters want to know about the candidates who seek to represent them at the local, state and federal levels. They want to know what they stand for, what they will do for them, if elected, and what makes them the best choice.

In the redrawn 13th Congressional District, none of this has happened. There has not been comments, campaign literature or a sighting of the two main candidates - veteran U.S. Rep. John Conyers, a Democrat, and his Republican challenger, Harry T. Sawicki.

Conyers is completing his 24th term in Congress. He currently represents the 13th District, but due to redistricting, is seeking a 25th term, representing the 13th District. He is the second-most senior member of the House, dean of the

Congressional Black Caucus and chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Sawicki, a Dearborn Heights resident, is a former Detroit police officer. A self-employed manufacturer's representative, he is trying to rebuild his business after becoming unemployed in 2008.

There are two other candidates - Chris Sharer of the Libertarian Party and Martin Gray of the U.S. Taxpayers Party - but information about them is limited at best.

We have a concern about endorsing in this race. Neither of the major candidates has availed himself to answering inquiries for information from the *Observer*.

While Conyers is well known and has had an impressive record in

Congress, he has found no time to communicate with residents in the western suburbs. His lack of reaching out to the new areas of this district is unfortunate.

And from what we can ascertain, Sawicki has done nothing. He has received no support from the Republican party and raised no money to launch a campaign. We believe it is safe to say that he is a candidate in name only.

We cannot deny Conyers his place in history and because the district is heavily Democratic, he will likely win a 25th term. But that may not be good for western Wayne County voters who didn't see much of the candidate in the primary and who are used to strong, effective leaders who are visible and represent.

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Prop 3: Establish standard for renewable energy

PRO: Immediate rate cut for DTE's residential customers

By Hugh McDiarmid Jr.
Guest Columnist

Proposal 3, the "25 by 2025" plan on the Nov. 6 ballot, would result in an immediate rate reduction for residential customers of DTE Energy, long-term savings on utility bills and a healthier, more resilient system.

The immediate savings is because Proposal 3 eliminates an unfair DTE rate structure that assesses homeowners 69 percent of the renewable energy surcharge even though they only use 36 percent of the electricity. This represents a savings of \$16 per year for each of DTE's 1.9 million residential customers.



Hugh McDiarmid Jr.

Restoring fairness to DTE's residential customers is the most immediate of numerous benefits Proposal 3 will generate.

The plan would require that Michigan's utilities generate one-quarter of their electricity from clean renewable sources by the year 2025. It is a path to a more secure energy future that engages and employs thousands of Michiganders, reduces our crippling reliance on expensive out-of-state fuels and protects the environment and public health.

The proposal makes so much sense it has generated broad support from a growing and diverse chorus of important allies. But the utility companies are pouring millions of dollars into Michigan to confuse and scare voters with false and misleading claims.

Do not be bullied. Do not be brainwashed. The utilities have a selfish interest in perpetuating the same dirty system that has relied primarily on coal to provide Michigan electricity for more than a century. DTE, the company that owns Detroit Edison, owns nine other companies that make money strictly from moving and processing coal. They own more than 8,500 railroad cars just to move coal. They get federal tax breaks for processing the coal, which allows them to make more than \$60 million a year.

Coal may be good for their bottom line, but it is not good for Michigan families.

Not for our households or businesses that bear the brunt of rising fuel costs. Not for children hospitalized with severe asthma conditions. Not for our inland lakes that have been poisoned by mercury from power plant smokestacks. It is not working for college stu-

dents in the emerging clean energy field who must leave Michigan to find a job.

And it is not working for our economy. Coal — which fuels 70 percent of Detroit Edison's electricity — is expensive and getting more so. The cost of coal delivered to Michigan has doubled since 2005. It is no coincidence that utility rates have soared during the same time period. All told, Michiganders spend \$1.5 billion annually to import coal from other states.

By contrast, renewable energy in Michigan is coming online at a cost cheaper than even the most ardent proponents predicted in 2008, when our current standard — 10 percent by 2015 — was adopted. The Michigan Public Service Commission reports that "the cost of energy generated by renewable sources continues to decline and is cheaper than new coal-fired generation."

Affordable renewable energy is also fueling Michigan's economy. More than 240 Michigan companies are engaged in the wind and solar supply chains alone, according to a report from the Environmental Law and Policy Center. A Michigan State University study showed that tens of thousands of jobs would be created by Proposal 3 in the construction, manufacturing and operations and maintenance of these facilities.

The 25-percent standard would make Michigan competitive with dozens of other states that have renewable standards exceeding ours. And it would position Michigan to become a global leader in renewable energy.

There are other ways it could be done. But our governor and state legislators — many of them firmly under the thumb of the utilities' powerful Lansing lobbying machine — are not interested.

So instead, voters will decide whether to amend the Michigan Constitution. It's a process that has been successfully used more than 30 times since 1963, when we adopted the current version of our constitution. We've established policies including the minimum drinking age, tax policy, stem cell research, casino gambling and the Natural Resources Trust Fund.

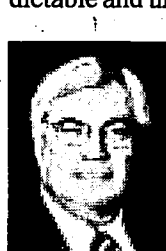
As the constitution states, "All political power is inherent in the people." If our elected officials are not going to solve the big problems of today, it is up to us.

Hugh McDiarmid Jr. is a Farmington resident and communications director with the Michigan Environmental Council.

CON: Say no to protect economic progress

By Steve Transeth
Guest Columnist

Only now is Michigan's economy starting to recover from the worst recession America has experienced in decades. This is no time to hit Michigan families and businesses with unnecessary costs, especially for energy from sources that too often are unpredictable and unreliable.



Steve Transeth

And that's precisely why Proposal 3 is the wrong idea at the wrong time for our state.

You may think amending the state constitution to require 25 percent of the state's electric supply to come from renewable sources such as wind, solar and biomass by 2025 sounds relatively harmless.

Unfortunately, you would be wrong.

Meeting that mandate would cost electric customers an estimated \$12 billion — that's billion with a 'B' — driving up utility bills for years to come. That's a staggering burden for working people, families and retirees and seniors on fixed incomes.

I support the concept of generating more of Michigan's electricity from renewable sources. But the price tag for Proposal 3 simply is too expensive.

One analysis estimates that meeting Proposal 3 would require the addition of 4,000 to 5,000 megawatts of wind power capacity. That's equivalent to roughly 3,100 wind turbines, requiring more than 780 square miles of Michigan land.

Voters also should consider:

- Michigan already has a reasonable, affordable 10-percent renewable energy goal. Consum-

ers Energy (5 percent) and DTE Energy (6 percent) both are on track to meet that mark, in large part because of the six wind farms they are developing separately. Our state should reach the 10-percent standard before reassessing its future energy needs.

- The constitution is the wrong place for this mandate. No other state in the country has locked energy policy into its constitution and Michigan shouldn't be the first. Locking energy policy into the constitution would eliminate the flexibility to meet unforeseen challenges in the state's energy market and impede our ability to take advantage of emerging technologies.

- Today, local communities set their zoning standards and ordinances to govern the development of wind farms and other renewable energy projects. If Proposal 3 is locked into the state constitution, such zoning laws could be challenged on constitutional grounds and potentially overturned, stripping local officials of their authority.

Renewable energy is good for Michigan in the right places and in the right increments. Wind, biomass, solar and other renewables can contribute to a balanced energy portfolio, along with conventional sources, that will ensure our electricity remains affordable and reliable.

But needlessly pouring billions of dollars into a 25-percent renewable energy requirement that would be locked in our constitution is a bad investment that won't pay off.

Voters should reject Proposal 3 because this costly constitutional energy mandate is bad for Michigan.

Steve Transeth is a former Michigan Public Service commissioner and senior energy policy adviser to the Clean Affordable Renewable Energy for Michigan Coalition.

Prop 4: Constitutional amendment for home health care

PRO: Offers safeguards for home health care

By John Hoyle
Guest Columnist

Proposal 4 will strengthen safety, health and independence of persons with disabilities and those who are aging.

Those who are aging or have a disability tell us that they want to stay in their own home instead of going to a nursing home or other institution. If that's their choice, our priority is to ensure that they are safe and healthy in their own homes.

On Election Day, voters across Michigan have an opportunity to help seniors and people with disabilities get safe, quality care in their own homes, by voting yes on Proposal 4.



John Hoyle

Also known as Keep Home Care a Safe Choice, Proposal 4 ensures our loved ones can direct their own care, while remaining independent and healthy in their own homes.

Proposal 4 will help persons who need assistance to remain in their home get assistance from screened home care workers who help perform many tasks, from getting dressed to taking their medication. Proposal 4 establishes a registry that requires home care workers on it to undergo strict background checks, an important safeguard to prevent neglect and abuse.

Proposal 4 directly impacts the care and safety of countless Michiganders, especially our most vulnerable citizens.

Those of us who work directly with seniors and people with disabilities know first-hand what a real difference quality home care makes. When seniors and people with disabilities choose home care, they are happier and healthier. Home care allows our loved ones to live in familiar, comfortable surroundings near family, friends and their communities. By staying in their own homes, seniors and people with disabilities also avoid costly alternative settings, including nursing homes.

Proposal 4 contains many important safeguards to protect seniors and people with disabilities.

First, it establishes the Michigan Qual-

ity Home Care Council, which would oversee a registry that links home care recipients with pre-screened home care providers in their area.

Second, it requires home care providers on the registry undergo strict criminal background checks to ensure safety for seniors and people with disabilities.

Third, it connects home care providers to critical job training so they can better care for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Furthermore, Proposal 4 will save taxpayer dollars in avoided institutional costs, since home care is significantly less expensive to taxpayers than nursing homes, according to non-partisan studies by the AARP and the conservative Anderson Economic Group.

In addition to promoting quality care, Proposal 4 and the registry it creates will also help keep our loved ones safe. By better screening home care workers, we can prevent abuses as well as exploitation, neglect and abandonment of seniors and people with disabilities. According to estimates by the Michigan Department of Human Services, about 14,000 elder abuse cases are reported on average each year.

That's why a diverse coalition of groups endorses Proposal 4 and urges Michigan citizens to vote yes.

Michigan's leading senior and disability rights groups, such as the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Arc Michigan and many more have endorsed Proposal 4. Faith leaders, veterans groups and many others also urge a yes vote on Proposal 4.

And law enforcement leaders, local police chiefs and prosecutors across Michigan agree that Proposal 4 will promote better care and safety for loved ones.

Proposal 4 promotes greater security, it gives those who need assistance more choices and it saves money for them and for taxpayers.

Vote yes on Proposal 4 for the health, safety and peace of mind of those we care about.

John Hoyle is executive director of the Arc Michigan and co-chair of Citizens for Affordable Quality Home Care.

CON: Forced unionization of home-based caregivers

By Derk A. Wilcox
Guest Columnist

One of the biggest misconceptions about Proposal 4 is that it creates new programs that will assist the elderly and the disabled with independent living. It is on this basis that the proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution is being sold to voters.

An analysis of the proposal, however, reveals that this claim is untrue and so we have to look deeper to see the true motivation behind the promotion of Proposal 4.

The real reason Proposal 4 was put on the ballot was to protect a scheme to funnel dues and fees from the pay of home-based caregivers to the Service Employees International Union. The amendment seeks to enshrine

in the constitution a dues collection scheme that has already diverted \$32 million away from the caregivers, 75 percent of whom are family members caring for loved ones.

Under the Home Help Program, which began in 1981, in-home caregivers had always been considered employees of the care recipients — up until 2005, that is. The care recipient chose the employee, directed the care and had the ability to replace the caregiver, if desired.

In 2005, under the administration of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a local government entity called the Michigan Quality Community Care Council was created and colluded with the SEIU to force tens of thousands of residents into a government union. These two entities claimed that the caregivers were public employees because all or part of their pay comes from public funds. (Given this line of reasoning, doctors who accept Medicaid or Medicare payments, or grocers who accept food stamps, could also be forced into such a union.) Michigan law, as well as federal law, had always excluded in-home caregivers from the definition of who is a public employee for the reason

that the true employer was the one to whom the care was given, not the state. Nevertheless, the scheme moved forward with little to no public scrutiny.

When the full extent of what had happened — and the amount of dues and fees that had been skimmed — became widely known, the public was outraged and the Legislature acted to put an end to the dues skim and prevent anything like it from happening in the future.

Proposal 4 is an attempt to validate the dues skim and enshrine in the constitution the definition of a public employee that has already been rejected by the courts and the Legislature. The SEIU has already admitted that it is using the skimmed dues "during the upcoming election" to advocate for its position. Given the millions of dollars involved, the SEIU has a strong incentive to try to keep the skim going.

Proposal 4 would only consider home-based caregivers to be public employees for the limited purpose of being represented by the SEIU or a subsequent union. It would not extend to caregivers the status of public employees in any other regard, including pensions, benefits or civil service protections. Proposal 4 would not grant the union the power to negotiate higher wages or improved work conditions, either. The actual language of the proposed amendment that does not appear on the ballot specifically states that the Legislature, through the appropriations process, determines the caregivers' compensation, and since the work occurs in the care recipients' homes, it cannot affect the working conditions either.

The programs promised by Proposal 4, including a registry and background checks, have already been implemented and require no constitutional amendment to continue. The only facet of Proposal 4 that actually requires altering the constitution is the continuation of the dues skim that the Legislature has tried to stop.

Derk A. Wilcox is senior attorney at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a research and educational institute headquartered in Midland. Access his policy brief on Proposal 4 at www.mackinac.org/17637.

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Upcoming Events

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25
Location: Auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, Livonia
Details: St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross are partnering in a blood drive. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcross-blood.org. There will also be appointment sheets in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.
Contact: For directions or additional information, visit the website at www.stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and 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. Gully, Dearborn Heights
Details: The annual craft show will feature crafts, 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-Taber 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.

SAFE PLACE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays
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Details: A SAFE PLACE is

based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.
Contact: Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

ADULT DAY SERVICES
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays
Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth MI
Detail: A structured week-day alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals
Contact: Laurie Krause at laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com and (734) 956-2600

METRO FIBROMYALGIA
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month
Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City
Details: The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.
Contact: Lucy at (734) 462-1768, www.MetroFibroGroup.com

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

WESTLAND ROTARY
Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays
Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland
Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.
Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

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Contact: Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES
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CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND
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Zombie Time

Ready for the Downtown Wayne's Zombie Pub Crawl Friday, Oct. 26, are Jessi Shaffer, Tammy Gerrity and Tracy Carter who struck a pose at Warriors 3 Comics and Games. Shaffer was the winner of last year's Crawl's zombie costume contest. The Zombie Pub Crawl starts at 8 p.m. at the U.S. 12 Bar and Grill of Stockdale's on the Ave West and includes stops at Jake's and the Village Bar and Billiards. There will be lots of gift certificates and prizes. The event is for those age 21 and older. Check out www.downtownwayne.org for details on other Halloween related events for all ages.

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Location: St. Johns Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1614C, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Tim Horton's Drive-Thru at Existing Service Station, 38350 Ford Road, Parcel #028-99-0005-714, Northeast Corner of Ford Road and Hix Road, Michael Beydoun (Sabah Mahmoud)



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

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
 Westland Planning Commission

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Education

WILLOW CREEK
Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland
Details: Willow Creek Co-operative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.
Contact: (734) 326-0078

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Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Monday of the month
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
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CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES
Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
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CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND
Time/Date: 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month
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SPORTS

Churchill denied in Kensington finals

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

There was no doubt about it. Whenever Rebecca Martin is going to set the ball and Symone Abbott is on the front row, good things are going to happen for the Northville girls volleyball team. And that potent one-two combination proved to be the difference as the high-flying Abbott finished with 29 kills, while Georgia Tech-bound Martin dished out 42 assist-to-kills Tuesday night as the host Mustangs

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

outlasted Livonia Churchill in five sets, 25-21, 20-25, 25-16, 21-25, in the first-place Kensington Conference crossover match. The Mustangs, KLAA Central Division champion, improved to 42-2-4 overall and avenged a loss to Churchill in the finals of the Northville Tournament on Oct. 6. Churchill, which captured the KLAA South Division, falls to 42-6 overall. "Northville is a great team and Symone is an outstanding hitter ... you can't stop her," Churchill

coach Mark Grenier said of the 5-foot-11 junior. "We just came up a little short." Northville served 13 aces in the match to Churchill's six. "Northville serves tough," Grenier said. "They put a lot of pressure on you. Serve receive was difficult for us and we struggled with that." Libero Kelsey Knickerbocker paced the Northville defense with 18 digs, while Julia Colasanti and Martin added 10 and nine, respectively. Cassidy Minghine, Olivia Landis and Martin each contributed

six kills. In the fifth and deciding set, Northville jumped out to a 2-0 lead and never let the Chargers come back. That was the opposite in the finals of the Northville Tournament when Churchill grabbed a 5-0 advantage and went on to hand the Mustangs their first setback of the season. "Every time in practice we play sets to five," Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said. "We play sets to five, sets to five

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Hicklin's goal saves Ocelots

Nate Hicklin's unassisted goal in the 103rd minute gave Schoolcraft College a 3-2 double-overtime men's soccer victory over host Muskegon Community College. The fifth-ranked Ocelots, who improved to 12-2-1 overall and 4-0 in the Michigan CC Athletic Association, tied it in the 77th minute when Ardit Dushkaj (Livonia Clarenceville) off an assist from Romario Georgis. Derek Boatright opened the scoring for Schoolcraft in the 37th minute on a play set up by Dushkaj and Georgis, but Muskegon answered on goals by Eric Hilt (52nd minute) and Zach Sutton (77th minute). Goalkeeper Ryan Tikey (Livonia Franklin) made eight saves as the Ocelots also improved to 10-1-1 in NJCAA Region XII. Tyler Lane made eight saves for Muskegon, now 8-6-1 overall, 1-3 in the MCCA and 6-5-1 in Region XII.

Stevenson corrals win vs. N'ville

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

If there was one boys soccer team that proved to be a major thorn in Northville's side this season, it was Livonia Stevenson. In Monday's Division 1 district opener, the host Spartans got a goal from senior John D'Agostino, who notched his 10th of the year, just 8 minutes and 14 seconds into the match and made it stand up to beat Northville for the third time this season, 1-0. Stevenson, which improved to 11-3-5 overall, moved into Wednesday's district semifinal to face KLAA Central Division nemesis Novi — also for the third time this season. (Visit www.hometownlife.com for more information.) Stevenson is 0-1-1 against the Wildcats this season, but that wasn't the case against another KLAA Central rival in Northville. "Stevenson won the two previous meetings against the Mustangs by scores of 1-0 (Sept. 18) and 2-1 (Oct. 4). And the third meeting proved to be a similar scenario. Junior Ryan Schifano sent long through ball to D'Agostino, who controlled the feed and tallied the game-winner with a no-doubt shot that eluded Northville goalkeeper Steven Jansen. And by the time the second



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's John D'Agostino (front) gets a leg up on Northville defender Troy Dolemetsch for the game's only goal just nine minutes into Monday's Division 1 district soccer opener.

half had rolled around, the Spartans went into a defensive mode moving back D'Agostino to help stop any Northville offensive thrusts. "We kind of knew how that would go," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We knew

we had to defend for 40 minutes and that's exactly what we did. The whole team defended their hearts out and took care of business. "It was time to lock it in and make the one goal stand up." Northville's best scoring

chance came with 22 minutes remaining, but Stevenson senior goalkeeper Zach Verant denied Northville's Colin Watkins on a point-blank shot from eight years out. Please see SPARTANS, B2



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

District drama

John Glenn's Carlos Santiago (1) converges on Wayne's Martin Ballah (18) as Jamil Gharib (17) trails the play in Tuesday's Division 1 district soccer opener. The Rockets eliminated Wayne for the third time this season, 6-1. See more district soccer on page B7???

Olah's hat trick sinks Chargers

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

After the first half of Tuesday's Division 1-District 7 first round match-up, which saw Plymouth down 2-0 to host Livonia Churchill, Wildcats senior co-captain Chandler Olah urged his teammates to "up the ante." Olah definitely did just that, scoring twice during the second half to force overtime and then scoring the lone goal of extra time as Plymouth came away with a 3-2 boys soccer triumph. The win advanced the Wildcats to a 7 p.m. match at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park against Westland John Glenn, which rolled to a 6-1 first-round win over rival Wayne Memorial.

"It felt great to come through but I had a lot of help from my teammates," said Olah, whose second hat trick of the year gives him 18 goals. "We obviously didn't want it to end tonight." According to Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, it was Olah who "put the team on his back" after a first half where the Chargers kept the Wildcats (9-7-0) from putting too much pressure on Churchill junior goalkeeper Colton Robison. Churchill (6-10-2) got off to a quick start with an unassisted tally by junior forward Luke Otto (who missed most of the season recovering from a knee injury) with 8:22 left in the opening half.

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Blazers clip Blue Devils

Sophomore Christina Meyer scored goal goals and added one assist as Livonia Ladywood tuned up for the upcoming state playoffs with a 3-1 girls field hockey win Friday at home over Grosse Pointe South. Junior Erin Badge also added a goal off an assist from senior Lauren Kozlowski as the Blazers improved to 6-6-2 overall and 3-5-2 in the division. Mariel Ward scored for the Blue Devils (1-10-2, 0-8-1). Ladywood senior goalie Stephanie Mackley made seven saves, while South's Carly Brown had five stops. "Everyone played great," Ladywood coach Kristine Sanders said. "Our goal for this game was to put two good halves together and we did just that. It was a great way to end our season and it will definitely provide us the momentum we need throughout the playoffs."

Stevenson, Chargers net state finals spots

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It was nothing short of a commanding performance Friday for the Livonia Stevenson boys tennis team. The Spartans, winning six of eight flights, scored a team-high 30 points by to capture the Division 1-Region 3 tournament host-

BOYS TENNIS

ed by Brownstown Woodhaven. Joining the Spartans this Friday at Midland is Livonia Churchill, which secured its fifth consecutive MHSAA finals berth by scoring 22 points to earn runner-up regional honors. Third-place Woodhaven just missed advancing as well by

scoring 17 points, but fell one point shy of the automatic qualifying total of 18. "This team improved all the way through the year and really never had a disappointing performance," said Stevenson coach Don McCathney, whose team earned its third straight state finals berth. In singles, Stevenson took

three-of-four flights thanks to the efforts of Sam Tabor (No. 2), Marcus McCathney (No. 3) and Johnson Yang (No. 4). Tabor ran his record to 17-8 when he defeated Trevor Monaco of Woodhaven in the final, 7-6, 6-3, while McCathney improved to 17-8 with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 tri-

Please see TENNIS, B4

MU secures 4th win in row; Lady Ocelots derailed, 6-2

The Madonna University women's soccer team extended its winning streak to four games Monday with a 3-0 victory over visiting Rochester College.

Amanda Ferrick notched her first two goals of the season in the 88th and 89th minutes as MU improved to 7-5 overall with the non-conference victory.

After a scoreless opening half, Madonna's Morgan Himanek tallied her first of the year in the 74th minute of an assist from Liliana Serratos.

Ferrick then scored from Jennifer Jurcak and followed with her second on an unassisted effort off a rebound following a penalty kick.

MU freshman goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg had to make just two saves to record the shut-out.

Cheyenne Daniels had seven saves for Rochester (1-14-1).

MONROE (N.Y.) 6, SCHOOLCRAFT 2: Natalie Rogers had a pair of goals and one assist Sunday as 10th-ranked Monroe Community College (13-1) downed host Schoolcraft College (11-4-2).

Ally Sharpe also chipped in with a goal and three assists, while Ali Campbell, Taylor Wingerden and Jori Semau also tallied goals as Monroe outscored the Lady Ocelots 5-2 in the second half.

"We started out strong and had some good looks at goal," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman said. "I thought it was a case of breaking the cardinal rule about falling asleep on the job. We needed to stay vigilant defensively."

"Half of their goals resulted from poor marking. But it also falls on our offensive players because few realize that a small mistake or turnover on the offensive side has ramifications on our defense. It's 'collective responsibility.' This

is one of our team tenants." Schoolcraft got goals from Samantha Jarrett, her seventh off a penalty kick in the 63rd minute, along with Lauren Badalamente, who notched her eighth in the 90th minute on an unassisted effort.

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) gave up two goals in 15 minutes, while Tara Gessler allowed four in 60 minutes before giving way to Danielle Schendel (Canton).

MADONNA 2, MARYGROVE 1: Freshman goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg made seven saves as Madonna University (6-5-1, 3-1) earned the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Saturday at Marygrove College (6-7-1, 1-3-1).

After making four saves in the first half, Schmalenberg had to make three stops in the second half, none bigger than in the final minute of play when Cheyenne York sent in a shot that the freshman was able to get a hand on it and preserve the victory.

Marygrove took a 1-0 lead in the fifth minute on Katlyn Vigna's six goal of the season, but MU's Ashley Parent scored her eighth of the season in the 17th minute off an assist from Katlyn Krysiak.

In the 43rd minute, Krysiak tallied her ninth of the year for the game-winner off an assist from Parent.

Deanna Lintz made two saves for the Mustangs.

SCHOOLCRAFT 3, MUSKEGON CC 0: In the rain and on a slick field Saturday, Schoolcraft College (11-3-2, 5-0-1) earned the MCCA win on goals by Taylor Bunyak, Emily Behnke and Kayla Szado at Muskegon Community College (5-5-2, 3-3-1).

Bunyak's goal came from close range off a cross from Lauren Badalamente in the 42nd minute.

Behnke scored unassisted in the 54th minute and Bunyak set up Szado (Livonia Churchill) in the 82nd minute.

Tara Gessler, who made six saves in 70 minutes, and Alexis Smith, who added one in 20 minutes, combined on the shutout.

Schoolcraft also improves 7-1-2 in NCAAA Region XII, while Muskegon is 5-5-1.



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn's Frank Kenne (left) and Madalin Pop (right) sandwich Wayne's James Herdon during Tuesday's Division 1 district soccer opener.

Rockets launch district win

Westland John Glenn took care of business in Tuesday's Division 1 district boys soccer opener by defeating rival Wayne Memorial for the third time this season, 6-1.

The Rockets, who improved to 11-7 overall, will square off against Plymouth in the district semifinal beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at Canton.

Bobby Mason and Alex Isaevski each pumped in two goals for the victorious Rockets.

Tyler Simpson also scored on a 40-yard free kick along with Dan Savor, whom coach Brian Tomlinson nicknamed "The Toasty Turtle."

"A great start to our playoff run and a lot of guys stepped up near the end of the game," Tom-

linson said. "Adam Valentine did a great job distributing and finding the open guy. Derek Merschman created scoring chance after chance."

"Carlos Santiago single handedly controlled the midfield, and Frank Kenne did a great, great job winning 50-50 balls. Captain Ryan McCarthy took a beating tonight and showed real guts sticking it out for the entire game."

Martin Ballah scored the lone goal for the Zebras, who finished the season at 1-17.

"He is deserving of an all-conference selection," Tomlinson said of the Wayne junior forward.

SALEM 8, FRANKLIN 0: Tyler Fosdick and Connor Cole each scored a pair of goals Tuesday as the Rocks (15-2-4)

opened Division 1 district play with a victory at Livonia Franklin (6-12-1).

The KLA Association champions also got goals from William Benintende, Brady Cole, David Schroeder and Chris Dierker.

"They scored four of their goals off set pieces," said Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos, whose team trailed 5-0 at intermission. "They (Salem) came to play."

NOTRE DAME PREP 2, CLARENCEVILLE 1: On Monday, goals by Zach Nantau and David Klei enabled Catholic League C-D Division champion Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (10-7-3) to escape host Livonia Clarenceville (7-9-3) in the opening round of the Division 3 district tournament.

Klei's goal came with a second left in the first half to make it 2-0.

"Our defense got caught off-guard on a break," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "But it was a good shot." David Vandekerckhove scored on a throw-in from

Shane Martin at the 52-minute mark, but the Trojans couldn't score the equalizer.

"I wish it would have been a different result, but I'm proud of the effort," Johnson said. "They played hard."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 7, BAPTIST PARK 0: Troy Gotchev notched a hat trick and collected one assist, while Ernie Babon added two goals and two assists as Lutheran High Westland (4-15) rolled to a victory Monday over visiting Taylor Baptist Park (5-11-1) in the Division 4 district opener.

Nick Flanery and Jeonghun Han also tallied goals for the Warriors, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Brandon Wyman contributed two assists, while Walter Gembariski and Daniel Roberts also drew assists for the Warriors.

INTER-CITY 8, HVL 0: In a Division 4 district opener Monday, host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist invoked the eight-goal mercy rule to oust Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-12).

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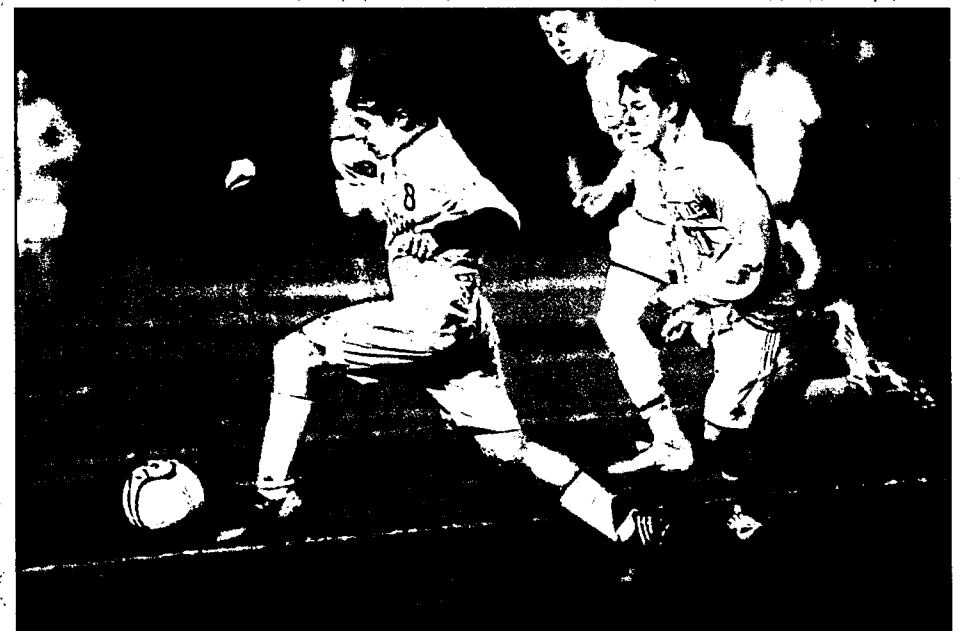
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"That was a huge save," Shingledecker said. "Billy Werthman, Tom O'Brien, Brian Smith — those guys have been solid all year, and Gino D'Orazio ... the whole back line has been excellent all year, and today we got it done."

The Mustangs ended their season at 11-7-3 overall.

"It's one play," Northville coach Henry Klimes said of the game-winning goal. "We tried to make some adjustments. They sat on the lead and brought No. 17 (D'Agostino) back, but overall we possessed and played a much better brand of soccer. I wish them (Stevenson) luck. They were the better team, I guess, in executing, so we'll see what happens on Wednesday for



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Stevenson's Gino D'Orazio (8) dribbles the ball past Northville defender Daniel Kubert (11) during Monday's Division 1 district boys soccer opener.

them." And if only the Mustangs could have matched their first-half effort during the final 40 minutes, according to the Northville coach.

"I think everyone played well the second half," Klimes said. "I

can't think of one stand-out more than another. They all really played hard the second half."

The best chance came on Watkins' ball midway through the second half.

"I thought that was going to be the equalizer," Klimes said. "But like I said, 'It wasn't meant to be' for the boys this year. I feel bad for our six seniors. We're young and hopefully next year we'll get them."

The match marked the final appearance for Mustang players Troy Dolmetsch, Ben Holbrook, Colin Warner, Nate Baughman, David Lindow and Daniel Kubert.

Meanwhile, Stevenson lived to play another day and will face at Novi team that beat them 5-1 on Oct. 2. The first meeting, on Sept. 14, ended in a 1-1 draw.

Novi advanced on Monday with a 1-0 win over Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

"Can't wait," Shingledecker said of the impending district semifinal matchup.

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Crusaders roll by Cincy Christian

Nastija Baranvoska led a balanced hitting attack with nine kills as the 18th-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team rolled to a 25-12, 25-15, 25-17 win Saturday over Cincinnati Christian in the Concordia University Tournament.

The Crusaders, who improved to 24-5 overall, also got eight kills from Samantha Geile, seven from Ashley Hulbert and six from Kayla Vogel.

Setter Evia Prieditis, a junior, dished out 31 assists and added eight digs, while Amanda Obrycki contributed a team-high 10 digs.

Cara Barks had 11 digs and Monica Reis six kills from Cincinnati Christian (13-10).

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Ocelots triumph

On Tuesday, host Schoolcraft College took four sets to subdue Macomb Community College, 25-16, 25-23, 19-25, 25-22.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 19-11 overall and 9-2 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Athletic Association. They are tied with Oakland CC in second only one match behind conference leading Flint Mott CC.

The loss drops the Monarchs to 9-16 overall and 5-6 in the conference.

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Salem (5-3) at Canton (5-3), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Salem
Clarenceville (5-3) at Durand (2-6), 7 p.m.	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Churchill (8-0) at Stevenson (6-2), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
A.A. Pioneer (5-3) at Franklin (2-6), 7 p.m.	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer
A.A. Huron (0-8) at John Glenn (2-6), 7 p.m.	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Lake Orion (7-1) at Farmington (6-2), 7 p.m.	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion
West Bloomfield (2-6) at Harrison (5-3), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Pontiac (1-7) at North Farmington (2-6), 7 p.m.	North	North	North	North
Grand Blanc (4-4) at Plymouth (7-1), 6:30 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Saturday, Oct. 20				
Allen Academy (2-5) at Lutheran Westland (5-3), 1 p.m.	Westland	Westland	Westland	Westland
Last week	9-4	8-5	10-3	11-2
Overall	63-35	71-27	73-25	77-21

Good timing

Spartans peaking, stymie Plymouth

Livonia Stevenson continued its late season push Tuesday with a 25-13, 25-23, 19-25, 25-18 girls volleyball win over visiting Plymouth.

Junior Katie Tomasic once again led the Spartans, now 25-16-1 overall, with 12 kills, eight digs and 12 assists. She was also 15-for-15 on serve receive and six-of-seven serving in the KLAAs crossover win.

Amanda Hawkins chipped in with eight kills and five blocks, while Taylor McLaud had six kills. Morgan Copperstone added five kills and four blocks.

Holly Mossoian paced the defense with 18 digs, including 23-of-28 on serve receive and 10-of-11 serving, while setter Allie Koesterling finished with 11 assists, five digs and was 11-for-11 serving.

Other top performers for Stevenson included Abby Whitehead (four kills, three blocks); Annie MacDonald (seven digs, 12-of-13 serve receive);

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Mara Murray (three kills, five assists); Allie Strautz (eight digs); Sarah Soave (five assists); Meghan Knorp (10-of-10 serving); and Kelsey Szabo (two digs).

Lions roar by Pats

In a KLAAs crossover Tuesday, host South Lyon earned a 25-17, 25-23, 25-12 victory over Livonia Franklin (9-27-2).

Afton DeWyse had 14 digs and three aces, while Kelly Newton contribute 10 digs and three aces for the Patriots.

Maggie Leins and Mackenzie Lukas were Franklin's top hitters with seven and five kills, respectively.

Clarenceville falls

Livonia Clarenceville junior Ayanna Buckley had 16 kills, five blocks and 12 digs, but it wasn't enough Tuesday as host West Bloomfield came away with a 25-20, 25-19, 18-25, 25-22 win against

the Trojans.

"Despite the loss we played as a team tonight we were making good choices and our defense was working together and backing each other up," said Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman, whose team falls to 13-15-4 overall.

Other leaders for the Trojans included Tonya Vernier (nine kills, two blocks, five aces); Kelsey Griffin (eight digs); Christine Hurmiz (seven digs); and setter Nicole Kurdziel (24 assists).

Spartans go 4-2

Livonia Stevenson captured the silver round by winning four of six matches in the Beast of the East Invitational girls volleyball tournament held at the Blue Water Sports Center in Warren.

Stevenson scored victories over Wyandotte (25-12, 27-26), Birmingham Seaholm (25-20, 25-17), L'Anse Creuse North (22-25, 25-20, 15-8) and White Lake Lakeland (25-22, 18-

25, 15-13).

The Spartans (24-16-1) were defeated by North Branch (16-25, 16-25) and Troy (15-25, 25-13, 15-9).

Junior Katie Tomasic led the Spartans with 62 total kills on the day to go along with 22 digs, 30 assists and six blocks. She was also 32-of-33 serving.

Setter Allie Koesterling, a senior, finished with 45 assists, 10 digs and was 56-of-57 serving with three aces.

Other top Stevenson performers included Annie MacDonald (50-of-54 serve receive, 34 digs); Holly Mossoian (17 digs, 20-of-22 serve receive); Abby Whitehead (13 blocks, 13 digs); Amanda Hawkins (10 kills, nine blocks); Morgan Copperstone (15 kills, nine digs); Taylor McLaud (nine kills, six blocks); Allie Strautz (12-of-15 serve receive, six digs); Mara Murray (six blocks, eight assists); Meghan Knorp (three digs); Sarah Soave (five assists).

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 19
Clarenceville at Durand, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Pioneer at Franklin, 7 p.m.
A.A. Huron at Glenn, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Allen at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1
LIVONIA STEVENSON (Host)
Saturday, Oct. 20: Championship final, 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional finals at Farmington vs. Dearborn High district champion.)

CANTON (Host)

Thursday, Oct. 18: Canton vs. Salem, 5 p.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20: Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Farmington vs. Ann Arbor Huron district champion.)

DIVISION 4

ALLEN PARK
INTER-CITY BAPTIST (Host)
Friday, Oct. 19: Championship final, 4:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Hillsdale Academy district champion.)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Oct. 18
HVL at Liggett, 6:30 p.m.

(CHSL A-B Playoffs)
at Birmingham Marian
Lady. vs. Divine Child, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20
UM-Dearborn Tourney, 8 a.m.
Romulus Tourney, 8:30 a.m.

(KLAAs Assoc. Tourneys)

Gold Bracket at Novi, 9 a.m.
Silver Bracket at Wayne, 9 a.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday, Oct. 18
Kensington Conference Meet at Huron Meadows, 3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 19

MIAC meet at Spencer Park, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Catholic League Meet at Stoney Creek, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Oct. 18
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Plym. at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. N.D. Prep at Liv. Comm. Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Oct. 18
S'craft at Oakland, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 19

(Crusader Classic at MU)
MU vs. Daemon, 3:30 p.m.
MU vs. Embury-Riddle, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

(Crusader Classic at MU)
MU vs. Rochester, 9:30 a.m.
MU vs. Trinity, 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Friday, Oct. 19
Ancilla at S'craft, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Friday, Oct. 19
Marygrove at MU, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

MU at U-D Mercy, 3 p.m.
Davenport at MU, noon.
Kellogg at S'craft, 1 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

ANN ARBOR GABRIEL RICHARD INVATIONAL RESULTS

Oct. 13 at Hudson Mills BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 1): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 31 points; 2. Plymouth, 68; 3. Clarkston, 71; 4. Berkley, 121; 5. Wayne Memorial, 141; 6. Walled Lake Western, 154; 7. Grosse Pointe North, 178; 8. Ann Arbor Pioneer (B), 206; 9. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 226; 10. Birmingham Groves, 261; 11. Belleville, 291.

Individual winner: Costa Willets (Pioneer), 15:47.03 (5,000 meters).

Wayne finishers: 13. Danile Malcolm, 16:47 (all-invitational); 19. Devin Gibson, 17:03 (all-invitational); 23. Zack Williams, 17:20; 39. Michael Gibson, 17:49; 47. Tim Flores, 17:59; 66. Uriel Figueroa, 19:17; 74. Kyle Saavedra, 21:19.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 3):

- 1. Napoleon, 35; 2. Lutheran High Westland, 110; 3. Jackson Christian, 111; 4. Royal Oak Shrine, 116; 5. Plymouth Christian, 121; 6. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 124; 7. Homer, 186; 8. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 202; 10. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 228;

10. Ottawa Lake Whiteford, 248 (13 schools).

Individual winner: Ben Kendall (Shrine), 16:24.13 (5,000 meters).

Lutheran Westland finishers: 12. Eric Smith, 17:58.18; 14. Hunter Roedel, 18:00.24; 23. Daniel Bunge, 18:32.37; 30. Pete Sillanpaa, 18:54.69; 36. Ian O'Banion, 19:18.05; 74. Matthew Parent, 21:29.1; 77. Josiah Masey, 22:09.4.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 3): 1. Homer, 40 points; 2. Royal Oaks Shrine, 60; 3. Napoleon, 72; 4. Lutheran Westland, 79; 5. Ottawa Lake Whiteford, 188; 6. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 193; 7. Wixom St. Catherine deSiena, 213; 8. Jackson Christian, 218; 9. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 233; 10. Ypsilanti Arbor Prep, 251; 11. Athens, 252.

Individual winner: Jessica Reagle (Homer), 19:39.92 (5,000 meters).

Lutheran Westland finishers: 3. Jenna Wisner, 20:05.38; 10. Jessica Drife, 21:04.26; 16. Michelle Greening, 21:24.16; 28. Alana Hill, 22:14.18; 32. Angela Morrison, 22:53.73; 39. Megan Heil, 23:34.49; 43. Rachel Wiggins, 23:48.15.

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 home brands such as Simmons, Southerland and Restonic. All sizes are available in pillow top, 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.just12000threadcountsheet.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.

Youth wrestling

Registration for the Westland Bottle Rocks Wrestling Club (ages

4-14) will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the John Glenn High School (wrestling room), 36105 Marquette, Westland.

The membership fee is \$50 (includes T-shirt). Beginners meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and advanced wrestlers from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Nov. 27.

To obtain a copy of the registration form, visit www.glennwrestling.com.

For more information, e-mail brclubwrestling@gmail.com; or call Judy Lawrence at (734) 634-4595.

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. 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.miwwlc.com.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

For more information or interesting in coaching, call Beth Donovan at (734) 231-7766; or e-mail bethd@miwwlc.com.

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.

Livonia wrestling

The Livonia Wrestling Club, a unified wrestling club serving Livonia and surrounding communities for grades K-8, will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 27 through March 28, at the Franklin High School wrestling room. All coaches and volun-

teers will be under direct supervision of the Franklin coaching staff.

Registration can be done at the first practice or throughout the season. The cost is \$100 (includes T-shirt and registration into My-Way).

For more information, call Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340; or e-mail chiola44@yahoo.com.

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.

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because those first five points matter so much in a 15-point set. And we remembered that. They did not forget how hard it was to dig out of that hole, so they really went after it in the beginning." Northville made a total eight service errors, while Churchill had seven.

"I think our tough jump-serving really gives us an edge," said Yaklin, a former Churchill assistant. "When they're on their heels and they can't put away the first ball, then it gives us a chance. Hats off to the servers. They really went out for it today."

"I would say that was the best game we persevered through this year. In that sense I think we got a little bit better."

"Since we dropped that set to them in the finals of our own tournament, that was the lowest hitting percentage day we've had, the whole day, the entire season. So, we've probably taken 1,500 swings at practice since that day and it definitely paid off and showed up today."

Seniors Emily Norscia and Marissa Pomaville paced Churchill's hitting attack with 20 and 17 kills, respectively. Courtney Pietruszka chipped in with seven.

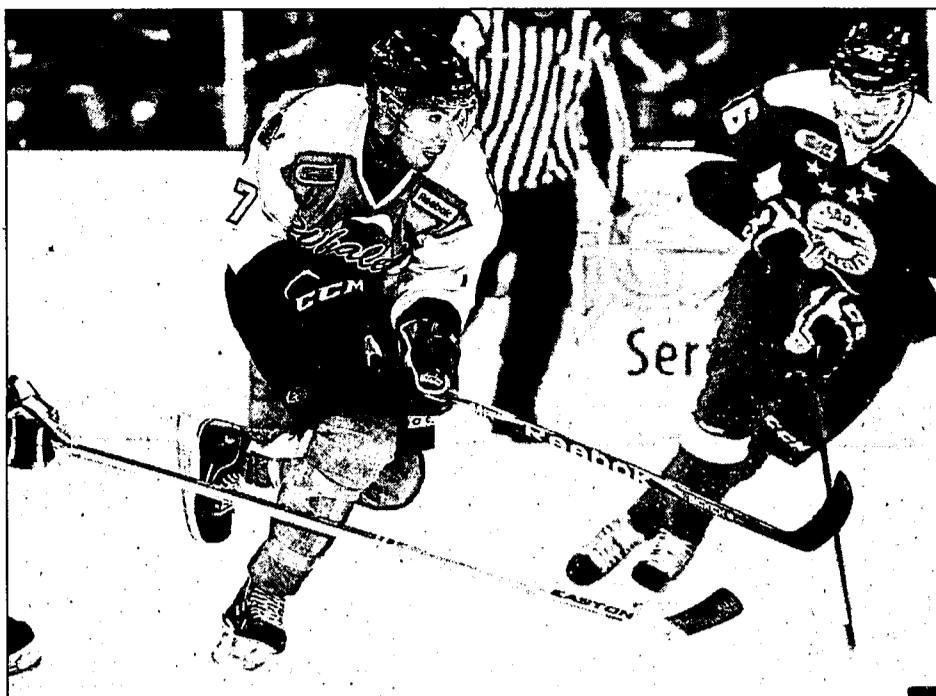
Setter Katie Chartrand racked up 45 assists, while libero Julia Szuba led in digs with 29.

Audrey Durocher and Chartrand also contributed 13 digs apiece.

Despite the loss, the two teams could meet again Saturday in the 12-team KLA Association Gold Tournament hosted by Novi. (Pool play starts at 9 a.m.)

"The silver lining to this is that we beat them at their tournament and they (Northville) win this — and congratulations, they deserve it," Grenier said. "Northville is a great team with a great coach, but our revenge is when we see them again in the state championship. We'll get another crack at them we hope, or at the (KLA) Association tournament."

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RENA LAVERTY

Plymouth Whalers defenseman Austin Levi (No. 7) chases after the puck along with Michael Schumacher of Sault Ste. Marie during Saturday's 'Pink Out' game for breast cancer awareness. Levi recently rejoined the team.

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Plymouth goalie Mario Gruszczynski came out trying to cut off the play, but the ball slid underneath him into the cage.

About three minutes later, Churchill went up 2-0 when junior Patrick Adebite-Martins converted a feed from junior Tyler Piotrowski.

But at halftime, Neschich reminded his team they'd have a brisk wind at their back for the second half and to crank up the offense.

The Wildcats picked up the pace, all right. With 24 minutes left in regulation, Plymouth senior Teddy Phillips sent the ball over toward Olah at the top of the 18-yard box.

Olah corralled the pass,

spun and drove a shot inside the right post.

Plymouth kept making gains in territorial play and finally got back to even with 4:52 remaining.

Junior Viet Nguyen's through-ball found Olah as the latter dashed inside the box and the resulting boot from about 15 yards caromed off Robison — desperately coming out to try for a sliding stop — and inside the right post.

At 4:15 of the first 10-minute overtime (two sessions automatically are played), Olah rammed the ball inside the left post this time.

Assisting was senior forward DK Kim, who Olah praised (along with Phillips and Nguyen) for their playmaking contributions to his goal surge.

Churchill turned up the heat midway through

the second OT and came within inches of sending the game into penalty kicks. A hard shot by junior Andrew Smutek from the left side of the box was blocked by the sprawling Gruszczynski.

The ball did dribble off the keeper toward the right side of the goal. Adebite-Martins then barely missed depositing the loose ball into the Plymouth goal.

"When you have a 2-0 lead at halftime, that should be enough," Churchill coach Matthew Grodzicki said. "Give Plymouth credit, though. Olah was unbelievable. Of course, this was a tough way to end it for our seniors. Still, I'm proud of the way we fought."

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Whalers' Vellucci gets 400th win

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Mike Vellucci proudly is the coach with the most wins in Plymouth Whalers history, hitting the 400 milestone Oct. 6 against Niagara.

But nailing down his 401st is becoming problematic, as the Whalers lost 3-2 in overtime Saturday night against Sault Ste. Marie before 2,510 fans who turned out at Compuware Arena for the annual Pink Out game for breast cancer awareness.

The Whalers wore specially designed pink jerseys featuring the familiar ribbon logo and universal symbol for the breast cancer fight.

Scoring at 3:10 of overtime was Andrew Fritch, who nudged the rebound of a Darnell Nurse shot behind Plymouth goalkeeper Matt Mahalak, who stopped 30 off 33 shots. Although the Whalers did earn a point, it was their third defeat of the week — falling to 2-3-2-1, while the Greyhounds improved to 6-4-0-0.

"He (Mahalak) just didn't catch it," Vellucci said. "It squibbled out of his glove right to the other guy. But those are the kind of (bad) breaks we've been getting. The only way you're going to change your breaks is on your own."

Tough road to 400

It took the Whalers five games to get Vellucci his 400th, and it has been a slow go out of the Ontario Hockey League gate for a team expected to be one of the top squads in the Western Conference.

"It was tough to even get to 400 there, too," Vellucci said. "But we played two

great games this week on the road, we fell to some unfortunate bounces and tonight we were out of gas."

"We held up and they got the five-on-three (late in the third, extending into OT) and (they) just got an unfortunate goal at the end."

The tail end of that two-man disadvantage was about to expire when Plymouth forward Alex Aleari (Farmington Hills) came close to winning it for the Whalers. Aleari, however, was stopped by Greyhounds goalie Matt Murray (31 saves).

Instead, the Greyhounds emerged victorious seconds later on the Fritsch tap-in.

Despite the tough defeat, Vellucci managed a smile when talking about his milestone. He has the third most victories among active coaches in the OHL.

"Obviously, it's great," Vellucci said. "I had one buddy who says either you're a really good coach or you're really old. So take a pick."

"But obviously, it means I've been here a long time and I owe a lot to our owner (Peter Karmanos) and our organization that they've had me for so long."

The 400 wins speaks to the durability and quality of the Whalers under Vellucci's watch.

"I think our program gets underrated," he said. "Twenty-one straight years in the playoffs, I think it's the longest record (in the OHL). I just think it's a great thing for our program."

The future looks bright, too, thanks to rookie playmakers such as linemates Zach Bratina and Ryan

Hartman, who buzzed around the Soo end all night. Bratina collected his first OHL point when he set up Garrett Meurs for a second-period goal that put Plymouth up 2-1. Bratina centered the puck in front to Meurs, who slung it past Murray inside the left post.

"I think he (Bratina) had a great game," Vellucci said. "For two periods he was awesome. He didn't get a lot of ice in the third with all the penalties. But he had a great game, by far his best, and he's getting better every game."

Plymouth got off to a quick start when Aleari cashed in following a Soo turnover deep in the Greyhounds zone. Aleari faked a shot to freeze Murray, then veered to his right before slipping it home.

Levi's back

Veteran Plymouth defenseman Austin Levi, who has local ties (formerly a Farmington Hills resident) recently returned to the Whalers after being sent down by the American Hockey League farm team of the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes.

Levi, an average player, temporarily gives Vellucci nine defensemen on his roster. Apparently, a trade is brewing to balance out the roster.

"We have nine defensemen, so we're going to have to trade one of them," Vellucci said. "I haven't made my mind up who we're going to move. But we have nine defensemen and we can't carry that many this year and we need some forwards."

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

DIVISION 1-REGION 3 BOYS TENNIS TOURNEY
Oct. 12 at Woodhaven
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 30 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 22; 3. Brownstown Woodhaven, 17; 4. Dearborn, 12; 5. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 10; 6. Livonia Franklin, 5; 7. Westland John Glenn, 3; 8. (tie) Wayne Memorial and Dearborn Fordson, 2 each; 10. Detroit Cass Tech, 1.

FINAL RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Jonathan Martin (LC) defeated Chad Northville (LS), 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; **semifinals:** Martin def. Nick Hallman (Dbn.), 6-1, 6-4; Northey def. Alex Gordon (Woodhaven), 6-3, 6-2.
No. 2: Sam Tabor (LS) def. Lucas McIntyre (DEF), 7-6, 6-3; **semifinals:** Tabor def. Trevor Monaco (Woodhaven), 6-2,

6-1; McIntyre def. Joe Mulka (LC), 6-2, 7-5.

No. 3: Marcus McEachney (LS) def. Andrew Dayfield (Woodhaven), 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; **semifinals:** McEachney def. David Carlson (Dbn.), 6-0, 6-1; Dayfield def. Rishabh Arvikar (LC), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 4: Johnson Yang (LS) def. Kishan Trivedi (LC), 6-3, 6-4; **semifinals:** Yang def. Eric Morse (DEF), 6-0, 6-1; Trivedi def. Kyle Johnson (Dbn.), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Aaron Dziobak-Jeff Frederick (LS) def. Mark Denstead-Riley Prince (LC), 7-5, 6-4; **semifinals:** Dziobak-Frederick def. Nick Hadley-Eric Sorenson (Dbn.), 6-7, 6-2, 7-6; Denstead-Prince def. Matt Dee-Mike Williams (Woodhaven), 6-3, 6-3.
No. 2 doubles: Mayuresh Iyer-Steven Van Wormer (LC)

def. Chase Tinham-Jason Wysocki (LS), 2-6, 6-2, 6-4;

semifinals: Iyer-VanWormer def. Tyler Katona-Ali Habhab (Dbn.), 6-1, 6-4; **semifinals:** Tinham-Wysocki def. Corbin Desjardins-Andrew Michel (Woodhaven), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 3: Ahmed Hussain-Joe Osmialowski (LS) def. Tony Garza-Tyler Keagy (Woodhaven), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; **semifinals:** Hussain-Osmialowski def. Adam Monroe-Dylan Bowling (LF), 6-1, 6-2; Garza-Keagy def. Mit Patel-Aditya Vemulapati (LC), 1-6, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 4: Chris Haldane-Tom Cwiek (LS) def. Austin Watson-Holden Spencer (Dbn.), 6-3, 6-0; **semifinals:** Haldane-Cwiek def. Daniel Dayfield-Drew Holland (Woodhaven), 6-3, 6-3; Watson-Spencer def. Cooper King-Raymond Peters, 6-4, 6-1.

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umph over Woodhaven's Andrew Dayfield.

Yang, now 21-2 on the season, also captured his flight with a 6-3, 6-4 victory against Churchill's Kishan Trivedi.

Churchill's Jonathan Martin broke the Stevenson singles stranglehold by taking the top flight with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 win over Stevenson's Chad

Northey, who is now 13-11 overall.

Stevenson was just as impressive in doubles led by its No. 1 duo of Aaron Dziobak and Jeff Frederick (19-5), who captured the regional title with a 7-5, 6-4 triumph over Churchill's Mark Denstead and Riley Prince.

Meanwhile, Churchill's No. 2 doubles team of Mayuresh Iyer and Steven Van Wormer took the title with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Stevenson's Chase Tinham and Jason

Wysocki (20-5).

At No. 3, Stevenson's Ahmed Hussain-Joe Osmialowski (17-5) also went three sets to beat Woodhaven's Tyler Keagy and Tony Garza for the title.

And the new Spartan duo of Chris Haldane and Daniel Dayfield ran their record to 9-2 by defeating Austin Watson and Holden Spencer for the No. 4 doubles crown, 6-3, 6-0.

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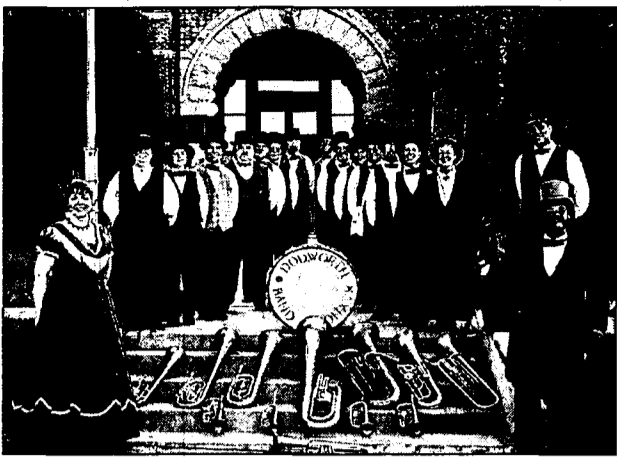
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Civil War songs



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RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at 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 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

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Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

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

Details: The kids coat exchange will be held the church's fall festival and "trunk or treat" activities. Participants may take a coat if needed or donate coats for others. Any remaining coats at the end of the day will be donated to Redford Interfaith for distribution to local children in need of a winter coat. Coat donations will be accepted in the church office during regular business hours

Contact: (734) 422-1470

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

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BOOTHROYD, SHIRLEY L.

Age 84 of Canton Township, formerly of Royal Oak, died October 13, 2012. Beloved wife of the late George. Dear mother of Deborah Drager, Steven, and Scott (Belinda). Proud grandmother, of six, and great-grandmother of three. The family will gather with friends on Saturday October 20, 2012 from 10:30 AM until the 11 AM Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street (west of Main Street) Plymouth MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, or to Starr Presbyterian Church, 1717 W. 13 Mile Rd, Royal Oak MI 48073. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

SCOTT, PATRICIA M.

Asheville, NC, age 87, died October 13 in Asheville, NC. Born in Detroit, MI she graduated from Denby High School in 1943. A long-time resident of Plymouth, MI and Blacksburg, VA, Pat served as Exhibits Director of the Plymouth Historical Museum and was active in several community organizations, including the Plymouth Garden Club. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Robert Bruce Scott, with whom she raised three children; Lana Burns of Asheville, Jeffrey Scott of Lexington, VA, and Chris Scott of Brentwood, TN. She was the proud grandmother of Rachel, Ethan, Lara, and Kira, and was an avid gardener, birdwatcher, and collector. A private interment will be held in Plymouth, MI at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer's charity of your choice. Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian in Arden, NC is assisting the family and a memorial register is available online at www.grocefuneralhome.com.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



DAHLSTROM HELEN JOAN (DIGON)

Of Farmington Hills, MI passed away on October 14, 2012. She was born in Detroit on July 12, 1930 and later moved to Ferndale where she attended Lincoln High School. Helen graduated as salutatorian in January 1948. With the help of scholarships and working several jobs she put herself through college, graduating with a Bachelor of Education degree from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University). She later received her Master's in Education from Wayne State University. Helen met Carl Dahlstrom at MSNC and they were married in Ferndale in 1953. Helen taught in Southfield and Lapeer before coming with Carl to Farmington. They both taught in the Farmington Schools for 37 years, retiring in 1992. During this time they raised three children, Jon, Laurie and Nancy. Helen was involved in many organizations over her lifetime, including the Farmington Education Association and later the retired teachers association. She was a longtime member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), various church organizations and the Swedish Club of Farmington. Helen was a kind and generous person who will be sadly missed by family, friends, and all who met her. Helen is preceded in death by her husband Carl, daughter Nancy and brother Richard. Left to cherish her memories are son Jon (Barbara) Dahlstrom, daughter Laurie (Chuck Ulrich) Dahlstrom, grandchildren Jennifer, Kevin, Angela, Christopher, Brian (Molly) and Allison, brother Michael (Evelyn) Digon and sister-in-law Mary Digon. Also missing her will be many nieces, nephews, cousins and long-time friends. Funeral Saturday 11 a.m. First Presbyterian Church of Farmington 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills 48334. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com



DEVIC VIRGINIA ANN (MEEK)

Virginia went to be with the Lord on Sept. 17, 2012. She was the loving wife of Albert for 63 years and beloved mother of Sandra (Gary) Milis and Judy (Christopher) Nelson. Ginny was the proud grandmother of Christopher and Matthew Ockerman, Timothy, Steven, Andrew and Peter Nelson and Great Grandmother to Seth and Emma Ockerman. Virginia was a member of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, and a former member of Trinity EPC in Plymouth. Virginia enjoyed gardening and was actively involved with Friends for the Development of Greenmead in Livonia. During the many years she served on this committee, she helped organize both the Greenmead Garden Walk and Christmas Walks. Visitation and a Memorial service were attended by many friends and family on Thursday, September 20th at Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home. If you wish to remember Virginia, memorial contributions can be made to Friends for the Development of Greenmead.

SALSBERY, DEBRA ANN

Born March 1, 1955, passed away October 15, 2012, age 57. Loving wife of Michael Sr. Dear mother of Kimberly (fiance Jerry Vaughn), Michael Jr. and Crystal (Richard Harding). Grandmother of Tyler Salsbery, Dale Vaughn and Hannah Harding. Daughter of Roy and Margaret Jerrell, Sr. Sister of Roy (Lisa) Jerrell, Jr. Visitation Thursday 5pm-9pm and Friday 12 noon until 9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, where the funeral services will be held on Saturday, 12 noon. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

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See Three Cities Art Club works at eatery, mall show

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Marilyn Meredith's acrylic painting, "Mountain Birches" is getting a lot of exhibit time this month, but you won't find it in a traditional gallery.

The colorful piece — along with works by other members of the Three Cities Art Club — has turned the walls of a local restaurant into an exhibit space.

They'll do the same for a shopping mall this weekend.

Meredith, who is president of the Club, and members Sharon Dillenbeck and Allen Brooks began displaying their works at Westland Charhouse restaurant last month. They and 14 other Three Cities members also will show art Friday-Sunday, Oct. 19-21 inside Westland Shopping Center. Meredith credits Brooks for both programs, which are designed to bring more art to Westland, while giving artists an audience for their works. Brooks, a photographer, asked Westland Charhouse owners John and Cindy Dakis if Three Cities Art Club members could show their works at the eatery. They agreed.

"What we'd like to do is rotate (the paintings and photos) and other members will have some of their art up," Meredith said, explaining how Three Cities artists will share the wall space.



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Restaurant owner Cindy Dakis (left) enables artists, such as Sharon Lee Dillenbeck (right) to display their paintings at the Westland Charhouse. Dillenbeck's painting is called "Irises in the Garden."

Meredith said Brooks also "got the show going" at Westland Shopping Center. "Festival of the Arts" is sponsored by the Westland Rotary Club and will be judged by Michigan Senator Glen Anderson, Westland Mayor Bill Wild, Westland Rotary Club President Antoinette Martin, and the shopping center's General Manager Carol Rutz on Saturday.

"He (Brooks) used to be president of Rotary and decided to bring more art to Westland.

There is no art show in Westland. There is no art club," Meredith said.

New exhibit site

Three Cities Art Club previously staged shows at the Canton Public Library, but found it increasingly difficult to book three consecutive days for an exhibit at the venue, Meredith said. Westland Shopping Center became the solution.

Approximately 100 paintings and photos will be on display at



Marilyn Meredith, president of Three Cities Art Club shows her painting, "Mountain Birches," which she removed from Westland Charhouse restaurant this week, to display at the upcoming Festival of the Arts exhibit at Westland Shopping Center.

the Festival of the Arts, which will run from 10:30 a.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Sunday, at the shopping center, located at 35000 Warren Road.

Dillenbeck, who owns D&M Art Studio in Canton, will present an art demonstration specifically for kids from 4-5 p.m. Friday.

Entertainment will include a dance performance from 4-5 p.m. Saturday, music by Livonia Symphony Orchestra mem-

bers from 3-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and songs by Harmony Town Chorus, 5-6 p.m. Saturday and 4-5 p.m. Sunday.

Hands-on art

Deana Salhaney and Liz Gulikson will join Meredith and Dillenbeck in a "Paint-Off," from 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday.

"It's more of a demonstration," said Meredith, noting that each artist will employ a different art medium.

She'll demonstrate acrylic painting by working on a piece she started outdoors at a plein air session last weekend.

"Last year I painted for quite a while," Meredith said, describing the Paint-Off. "I sold the painting I was finishing at the show. Someone bought the painting before I was even finished with it."

Club members' art work is for sale at both the Festival of the Arts and at Westland Charhouse, 35613 Warren Road.

Information about membership in the club also will be available at the Festival of the Arts.

The group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month from September-June at Canton Township Hall, located on S. Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. It draws artists of all skill levels from throughout the Detroit Metro area.

For more information call (313) 231-3939 or visit www.threecitiesartclub.org.

Auction benefits Michigan Philharmonic

Bid on furniture, toys, electronics, collectibles and more at the Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic charity auction, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

A preview and "Buy it Now" sale will start at 6 p.m. and food will be available

for purchase from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Joe Carli will be the auctioneer. For photos of auction items, visit www.com.

For more information, call Jeanette Sullivan at (734) 455-9674 or (734) 748-3950.



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Northville Community Foundation (248) 374-0200

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Get into the Halloween spirit



It's time to don a costume, eat some candy and prepare for a little scary — or merry — fun.

Here's a sampling of seasonal activities:

Cinema shockers

• Shock-tober Series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth features the 1931 version of *Dracula*, starring Bela Lugosi, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, and *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein*, a 1948 film, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27. The Penn is located at 760 Penniman; (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

• See *The Bride of Frankenstein* and *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man*, 8 p.m. Oct. 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Redford Theatre, located 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit. *Evil Dead*, written and directed by Michigan native, Sam Raimi, starring Bruce Campbell and Ellen Sandweiss, runs Friday, Oct. 26. Doors open at 11 p.m. and film starts at midnight, \$5. See the silent horror films, *The Haunted House*, with Buster Keaton and *The Cat and the Canary* with Laura La Plante, 8 p.m. Oct. 27, \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. (313) 537-2560

Corn maze

Take a wagon ride to and from the maze, 6-10 p.m. Friday, 1-10 p.m. Saturday and 1-7 p.m. Sunday, every weekend through Nov. 4, at Maybury Farm, 50165 Eight Mile, west of Beck, Northville Township. Admission is \$5 per person. Find eight wooden animals hiding in the maze and get a chance to spin a wheel and win a prize. (248) 374-0200.

Halloween walks

• Hear tales of Plymouth's ghosts and meet characters from the community's past at the Plymouth Historical Museum's "Plymouth Characters" Cemetery Walk, Saturday, Oct. 27 at River-

side Cemetery, located on Plymouth Road, west of Haggerty. Walks start at 4 p.m. at the Mausoleum, with small groups departing every 15 minutes. The last tour leaves at 7:30 p.m. Bring flashlights for later walk times. Advance tickets are \$10 per person or buy a Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum membership and get up to two tickets free. Tour times will be assigned at the time of ticket purchase. Buy tickets using Paypal at www.plymouthhistory.org or at the Museum, 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. Tickets are \$15 at the cemetery the day of the event.

• Meet "not-so-scary" forest dwellers on a guided night hike Friday, Oct. 19 at Nankin Mills, located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Children may dress in costume for this event that will conclude with an indoor presentation of live creatures from around the world. Hikes start at 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents. Out-of-county residents pay \$1 more per ticket. Registration is a must at (734) 261-1990.

• Follow a jack-o-lantern-lined path, meet costumed characters and stop at treat stations, Oct. 19-21 and 26-28 in Greenfield Village at The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Time slots are available every half hour from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.75 for members and \$15 for non-members. Parking is \$5. Get tickets at thehenryford.org.

• Youngsters can trick-or-treat along a pumpkin-lined trail, watch a live musical, play games, get prizes, and walk through a hay maze at Zoo Boo, 6-8 p.m. Oct. 19-21 and 26-28 at the Detroit Zoo, located on the I-696 service drive at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak. Tickets are \$7 for ages 2 and up. Chose 6

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p.m.; 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Additional time slots are 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. Buy tickets online at www.detroitzoo.org or at Booth One at the front of the Detroit Zoo

Haunted Horns

Canton Concert Band performs its 8th annual benefit concert, 2 p.m. Oct. 27, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Admission is a donation at the door. www.cantonband.com

Parties

Kids can pumpkin bowl; enter a costume contest, chalk on the sidewalk and get candy at Pumpkin Palooza, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in downtown Plymouth. Other games, live entertainment, and hands-on

art activities round out the fun. For more information visit www.plymouthmich.org or call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

Parade in costume, take a hayride, play in an inflatable and go trick or treating at the free Halloween Festival sponsored by Wayne County Parks, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Nankin Mills picnic area, located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. (734) 261-1990.

A free movie, face painting, pumpkin painting, Halloween stories and more will get kids into the Halloween spirit during Halloween Fun Day, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in downtown Farmington; www.downtownfarmington.org.

The Haunted Halloween Family Party at the Arab American National Museum offers "merry

not scary" trick-or-treating, crafts, games and stories, karaoke and a pizza feast, 4-6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., in Dearborn. Tickets for children are \$8 at the door or \$7 in advance at www.arabamericanmuseum.org. Admission for adults is free. Adult pizza lunches will be available for \$2.

Adults, 21 and over, can dance, watch the Detroit Circus perform, get their fortunes told, and vie for cash prizes in a costume contest at Haunted in the House, the fourth annual Halloween party and fundraiser for the Michigan Opera Theatre, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are \$35 in advance; \$40 the day of the event. Call (313) 237-SING or visit www.HauntedInTheHouse.com.

Pets in costume

The 4th annual Howlween Pet Costume Contest runs noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in The Gathering, across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. It's free to enter and will award first, second and third place winners with prizes. Register from 11:45 a.m.-noon. Pets must be current on vaccinations and be both people- and pet-friendly. (734) 455-6620; www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/recreationspecials

Howl-O-Ween Dog Park Party includes costume contests, games and prizes for dogs, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Wayne County Dog Park, located at Hawthorne Ridge Park on Hines Drive, east of Meriman Road in Westland. The event is free and will include pet-related vendors and light refreshments; (734) 261-1990.

Pumpkins pumpkins!

Find pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks and take a pony ride 10 a.m.-8 p.m. week days and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. week-ends through Oct. 28 at the Wilson Barn, located at W. Chicago Road and Middlebelt, in Livonia. A craft show is open 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 19-21 and 26-28. Haunted Barn for youngsters, 12 and under is noon to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20-21 and 27-28. Catch a performance by Uke 'n sing at 2 p.m., Oct. 21. www.wilsonbarn.us.

Polar bears love pumpkins. They'll smash a few at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, during Halloween treat enrichment time at the Detroit Zoo, located on the I-696 service drive at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak. Vultures, chimps, rhinos, wolver-

ines, bison, snow monkeys, zebra, anteaters and bear-den bears will get a chance to rip apart, squash and eat Halloween treats, too. The feeding schedule runs every half hour from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; www.detroitzoo.org.

Spook show

Magician Keith Stickley, also known as Dr. Scream, combines a live magic and illusion show, audience encounters with ghouls and ghosts, along with a cult horror feature film, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Dr. Scream's Spook Show is designed for patrons, 12 and over. Tickets are \$15 each and are available online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or at The Village Theater Box Office one hour before show time; (734) 394-5300.



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1 teaspoon pure orange extract
¼ teaspoon yellow food color
¼ teaspoon red food color
1 cup marshmallow creme
White confectionery coating wafers, such as Wilton White Candy Melts
Black confectionery coating wafers, such as Wilton Black Candy Melts
Semi-sweet baking chocolate
Assorted candies for decorating

1. Prepare cake mix as directed on package, adding orange extract and food colors. Bake as directed on package for 13- by 9-inch baking pan. Cool completely on wire rack.

2. Crumble cake into large bowl. Add marshmallow creme; mix until well blended. Shape into 1-inch balls. Refrigerate 2 hours.

3. Melt coating wafers or chocolate as directed on package. Using a fork, dip 1 cake ball at a time into the confectionery coating or melted chocolate. Tap back of fork 2 or 3 times against edge of dish to allow excess to drip off. Place cake balls on wax paper-lined tray.

4. Decorate as desired.
Decorating tips:
• Spider — Coat in black coating or melted chocolate. Add black string licorice for legs and red candy-coated pieces for eyes.

• Ghosts — Coat in white coating to resemble ghosts. Add cut black jelly beans for eyes and mouth.

• Vampire Bats — Coat in black coating or melted chocolate. Use red candy-coated pieces for eyes, white tips of candy corns for fangs and cut up licorice wheels for wings and ears.

Test Kitchen Tips:

• For 1 batch Cake Truffles, you will need about 1 pound confectionery coating wafers or chocolate.

• Confectionery coating, also known as almond bark, is used for candy making and coating. It is packaged in wafer form and is available in a variety of colors and flavors, including milk and dark chocolate. It is found in the cake decorating aisle of craft and party stores.



Creepy Crawly Cake Truffles

Candy Corn Cupcakes

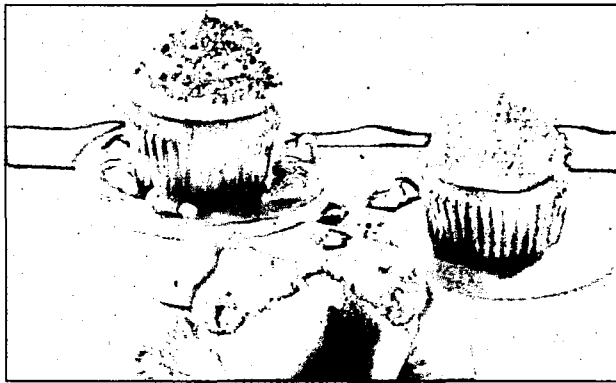
Makes 24 (1 cupcake) servings.
Prep Time: 30 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes

1 package (18½ ounces) white cake mix
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
Assorted food colors
1 container (16 ounces) vanilla frosting
Assorted decorations, such as orange sprinkles and candy corn

1. Prepare cake mix as directed on package, adding vanilla. Divide batter in half. Tint one batch yellow with ¼ teaspoon yellow food color. Tint second batch orange with ¼ teaspoon yellow food color and ¼ teaspoon red food color.

2. Fill each paper-lined muffin cup ¾ full with yellow batter. Gently add orange batter on top of yellow batter, filling each muffin cup ¾ full. Bake as directed on package for cupcakes. Cool cupcakes on wire rack.

3. Frost cupcakes. Decorate with sprinkles and candy corn.
Test kitchen tip: For easier measurement, ¼ teaspoon food color equals 20-25 drops.



Candy Corn Cupcakes

Orange Hocus Pocus Fizz

Makes 6 servings.
Prep Time: 5 minutes

1 cup pineapple juice
¼ cup rum
¼ teaspoon imitation coconut extract
3 drops red food color
2 drops yellow food color
1 bottle (750 ml) sparkling white wine

1. Mix pineapple juice, rum, coconut extract and food colors in measuring cup.

2. For each cocktail, pour 2 ounces pineapple juice mixture into beverage glass. Top with 4 ounces sparkling white wine.

Tips:

How to Rim Glass with Black-Tinted Sugar: Place 2 tablespoons sugar in small resealable plastic bag. Add 10 drops McCormick Black Food Color. Seal bag. Knead sugar until the color is evenly distributed. Pour out onto shallow plate. Dip rim of beverage glass in water, then into black-tinted sugar to lightly coat.

Test Kitchen Tips:

• Beverage may also be prepared in a pitcher. Mix pineapple juice, rum, coconut extract and food colors in 2-quart pitcher. Add sparkling wine just before serving.

• For a nonalcoholic version, omit rum, increase pineapple juice to 1½ cups and use 1 bottle (750 ml) sparkling white grape juice in place of the sparkling white wine.



Orange Hocus Pocus Fizz

Harvest Scarecrow Cookies

Prep Time: 30 minutes
Cook Time: 9 to 10 minutes per batch

1 package (17.5 ounces) sugar cookie mix
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 container (16 ounces) vanilla frosting
54 sugar wafer cookies
Shredded wheat cereal, broken up
Assorted decorations, such as candy-coated pieces and red string licorice

1. Prepare cookie mix as directed on package, adding vanilla. Cut out rounds with 2½-

inch round cookie cutter.

2. Bake and cool cookies as directed on package.

3. Frost cookies with vanilla frosting. For the scarecrow's hat, break a sugar wafer cookie in half. Press wafer cookie half into the top of the frosted cookie. Place a whole wafer cookie below the cookie half. Press shredded wheat around sides of the face for straw hair. Use candy-coated pieces and string licorice to decorate the face.

Black Velvet Whoopie Pies

Makes 2 dozen or 24 (1 whoopie pie) servings.

Prep Time: 30 minutes
Cook Time: 8 minutes per batch

Cookies:
1 package (15½ to 18½ ounces) German chocolate cake mix with pudding
½ cup water
½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
½ cup vegetable oil
3 tablespoons McCormick Black Food Color
3 eggs
1 tablespoon Pure Vanilla Extract
Jack-O-Lantern Orange Filling:
½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1½ cups confectioners' sugar
1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow cream
½ teaspoon pure orange extract
¼ teaspoon red food color
¼ teaspoon yellow food color

1. For the cookies, preheat

oven to 350°F. Beat cake mix, water, cocoa powder, oil, food color, eggs and vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on low speed just until moistened, scraping sides of bowl frequently. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes.

2. Spoon 1 tablespoon of batter, 2 inches apart, onto parchment paper-lined baking sheets. (Cookies will spread so avoid crowding them on baking sheet.)

3. Bake 8 minutes or until cookies are puffed and spring back when touched, turning baking sheets halfway through baking. Cool on baking sheets 1 minute. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.

4. For the orange filling, beat all ingredients in medium bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. To assemble the Whoopie Pies, place 1 tablespoon filling on flat side of 1 cookie. Top with a second cookie, pressing gently to spread the filling. Repeat with remaining cookies and filling.

CITY BITES

Rouge brew

PLYMOUTH — Get a taste of beer brewed within the Rouge River Watershed at Friends of the Rouge's Fourth Annual Rouge Brew, 4 p.m. Sunday Nov. 4, at Liberty Street Brewing Company, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth. The event will include the release of a special Rouge beer brewed with locally-grown hops. Rex Halfpenny of the Michigan Beer Guide will lead the tasting. Tickets are \$35 in advance at <http://therouge.org/index.php?id=691357> and include the tasting, light refreshments and a Friends of the Rouge pint glass. Any remaining tickets will be \$40 at the door. Proceeds from the event go to support Friends of the Rouge. For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org, e-mail monitoring@therouge.org or call (313) 792-9621.

Wine sampling

LIVONIA — The Community Opportunity Center will sponsor a Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at Laurel Manor, located on the I-96 service drive, west of Newburgh. Ten vendors of fine wine, including several international wines, will be available for sampling. The event also will include a silent auction, live auction, and an elaborate array of hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$120 per couple and are available by calling Diane or Larry Janes at (734) 422-5525. Community Opportunity Center, based in Livonia, is a non-profit management corporation that provides leadership and oversight to nearly 100 individuals with developmental disabilities who live among 23 homes and apartment settings in western Wayne County.

Vegetarian holiday

PLYMOUTH — Tickets are available now for the 25th annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza, planned for Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Metropolitan Adventist School Gymnasium, located on Haggerty, just north of Five Mile. The event will feature recipes containing many "super foods," which are defined as foods that can change your life according to academic science and peer-reviewed research clinical trials. Guests will get tips on serving a "green" holiday menu and get a chance to sample more than 60 non-meat dishes. The cooks serving their vegetarian family favorites also will be on hand to answer questions. Cookbooks with recipes of the sample dishes will be available for purchase. CDs with 20 years worth of recipes from the event also will be sold.

Adult tickets are \$14; children, 6-12, pay \$6. Adult tickets are \$14.00, child (6-12) \$6. Order for tickets need to include your choice of first, second or third seating at 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m., or 2:30 p.m. and total tickets you are ordering. Make checks payable to, Metro SDA School and mail to "Holiday Tasting," 695 N. Ridge Road, Canton, MI 48187-4635. Questions? Call the hotline at (248) 446-9176 or visit www.veg-holiday.com. For ticket availability on the day of the event call (734) 420-4044.

Half-baked pizza

METRO DETROIT — You can eat Buddy's Pizza fresh out of the oven at home and celebrate National Pizza Month at the same time. The restaurant sells partially-baked pizza that customers can take home and finish baking in their own ovens. Pizzas can be personalized to reflect any taste or dietary restriction, as well as frozen. Choices include original, gluten free and multigrain crusts, original and tomato basil sauces, and a variety of cheeses including Wisconsin brick cheese, Buddy's Motor City Cheese blend and a casein-free vegan cheese. Place half-baked orders between 2-5 p.m. All half-baked pizzas are priced to match their fully-cooked equivalents. Buddy's is located in Auburn Hills, Dearborn, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Grosse Pointe, Livonia and Warren. Carryout sites are in Bloomfield Hills and Royal Oak. www.buddypizza.com. National Pizza Month runs through Oct. 31.

Honoring veterans

NATIONWIDE — Krispy Kreme stores will give veterans and active military personnel a free coffee and doughnut on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day. No purchase will be necessary, but guests must be in uniform or possess valid military identification; www.krspykreme.com

Cooks stir up winning chili recipes

Out-of-state chili cooks took home the first place awards in the 17th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Show, Sunday, Oct. 14, in downtown Plymouth.

Top awards went to Ken Kostal of Marblehead, Ohio, for his "Island Heat Salsa" in the salsa category; Jim Stoddard of Coppell, Texas, for his "Alien Chili" in the chili verde category; and Richard Chauvin of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, for "South of the Border Chili" in the red chili category. They also win the opportunity to compete in the International Chili Society's World Championship Chili Cook-off next year.

Chris Thompson of Westland took home the People's Choice award for his "Irish Fire Chili." Leo Buk of Trenton won an award for the best booth display for his "Nuclear Chili."

Nineteen restaurants competed in the Restaurant Chili Challenge. The public awarded TAP at the MGM Grand Detroit People's Choice honors. Rub Pub BBQ, located in Detroit and Warren, earned an award in the "Best Judged" category.



Black Velvet Whoopie Pies

Industry report ranks metro Detroit tops in affordable housing

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Detroit tops the list of metro areas with more than one million households that require the least amount of income to buy a typically priced home. Chicago rounded out the top 10.

Metro Detroit was listed as 70.9 percent owner-occupied, according to the National Association of Realtors. While most of the metro areas listed are from the middle of the country, Tampa, Fla., and Riverside, Calif., also made the list.

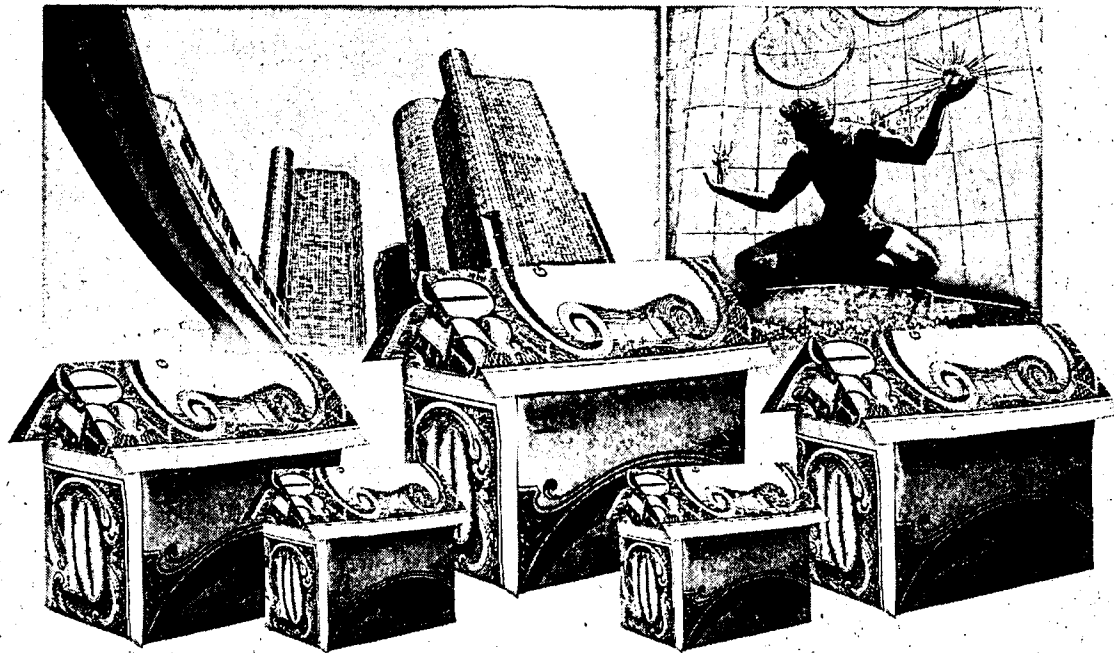
The metro Detroit qualifying income for a down payment with 10 percent down was \$12,533, and for 20 percent down it was \$11,140. Twenty-three metro areas and divisions covered in NAR's initial review of 149 metro areas met the one million household threshold according to Census 2010 data.

Qualifying income is calculated by limiting the monthly principle and interest payment to 25 percent of income. The mortgage payment is calculated for a median priced home in the metro area assuming the given down payment and a 4 percent mortgage rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage.

Realtor Tony Schippa, president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, and of Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, said, "It's definitely good news. I believe the market is turning around. We have a shortage of inventory right now so that's bringing the values up, moving forward."

He agreed some major metro areas such as San Francisco are much more expensive for homebuyers.

Schippa has a friend who lived in San Francisco, where a



small condo was \$249,000 about five years ago. "That was for a 600-square-foot condo," he said. "My first apartment was 700 square feet."

Schippa is pleased with the recent direction of the local market.

"Prices are still at a good low. If you're renting, now is the time to buy. There are some good deals for first-time homebuyers."

Greater Detroit's population has declined, he said. "Homes in Detroit were going for \$10,000." The city is now trying to draw younger professionals, including those in Midtown and downtown Detroit.

"I think there's a good movement within the city itself to bring the city back to what it once was," Schippa said.

"We're getting multiple

offers on property. That's just good, positive signs," he said. People bring cash if there's a difference between what the houses appraises for.

"They'll go forward and go ahead with the deal."

Presidential election will be important in his field, Schippa added. "We're just going to have to wait and see." Jobs are a key component.

"The more jobs you have the more opportunity people have to buy homes," Schippa said.

Industry pros also will see if debt forgiveness is extended past Dec. 31 on short sales, he said. "That's another very popular issue at the moment," the Plymouth resident said. He believes extension is likely but not guaranteed.

"I think there's good positive energy in the real estate industry moving forward,"

Schippa said.

Agreeing is Dale E. Smith, chief executive officer for GMAR. "It's really been a remarkable turnaround. The market throughout the Detroit metro area has rebounded nicely. We're pleased with the statistics," Smith said.

The market isn't back to levels of four-five years ago, Smith said. "But it certainly is encouraging."

"It really is and was what the middle class was all about," Smith said of Detroit's housing stock. There's been a demand for affordable housing. "A lot of people came to bat and demanded that kind of housing."

Cities are playing a bigger role with government agencies, Smith added.

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Records usually not private

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Could you be a little more specific whether a co-owner has a right of privacy in regard to his assessments?

A: Most cases have indicated that an owner does not have an expectation of privacy with respect to whether he or she is delinquent in payment, or, to put it differently, the association does not have an obligation to treat such records as confidential. So, if financial records of an

association contain itemization as to which owners are delinquent, a member has a right to inspect those records. Of course,

liens, motions, complaints and judgments are matters of public records and copies in the association's files and/or records would be discoverable by any co-owner. Under no circumstances should the association voluntarily publish the delinquency list, particularly if there is any question about their authenticity of accuracy.



Robert Meisner

Q: Our association was just taken over by a group of renegades who kept one of the directors from voting to remove the managing agent and the attorney, and many of the directors have a self-interest in promoting their own businesses as part of the association business. What can we do because of the apathy in this large condominium development?

A: This is not an unusual situation where a group of individuals, who may have an improper motive, seek to take control of the association, because of apathy or naiveté on the part of some of the residents at the condominium. Obviously, you should document your grievances against the Board of Directors through legal counsel, and attempt to take back control of the association, either politically through the association removal process, and/or by the commencement of a member's derivative lawsuit against the Board of Directors on behalf of the association. You may well be able to get reimbursement for your attorney fees, but obviously, a good lawyer is your first course of action in dealing with this problem.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
4035 Berkeley Ave	\$90,000
7244 Burgundy St	\$225,000
7212 Camelia Ct	\$193,000
357 Country Club Ln	\$350,000
46144 Hanford Rd	\$240,000
3156 Hannan Rd	\$27,000
1742 Orchard Dr	\$33,000

48421 Red Run Dr	\$308,000
1525 Rustic Ridge Rd	\$150,000
GARDEN CITY	
151 Belton St	\$48,000
32985 Brown St	\$7,000
6560 Cadillac St	\$76,000
32951 Hennepin St	\$45,000
LIVONIA	
36028 Ann Arbor Trl	\$47,000
14154 Arden St	\$170,000
15173 Arden St	\$98,000
30461 Brookview Dr	\$118,000
36291 Clarita St	\$155,000
28650 Fargo St	\$110,000
18633 Hillcrest St	\$85,000
16750 Mayfield St	\$197,000
11030 Melrose St	\$185,000

16303 Pollyanna St	\$139,000
38701 Richland St	\$92,000
36732 Sherwood St	\$135,000
15142 Susanna St	\$149,000
29138 Westfield St	\$79,000
NORTHVILLE	
18016 Cascade Dr	\$410,000
46909 Greenridge Dr	\$393,000
9166 Napier Rd	\$71,000
48832 Rainbow Ln S	\$301,000
39408 Springwater Dr	\$124,000
16763 Yellowstone Dr	\$437,000
PLYMOUTH	
46830 Bettyhill	\$325,000
14621 Huntington Dr	\$172,000
420 Irvin St	\$255,000
12925 Portsmouth Xing	\$416,000

101 S Union St Unit 309	\$160,000
11523 Waverly Dr	\$165,000
Redford	
14778 Inkster Rd	\$59,000
12801 Lenore	\$16,000
19473 Macarthur	\$21,000
12027 Royal Grand	\$28,000
17381 Wakenden	\$37,000
WESTLAND	
35751 Florence St	\$77,000
34054 Majestic St	\$94,000
31139 Merritt Dr	\$81,000
34549 Pardo St	\$21,000
8440 Shari Dr	\$83,000
604 Van Lawn St	\$56,000
1216 Woodbourne St	\$90,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 25-29, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16011 Amherst Ave	\$315,000
16950 Locherbie Ave	\$266,000
20245 Ronsdale Dr	\$422,000
31475 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$274,000
22240 Village Pines Dr	\$333,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
23860 Overlook Cir	\$240,000
BIRMINGHAM	
2528 Derby Rd	\$165,000
717 Fairfax St	\$420,000
851 Hazelwood St	\$685,000
419 Lake Park Dr	\$1,438,000
1497 Maryland Blvd	\$790,000
795 Mohegan St	\$417,000
876 Oakland Ave	\$335,000
888 S Bates St	\$375,000
1801 Southfield Rd	\$75,000
1857 W Melton Rd	\$158,000
1789 Washington Blvd	\$279,000
644 Watkins St	\$545,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
850 S Pemberton Rd	\$175,000
2130 Coach Way Ct	\$289,000

2735 Hunters Hill Rd	\$470,000
25 Quarton Ln	\$795,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2679 Bloomfield Crossing	\$430,000
5765 Crabtree Rd	\$181,000
4072 Cranbrook Ct	\$385,000
1085 E Glengarry Cir	\$800,000
1141 Fox Chase Rd	\$280,000
407 Fox Hills Dr N	\$45,000
426 Fox Hills Dr N # A6	\$25,000
1574 Lone Pine Rd	\$375,000
1354 N Glengarry Rd	\$630,000
5651 S Adams Way	\$252,000
810 Shady Hollow Cir	\$380,000
2997 Woodcreek Way	\$416,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
7977 Flagstaff St	\$42,000
2247 Palmetto	\$40,000
5163 Parkgate Dr	\$355,000
1880 Wexport Ln	\$330,000
2833 Windwood Ct	\$423,000
FARMINGTON	
22840 Frederick Ave	\$110,000
36934 Heatherton Dr	\$185,000
33615 Hillcrest Dr	\$190,000
23000 Maple Ave	\$119,000
23551 Prospect Ave	\$105,000
24180 Saint Mary Ct	\$185,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
27071 Arden Park Cir	\$144,000
22271 Atlantic Pointe	\$40,000
28229 Bayberry Rd	\$125,000
29793 Briarton St	\$170,000

33642 Brittany Dr	\$285,000
24658 Creekside Dr	\$179,000
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811 Canal St	\$55,000
915 E Dawson Rd	\$155,000
2900 Hidden Pne	\$219,000
422 Riverbend St	\$280,000
814 Squire Ln	\$73,000
NOVI	
24729 Apple Crest Dr	\$164,000
45138 Bartlett Dr	\$84,000
27343 Benjamins Way	\$45,000
25178 Birchwoods Dr	\$287,000
24060 Broadmoor Park Ln	\$448,000
40896 Coventry Rd	\$363,000
25020 Delmont Dr	\$345,000
24997 Fairway Hills Dr	\$220,000
44454 Gwinnett Loop	\$157,000
44492 Gwinnett Loop	\$156,000
23851 Harvest Dr	\$268,000
25843 Mulberry Ln	\$317,000

41801 Primrose Dr	\$108,000
24797 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$451,000
23059 Shilo Ct	\$615,000
25289 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
27111 Victoria Rd	\$272,000
28285 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
SOUTH LYON	
58619 Carriage Ln	\$40,000
53789 Edgewood Dr	\$218,000
61220 Greenwood Dr	\$65,000
913 Hearthside St	\$122,000
24585 King Post Ct	\$78,000
23915 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$61,000
23848 Prescott Ct	\$61,000
24878 Purlin Ct	\$71,000
1072 Shetland Dr	\$249,000
1096 Shetland Dr	\$240,000
53851 Springwood Dr	\$210,000
357 University Ave	\$110,000
SOUTHFIELD	
22769 Bell Brook St	\$65,000
20990 Constitution St	\$125,000
17101 Edwards Ave	\$92,000
29662 Farmbrook Villa Ct # 2	\$43,000
29700 Lahser Rd	\$70,000
21241 McClung Ave	\$73,000
17264 Melrose St	\$40,000
18210 Onyx St	\$93,000
20570 Secluded Ln	\$82,000
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