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Move to new city hall expected next month

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland City Hall is likely to move into its new home at the end of September.

"We will probably move the weekend of Sept. 25. It's a major move. Some departments will start moving earlier," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

An official grand opening of the building, located on Warren Road in the former Circuit City store, hasn't been scheduled yet.

"We'll get in there for

awhile and probably schedule the grand opening in October," Wild said.

IT staff has already been working in the new building for several weeks, getting prepared for the move.

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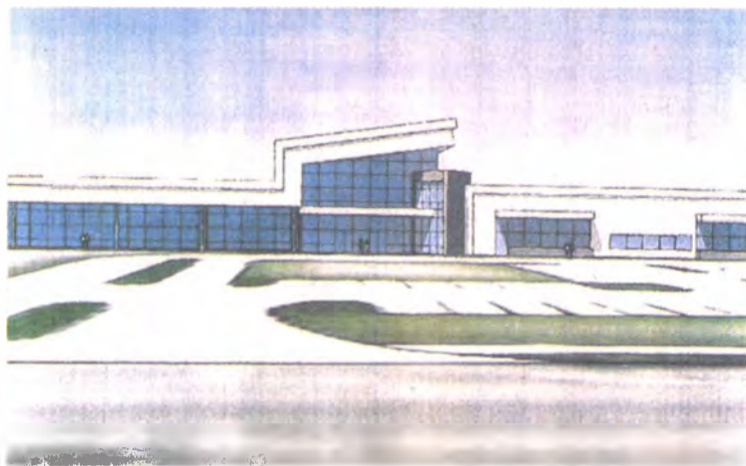
The renovated former store will provide the city with 64,000 square feet — all on one level — and has been designed for energy efficiency. The current building on Ford at Carlson has only 13,000 square feet of space, including the basement, which is unusable

due to persistent flooding and resulting mold.

The building will provide public meeting rooms in addition to space for city departments currently off-site, such as the Department of Public Works administration, WLND, Economic Development and Youth Assistance.

The retrofitting project, including land acquisition, is expected to cost just under \$10 million. That's about \$5 million less than a new construction project would have cost.

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Parts warehouse site plan approved

A site plan for a new warehouse building for Jack Demmer Ford has been approved by the Wayne City Council.

The 9,000-square-foot building will be constructed on the north side of Michigan Avenue west of Newburgh. The warehouse will be located adjacent to a new quick lane service building.

"This is a continuation of the expansion of the property," said Wayne Clerk/Planning Director Matthew Miller. "It will be a pre-purchase parts warehouse for the dealership. They will be able to sell to other dealers."



Miller

The dealership, located on the north east corner of Michigan Avenue and Newburgh, had already received approval for a rezoning and demolition of two homes that have been removed from the property.

Driveways that went to the homes from Michigan Avenue will be eliminated, Miller said. Since the warehouse building will not have heat or an office, he said there will three parking spaces and share parking with the quick lane service building.

"The employees will work at the dealership or the quick lane. They will just be at the building to accept stock," Miller said.

Some council members expressed concern about the warehouse building, which is designed to have brick to the belt line and metal above, on Michigan Avenue. Miller said it is effectively a pole barn.

"My concern is that it is a steel building. There is no architectural design. It's bigger than the quick lane," said Councilman James Hawley. "It concerns me that they didn't make it attractive with the facade. I'm only concerned that it will be a very ugly building facing Michigan Avenue."

Councilmen David James and Skip Monit noted the warehouse building matches the quick lane building which was previously approved.

"I don't see why we would not approve it," Monit said.

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First-grade teacher Lynne Taylor looks for "thumbs up" from students to find out if they understand what they are doing.

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Graham students go exploring on first day of school

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer



Emma Emery listens in her first-grade class.

A long line of kindergartners followed teacher Sandi Stuhn on an indoor scavenger hunt through the halls of P.D. Graham Elementary School on Tuesday morning.

It was their first day of school and the youngsters already were learning where important places were in the school, thanks to storybook character Chester Raccoon.

"He's from the book, *The Kissing Hand*," Stun said. "It's a book we read every year. His clues are leading us to different rooms."

The youngsters peeked into the music room, took a gander at the cafeteria/gymnasium, and stopped in front of the office of the "big boss," Principal Jennifer Curry, all the while practicing their behavior of bubble

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Snacks are now healthier in Wayne-Westland schools

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland students found the cafeteria food a bit different on the first day of school.

Meals and snacks have gotten healthier. Gone are the

deep fried foods like chicken strips and french fries. There's an emphasis on baked products and more fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

The change started last year as part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of

2010, which "took a lot of junk food, or what would be considered junk food, off of meals," and steered the menu toward whole grains, according to Deputy Superintendent Jim Larson-Shidler.

The USDA now has taken it one step further with

snacks. This school year, "anything sold in the school from midnight to half hour after school day ends has to comply with the USDA standards," Larson-Shidler said.

"Anything sold to students

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and tails — puffing out their cheeks and folding their hand behind their backs.

“The first two weeks, you’ll eat in the classroom, and then you’ll eat in the cafeteria,” Stuhn told her class. “And you’ll go for gym on Wednesdays.”

Smooth start

An hour into the first day of school and all was well at the Westland elementary. Curry credits the smooth start to her staff, which has been together for the five years she’s been principal at P.D. Graham.

“There’s a calmness in the building. I think it helped having our open house before school started,” she said. “Parents and children got to see their classrooms, meet their teachers. It took away the chaos of the first day of schools,” she said.

In the computer room off the library, media teacher Shana Hockemeyer was asking a group of third-graders to think about what they like about a teacher and



Sandra Stuhr's kindergarten class takes a tour of the school.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

chose one word. Their choices included: nice, kind, cool, caring and fun.

“It’s an ice-breaker activity,” she said. “They’ll add it to the chart and do a comparison. They want a nice, caring teacher and want to know that you care.”

Among the group was Mikaela Hudson who followed the instructions carefully.

“I love going to school,” she said. “I like to read in school.”

The youngster admitted she was excited about the first day of school and did go to bed early — “I think 8 o’clock.” However, first-grader Emma Emery had her head on her desk as she listened to teacher Lynne Taylor.

“I got up early and I had a hard time falling

asleep,” she said.

Classroom routine

Taylor was using the morning to get her class into a routine and learn classroom procedures, like using the bathroom pass. She explained that the pass was to be left on the desk while the student left the classroom, “so I know where you’re at.”

“Everything is differ-

ent for them. They always had a bathroom in the classroom, so by going out of the classroom lets them have a little independence,” she explained, before leading them out of the room and around the corner to where the bathrooms were, then by twos they used the facilities.

Curry is pleased the school is holding its own when it comes to enrollment. Of the more than 400 students, she knows of only one that didn’t return from last year, and Tuesday morning four families showed up to register their children, including a set of twins.

“Our three kindergartens are almost full,” she said. “We don’t have a lot of wiggle room and that’s a good thing.”

A neat thing for Curry is the fourth-graders. They’re the kindergartners she started with as principal five years ago.

“It’s been very quiet, so far it’s been great,” she said. “I think it’s because this is the fifth year we’ve been together as a staff. We have a routine in place.”

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“The landscaping will be done to enclose the building. It sets back — you won’t see it from Michigan Avenue,” said Councilman Albert Damitio. “It’s probably a step up from other buildings in the area.”

The city could suggest that the building be made more decorative, Damitio said.

Councilman John Rhaesa, who joined Hawley in voting against approving the site plan, asked if the council could add a condition asking Demmer Ford to look at changes to the warehouse facade.

“It will look like a warehouse building. They (Demmer Ford) usually step up,” he said.

Miller told the council he would contact the dealership representative to talk about the building facade.

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TIFA funding

The city’s Tax Increment Finance Authority is funding the project, as well as a nearby new Fire Station 1 currently under construction on Central City Parkway at the north end of the former Service Merchandise property.

Another major project, the new Farmers and Artisans Market Pavilion and improvements to Tattan Park, had a grand opening last month.

Once vacated, the former city hall, fire station and the closed Bailey Recreation Center will be demolished. Future plans for the city property haven’t been decided as consultant McKenna Associates studies options.

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SNACKS

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has to comply with the standards and that’s a good thing,” he said. “We’re trying to teach kids to eat healthier.”

Students will still get to eat snacks, they’re just being reformulated to meet the new standards.

They’ll still have chocolate chip cookies, they’ll just be healthier, Larson-Shidler said.

Under the nutrition standards, any food sold in the schools must be “whole-grain rich” and have a fruit, vegetable, dairy product and/or vegetable as the first ingredient or be a combination food that contains at least 1/4 cup of fruit

and/or vegetable, or contain 10 percent of the daily value of one of nutrients — calcium, potassium, Vitamin D or dietary fiber — in the 2010 Dietary Guidelines of Americans.

According to the district newsletter Connections, fries are still available at the high schools; however, they will be baked and the portions

will be in line with calorie limits. The new guidelines also apply to all foods sold to students at school stores, culinary restaurants and fundraisers.

When questioned by board secretary Carol Middel as to how the new rule would affect fundraising, Larson-Shidler stressed that “nothing can be sold to students

that doesn’t comply with the USDA standards.”

“It can be sold parent to parent, but not to students,” he said, adding that it doesn’t affect food sold at concession stands at athletic events that are a half hour after the end of school.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Distinguished Young Woman

Attention Wayne-Westland high school senior women: Now is the time to get involved in the Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland program, which was formerly known as America’s Junior Miss.

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arships for college. If you’re interested, contact your high school counselor for details.

Orientation will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at 37955 Glenwood, Wayne. The Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland program will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7.

Practices will be from 5-8 p.m. Sundays, beginning Sept. 28.

Lighthouse Home Missions holding yard sale

Lighthouse Home Missions will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Saturday, Sept. 6, at Full Gospel Temple, which is located at 34033 Palmer, between Wildwood and Venoy.

There also will be a hot dog sale from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

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Governor to speak at business breakfast at Schoolcraft

Gov. Rick Snyder will speak to a gathering of business leaders from Livonia, Farmington and Farmington Hills during a breakfast event Friday, Oct. 10, at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center.

The Livonia and Greater Farmington Area chambers of commerce are coordinating

the program – sponsored by Edward Jones-Robin Whitfield financial adviser,

Cambridge Property and Casualty, OpTech and Bosch. The program will run 8-9:30 a.m. After



Snyder

some prepared comments, Snyder will answer audience questions. Together, the Livonia and Greater Farmington Area chambers serve some 1,400 members and represent two of Michigan's 11 largest cities. Both chambers are non-partisan, nonprofit trade organizations that promote their business com-

munities. "We are honored to welcome the governor back to our area and give our chamber members a chance to hear directly from him," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. Janet Bloom, interim executive director of the Greater Farmington

Area Chamber, added: "Our chambers have a great partnership and that enables us to bring these types of programs to our members." Seats for the Snyder event will be \$25 for chamber members and \$35 for non-members. Corporate tables of eight will cost \$200 for members and \$280 for non-

members. There are a limited number of seats for this event. Proceeds from the program benefit each chamber. The Farmington Area Chamber can be reached by calling 248-919-6917. The Livonia Chamber can be reached by calling 734-427-2122.

St. Mary Mercy's Embrace Life 5K is this Sunday



SUBMITTED
Vince Jesudowich of Northville, previous Embrace Life 5K winner.



More than 865 runners and walkers participated in St. Mary Mercy's Embrace Life 5K last year, raising \$45,000 for its cancer services program.

St. Mary Mercy Livonia is hosting its eighth annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7. More than 860 participants came out to race last year, raising nearly \$45,000. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy.

"Our race features a fast and flat course and is enjoyed by both competitive runners and walkers," said Embrace Life Race Director, Jennifer Kennedy, director, Marketing/PR, St. Mary Mercy. "Being our eighth year to have this event we have so many return participants and sponsors who support us and enjoy it. We have a wonderful community here."

The race begins on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and racers are routed through the residential streets of Livonia.

It is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer and an opportunity for family and friends to honor or remember a loved one. Prizes are awarded to the top three

finishers in each age group, as well as top overall finishers. "I have participated in the inaugural Embrace Life 5K every year," said Vince Jesudowich of Northville, previous race

winner. "I enjoy watching the event grow each year and support cancer services. It is a great community-building event and the race is very well organized." There is still time to

register to participate in the Embrace Life 5K. Paper registrations with cash or check payment will also be taken from noon to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, in the St. Mary Mercy South Lobby in

front of the Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center or on race day from 7 to 8:30 a.m. The 2014 Embrace Life 5K presenting sponsor is Bright House Networks.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Theft

A Garden City man in the 33000 block of Donnelly reported Aug. 25 that someone stole two mountain bikes valued at \$300 each from his backyard overnight.

The owner said that his personal surveillance cameras caught an image of the suspect, and he planned to deliver that tape to the police. He said that he didn't recognize the suspect.

Property damage

A resident in the 32000 block of Donnelly reported Aug. 24 that someone spray painted his Chevy Malibu. The rear window and passenger side were painted. An unknown symbol was painted on the trunk.

The car owner said that he cut the lawn earlier in the day and noticed no damage to the vehicle that was parked in the driveway. When he was outside about 6:30

p.m., he saw the damage.

Vehicle theft

A resident in the 31000 block of Leona reported Aug. 23 that his 2006 Chrysler Town and Country was stolen. He later contacted the police to say that the vehicle was found in the 500 block of Henry Ruff. He believes that it was a prank.

Suspended license

When a police officer stopped a 29-year-old

Detroit man Aug. 21 in the area of Warren Road and Hubbard for having a cracked windshield, he reportedly learned that there were more concerns.

The man was arrested after the officer reportedly saw that his record showed that he never acquired a driver's license.

Theft

A Garden City man reported that his car stereo, valued at \$300,

was stolen Aug. 20 from his 2006 Mercedes Benz after it was parked at 31268 Ford. The passenger side window was broken.

Theft

A Plymouth resident who rents a home in the 400 block of Arcola reported Aug. 21 that someone stole an exterior gate.

Fraud

A resident in the 400 block of West Rose re-

ported Aug. 21 that she was the victim of fraud. A collection agency contacted her that she had an outstanding balance on a Verizon Wireless account. The woman said that she never opened the two disputed accounts.

She said that one account was opened May 1, 2013, and closed Sept. 30, 2013. The other account was opened July 20, 2013, and closed Jan. 31, 2014.

By Sue Buck

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

A red Jazzy motorized wheel chair, valued at \$5,000, was reported stolen Aug. 25 from a shed in the 300 block of Carmel. She said she believed her son had left the shed unlocked overnight.

Fraud

On Aug. 27, a Westland man told police he had received two collection calls about a \$200 overdue bill for a Comcast cable television account at an address somewhere in Georgia. He said Comcast refused to provide any information to him about the account until

he had filed a police report.

Break-in

The owner of a home in the 2200 block of Emerson told police Aug. 27 that someone had broken into the garage. Reported missing were two furnaces, valued at \$900, and three wooden doors, valued at \$60.

The owner reported the door to the home had been kicked in also, but nothing was missing.

Fraud

A Westland woman told police Aug. 27 that she left her credit card at Benito's restaurant, 8129 N. Middlebelt, after pay-

ing for her meal Aug. 7. On Aug. 8, she said she was notified of possibly fraudulent activity on the account. There were 10 unauthorized transactions reported, spending \$150, before the card was shut off.

Larceny

A Cape Coral, Fla., man told police Aug. 27 that someone had stolen his 18-speed mountain bike while it was parked outside the CVS Pharmacy, 1750 S. Wayne Road. He said he was inside the store for 5-10 minutes and the bike was gone when he returned.

On Aug. 28, a Westland woman told police she

locked her bicycle to a sign post in front of Jerry's Party Store, 28940 Warren Road, and went inside. About 10 minutes later, she said someone asked if she had a bike outside and told her someone had cut the lock, then loaded the bike into a pickup truck. The vehicle drove off into Garden City.

Vandalism

» On Aug. 28, a resident in the 34000 block of Beechnut told police he was asleep just after 2 a.m. when he was awoken by a loud noise. He said his dog began barking, so he went to check.

The resident didn't see

anything and told police he didn't know what happened until talking with a neighbor who was on his front porch smoking. The second resident reported a dark-colored car came down the street and threw a landscaping brick through the rear window of a Dodge Dart.

The car was parked next door to the first resident and officers were unable to contact the owner.

» Also on Aug. 28, a resident in the 200 block of Byfield told police that overnight someone had used a blunt object to strike the windshield of a 2005 Chevrolet Trail Blazer numerous times,

smashing it.

» A resident in the 35000 block of Canyon told police Aug. 28 that overnight someone had smashed the windshield of a 2003 Kia Optima while it was parked in the street.

Attempted break-in

A resident of the Barclay Apartments, 28360 Warren Road, told police Aug. 28 that overnight someone had attempted to break into his apartment by prying the front door. He said he was sleeping and didn't hear anything or notice the damage until he tried to lock the door.

By LeAnne Rogers

WAYNE COP CALLS

Larceny

A resident in the 38000 block of Thorncroft Court told police Aug. 29 that he had purchased a slim brief computer bag from Amazon and UPS reported shipping it to his home on Aug. 22.

He said he didn't receive the bag, valued at

\$80. The resident told police he had checked with his neighbors who didn't see any suspicious activity at the home.

Attempted break-in

Also at the Hickory Hollow Townhouses, a resident in the 5600 block of Hoover told police Aug. 26 that he arrived home to find

someone had kicked in his front door. Since the deadbolt was still in place, he said it appeared the suspect never entered his apartment.

Larceny from a vehicle

A spare tire was reported stolen Aug. 29 from a van parked at the Western Wayne Re-

source Center, 35000 Van Born. There are several vans used to transport clients. An employee said he arrived for work and noticed something hanging from underneath a 2009 Ford van.

Checking, he said he found the spare tire, valued at \$245, was missing.

Larceny

A Romulus woman told police that someone had stolen her cell phone

Aug. 27 after she left it on her desk at Michigan Works, 35731 W. Michigan Ave. She said she works in the IT Department and was able to track the phone to a couple of locations in Romulus and the last one at First and Clinton in Wayne.

The Apple iPhone was valued at \$600.

Vehicle shot

On Aug. 30, a resident of Hickory Hollow Town-

houses in the 5700 block of E. Hickory Hollow, told police that she had parked her 2009 Jeep Patriot in front of her apartment the previous night. In the morning, she said she saw a bullet hole in the hood of the vehicle.

The officer noted the bullet went through the hood into the engine block. The woman said she doesn't know where the bullet originated.

By LeAnne Rogers

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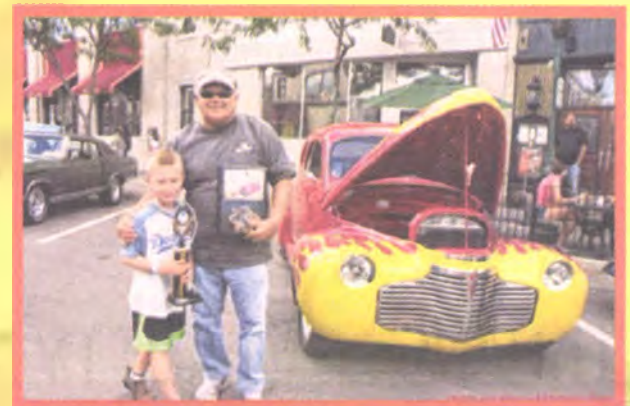
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Livonia Civic Chorus: A goldmine of fun music for 50 years

Back in 1845, prospectors found gold in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Then they all went to California.

There's been plenty of gold, of other kinds, for the finding throughout our state. In western Wayne County, for example, there's the Livonia Civic Chorus, this year observing its golden anniversary of 50 years. It was first discovered in January 1965 on the stage of Franklin High School at its first concert show and has been glowing golden ever since.

The chorus was formed by the members of Livonia's St. Maurice Catholic Church Choir, which was forced to disband in 1964. Coincidentally, Catholic church choirs around the country were faced with abrupt changes at about this time when, after centuries, they had to switch from Latin to English in their Mass services. St. Maurice has since combined with St. Genevieve Church.

Also about this same time, the City's Parks and Recreation Department advertised in the *Observer* its call for sponsoring a community chorus. Choir member Joyce Winter saw the ad, her group immediately responded, and soon, as a secular choir, they were providing artistic gold for Livonia and surrounding suburbs.

Ever since that first year, the Livonia Civic Chorus has been a hands-free show chorus, its members memorizing every song in the repertoire while dancing their way across the stage for two main shows — at Christmas time and early spring.

Members come from all over

Chorus membership has been as high as 65 and currently is at 56. They come mostly from Livonia, but also Ann Arbor, Canton, Farmington Hills, Northville, Novi, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Plymouth, Redford, Westland, and Wixom, with smiles on their faces and songs (memorized) in their hearts.

Soprano Linda Gibson comes from farthest away — Bob-Lo (Bois Blanc) Island in Canada.

The chorus' performances usually include a



Gene Scott
GUEST COLUMNIST

variety of songs from popular musicals and movies. Occasionally, they have written and scored their own Broadway-style show. Its first show, at Franklin High in 1965, was "Around the World with Livonia Civic Chorus," with 39 members on stage.

Most often performed, especially at the spring concerts, are shows that convey a central theme, such as "How The West Was Sung," "Island Magic," "Bond and Beyond," and more recently "A Tribute to Motown" with songs like *Ain't No Mountain High Enough* and *What a Wonderful World* and *Thoroughly Modern Broadway*, including numbers from *Mama Mia* and *Les Miserables*.

Seldom is the chorus seen in typical tuxedos and formal gowns like other choral groups with music in their hands. "The idea is to get the audience to laugh, look and listen ... and it works," said chorus director Donna Gleason. Choir historian Hank Kanar seconds the notion, saying: "After our shows, people come up and say 'You folks really look like you're enjoying yourselves.'"

Gleason, a music school graduate of the University of Maryland, has been director since 2003. She is accompanist at Walled Lake Western High School and vocal director for its musicals. She directed the Redford Baptist Church Choir for 22 years.

Accompanist since 2004 is Rimma Stolbov, a piano teacher for 25 years and a native of Latvia and graduate of its Musical College. Rimma also is an accompanist at Walled Lake Western and a member of Farmington Musicales.

Multiple generations

Current and past chorus members have spanned four generations in age, from teenagers to great-grandpas and great-grandmas, and many walks of life including doctors and dentists, nurses, engineers,



The chorus dresses up all formal-like for this 1974 group photo.

CHORUS ARCHIVES



Donna Gleason directs the chorus in its 2011 Christmas show "Believe."

clergymen, housewives, and even an undertaker (a bass, of course). Two chorus members have been with the group for 50 years — Henry (Hank) Kanar, baritone and tenor Dominic Lucca (most years).

This season, Kim Alderman will have had three generations of her family in the chorus when niece Nicole and nephew Zachary join them for the 50th season. Kim's father, Phil Meyer, was a member in the 1970s.

Perhaps best known of its guest performers is "Fat Bob" Taylor, who sang with the chorus in the late 1970s. He was promoted as the "Singing Plumber" when he did several local radio shows, including many with WJR's J.P. McCarthy. Closest to that today is singer-musician Jim Hovey, who entertains at local watering holes and restaurants with his Delivery Boys Acoustic String Band.

An unsung hero from the chorus' past is tenor Bill Hill. During World War II, Hill was wounded several times, once while

rescuing a fellow soldier from the battlefield. He was awarded many medals for his feats of bravery and valor.

Clarenceville High is concert home

After the nation's bicentennial in 1976, the chorus found a permanent venue for their Christmas and spring shows at Clarenceville High School, Livonia's first and largest high school and auditorium with 900 seats.

In addition to their main shows at Clarenceville, the chorus has had many other venues — at Livonia City Hall for the city's annual tree lighting and Greenmead Historical Village's annual Christmas walks for over 20 years, and Christmas caroling at Greenfield Village for the past 12 years. They also have sung at GM's Industry Sings, Plymouth's Fall Festival, Selfridge Air Force Base, Gaylord, and University of Michigan.

More recently, they have sung with Livonia Symphony Orchestra and often have had the "Classical Bells" ringers, children's choirs, and dance groups as part of their Christmas or spring shows.

Also recently, the chorus has hit the road to entertain at local senior citizen residences and nursing homes, bringing heartfelt hope and joy to home-bound folks who can't get around much anymore. Last year, they sang at eight of these places in Livonia and nearby, and have been

asked back for encore visits.

For many years, the chorus has had a special mission of helping Livonia high school vocal music students continue with their training through its scholarships program. Currently, students are selected for scholarships to Madonna University and Blue Lake Music Camp near Muskegon. Several past winners have gone on to successful musical careers.

Busy behind the scenes to keep it all together is chorus president Peggy Gaskill, a seven-year alto member who is a consultant in educational reform for middle schools and program development manager at Michigan Virtual University.

The chorus kicks off its 50th season with three events: Livonia's observance of our National Anthem Bicentennial presented by the Livonia Historical Society at Greenmead, 2 p.m. Sept. 14; a chorus reception, Greenmead, Sept. 18; and the chorus' induction into the 1835 Livonia Hall of Fame, Madonna University, Oct. 2. (1835 is the year Livonia actually started, as a township.)

Coming up for their next Christmas show at Clarenceville High, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, is an "Extraordinary Merry Christmas" with lots of old favorites and Handel's *Hallelujah*. The spring show at Clarenceville, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, will be "50 Fabulous Years" with the best

from Broadway and big-hit songs like *There is Nothing Like a Dame* and *Shenandoah*.

Chorus president Gaskill has sent out invitations to 84 former chorus members to come back for the fun, but anyone who likes to sing can join. Auditions are for voice placement only. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings, starting Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road. The fee is \$50 each for the chorus' winter and spring sessions. This helps pay for the cost of the music, costumes, stage sets and props, printing, practice and video recordings, etc. Livonia Parks and Recreation pays for the director and accompanist.

Help with other expenses comes from the chorus' three additional sponsors: AlphaUSA, an engineering and production development firm; Melissa Pilzner/Raymond James, financial consultants; and St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

To join the chorus or get tickets or other info, visit www.livoniachorus.org, or write or call them at 37637 Five Mile, Ste. 156, Livonia 48154, 734-542-9071.

Gene Scott has been a Livonia Historical Society member for about 12 years. He is a retired editor and teacher who has published four books on the histories of Michigan towns. The most recent is "Michigan Shadow Towns." He and wife Barb have lived in Livonia for 23 years.

Midway — World War II's decisive battle in Pacific

During World War II, the Empire of Japan was allied with Hitler's Germany and Mussolini's Italy, having signed the Tripartite Pact on Sept. 27, 1940. By June 1942, countries around the world were in the thick of World War II. Just six months earlier, Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor, killing 2,403 people.

In response to the attack, Colonel James H. Doolittle led a bombing raid on Tokyo on April 18, 1942. The Australian and U.S. navies also collided with Japan on May 7, 1942, in the Battle of the Coral Sea.

The Battle of Midway occurred on June 3, 1942, and it was a decisive victory for the U.S. Navy over an invasion by the Imperial Japanese Navy. Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto led an attack on the Midway Islands, located 1,150 miles northwest of the Hawaiian Islands, roughly halfway between Asia and North America.

The Midway Islands seemed like a vital outpost for the U.S. naval fleet in Pearl Harbor. The Japanese Navy also attacked the Aleutian Islands off of Alaska at the same time, some say to pull the U.S. fleet away from Midway.

Admirals Chester W. Nimitz, Frank Jack

Fletcher, and Raymond A. Spruance of the U.S. Navy defended Midway. During the battle, the naval fleet ended up sinking four of the six Japanese aircraft carriers responsible for attacking Pearl Harbor — Akagi, Kaga, Soryu and Hiryu.

Destroyers, cruisers, aircraft carriers, and bomber airplanes were involved on both ends of the fight; the U.S. also had 16 submarines. On June 5, Admiral Yamamoto issued the order to cancel the Midway Operation, seeing defeat was at hand, but with the U.S. now pushing the fight, the IJN needed to continue on the defensive. The battle ended with the sinking of the Mikuma, a Japanese cruiser, and the Yorktown, a U.S. aircraft carrier.

For more information on the Battle of Midway, check out *The Battle of Midway* by Craig L. Symonds or a separate book of the same name by Earle Rice Jr. The Public Library of Westland has a vast collection of books on World War II, as well as online resources. Call



The Friends of the Library group will hold its used book sale Sept. 18-21.

the library at 734-326-6123 or visit the Reference Desk. Search our online catalog at www.westlandlibrary.org

Highlighted events

Teen Chair Painting, 4-6 p.m. Sept. 4, Grades 7-12 — We are getting new chairs for the teen area. They are plain boring wood right now, so we need some artistic teens to use their painting skills to make them look cool. Paint a chair and your artwork will be on display in the library for years to come. We will be painting outside, weather permitting. Please wear old clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Friday Night Outdoor Movie, 7 p.m. Sept. 5, in the Library Children's Garden — Join us for a family movie under the stars, courtesy of our Outside the Box grant. We will be showing *Mup-*

pets Most Wanted. We'll have snacks and water for the whole family, though families are welcome to bring their own. Seating will also be provided but will be limited. Come at 6:30 p.m. to get your seat, the movie will start at 7 p.m.

Rhythm & Rock Time, 10 a.m. Sept. 6, 1-5 years, with caregiver — Sing, play and move along with your child. Siblings are welcome. No registration needed.

Parents in Action Workshop: Learning through Play, 9:30 a.m. Sept. 8, am, Adults and Kids — The program is presented by Starfish Family Services. Take-home activities provided as an additional resource. This month's topic is "Learning through Play: Five Ingredients and Benefits of Active Learning." Free childcare provided. Register at west-

landlibrary.org/kids/ events or stop by the library to sign up.

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting, 2-3 p.m. Sept. 9 — The Friends of the Library is an independent group of local residents and library users that helps support and promote the library and its mission. They plan book sales and other fundraising activities for the library. Circle your calendar for Sept. 18-21 for their next book sale. Preview Sale Sept. 18 for current Friends members only. Find out how you can become a member at westlandlibrary.org/support/friends.

Tabletop Gaming Club, 6-8:30 p.m. Sept. 9, Adults and Teens — Come and make friends as you play your favorite tabletop games, or discover new games. Play Munchkin, Clue, Arkham Horror, Fluxx, HeroClix, Settlers of Catan, Risk, and many more! Just drop by. No registration.

Starfish Little Learners Playgroup, 10-11:30 a.m. Sept. 11, Ages 1-4, with a caregiver — This program, presented by Starfish Early Learning Communities, meets once a month at the Westland Library. Children and their caregivers will enjoy interactive time together that includes

stories, songs, group activities, play time and snack. Siblings welcome. No registration.

Magic: The Gathering, 4-6 p.m. Sept. 11, Teens Grades 7-12 — We'll have a round robin tournament (with booster packs for prizes) as well as free play. Bring a standard deck to play in the tournament.

Open Mic is back, 7 p.m. Sept. 11 — Let your muse run wild coffee-style with singer-songwriter Dave Boutette as your emcee. Writers, poets, singers/rappers, bands and performers of all sorts are welcome. Just show up ready to perform.

Friday Night Movies, 7 p.m. Sept. 12 — Tonight's movie, *Noah*, is an ancient story about a man and his family caught in a great flood. Snacks and refreshments are provided on a donation basis.

The library's fall and winter hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Information Central was compiled by Liz Waun. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call 734-326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

Ruffed Grouse Society to host fundraiser dinner in Livonia

The Greater Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society will host its 37th annual Conservation and Sportsmen's Banquet on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, beginning with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

As with all RGS fundraisers, proceeds from

this event will be used to enhance habitat for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and other forest wildlife. The evening will feature a live and silent auction, games, drawings and door prizes, highlighted with the finest selection of quality firearms, artwork and collectables.

Individual membership and dinner tickets are \$70. There is also a

membership and spouse package for \$105 (includes two dinners) and a junior membership and dinner ticket for \$40 (17 and under). Banquet, Conservation, Sustaining and Gold sponsorship packages are also available at \$275, \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500 respectively.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Jim Gilsdorf at 734-662-7512.

Wish you were here



Ralph and Debbie Merian of Livonia vacationed in South Lake Tahoe, Calif. They stopped Aug. 14 for a picture with the Observer overlooking Emerald Bay.

Candidate forums designed to inform voters

Voters hoping to learn as much as possible about political candidates for a variety of offices are getting a boost from the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

The LWV will host several candidate forums over the next few weeks in an effort to educate voters about candidates'

positions on various issues.

The LWV does not endorse in these races; the mission is simply to inform.

All candidates in all races have been invited to participate in the following forums:

- » Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education -

7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main.

Candidates include incumbent Kim Crouch, Tom Kelly, Estelle Olian-sky, Michael Siegrist, Kate Borninski, Don Turner, Drex Morton and Amy Fava.

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Garden City Hospital awarded stroke certification

Garden City Hospital has been awarded Primary Stroke Certification from the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP).

Primary Stroke Certification serves as a notice that Garden City Hospital has the capacity to stabilize and treat acute stroke patients, provide acute care, and administer tap and other acute therapies safely and efficiently.

"This certification signifies that Garden City Hospital has demonstrated and is clearly committed to providing excellent stroke care to its patients," said Josh Prober, chief executive officer of HFAP. "Hospitals that have established stroke centers have demonstrated improved treatment, better patient outcomes and reduced costs. Moreover, Primary Stroke centers have the required infrastructure and protocols in place to stabilize and provide rapid and evidence-based care to acute stroke patients."

HFAP has been certifying stroke centers since 2006 and

currently offers the most options for facilities seeking stroke care certification. HFAP is the nation's only accreditation program that certifies the full Stroke Continuum - Stroke Ready, Primary Stroke and Comprehensive Stroke.

HFAP stroke certification differs from other certification programs in that it provides a three-year certification award with a mid-cycle review at 18 months. In addition, for reimbursement eligibility, hospitals must submit quarterly clinical performance measures to the HFAP office and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

In order to achieve Primary Stroke Certification, Garden City Hospital had to meet several standards:

» The program director must have extensive experience in acute stroke.

» Stroke code team arrival at bedside must be within 15 minutes.

» Lab testing and advanced imaging capabilities must be



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Garden City Hospital was awarded Primary Stroke Certification.

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» Have access to neurologists 24/7.

» Have neurosurgical expertise available or able to transfer patients within two hours.

» Have a designation stroke unit.

» Staff must meet education requirements

"We are proud to achieve HFAP's prestigious Primary Stroke Certification. Our staff has worked tirelessly to achieve this certification and it reflects our dedication to excellent patient care and service," said Sago George, chief administrative officer at Garden City Hospital. "In awarding us Primary Stroke

Certification, HFAP has provided us with the opportunity to celebrate the exceptional stroke care we provide to our patients and our commitment to the well-being of our community and surrounding communities."

For more information about Garden City Hospital's commitment to quality and to the health of the community, visit GCH.org.

The Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP) is a nationally recognized not-for-profit accreditation organization with deeming authority from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This authority allows HFAP to provide accreditation to all hospitals, ambulatory care/surgical facilities, mental health facilities, physical rehabilitation facilities, clinical laboratories and critical access hospitals.

For more information about Garden City Hospital or to find a GCH Health Expert, call 877-717-WELL or visit GCH.org.

Code would make new homes more energy efficient

Michigan's Residential Code Review Committee has recommended adoption of a new residential construction code that would make newly constructed homes in Michigan more energy efficient, saving homeowners money on their utility bills and helping the state reach its energy efficiency goals.

The committee's recommended changes support Gov. Rick Snyder's energy goals for Michigan that he announced in December: to aggressively pursue improvements that will help eliminate energy waste, make utility bills more affordable for customers, reduce the need for new electric generation, and protect the environment.

"Michigan's new energy efficient residential construc-

tion code will result in savings ranging from 14 percent to more than 17 percent for heating and more than 25 percent when electrical and equipment efficiency is considered, depending on the type of home and its location," said Shelly Edgerton, deputy director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). "That's good news for homeowners' and renters' pocketbooks, and it will help Michigan be better positioned as an energy conscious state."

"The new residential energy code benefits Michigan residents in a number of ways," said Lee Schwartz, executive vice-president for government relations at the Home Builders Association of Michigan. "It provides very

significant increases in energy efficiency in new homes over the current code, while complying with Michigan's cost-effective requirements. It is product neutral, but provides increased options for the use of Michigan-made materials to achieve those energy savings, helping to further grow Michigan's economy and provide jobs for its citizens."

"In addition, it is first-time home buyer friendly, since families who could qualify for a mortgage under the current energy code will continue to be able to qualify for the same home under the new energy code. The residential energy code is a winner for the people of the state of Michigan," he said.

Erik Van Oosten, of Dow Building and Construction

said that adoption of the 2012 Michigan Residential and Energy Code is an important step forward in making homes more energy-efficient and more comfortable in the process.

"The code will contribute to more efficient and less leaky homes and thereby can help Michigan families reduce their energy bills," he said. "We applaud LARA and the Home Builders Association of Michigan for working with us on the adoption of the energy code thereby creating a more sustainable directive for the future."

"Streamlined approval of above code programs, along with requiring blower door tests conducted by certified individuals, exceeds the provisions of the 2012 International

Energy Conservation Code. These provisions are part of a new energy code that will help thousands of Michiganders save energy at much higher levels than the current energy code," added Brindley Byrd, executive director of the Michigan Energy Efficiency Contractors Association.

The new code is based on the International Code Council's 2012 Energy Conservation Code. Michigan's Residential Code Review Committee's recommendations now go to the Michigan Legislature's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. If approved, the new residential construction code is expected to go into effect next year.

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Care award

Dr. Jason Schairer of the Henry Ford Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center was recently recognized by the American Gastroenterological Association with the 2014-2015 Bridges to Excellence in Inflammatory Bowel Disease Care award.

Dr. Schairer becomes one of only two physicians in Michigan to be honored with this award. He joins Dr. Nirmal Kaur, director of the Henry Ford Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center, who received the 2013-2014 award.

Bridges to Excellence in IBD Care recognizes clinicians who demonstrate outstanding patient care. Only 16 IBD specialists in the United States received the honor this year.

"I'm honored by this award, mainly because it recognizes the high level of treatment we strive to provide to our patients," Schairer said. "The new, highly effective therapies available through the Henry Ford IBD Center make this a very exciting time. We're seeing more and more patients find relief."

The Henry Ford IBD Center is located at 39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi. It sees patients from Ohio, Indiana and all regions of Michigan. For more information or to set up an appointment, visit www.henryford.com/IBD or call 248-344-4147.

Carson's Community Days

Carson's of Bon-Ton Stores Inc. will host a semiannual Community Days event at its

store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15, benefiting local organizations, as well as the American Heart Association.

Organizations can sign up now at www.communitydayevent.com. Leading up to Community Days, participating local 501(c)(3) organizations can sell coupon booklets to supporters in their communities and online, increasing awareness of the organization, raising funds and giving customers the opportunity to shop at Carson's with exclusive discounts.

"We take pride in supporting our local communities here at Bon-Ton," said Steve Byers, executive vice-president of stores for Bon-Ton Stores Inc. "Giving back is part of our culture and the semiannual Community Days

event gives our customers the opportunity to support local organizations while enjoying special discounts at Bon-Ton."

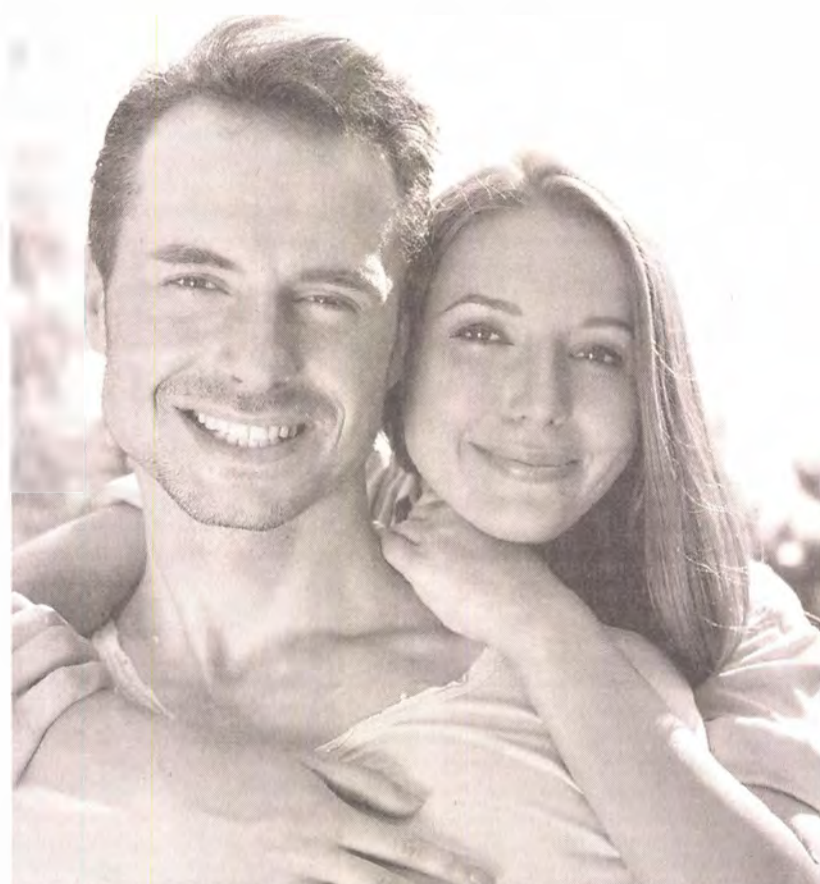
When an organization completes the online registration, they will receive a unique code that can be shared on the organization's website, via email and on social media platforms. Whether supporters purchase the \$5 coupon booklet from an organization member or through the unique code, the organization will keep 100 percent of the donation.

Now through Saturday, Nov. 15, customers can purchase the \$5 coupon booklets in stores and online at www.carsons.com. Customers have the choice to donate to any participating organization or the American Heart Association. In return, the purchaser will

receive a \$10-off coupon, as well as a booklet that contains a 30-percent off shopping pass and over \$500 in special coupons to use at any Bon-Ton, Boston Store, Bergner's, Carson's, Elder-Beerman, Herberger's and Younkers stores and online during the two-day event.

The Community Days event in February raised over \$4.5 million for thousands of local nonprofit organizations and the American Heart Association. Additionally, since 1999, Bon-Ton Stores Inc. has helped participants across the country raise over \$166 million for their organization.

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Plymouth Whalers raise more than \$5,000 for John Bieniewicz Foundation at charity game

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers are no strangers to benefiting the community. The team continued that trend Saturday to help the family of a man killed earlier this summer at a Livonia soccer field.

The Whalers, based in Plymouth's Compuware Arena, played a charity preseason game against the Windsor Spitfires to benefit the John Bieniewicz Foundation, as well as Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors.

The Whalers, members of the Ontario Hockey League, defeated the Spitfires 10-2 in a game that was the first preseason contest at the team's arena in nearly six years.

"I thought it was a good start to the season," said Pete Krupsky, a spokesman for the Whalers. "It was a very nice event."

The team has visited several area arenas each year for a preseason game as a way to give back to the community. Last year's contest, also



A ceremonial faceoff Saturday included the Bieniewicz family, Plymouth captain Alex Peters (left) and Windsor captain Patrick Sanvido. Both are Dallas Stars draft picks.

against the Spitfires, took place at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena and benefited Larry Nehasil Park.

Saturday's game brought in more than \$5,000, though Krupsky said that figure will change.

"That's not a final count," he said. "It's continuing to go up and up

and up."

Bieniewicz, a Westland resident, was officiating a soccer match in June at Livonia's Mies Park when police say he was assaulted by a player he was attempting to eject from the game.

That player, 36-year-old Dearborn resident Bassel Saad, has been charged

with second-degree murder and is due back in court next week for a motion hearing.

Krupsky said the team wished the arena would have attracted more people for the game, but other activities, including the start of college football in Michigan, may have affected atten-



Youngsters had a chance to play on the ice Saturday at Compuware Arena.

dance. But he said the Bieniewicz family seemed to be pleased with the results. The family participated in a ceremonial puck drop between the teams before the game.

"They were pretty happy," he said. "From that regard, it was a pretty good event."

The Whalers will continue giving back in Wayne County with a benefit game this weekend against the Saginaw Spirit at Compuware

Arena. All proceeds from this Saturday's game, which starts at 7 p.m., will go to teams and other activities in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Advance tickets at compuwarearena.com or at the arena box office, 14900 Beck in Plymouth, are \$10. Tickets at the door cost \$12.

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OUR VIEWS

Put student, bus safety first this school year

This week marks the start of a new school year in Northville and around the state, and it's hard to say who is more excited: the kids who get to see classmates after the summer break and meet their new teachers or the parents who are probably celebrating the fact that the kids are out of their hair.

Whatever the case, it's a busy time in neighborhoods and around schools with an increase in foot and motor traffic. Drivers play an important role in safety near schools at this busy time of the year. Getting the kids into a routine takes time and can leave parents rushing to get them to school on time. A driver in a hurry can lead to unsafe conditions for students and others walking, bicycling and driving in the area.

According to the National Safety Council, drivers should always:

Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits, both in school zones and in neighborhoods surrounding the school.

Comply with local school drop-off and pick-up procedures for the safety of all children accessing the school.

Avoid double parking or stopping on crosswalks to let children out of the car. Double parking blocks visibility for other children and motorists.

Avoid loading or unloading children at locations across the street from the school. That forces youngsters to unnecessarily cross busy streets — often mid-block rather than at a crosswalk.

Watch for children walking or biking to school when backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage.

Another thing drivers need to be cognizant of is the school bus. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, riding a bus to school is 13 times safer than riding in a passenger vehicle and 10 times safer than walking to school. However, the reality of school bus safety is that more children are hurt outside the bus than inside as passengers.

Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, 4-7 years old, who are hit by the bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. For that reason, drivers need to know the proper laws and procedures for sharing the road safely with school buses.

Every state has a law making it illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off. Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

All 50 states also require that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are getting on and off a school bus, and traffic behind the school bus must stop. The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Motorists should stop their vehicle far enough from the bus to allow children the space to safely enter and exit the bus.

Be alert. Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus who are comfortable with their surroundings tend to take risks and fail to look both ways when crossing the street. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops or those arriving late for the bus. They may run into the street without looking for traffic.

The start of the school year can be a challenge for parents, students and motorists. They all need to be alert and put safety first now and throughout the school year.



LETTERS

Supports Slavens

As a new resident of Wayne and an advocate of good honest government, I needed to know who was representing me in Lansing. I found out, quite by accident, that Wayne was recently redistricted.

The senator currently serving Wayne, District 8, is Hoon-Yung Hoppood a Democrat from Taylor. So now I needed to know where Wayne was moved. The city clerk from Wayne told me we would be in District 7 after the November election. When I asked how residents were informed about the change I was told that there was a mailing to all Wayne residents at the time the redistricting occurred.

As I investigated further I needed to know who the senator currently serving District 7 was

and decide if I would be well represented by him or her.

To my horror, I found out, by the full-page ads he ran for the primary election, that his name was Patrick Colbeck, a Republican from Canton, with a Tea Party philosophy and lots and lots of money. The other communities in District 7 are Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Livonia.

The city of Wayne, being on the brink of financial ruin (due to declining property values and getting no help from the Republican-run state government), is not a good fit. In fact, the other communities in District 7 may see us as an embarrassment.

I moved to Wayne solely because of its family atmosphere, friendly neighborhoods, many parks and great streets for long walks to name a few. We are not a

rich community. If a Republican is elected to serve us, we will get lost in the shuffle.

I then found out that Dian Slavens is the Democrat running against Colbeck. I already knew of her through the House website and know she reflects my values and is a hard worker with lots of courage. So I'll be volunteering to help her get elected.

I'm writing you, hoping to inform Wayne residents, again, about the new boundaries through this letter. I also think a story describing the redistricting is timely. I'm not sure when the last day to register is but I do know absentee ballots will go out soon.

This election is so important to the future of our city and state we must leave no stone unturned.

Laurel Raisanen
Wayne

GUEST COLUMN

NFL needs to act on bird-killing stadiums

Things have been going pretty well lately for the National Football League.

Revenues this past year were around \$10 billion. Arguably, football is the most watched and followed sport in this country. But developments surrounding the planning of a new football stadium for the Minnesota Vikings offer a glimpse of an emerging unseemly indifference by the team's owners and the NFL to wildlife impacts that is disturbing to millions of people who care about the nonhuman species that share our planet.

Plans for the proposed new stadium call for a massive wall of glass that experts say will assuredly kill thousands of birds over the life of the facility. Bird and wildlife advocates have raised this concern with stadium developers and with city planners. Reasonable solutions were offered from conservationists early in the process.

Cold response

The response from the team and the NFL has been as frigid as the Minnesota winters: the glass will go in exactly as planned. And this is in spite of a

new resolution from the Minneapolis City Council calling for bird-saving preventative measures.

The stadium, which is expected to open in two years, will cost nearly \$1 billion to build. The bird-friendly changes requested — installing "fritted" glass with ceramic dots that birds see and generally avoid — would cost about \$1.1 million. For an outlay of one-tenth of one percent of the cost of the stadium, this problem goes away. This is pocket change to the NFL and team owners.

For some reason, team owners and the NFL feel empowered to ignore what in all likelihood will be daily avian carnage at their facility. The irony of that position is stunning: The NFL makes massive marketing use of birds like eagles (Philadelphia), falcons (Atlanta), cardinals (Arizona), seahawks (Seattle) and ravens (Baltimore) while at the same time sanctioning the building of stadiums with features that serve as bird death traps.

How big a problem is bird collisions with glass?

Huge. A recent report from federal scientists at the Smithsonian Institution and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service revealed that bird-glass collisions are the second-leading human-caused mortality threat faced by birds, with between 400 million and one billion birds killed in the U.S.

in that fashion every year. All kinds of birds are affected: hawks, falcons, owls, songbirds. It is one reason why over 200 species of birds are in decline or otherwise in serious trouble.

Urban Bird Treaty

Team owners and the NFL would do well to recognize that Minneapolis is one of a relative handful of cities that have the laudable distinction of being federally designated as an Urban Bird Treaty city, which means that they have shown uncommon interest in protecting and conserving birds. Somehow, I think some have forgotten what that means — and how inconsistent current actions are with that notable designation.

I hope the NFL will step in and demonstrate some level of common sense and compassion for wildlife, encouraging the Minnesota Vikings (and other team owners with similar problems) to do the right thing.

Absent that, about 100,000 Viking football fans will be exposed to a lot of "inconvenient truths" each game: the repeated thud as birds crash into a glass wall at 40 miles per hour, and the sight of birds littering the ground at their feet.

Dr. George Fenwick is the president of the American Bird Conservancy. He can be reached at gfenwick@abcbirds.org.

GUEST COLUMN

Labor Day: Skills for a lifetime

As the Secretary of Labor, I have a unique opportunity to meet with employers around the country of all sizes and from an array of industries. So many of them tell me the same thing: They're ready to grow their businesses and to hire more people.

But here's the rub: too often, they can't find workers who have the skills they need.

Meanwhile, although businesses have added 9.9 million jobs since February 2010, a lot of people are still hurting, unable to access the opportunities that will allow them to share in our national recovery. About a third of those who remain unemployed have been unemployed for six months or more.

So we have ready-to-work people looking for work. And we have ready-to-fill jobs that employers can't fill. If we want to continue our economic recovery, grow our middle class and ensure a prosperous future, we've got to match them up.

That's at the heart of President Barack Obama's opportunity agenda. And that's why he recently signed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) — a bipartisan bill that passed with little fanfare, but represents the first major reform of the nation's workforce system since 1998. The reforms in the new law will make the nation's workforce system, which serves more than 20 million people a year, better able to

provide people with the skills they need to access ladders of opportunity.

But that's not all. Vice President Joe Biden recently released a report calling for stronger partnerships with employers; better access to information for job-seekers; and more effective training strategies.

All of these efforts are based on the principle of job-driven training. We're doing away with what I call "train and pray" — training people to be widget makers and praying that there's a company hiring widget makers. We need to provide people with the skills needed for jobs that actually exist.

So what exactly does "job-driven training" look like? Here are some examples happening right here in Michigan. Kacent Culinary Arts Inc. in Detroit and the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians in Dowagiac are both training underserved minority apprentices in the hospitality industry and Gerdau Special Steel recently established an apprentice program for its iron and steel mill in Monroe with an emphasis on hiring veterans.

One success story that has changed the future of its apprentices is the program at the federal correctional facility in Milan, which has trained convicted felons in eight different occupations, so that they may integrate back into society with job skills.

At the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, more than 50 apprentices have been registered for on-the-job training for skills in advanced manufacturing in a revitalized auto industry.

So far these programs, along with those of the many trade

unions in the state, have trained thousands of workers.

And perhaps the most important ingredient to making this program successful? The technical colleges work closely with employers to provide students with industry recognized credentials and certification, and they can earn advanced credit at local two- and four-year colleges.

In November 2013, Michigan received about \$26.4 million in Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant program funding to support skills training in advanced manufacturing skills at community colleges and other public institutions across the state.

Among the colleges receiving this funding are Macomb Community College, Bay College, Grand Rapids Community College, Kellogg Community College, Lake Michigan College, Lansing Community College, Mott Community College, Schoolcraft College and Baker College.

On Labor Day, we honor the contributions that hard-working men and women make every day to our nation's strength and vitality. And we recommit ourselves to helping more people enjoy the dignity of work, helping them acquire the skills and access the opportunities to reach the American Dream.

Use the Department of Labor's new FindYourPath tool (www.dol.gov/findyourpath/) to connect with an American Job Center and find the training opportunities you need to launch a successful career.

Thomas Perez is the U.S. Secretary of Labor.

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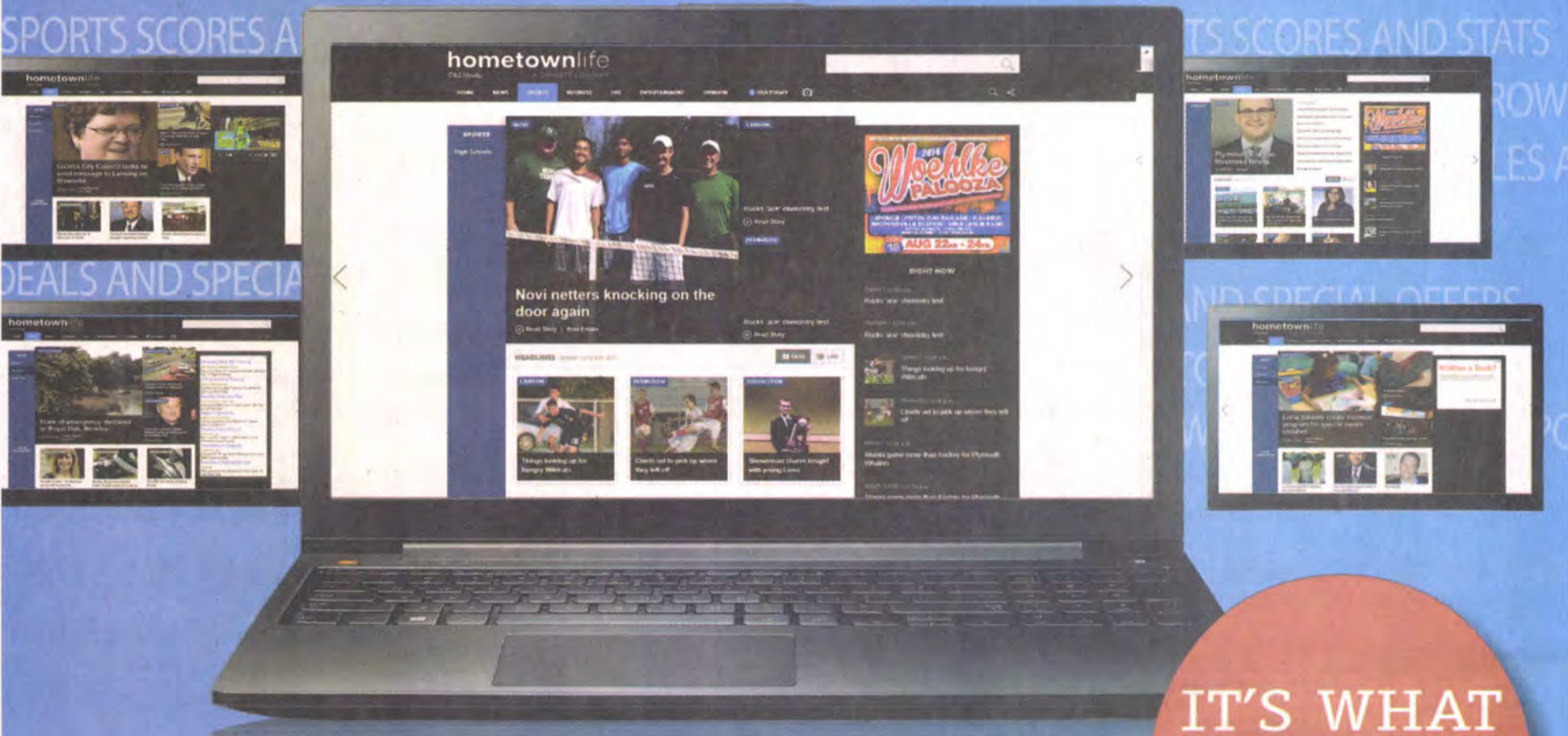
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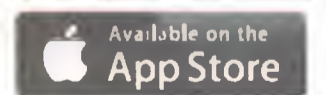


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PREP FOOTBALL

Clicking Thurston dominates Ecorse, 41-0

Eagles' swarming defense yields just 70 total yards

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston football coach Bob Snell gave his squad two thumbs up after reviewing the game film from the Eagles' season-opening 41-0 shellacking of Ecorse Thursday night.

"In terms of execution and limiting mistakes, it was one of the most complete opening games I can remember," said Snell, whose defense limited the visiting Red Raiders to just 70 total offensive yards and four first downs. "We only had one



Johnson

Giddings-Whatley

turnover, [quarterback] Travis [Wesenberg] did a good job with his reads and our line assignments were good."

The Eagles' quest for a 2-0 start will take them to Tecumseh on Friday. The Indians upended Thurston, 28-22, in 2013.

Thurston's running-back tandem of seniors Laymon Giddings-Whatley and Chris Johnson pounded the Red Raiders' defense with slashing runs and bull-doing power. Johnson galloped for 95 yards and two

touchdowns on 11 carries while Giddings-Whatley picked up 54 yards and two scores on just four hauls.

Wesenberg was more than solid in his first varsity start, completing 5 of 7 passes for 72 yards and a touchdown. His favorite target was Aaron Griffin, who snagged three spirals for 53 yards and a six-pointer.

Thurston chalked up 305 total offensive yards.

Kobe Williams split the uprights on six of seven extra-point attempts. The 35-point running-clock mercy rule kicked in late in the third quarter when Antwain Dugny's 2-yard TD run made it 41-0.

Giddings-Whatley broke the scoring ice when he plunged into the end zone from three yards out. Johnson's 10-yard run to paydirt made it 13-0 (the extra

point was blocked) mid-way through the second stanza.

Johnson and Giddings-Whatley closed out the first half with touchdown runs of 26 and 13 yards, respectively, to up the hosts' lead to 27-0.

In addition to Dugny's scoreboard-changer, Wesenberg connected with Griffin for a 17-yard TD.

Linebacker Dionte Jones was a recurring nightmare for Ecorse as he led all tacklers with nine stops. Defensive ends Alden Ingram (seven tackles) and Giddings-Whatley (four tackles, sack) also sparked as did Griffin, who recorded eight tackles.

Alonzo McCoy and Nick Carey both intercepted passes for the Eagles.

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Franklin 'Red Out' football game

The Livonia Franklin football team and the program's "Moms' Club" will be hosting a fundraiser on Friday for the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital's oncology unit.

Young cancer patients from Mott have been invited to attend Friday's 7 p.m. home game against Milford. Gifts will be presented to the young patients and several fundraisers – including T-shirt and glow-bracelet sales, and basket raffles – will be ongoing throughout the night.

Dave & Buster's will have an exhibit set up as will "Build-A-Bear."

MU soccer team wins

Senior Ryan Williams notched his second and third goals of the season Sunday as the Madonna University men's soccer team ended its two-game road trip with its second straight shut-out, a 2-0 victory over Viterbo (Wis.) in a match played at the Bavarian Inn Soccer Complex in Glendale, Wis.

Williams scored in the 16th minute from Yago Scalet Pires and added his second in the 24th minute off an assist from sophomore Danny Swanson.

In the 73rd minute, Swanson notched his first of the season on an unassisted goal.

Sophomore goalkeeper Marcel Schmid, who played the first 78 minutes, combined with John Boudreau (Livonia Stevenson) on the shutout as the Crusaders improved to 2-0 overall.

On Friday, Williams scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the 73rd minute to give the MU a season-opening 2-0 win over host Cardinal Stritch (Wis.) in a match played at Bavarian Inn Soccer Complex.

Junior Colin Wilden assisted on Williams' goal and freshman Hayden Steinman (Livonia Franklin), making his MU debut, added an insurance goal in the 78th minute off an assist from Scalet Pires to seal the victory.

Schmid made four saves to post the shutout. The Crusaders outshot Cardinal Stritch (0-2) by a 12-5 margin.

Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report the results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for Sunday editions of the Observer is Friday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m.

LIVONIA CITY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Stevenson the host with most, but just barely

Strong doubles play powers Spartans

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson captured its fifth Livonia City Tennis Championship in the past six years Thursday afternoon – but the Spartans' margin of victory was thinner than a baseline.

Playing on their own courts, the Spartans nudged runner-up Livonia Churchill, 21-20, while Livonia Franklin finished third with 12 points.

The most compelling match unfolded early in the day when Stevenson's No. 1 doubles duo of Brad Weiland and Jack Dunne rallied from a 9-2 deficit in the match-deciding super breaker against Livonia Churchill's Matt Smith and Raymond Peters to win 14-12.

"We knew it was going to be a big point, but we didn't know how big until the day was over," Stevenson coach Don McCathney said. "Brad and Jack were one point from elimination but they hung in there and got it done."

"All of our doubles teams played well today. We have a lot of young guys playing doubles, but we won four of the five flights, which was really nice."

The only Stevenson singles player to rack up an undefeated slate was No. 3 player Neal Adams, a senior. Adams' victory over Tim Ohtake in what turned out to be the last match of the day pushed the Spartans onto the top step of the podium.

"Neal won the third set in a super-breaker, so it went right down to the wire," McCathney said. "There were a lot of close, exciting match-

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ED WRIGHT

Livonia Stevenson's No. 4 singles player Andrew Dziobak returns a shot during last week's city championship tournament at Stevenson.



ED WRIGHT

West Bloomfield resident Raz Boghikian won this past weekend's O&E men's golf tournament by five shots.

STRAIGHT & STEADY

Consistent play leads former Livonia resident to coveted O&E championship

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Raz Boghikian's golf swing has come full circle at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

On Monday, close to three decades since learning the game on the iconic Livonia course, the former Livonian bagged his first Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf title at Whispering Willows with a five-shot victory over co-runners-up Nikos Markellos (Redford Township) and Matt Wiley (Northville).

Defending champion Dan Longeway finished in a tie for 13th after carding a 36-hole total of 158.

Boghikian, who resides in West Bloomfield, followed up Sunday's even-par round of 71 at Fox Creek with a par 70 on Monday to secure the first-place plaque and a \$300 gift certificate.

Both Wiley and Markellos entered the final 18 one shot back of Boghikian and Matt Lee, who finished tied for fourth with Kenny Lee after shooting a 77 on Monday.

"Back in 1986 or 1987, my older brother and I would come out here and play twilight golf – you could play

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ED WRIGHT

Westland resident Jeff Orzel was the O&E first flight champion.

Garden City kickers start season 1-3-1

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's boys soccer team may not have garnered a victory against two of the Catholic League's top teams last week, but it gained valuable experience that the Cougars will benefit from in the foreseeable future.

On Aug. 26, the Cougars dropped an 8-2 decision to Dearborn Divine Child before battling Novi Detroit Catholic Central toe-to-

toe in a 2-0 setback played Aug. 28.

The pair of losses dropped the Cougars' record to 1-3-1.

Garden City held the Shamrocks scoreless until the 10:30 mark of the second half, which was a positive sign for head coach Jeff Szygula.

"The boys are starting to come together and played outstanding team defense against CC," said Szygula. "It was a huge difference from the game against

Divine Child.

"We have a team full of players seeing significant time on varsity for the first time, and many are making position changes. It is great to see the communication getting better on the field because we have the talent and we've been working hard in every game."

The Cougars' goals against Divine Child came from Nick Schroeder, who converted a penalty kick, and Jacob Sadowski, who banged

home a loose ball from 25 yards out following a free kick.

"Jacob's shot was placed perfectly in the lower corner of the net," Szygula said.

The Cougars opened the season with a 1-1-1 record at the Gibraltar Carlson tournament on Aug. 23. Nate Wilson, Conner Gibbons and Maxwell Frederick scored goals for GC. Wilson and Shane Feasel picked up assists.

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TENNIS

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es throughout the day." Churchill's No. 1 singles player Jonathan Martin extended his extraordinary city tournament career by rolling to the title in his flight.

Stevenson's No. 4 player Andrew Dziobak, a junior, went undefeated in his bracket.

The Spartans placed first in every doubles flight except No. 2, where Alex Westphall and Mike Licata were runners-up to the Chargers' Mit Patel and Cooper King.

Stevenson's Peter



The Livonia Stevenson tennis team poses with its championship trophy after winning last week's city championship.

Akel and Jeff Della Mora won at No. 3 doubles; Scott Findlay and Parker Wasielewski earned the No. 4 crown while Davis White and Alex Walkus-

ki were the No. 5 doubles champs.

"I knew it was going to be very close between Churchill and us because they had more

guys than us coming back," said McCathney. "But the boys really played well and we hung on to win a couple extremely close matches."

TOURNEY

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all the holes you could get in before it got dark – because, being young, we couldn't afford to play during the day," Boghikian reflected. "It was emotional today because I have so many great childhood memories out here. Playing each hole, I could remember when I was out here when the game was a lot tougher."

"Winning this tournament feels really good because it's something I've dreamed about doing for a long time. Today I focused on going out and playing safe. Yesterday I shot even par with some mistakes. Today the pins were in tougher places, but my short game was on."

Playing in the group adjacent to Boghikian, Markellos made a strong late run at claiming the O&E crown as he was tied atop the leaderboard at the turn. However a triple-bogey on the 15th hole of the day did him in.

"I knew I was behind a couple of shots, so I decided to play more aggressively," Markellos said. "Raz was playing well, so I knew I needed to get birdies to get back in it. I hit my tee shot out-of-bounds at 15, so that pretty much ended my chances of winning. Overall, I played well. There were just two or three holes where I blew up."

Wiley would have been battling Boghikian down the stretch if not for a shaky start.

"I bogeyed the first four holes and then I

played par golf the rest of the way," said Wiley. "I knew if I shot 31 on the back nine I'd have a chance, but I couldn't make a putt. I think the longest putt I made all weekend was an eight-footer."

Markellos and Wylie both earned \$150 gift certificates.

Junichi Miura and Kenny Lee tied for first in the championship flight's net division after firing 138's.

Westland's Jeff Orzel redeemed a 2013 playoff loss to UPS colleague Kevin Moreno to win the first flight championship. Orzel shot a 152, three strokes lower than his good friend.

The first flight net titlist was Ron Sobczak, whose 135 edged runner-up Arthur Dart (139).

Bruce West won the Senior Flight with rounds of 72 and 76. West finished one shot ahead of C.B. Flint (70-79).

- 2014 O&E Men's Golf Tournament Championship Flight**
 141: Raz Boghikian
 146: Matt Wiley, Nikos Markellos
 148: Matt Lee, Kenny Lee
 152: Junichi Miura;
 153: Andrew Baron, Kazutoshi Nobukawa
 155: Michael Blaesser
 156: Justin Adams, Thomas Morris
 157: Steve Butcher
 158: Ron Mendoza, Dan Longeway
 159: Mitchell Hosch
 163: Dan Higham
 165: Nate Robinson
 166: Nolan Peterson
 169: Jim McComb
 172: Kevin Barton
 180: Nate Moore
First Flight
 152: Jeff Orzel
 155: Kevin Moreno
 159: Sam Williams
 160: Peter Mianowski, Paul Otanez
 161: Alex Kopecki
 162: Stephen Connolly
 163: Ron Sobczak
 166: Kyle O'Keefe
 167: Ron Ambrose, Arthur Dart
Senior Flight
 148: Bruce West
 149: C.B. Flint
 153: Bill Himm
 158: Lew Jefferies
 160: James Mlynarczyk, Rick Wheeler
 166: Joseph Colteran, Mark Johnson
 170: Dennis Kitchen

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Northville resident Matt Riley finished in a tie for second place in the championship flight.



THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 5
 Brighton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
 Milford at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Howell at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Garden at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
 Grand Blanc at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Robichaud at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Thuston at Tecumseh, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Aug. 4
 Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Riverside Academy at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

Franklin at Garden City, 4 p.m.
 Churchill at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Novi Invitational, 9 a.m.
 U of M Dearborn Invite, 9 a.m.
 Saline Invite, 8 a.m.
 Walled Lake Invite, 8 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Sept. 4
 Fordson at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.
 Dearborn at Thurston, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Crestwood Invite, 11 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4
 Clarenceville at Everest Academy, 6 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Thursday, Sept. 4
 Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Novi, 4 p.m.
 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Wayne Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, Sept. 4
 Franklin at John Glenn, 3 p.m.
 Stevenson at S.L. East, 3 p.m.
 Ladywood at Notre Dame, TBA
 Plymouth at Churchill, 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 5

Farmington Invite, 9 a.m.
 John Glenn at Belleville, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 4
 Garden City at Wayne, 4:30 p.m.
 Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Bath Invite, 8:30 a.m.
 Tommy Titan Invite, TBA
 Warrior Classic, TBA
 Ramblin' Rock Invite, 10:15 a.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 4
 Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Tommy Titan Invite, TBA
 Ramblin' Rock Invite, 9:40 a.m.
 Bath Invite, 8:30 a.m.

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New coach ready to lead young Spartan spikers

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In rapid-fire succession Tuesday afternoon, members of the Livonia Stevenson volleyball launched hard, accurate serves, which defensive-minded teammates passed to a waiting setter.

Supervised by first-year head coach Lindsey Dulude, the fast-paced drill was spirited and productive — much like the kind of season the former Central Michigan University standout volleyball player is hoping for.

“Character-wise, this is a great group of girls,” said Dulude, who served as an assistant volleyball coach at Midland High School last fall. “They get along well and they want to play for one another.”

“This is a pretty young and inexperienced team, so there is going to be a learning curve. There is a lot of terminology and skills I need to teach them. I had a very positive volleyball experience at Central Michigan, so I want to pass on all the knowledge I have so that they love the sport as much as I do.”



ED WRIGHT

The 2014 Livonia Stevenson volleyball team consists of (front row from left) Allie Strautz, Anna Lectka, Brittney Van Horn, Meghan Knorp, Arryn Bochenetz, Haley Knochel, Sarah Duntley, (back row from left) head coach Lindsey Dulude, Morgan Kruger, Laura Coleman, Maura Wassermann, Akzakia Hunt, Allison Whitehead, Audrey Stahr, Carmen Disler and Beth Scupholm.

Dulude said the gym is like a classroom for Spartans in some respects.

“Every practice they’re soaking things up. I feel they’re starting to get a grasp about how the game should be played.”

Just because Dulude hasn’t

selected captains yet, doesn’t mean she won’t at some point in the season.

“My philosophy on leadership is that you have to let it run its course and let it evolve naturally,” she said.

Coming off a stellar 2013 season that was highlighted by

a Division 1 district championship, the Spartans are in rebuilding mode in the wake of the graduations of several key players.

But the cupboard is far from bare thanks to the return of junior Allison Whitehead (5-foot-9), who can play pretty

much every position on the court.

“Allison is still a little raw in some of her skills, but she has a lot of potential,” Dulude said. “Once she gets locked in to how I coach, she will be the type of player who can lead.”

Sophomore Morgan Kruger will be an important component somewhere along the front row.

“Morgan is only a 10th-grader, so her skills are very raw,” Dulude said, “I’m excited to see how she performs on the right side for us, or in the middle.”

Sophomore Beth Scupholm (5-11) is also looking solid in the middle, Dulude added.

Dulude has great expectations for senior Carmen Disler, who is the team’s most-experienced returning setter.

“I expect a lot from a setter with experience,” the Spartans’ coach said, “especially in terms of making the right decisions and with leadership.”

Junior Akzakia Hunt (5-10) is a very athletic player who will bolster the Spartans’ front row.

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Plymouth’s Mike Blake (right) heads the ball away from Livonia Churchill’s Andrew Moyer on Tuesday night.

Plymouth prevails over Churchill, 1-0

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For nearly 79 minutes Tuesday night, the Plymouth Wildcats were not rewarded for strong offensive play against Livonia Churchill.

Chargers senior goalkeeper Nathan Guzowski and a sturdy back line managed to hold off the onrushing Wildcats time and time again on the varsity soccer field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But Plymouth’s pressure attack finally paid dividends when junior Mike Blake one-timed a perfect crossing feed from senior Nate Harris into the lower right corner with just 1:13 remaining on the clock. That was all the scoring in the Wildcats’ 1-0 triumph.

Starting the winning sequence was junior Andrew Liakos, who pitched the ball up to Harris along the right side in Churchill’s zone.

Harris then spotted Blake in the middle of the box and there was little that Guzowski — who thwarted the Wildcats all night with well-placed dives and slides — could do.

“You know, we’d been getting in behind them all night and just not finding feet in front of the net,” Plymouth varsity boys soccer coach Jeff Neschich said. “We finally did it. And he (Blake) probably could have had two touches on it, but he buried it with one touch so that was good.”

Neschich smiled when asked about the play of Blake, Harris and junior Jayden Huxtable, who wreaked havoc on Churchill’s defense throughout the KLAASouth Division opener.

“There’s some big boys out there that have some good speed,” Neschich said. “They’re nice to watch.”

The Wildcats were so strong on the attack that goalkeepers Damon Favero and James Gibbs did not have much to worry about at their end.

Churchill head coach Matt Grodzicki said his team (1-2-1, 0-1-0) failed to register an official shot on goal against Plymouth.

“We had zero shots on goal tonight,” Grodzicki said. “And you’re never going to win a soccer game if you have zero shots on goal.”

Grodzicki did see some positives, primarily the play of Guzowski and defenders Andrew Moyer, Kyle Benedict,

Conner Rash and Krishna Mithadada.

“We changed up our formation at halftime to kind of match what they were doing and it worked,” Grodzicki said. “I commend my back line, Moyer, Kyle Benebict and Rash and Krishna, those guys hung in. They played a full 80 minutes in the back.”

“But it’s a shame to lose any game in the last minute. Nate played really well, came up with some big saves and kept us in it.”

On the lone goal, Grodzicki said some of his players got caught doing “a little ball-watching. They (Wildcats) play with three forwards and it was one of those things where we pressed up, lost the ball in the middle of the field. They counterattacked.”

Neschich credited the Chargers for pushing the envelope in the second half.

“They came out and gave us a lot better fight in the second half,” Neschich said. “And they won a lot of 50/50 balls and did some of the tangible things that they could do and really made it a tough game.”

“Hats off to Churchill for working so hard out here tonight.”

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: Also Tuesday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Canton Chiefs rolled to a mercy-rule victory over Wayne Memorial.

Canton (5-0-1, 1-0-0) was led by Carter Schenk, who scored four goals, including his final tally in the 46th minute of the KLAASouth Division opener to make it an eight-goal spread and close out the win.

Also scoring for the Chiefs were Matthew Causley, Josh Posuniak, Jimmy Walkinshaw and Hunter Olson (on a penalty kick).

“The boys moved the ball well, they moved well off the ball,” Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said. “Carter Schenk had a big game.”

SALEM 4, SOUTH LYON 1: In a KLAACentral Division opener, the Visiting Rocks were paced by Jay Lee (two goals, assist) and Nick Massey (goal, two assists).

Salem (2-2-0, 1-0-0) also received a single tally from both Max Kummer and Hunter Gibbons, while Chad Wind and Karson Gregory split the goalkeeping duties.

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EMPHATIC FIRST FOR FRANKLIN

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Cool, calm and collected — that’s how Livonia Franklin’s boys soccer team handled itself during Tuesday night’s KLAASouth Division opener against visiting Westland John Glenn.

In search of its first victory of the season, the Patriots delivered a complete performance and won, 5-0, to improve their overall record to 1-3.

“The difference for us tonight was definitely our composure,” said Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos. “I liked our thought process; we were calmer than we’ve been. We looked for the open man, but we didn’t just look forward. If nothing was there we swung it back.”

“Although I liked how we played tonight, that’s not to say we have everything figured out.”

Goal-keeper Ryan Prohaska was perfect between the pipes stopping all four shots the Rockets launched his way.

Prohaska had plenty of assistance from the four-man wall who worked in front of him: Noah DeBeliso, Zach Brokaw, Bobby Mandrink and Nathan Iacoban.

“All four of those guys played well tonight,” Rodopoulos said.

Franklin never looked back after seizing a 1-0 lead nearly five minutes in. Nick Curtis gained possession in front of the goal before flicking a pass to Jordan Whitt, who headed in the first of his two goals.

Robert Jiga enjoyed a break-out performance, netting a hat trick. Iacoban joined Curtis in the assist category.

The Patriots will attempt to build on the momentum when they travel to Churchill on Thursday to tangle with the Chargers.



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Livonia Franklin’s Kyle Hayes chips the ball over a John Glenn defender Tuesday night.

Stevenson bumped

Livonia Stevenson’s perfect early-season record was nicked up Tuesday during a 5-2 loss to state-ranked Novi.

The loss dropped the Spartans to 3-1 overall and 0-1 in the KLAACentral Division. Novi improved to 1-0-1 and 1-0, respectively.

“We ran into some bad luck early in the second half, Novi got the momentum, and we had an awful eight-minute span,” said Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker. “Strange things always seem to happen on [Novi’s] field. We have a young core. We’ll learn from this and move on.”

Things were looking up early for the Spartans, who grabbed a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute when Dom Rea scored from Sam Landefeld.

The Wildcats drew even 18

minutes before halftime when Eduardo DeOliveira scored.

The nightmarish eight-minute span Shingledecker referred to started four minutes after the intermission when Kent Maidens gave the hosts a 2-1 lead. Novi then scored two goals within a five-minute stretch beginning in the 47th minute when Matt Netter and Maidens tallied goals.

Brandon Navarro’s penalty kick with 27 minutes to play brought the Spartans to within 4-2, but Ryan Kobakof added an insurance marker for the winners with 15 minutes to play.

Austin Kaczmarek, Turner Miller and Adam Bixby combined for four saves for Stevenson. Tommy McMasters and Joey Carn combined for six stops for the Wildcats.

Key returners bolster Patriot harriers

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With several key contributors back from a prosperous 2013 squad, the Livonia Franklin girls’ cross country team is expected to make a solid run at the Kensington Lakes Activities Association’s South Division crown.

The Patriots chalked up some serious numbers last fall, including a 4-1 mark in the division (second only to Canton) and a fourth-place showing at the talent-rich Wayne County Meet.

“We have a good group of key returners back, so I like our chances this year,” Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund said.

The Patriots should be led by junior Natalie Douglas, who sets a quick pace for her teammates to follow.

“As Natalie goes, the team follows,” Bjorklund said. “She’s established herself as a team leader.”

If second-year senior Ellary Marano’s encore is anything like her first year with the Patriots, the sky is the limit.

“Ellary had a phenomenal season last year,” Bjorklund



Pictured from left are Livonia Franklin cross-country leaders Ellary Marano, Mandy Pokryfky, Natalie Douglas and Julie Wonch.

said. “She looks even stronger than she did last year and she’s been right on Natalie’s heels.”

Among the Patriots’ most-improved runners has been senior Mandi Pokriff, who Bjorklund expects to “take it to the next level” over the next several weeks.

Julie Wonch, who excels as a 400-yard sprinter for the Patriots’ track-and-field team

in the spring, has worked her way into the mix for a top-five spot.

Junior Natalie Martinez ran well at the season-opening Mustang Invitational last month.

Sophomores Riley Shine, Camryn Zurawski and Paityn Santi will contribute immediately and down the road.

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Charger spikers fired up for KLAA South battles

Lacking in height, Chargers will rely on quickness, hustle

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill probably won't be the tallest team in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association this fall, nor will it be the loudest.

But if second-year head coach Anna Gatt has her way, the Chargers will be a hard out every time they step on the court.

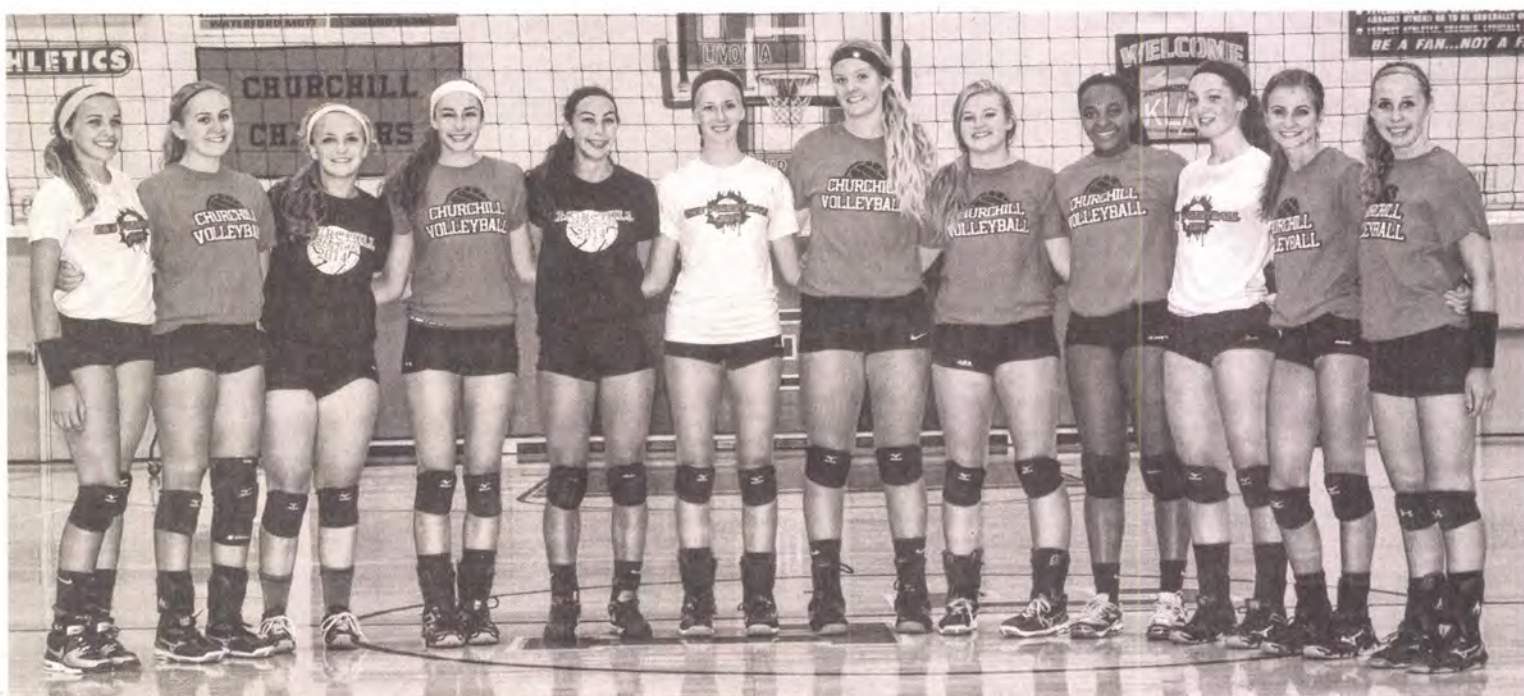
"We're still challenged in the height department," said Gatt, a former standout player for Churchill before graduating in 2007. "And it's a younger group, so I'm looking for someone who is hungry to be a leader. I ask the girls all the time in practice: 'Who's going to be our voice?' We're looking for a kid with a big voice who can lead us."

Working with a roster depleted by key-player graduations, Gatt's Chargers enjoyed moderate success during her rookie campaign calling the shots.

"Last year actually went better than I expected," she said. "We did everything I thought we would do until districts when we lost to Stevenson. They were very good, though, and very big. We had a hard time matching up against them."

Among the returners Gatt is looking to emerge is senior Lauren Sallu (5-foot-6), who is a front-runner for the libero position.

"Lauren has a year of experience on varsity, which is huge," said Gatt. "She has real-



The 2014 Livonia Churchill volleyball team consists of (from left) Alyssa Facione, Maddie Darling, Lauren Saint Pierre, Maddy Pargoff, Natalie Panek, Emma McCammon, Annie Yost, Amanda Rybak, Rayna Yetts, Rosie Rae, Lauren Sallu and Danielle Rusnita.

ly good ball control. She played a lot of club volleyball during the off-season and I have already noticed a big improvement from last year."

Junior Natalie Panek, a 5-7 outside hitter, transitioned well last year after transferring to Churchill from Livonia Ladywood, Gatt noted.

"One of the things I like best about Natalie is that she can put good swings on balls that aren't perfectly set," Gatt said. "She can put just about any set down, which is exactly what a coach is looking for."

Gatt can move around versatile junior Rayna Yetts (5-8) like a chess piece, given that she has the skills to play both setter and on the outside.

"Rayna is our best leader so far. She's a high-energy person

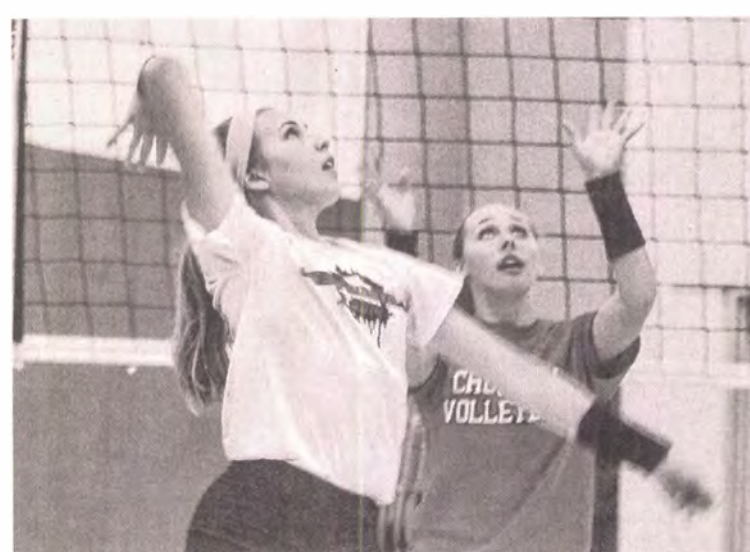
and she's always positive, even though I ask her to play positions she doesn't necessarily want to play all the time, but I need to keep her on the court. She's a team player who will do anything it takes to win."

First-year varsity player Maddy Pargoff, a 5-10 junior, has caught the coaching staff's eye during the early going.

"She has great speed with her swing and she works hard," said Gatt. "Once she gets her timing down she's going to be a very effective player for us."

Gatt is also counting on big years from sophomore Annie Yost, a 6-0 middle hitter, and sophomore Alyssa Facione, a 5-6 defensive wizard.

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Alyssa Facione refines her serving form during Tuesday afternoon's practice.

ED WRIGHT

New coach, new approach for Lady Ocelots

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team has a new coach and perhaps a new resolve to succeed this season.

That's what Lady Ocelots head coach Shannon Pummill and assistant coach Megan Gohl have in mind as the 2014 schedule opens this weekend with a tri-match at Lorain Community College.

"I am looking to have a whole different program," said Pummill (formerly Petruszka), a high school volleyball standout at Garden City who just finished her Concordia University career. "I just want to have a disciplined team that communicates well and does much better in the league this year."

"I really want to build a program. Last year, it seemed there wasn't a lot of team chemistry and that's our goal this year."

The Lady Ocelots went 16-19 and finished in the middle of the pack in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association in 2013.

With the opening matches on tap, Pummill and Gohl (a Belleville alum) watched with great interest Wednesday evening as Schoolcraft scrimmaged against Lawrence Technological University.

"I have so many girls that can go in different positions, it's awesome for us to play people all over," Pummill said. "We don't really know our starting lineup right now."

"We're just trying things out and it's really important to get out there and to compare ourselves to four-year schools and schools in our conference."

Three players with ties to Observerland schools are being counted to as key players and team leaders — sophomore outside hitter Morgan Copperstone (Livonia Stevenson), sophomore setter Julene Pummill (Garden City) and freshman outside hitter Paige Chalmers (Wayne Memorial).



Morgan Copperstone (from left), Julene Pummill and Paige Chalmers are area players who are being counted on to lead Schoolcraft.

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"Morgan brings power to our team, she is our power hitter," Shannon Pummill said. "She goes up and every time you can see it on her face, she goes up for the kill and that's why we love Morgan. She thumps the ball."

The coach said another sophomore "thumper" will be Romulus alum Ajsha Davie, while Monroe Jefferson alum Sydnee Miller can hammer it home.

Setting up the front row will be either Julene Pummill or sophomore Lindsey Umin (New Boston Huron).

"They are fighting and they are very even right now," the coach said. "These scrimmages are really important for us. We try to throw them in there and see how they do."

"They are complete opposites and they are both neck-and-neck right now. They are very different. Lindsey is more laid back and Julene is a little more go-go-go, get every ball."

Chalmers is battling to earn a spot in the lineup at outside hitter, although she is versatile enough to contribute anywhere on the floor.

"She is going to bring us a lot of help," Pummill said about Chalmers. "Paige can play anywhere I put her and that's super important to have as a player."

In the mix

Vying for the libero spot are freshmen Emily Thompson (Allen Park Cabrini) and Victoria Vellucci (Fraser), although both figure to be regular contributors on defense.

"Those two are doing awesome in the back row for us,"

Pummill said.

They perhaps are unexpectedly in the spotlight, following 2013 libero Karlee Harding's recent decision to leave the squad.

Taking care of duties at middle hitter will be sophomores Kathleen Summers (Cabrini), Caroline Scott (Pinckney) and Bailey Potter (Ida), who also can play on the right side.

Summers is another heavy hitter; she was one of five Schoolcraft players (along with Copperstone, Davis, Miller and Harding) named in a preseason ranking as the top players in the NJCAA Region 12 East.

"I was surprised to have that many and I was excited to see that," Pummill said. "One of my players in the rankings quit last week, Karlee Harding. She just decided to give up on the game."

Rounding out the roster is freshman middle hitter Nicole Sprinkles (Carleton Airport).

The Lady Ocelots so far are bringing enthusiasm to practice sessions and appear to be following the blueprint the new coaches want them to.

"We wanted a team that loved to play the game, because last year they didn't," Pummill said. "That was the biggest thing, we really wanted these girls to want to be out there and to want to play for us. It's coming along just as we had hoped."

So far, so good

Concurring were Copperstone, Julene Pummill and Chalmers.

"I think we're going to do really well this year," Copperstone said. "We just have to work on communication together and I think we'll play well as a team."

The younger Pummill said the team is jelling already.

"I think a lot of us are starting to get together well, especially with the scrimmages showing us the pace of the game," Julene Pummill said. "We're adjusting very well to the pace of the game, as a unit, instead of individually."

"We do have a lot of returners, but we do have a lot of incoming freshmen that are needing to step up to the (defensive specialist) and libero position. They're making very good adjustments."

Chalmers said the adjustment from KLAA to Schoolcraft is going smoothly.

"It's definitely a challenge to be able to come in and become a starter as a freshman," Chalmers said. "The team welcomes you with open arms, they're very helpful and give you advice when you need it. I'm looking forward to a great year."

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Primo's rolls to softball title



Primo's captured the Livonia city softball championship last month by going 6-1 and outscoring its opponents 136-41. Pictured are (top row left to right) Brett Cieslak, Aaron Cieslak, John Bonczak, Jay Kiselis, Joe McCrohan, Tim McCrohan, Ryan Yost, (bottom row from left) Phil Fiest, Mike Fierk, Mike Rahaley, Dan Rabe and Bill Rabe.

OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Friday, Sept. 5

Brighton (1-0) at Livonia Churchill (1-0)
Milford (0-1) at Livonia Franklin (0-1)
Liv. Stevenson (1-0) at W.L. Northern (1-0)
Robichaud (1-0) at Liv. Clarenceville (0-1)
Pinckney (0-1) at Plymouth (1-0)
Salem (0-1) at Walled Lake Western (1-0)
Hartland (1-0) at Canton (1-0)
Howell (0-1) at Westland John Glenn (1-0)
Grand Blanc (0-1) at Wayne Memorial (0-1)
Rochester (0-1) at Farmington Harrison (1-0)
North Farmington (1-0) at Birm. Seaholm (0-1)
Southfield-Lathrup (1-0) at Farmington (0-1)
Garden City (0-1) at Redford Union (0-1)
Redford Thurston (1-0) at Tecumseh (0-1)

Saturday, Sept. 6

Harper Woods (0-1) at Luth. Westland (0-1), 1 p.m.

Last week's record

Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Churchill	Churchill	Brighton
Franklin	Franklin	Milford
Stevenson	Northern	Stevenson
Robichaud	Robichaud	Clarenceville
Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Western	Western	Western
Canton	Canton	Canton
John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc
Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
N. Farmington	Seaholm	Seaholm
Lathrup	Farmington	Lathrup
Garden City	Garden City	Redford Union
Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
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Home permit levels locally hit mark not seen since 2006

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Michael Stoskopf has been CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan since 2008. He's seen ups and downs in the housing market, and is encouraged by a recent report.

"To hear that we're finally getting back to some 2006 trends is very encouraging," said Stoskopf. "As our economy continues to recover in southeast Michigan, that just leads to further improvement."

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the HBA and reported in the *Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report*, a total of 503 single-family home permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in June 2014. June's result means that permit activity in the four-county area met or exceeded the 500-permit threshold for two consecutive months (May 2014 was 556) for the first time since August-September 2006. It was also the highest permit total recorded for the month of June since 2006.

As expected, June's permit activity was lower than May 2014 (556) but was up 3 percent from June 2013 (488). Oakland County led the way with 299 single-family permits issued, rating it as the highest single month for the county dating back to October 2005 (400).

"The improvement is across all sectors," Stoskopf said. Some Oakland County locations have high-end homes under construction, but starters and other more modest dwellings are also on the upswing.

"They're all new homes so it is broad-based," he said. Job market improvement has helped. "If people don't have jobs, they can't buy homes," Stoskopf said.

So far for April through June, actual permits exceed the econometric forecast by 344 permits, recovering approximately 78 percent of the



Housing permit activity is up in southeast Michigan, as more people return to work. Industry pros see that across all sectors in terms of new housing type and cost.

permits originally forecast for the five-month winter period.

The *HBA/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast* projects a total of 2,332 permits will be issued in the six-month, July-to-December timeframe. This would pretty much equal the same time period in 2013. Of note, and possibly as a precursor of things to come, the trailing 12-month total for North American Vehicle Production, in June 2014, reached its highest level since March 2001, based on HBA's tabulation of monthly production totals reported by *Ward's Automotive*.

Stoskopf said auto vehicle production parallels new home trends in the forecast model used. "That is a major part of what is helping our

forecast," he said of auto production improving.

He's studied Michigan's numbers for that, and his instincts tell him the greater U.S. also has that parallel. "There's a lot of different places that have automotive production. The industry is pretty diverse," including many auto suppliers.

Stoskopf added that local home construction continues to recover from the past harsh winter weather-wise. Pent-up demand is making new home sales take off. "Those permits are coming to fruition," he said.

The economy showed early signs of trouble in 2006, he said, although its worst effects came in subsequent years. As Realtors have gotten busier with existing home

sales locally, home builders are also seeing improvement.

He agreed labor shortages in construction are a local problem now, along with building companies being spread thin.

"You need experienced labor. You need to know how to swing a hammer, you need to know how to hang drywall. There's only so much a company is willing to take on."

The business side of that can be solved more than one way, Stoskopf added. If a business, for example, returns to Michigan from North Carolina, it can hire workers and build here. New construction businesses can also pitch in. "The market's ready for that," he said.

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Cable disconnect less onerous legally

Q: In our condominium we have the right to disconnect the cable to some homeowners who have not paid their assessments. We also have the right to discontinue the utilities, etc. What do you recommend?

A: I tell my many community association clients that raise this question that they should not disconnect utilities if at all possible; however, cable TV is a "luxury" and/or amenity, which, I believe, could be disconnected if they do not pay their assessments



Robert Meisner

on proper notice. I still believe that the best way to collect assessments is through the more traditional channels of legal redress through the courts, if necessary.

Q: We are thinking about doing a mixed use development, but have questions about our ability to get financing in that process. Do you have any comments?

A: Given the relatively large size of mixed use projects, a single component of a construction loan may be syndicated among various lenders. Although large scale mixed use projects are becoming more common and lenders more comfortable with financing them, their unique structure requires a careful review and detailed understanding of each project component and how all of the components work together. In order to ensure comfort with the right sponsor in mixed uses to reach a project's successful completion, lenders will simultaneously make sure that the proper collateral structure and loan documentation is in place in the event they must exercise their remedies. Although more complicated than standard construction loans, mixed use development can, when properly structured, be a profitable and highly profiled piece of a lender's portfolio. Proper planning by the mixed use developer and its counsel, even at this stage of obtaining financing, is extremely crucial.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and 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 May 12-16, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
6892 Bunkerhill Ln	\$194,000
336 Filmore St	\$159,000
44450 Geddes Rd	\$185,000
45689 Graystone Ln	\$160,000
7303 Green Meadow Ln	\$176,000
46672 Hemmingway Dr	\$245,000
1371 Hendrie	\$390,000
777 Kings Way	\$185,000
1460 Ledgewood Dr	\$216,000
6049 Marshall Rd	\$298,000
50476 Monroe St	\$265,000
6633 N Lambeth Ct	\$220,000
1780 N Morton Taylor Rd	\$217,000
47868 Picadilly Ct	\$340,000
1700 S Sheldon Rd	\$58,000
341 S Village Way	\$153,000
50037 Thetford Ct E	\$470,000
44505 Westminster Way	\$190,000
6323 Willow Creek Dr	\$210,000

GARDEN CITY	
28977 Cambridge St	\$112,000
30712 Elmwood St	\$165,000
1825 Lathers St	\$79,000
LIVONIA	
36301 Six Mile Rd	\$175,000
31515 Alabama St	\$135,000
36832 Angeline Cir	\$144,000
18935 Aspen Dr	\$430,000
18935 Aspen Dr	\$485,000
34169 Burton Ln	\$205,000
18591 Filmore St	\$183,000
19093 Gary Ln	\$315,000
20653 Golf Ridge Cir	\$325,000
15182 Harrison St	\$156,000
15825 Harrison St	\$138,000
12327 Hartel St	\$158,000
14329 Hubbell St	\$151,000
37538 Jamison St	\$182,000
14290 Knolson St	\$185,000
9000 Louise St	\$130,000
19825 Maplewood St	\$108,000
14337 Melrose St	\$175,000
18304 Norwich Rd	\$126,000
34034 Orangelawn St	\$170,000
8949 Perrin St	\$126,000
27603 Perth St	\$127,000

18775 Purlingbrook St	\$139,000
16956 Quakertown Ln	\$243,000
16425 Roudeway St	\$220,000
18900 Shadyside St	\$213,000
36313 St Andrews Dr	\$43,000
36325 St Andrews Dr	\$329,000
35110 W Chicago St	\$150,000
NORTHVILLE	
44100 Deep Hollow Ct	\$513,000
16740 Lochmoor Cir E	\$420,000
19875 Maxwell St	\$335,000
15954 Morningside	\$165,000
42645 Savoy Ct	\$131,000
18099 Wildflower Dr	\$483,000
PLYMOUTH	
11792 Amherst Ct	\$366,000
599 Blunk St	\$300,000
48566 Harvest Dr	\$402,000
48357 Hilltop Dr E	\$521,000
730 Penniman Ave	\$265,000
1476 Penniman Ave	\$336,000
8951 Quail Cir	\$485,000
917 Ross St	\$212,000
9350 Saddlebrook Ct	\$340,000
41310 Schoolcraft Rd	\$175,000
REDFORD	
9333 Appleton	\$66,000

25740 Beech Ct	\$81,000
18458 Centralia	\$35,000
12870 Dixie	\$61,000
24820 Donald	\$45,000
11635 Farley	\$46,000
18617 Glenmore	\$34,000
18617 Glenmore	\$52,000
WAYNE	
31511 Grant St	\$37,000
WESTLAND	
30888 Avondale St	\$79,000
1324 Berkshire St	\$49,000
8233 Carrousel Blvd	\$110,000
678 Ethan Dr	\$112,000
30500 Ledgecliff Ave	\$134,000
30653 Ledgecliff Ave	\$147,000
6965 N Hix Rd	\$106,000
6965 N Hix Rd	\$139,000
32229 Palmer Rd	\$21,000
320 Pattingill St	\$136,000
7790 Princeton Ct	\$80,000
1818 S Brandon St	\$40,000
1043 S Dowling St	\$118,000
782 Superior Pkwy	\$205,000
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Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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22139 W Valley Woods Dr	\$400,000
18915 Warwick St	\$310,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1998 Bowers St	\$500,000
1938 Bradford Rd	\$225,000
1576 Cheltenham Rd	\$222,000
2255 Fairway Dr	\$1,290,000
1120 Golf View Blvd	\$1,260,000
1770 Graefield Rd	\$123,000
1942 Graefield Rd	\$112,000
1088 S Bates St	\$525,000
1461 Shipman Blvd	\$640,000
1691 Shipman Blvd	\$370,000
607 Stanley Blvd	\$324,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
470 Cambridge Way	\$505,000
130 Guilford Rd	\$675,000
2228 Park Ridge Dr	\$330,000
2834 S Woodward Ave	\$97,000
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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
6730 Birmingham Club Dr	\$616,000
3781 Crestlake Dr	\$540,000

3038 Devon Brook Dr	\$200,000
703 E Fox Hills Dr	\$60,000
333 Eileen Dr	\$188,000
2479 Emerson Ave	\$193,000
7111 Lindenmere Dr	\$330,000
1851 Lone Pine Rd	\$280,000
297 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$337,000
4017 Waterwheel Ln	\$410,000
42160 Woodward Ave	\$100,000
Unit 10	
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4635 Alban St	\$133,000
2299 Brigantine	\$75,000
3070 Twinleaf St	\$235,000
FARMINGTON	
20928 Birchwood St	\$167,000
23261 Floral St	\$130,000
23861 Longacre St	\$155,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28636 Alycekey St	\$10,000
37182 Berkeigh Ct	\$315,000
23183 Elmgrove St	\$205,000
29917 Green Acres	\$217,000
26289 Greythorne Trl	\$184,000
31133 Harmony Ln	\$70,000
30550 Hazelwood Ct	\$320,000
35173 Knollwood Ln	\$210,000
31029 Pine Cone Dr	\$370,000
32310 Queensboro St	\$153,000
30942 Rockdale Ave	\$167,000
32200 Staman Cir	\$160,000
22135 Tuck Rd	\$38,000

38396 W 13 Mile Rd	\$258,000
FRANKLIN	
26025 Carol Ave	\$850,000
HIGHLAND	
3130 Beaumont Dr	\$318,000
1257 Gleneagles	\$310,000
2349 N Duck Lake Rd	\$154,000
236 N Saint John Rd	\$50,000
MILFORD	
3190 Central Blvd	\$110,000
2404 Denton Ct	\$425,000
114 E Washington St	\$146,000
1135 Oak Hollow Dr	\$294,000
710 S Millford Rd	\$123,000
695 Scottshill	\$349,000
2100 Valley Gate	\$235,000
1303 Yosemite Valley Dr	\$304,000
1304 Yosemite Valley Dr	\$280,000
NORTHVILLE	
48846 Castello Ct	\$259,000
44507 Chedworth Ct	\$420,000
665 River Park Village Blvd	\$130,000
22114 Roberts Dr	\$660,000
NOWI	
47330 Baker St	\$640,000
41888 Chattman St	\$146,000
45075 Courtview Trl	\$345,000
43008 Emerson Way	\$295,000
29625 English Way	\$290,000
21978 Greentree Ln	\$250,000
41586 Hamlet Ln	\$166,000

27567 Harrington Way	\$300,000
26004 Island Lake Dr	\$520,000
27050 Ladbrooke Dr	\$269,000
27869 Middleton Dr	\$221,000
24817 Olde Orchard St	\$98,000
41743 Sudbury Ct	\$635,000
27134 Victoria Rd	\$350,000
SOUTH LYON	
237 Cuyahoga Ct	\$370,000
1143 Paddock Dr	\$263,000
24519 Padstone Dr	\$84,000
379 Princeton Dr	\$120,000
24246 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
24430 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
24660 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
826 Talon Ct	\$220,000
52311 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
SOUTHFIELD	
29339 Candlewood Ln	\$80,000
18131 Cornell Rd	\$93,000
24153 Evergreen Rd	\$38,000
19573 Hazelhurst St	\$93,000
22240 Twyckingham Way	\$177,000
WHITE LAKE	
8803 Arlington St	\$139,000
9095 Cedar Island Rd	\$128,000
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Garage/Moving Sales

Bloomfield Township: Estate sale at 5720 Crabtree Workshop full of tools. Household, holiday & Mexican items. Jewelry, clothes, glassware - much more! Thur, Fri & Sat, Sept 4, 5, 6. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CANTON: Sub Sale at Canton Glade Haggerty at Glade btwn Cherry Hill & Ford. Several homeowners participating. Fri-Sat, Sept 5-6th. 9-4pm.

Canton: Windsor Park Subside Garage Sale 9-5 Thurs, Sept 4 - Sat, Sept 6. E of Sheldon to Emerson N. of Warren to Arlington www.windsorparkcanton.org

Farmington Hills HUGE 2-FAMILY GARAGE SALE!! Items for the whole family - clothing, toys, books, jewelry, household items, furniture, tools and much more. 29645 Highgatewood Rd. Farmington Hills (Off Middlebelt bet 12 & 13 Mile Rd), Sat, Sept 6: 10-6 pm, Sun, Sept 7: 10-5pm

Farmington Hills: Huge Multi-Family Garage Sale Saturday, September 6th, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Dining room furniture, dressers, upright freezer, electric



Motorcycles/Minibikes Go Carts/Off Rd

2011 Triumph Speedmaster Red metallic, 4,500 miles, extra parts, mint condition! \$5,500 OBO. 313.408.9725

RV/Campers/Trailers

Monte Carlo 40' 2012 Travel Trailer / Park Model. Excellent condition. 4 slide-outs. Sleeps 4. Washer/dryer, full size refrig, 20 gal hot water tank, residential type toilet, 10,000 lbs. Priced to sell! \$21,000 (734)788-7807

Trucks for Sale

CHEVY COLORADO LS 2004 Crew Cab, Power Options! \$9063

FORD EXCURSION EDDIE BAUER 2004 Fully Loaded! Must See! \$12,746

FORD F-150 XLT 2010 Super Crew Cab 4x4, Low Miles, \$26,988

FORD RANGER 2008 Extended Cab, XLT All Power \$13,988

GMC SIERRA 1500 2012 Crew Cab, 4x4, 1 owner, 30,000 Miles, Leather Interior \$28,995.

FORD FREESTAR 2005 All Power, Family Ready with 3rd Row! Save Now! \$7,988

CHEVY 2008 2500 Work Van 4.8L gas engine, new brakes/tires & shocks, 121K miles \$9,500. 734-522-0025

GMC CANYON SLE 2006 4x4, Crew Cab \$16,988

Sports Utility

BUICK ENCLAVE 2012 Cashmere Leather Interior, Crystal Red, Only \$27,995. BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

BUICK RENDEZVOUS 2005 FWD, White/Tan Trim, Beige Cloth Interior, Clean! \$4,995 BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

CHEVY EQUINOX LS 2005 Black, Low Miles, 1 Owner. Great Condition. \$8,995 BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

CHEVY UPLANDER 2008 LS Silver, All Power, Only 82,000 Miles, Dual Doors. 2 Available. \$7,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

ESCAPE LIMITED 2010 Steel Blue, Leather Moon \$15,988

FORD ESCAPE LIMITED 2005 4x4, Ither, fully loaded. \$7,599

FORD EXPLORER XLT 2003 4x4, Black with Graphite cloth interior, \$4,995.

GMC ENVOY 2007 Moon Roof, Cloth Interior, 2WD, Power Options. \$9,995

GMC ENVOY SLT 4X4 2002 1 Owner, Manager's Special This Week Only! \$6,995

GMC TERRAIN SLE-1 2011 Silver with Black Interior, Certified, Low Miles. \$17,995

MERCURY MOUNTAINEER PREMIER 2008 2 Tone Leather, 4x4, Moon Roof, Navigation. \$9,995

Corvette Convert 2001 torch red, 20K miles \$27,000 OBO

MB SLK55 AMG 2006 Red, 17K miles \$33,000 OBO call 734-667-2961

BUICK ENCLAVE 2008 CX FWD, 90,000 Miles, Only \$13,995.

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Buick

BUICK LACROSSE 2008 36,000 Miles, White Opal. 1 Owner, Fully Loaded. \$12,995 BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

LACROSSE 2012 FWD Touring, Silver, 1 owner, certified. 29,000 miles. \$27,995 BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

LACROSSE CX 2006 Only 72,000 miles, Burgundy, Cloth Interior, Automatic. \$8,995 BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

LeSABRE LIMITED 2000 1 Owner, 117,000 Miles, Clean Condition! Only \$5,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

Cadillac

CADILLAC SRX 2011 Low Miles, 1 Owner, Blue Metallic, Fully Loaded. \$22,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

Chevrolet

Chevy Corvette '78 black w/38,000 mi and Oyster Interior. New air conditioning, new rear main spring, also tune-up. \$15,000 or partial trade for street rod. (248)798-8902

CHEVY MALIBU 1LT 2011 36,000 Miles, Imperial Blue. Auto, Just in! \$14,995.

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

COBALT 2008 2 Door LT, Blue, Low Miles. price to Sell! \$7,995

IMPALA LT 2011 Summit White, Good Fuel Economy \$16,488

Suburban '02 Deluxe Model - Silver over 100K. Very good car 4WD \$3900 248.477.8954

300 TOURING 2005 Leather Interior, Kenwood CD, Loaded. \$8,995

PT CRUISER 2003 Red, Automatic, All Power, Save Now \$4,995

PT CRUISER 2004 TOURING EDITION. 92,000 miles, clean, original owner, nonsmoker, all maint/serv. records, \$3,950 South Lyon. Call: (313) 319-8210

TOWN & COUNTRY TOURING 2010 Black, 1 Owner, Dual Doors, Clean! \$14,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

Dodge

DODGE CHARGER 2012 SXT Redline Pearl Coat, 10,000 Miles, Amazing Condition! \$25,995

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

Ford

FOCUS SE '10 - 57K miles Black, new tires/brakes, all pwr, cruise, A/C. Very Clean! \$8,500/best. 248-374-6310

FORD EDGE SE 2013 Tuxedo black, 24,000 miles Like new \$22,973

FORD FIESTA 2013 Silver, pl, auto Buy now! \$15,585

FORD FOCUS 2012 SEL Lot of options, 20,000 miles \$17,988

Ford

FORD FLEX 2013 Limited Interior, FWD, All Power Options, Fully Loaded! Ford Certified, \$29,888. NORTH BROS. 855-667-9860

FORD FUSION 2012 SEL Only 3,000 MILES! Like Brand New. Ford Certified! \$18,988

FORD MUSTANG GT 2006 Gray, 1 owner Loaded \$13,976

Ford Thunderbird '02 premium convertible, yellow with full accent int. removable hardtop. Extremely clean, all original. 28,000 miles, 20,000. 734-261-9786 joannecampau@aatt.net

FUSION 2011 SE FWD, Low Miles, 1 Owner, Power Options. Only \$12,995

PILOT EX 2003 1 Owner, Highway Miles Call Now! \$5,995

KIA FORTE 2011 Solid Form, Power Options Cloth, \$13,988

WRANGLER SPORT 2010 4X4, Full Doors, Red/Blk Top \$24,652

LINCOLN MKX 2010 Silver, FWD, Leather Interior, Fully Loaded, \$20,988

MAZDA 5 TOURING 2007 1 Owner, Galaxy Gray \$9,685

GRAND MARQUIS LS 2000 Only 74,000 Miles, Leather Interior, Moon Roof. \$5,995

PONTIAC G8 GT 2009 White, Low Miles, 1 Owner, Moon Roof, New Arrival \$21,995

AURA XE 2008 1 Owner, Automatic Great On Gas! Save Thousands! \$9,995

SATURN VUE REDLINE 2008 Deep Blue, Black Interior, 1 Owner! Only \$12,995.

COROLLA XLE 2009 77,000 miles, gray Automatic \$13,988

PRIUS 2005 Great on Gas, Save Thousands! \$11,988

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Challenging fun for ALL ages Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- Egg qty.
- Oven glove
- Magician's word
- A Gershwin
- Per diem (2 wds.)
- Country yokel
- Way to cook fish (2 wds.)
- PC graphic
- Like healthy fur
- Percolated through
- Wiedersehen
- Reuben bread
- Unwitting tool (hyp.)
- Astroturf component
- Caviar, actually
- Gym iteration
- ABA mem.
- Stares stupidly
- Width
- Dined

DOWN

- Makes candles
- By word of mouth
- Writer — Grey
- Hike the price (2 wds.)
- Common oath (2 wds.)
- Mouse appendage
- Aerosmith frontman
- Not cheap
- Owl!
- Bassoon kin
- Stave (off)
- Lillie and Arthur
- Author — Rand
- Out of reach
- Machine tooth
- "Mogambo" name
- Playing marble
- Amazon.com milieu
- Fellow
- Homer-hitter Mel
- Extreme degree
- Be nosy
- Abdul-Jabbar
- RR terminal
- Dawn horse epoch
- Army no-show
- Early anesthetic school
- Boundary marker
- Completed
- Roof overhang
- One way to start
- Sitar kin
- Dele's undoing
- Meditation practice

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

FRUIT WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Check your answers here

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Word Search

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RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER BACK-TO-SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6
Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville
Details: Free carnival with an obstacle course, a climbing wall, laser tag as well as a giant slide and moonwalk. There will be hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn and other treats
Contact: 734-699-3361

BIBLE PROPHECY

Time/Date: 7:15 p.m., beginning Sept. 15
Location: Metropolitan Church, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, and multiple other locations
Details: An in-depth Bible prophecy series called Unlocking Revelation will examine prophecies of Scripture. Visit the website to see all locations and to pre-register and receive a free Bible Prophecy DVD on the first night. Snacks will be served
Contact: www.UnlockRevelation.com

FITNESS CLASSES

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 15
Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer, instructs a 10-week series of classes that include aerobic movements, strength training with light hand weights and yoga stretching, followed by abdominal and back exercises. Cost is \$70 with a portion of proceeds going to the parish.
Contact: 734-455-5910

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 10
Location: St. Priscilla's Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia
Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is a five-week series for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. For more information and registration details, visit the Good Mourning Ministry website at www.goodmourningministry.net or contact Kay at St. Priscilla.
Contact: 248-476-4700, kay@saintpriscilla.org

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sept. 14
Location: Prentis Apartment Community Room, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield in Oak Park
Details: Anne Greenstein will lead the group in creating cloth bears for charity. Bring sewing gear. The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework
Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

RALLY DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sept. 14
Location: First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman Road, at Maplewood, Garden City
Details: Worship, food, games,
Contact: 734-421-8628

REVIVAL

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sept. 7, 7 p.m. Sept. 8-10
Location: Palmer Road Baptist Church, 33740 Palmer, Westland
Details: Worship with praise and music, along with messages of repentance, renewal and revival with the Rev. Charles Ozment
Contact: 734-729-2434

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Sept. 7, Oct. 12 and 26 and Nov. 9
Location: National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, 26400 Lahser, Southfield
Details: The council seeks volunteers to help with activities and field trips for clients of Kadima, a mental health facility in Southfield. Trips include a Detroit Tiger game on Sept. 7; Succot celebration at Kadima on Oct. 12; Franklin Cider Mill and Johnson Nature Center on Oct. 26; and the Royal Oak Flea Market, Nov. 9
Contact: 248-355-3300, Ext. 0

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group, invites all widowed men and women to celebrate Mass together. Refreshments follow the Mass
Contact: Angie at 734-905-7262

OCTOBER CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11
Location: St. Theodore Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available. Each costs \$25.
Contact: Mary at 734-425-4421 (voice mail #10)

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiwasssee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.
Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.
Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry offers an activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. John Neumann

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays
Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets
Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

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 Deadlines: Friday, 4:00 p.m. for Sunday papers Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers Holiday deadlines are subject to change.



CLEW, MATTHEW RICHARD

23 year old beloved son of Linda and Nick and much loved brother of Chris who passed from this world on the 27th of August. He was battling medical complications and his poor heart could fight no longer. Left to cherish his happy memories are his sweetheart Paige Gutowski whom he adored, and his great friend and housemate Nick Haas. Also many friends who will remember his great sense of humor and repertoire of corny jokes. Matt was predeceased by his beloved grandparents Audrey and Norman Ethelle. His loving family in England includes his Aunt Jane Foster, Grandparents Dolores and Ron Clew, Aunt Susan and Uncle Simon Clew, Aunt Helen Webster and many cousins. Matt was active in BSA Troop 179 for many years and was absolutely thrilled to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. After completing high school Matt went on to attend Visions Unlimited School where he was given much love and support as he developed life and public speaking skills. Matt's joy for life never dimmed even after he became blind with serious medical issues following removal of a benign brain tumor at age eleven. He loved spending time with his family, Paige, listening to and learning about bird calls with his friends at Birding by Ear and camping with Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind. He so enjoyed cooking and was never happier than in the kitchen with a sharp knife in his hand! His pesto recipe was renowned. Matt's family will receive guests on Friday, September 5th, from 4-6 pm and 7-9 pm, at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills (corner of 11 Mile and Farmington Road). A celebration of Matt's life will take place Saturday, September 6th, at 11:00 am (gathering at 10 am), followed by luncheon, both at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. As Matt has only seen black for the last 12 years, his family request that everyone wear colorful clothing. Memorial gifts suggested to 'Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind', 4175 Westbrook Road, Ionia, MI 48846 or 'Birding by Ear', c/o Donna Posont, 15429 Prospect Street, Dearborn, MI 48126
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Polish dancers kick up heels in Plymouth

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Polish National Alliance (PNA) Centennial Dancers want to feed as well as entertain you this weekend at the Plymouth Fall Festival in downtown Plymouth.

"The Plymouth Fall Festival is the dance group's main fundraiser of the year. The families of our dancers come together to cook up traditional Polish eats, and serve them with traditional Polish hospitality," said Marie Stawasz, choreographer, in an email to the *Observer*.

The 34-year-old Plymouth-based dance company will serve pierogi, kielbasa, stuffed cabbage, sauerkraut, and paczki Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7, at a booth on the corner of Main and Penniman. Dancers, from ages 3-18, will perform Polish folk dances in three different age categories at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, on the Lou LaRiche Chevrolet stage in Kellogg Park.

"All three groups will be performing polkas and a folk dance," Stawasz said. "Believe it or not ... the polkas we think of with the accordion and fiddle are an American-Polish tradition. However, the polka step has many variations, some of which are included in various Polish folk dances."

Look for the *Apples, Peaches Pumpkin Pie Polka*, danced by the youngest group, ages 3-6; *Dancing Mouse Polka* from dancers, 7-10 and *Come Polka With Us* by the senior group, ages 13-18. All of the performers will take the stage together for *Squeezebox Polka* as a finale.

"When the polka music comes on the clapping in the crowd is contagious," Stawasz said.

Authentic folk dances



Young dancers wear colorful Polish costumes identifying the region in which their dance originated.



The PNA Centennial Dancers includes high school and middle school students, as well as youngsters who are just beginning to learn Polish dance.

The folk dances that each group will perform originated in various regions of Poland. They will include the Cieszyn, a dance known for its synopated sounds and gypsy rhythm, from the southwest region of the country; the Kaszub, a graceful, joyful dance influenced by the movement of

the sea, from the north coast of the Baltic sea; and the Lowicz, a spirited dance from the central plains of Poland.

Stawasz began dancing when she was 3 years old and teaches dance at PNA Centennial Dancers.

"It's a part of my life that is very dear to me and always



Family members and friends of The PNA Centennial Dancers serve Polish fare during the annual Plymouth Fall Festival.

has been," she said.

Barbara Martin, company director, danced when she was a girl and became involved in PNA Centennial Dancers as an adult because her children wanted to dance.

Polish culture

She said the company teaches more than just Polish dance.

"We keep traditions and show (students) at Easter and Christmas, during Polish Heritage Month. We do crafts, a little bit of the language," Martin said. "The fact that we've lasted this long means there is a need and a want for it. This is how they learn about Polish heritage and customs. A lot of young parents, if they haven't learned it, they don't know it. Who's going to pass it on?"

The dancers wear a mix of authentic Polish costumes and American-made costumes that

are based on authentic design and use imported Polish fabric.

Martin said the company currently has approximately 50 dancers, but is accepting new students for the 2014-15 season. New dancers may participate in the annual Plymouth Fall Festival performance after they've danced a year with the group. Dancers who remain with the company during their senior year of high school, participate in a presentation ball.

"They get presented to society in their senior year," Martin said.

The PNA Centennial Dancers was formed in 1980 by the Polish National Alliance Lodge 53, a Polish-American fraternal organization.

For more information, visit pncentennialdancers.org or check out its Facebook page.

GET OUT! CALENDAR



GARY MALERBA FOR THE HENRY FORD

More than 900 vintage cars will be on display at the 64th annual Old Car Festival, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 6-7, at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.

Run Wild: 5K and 10K runs, and a 1.5-mile fun walk will benefit the zoo's Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex, Sept. 14. The 5K starts at 8 a.m., the 10K at 8:45 a.m. and the untimed fun walk is at 9 a.m. Routes start at the zoo and wind through Huntington Woods. Registration fees run from \$25 for the walk to \$55 for both the 5K and 10K runs. www.detroitzoo.org/runwild
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 10
Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "Artpack Services Employee Exhibit"
Contact: 248-473-1859

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sept. 27
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: Pratapaditya Pal, a scholar on the arts and culture of the Himalayas and Southeast Asia, will talk about the essence of Indian art and aesthetic as it relates to India's three major religions: Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism. The lecture is free with DIA admission. Residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are admitted to the museum; others pay \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for college students with ID and \$4 for youth, 6-17
Contact: 313-833-7900

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 11

Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Daily Gratitude: Art, Sport and Cupcakes," features the work of Jessica Kovan. Also on exhibit are works by glass artists and Teresa Petersen, who creates art from thrift store and hardware shop finds
Contact: 248-432-5448

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 27; opening reception is 6-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "Lines," an all-media juried exhibition
Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, opening reception; exhibit open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday through September

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Chalk pastels by Leonardo Savage
Contact: plymoutharts.com

AUDITIONS

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 6-7

Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti

Details: Auditions for *Hollywood and Hyde*, a dark comedy, will be by cold reading from the script. Actors will be seen in the order they arrive. The play will be performed Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 23 through Nov. 9. Parts for six men and one woman.
Contact: emergentarts.com; 734-985-0875

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. registration, 10:30 a.m. auditions, Sept. 13

Location: Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills



SUBMITTED

Pumpkinfest celebrates its 30th anniversary, Sept. 26-28 in South Lyon.

Details: The casting committee for *Leading Ladies* is looking for strong characters that take themselves seriously despite ridiculous situations. "Leo" and "Jack" must have English accents and also be believable as women. They and "Meg" must "speak" Shakespeare fluently. Almost everyone kisses someone during the play. Five roles for men, three for women. The show runs Nov. 28 through Dec. 20. Request script copies by email

Contact: leadingladies@farmington-players.org

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Time/Date: 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 15-16
Location: Orchard Ridge Campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills

Details: *Godspell* auditions are open to all. Prepare 16 bars/measurements of music either from the show or music that best displays your vocal talents. Bring your own CD or audition a cappella. Email to request an audition time
Contact: denorth@oaklandcc.edu

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Jesse Popp; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday
Contact: joeyscomeclub.net; 734-261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6

Location: Fourth and Troy streets in

downtown Royal Oak

Details: Ben Moore; tickets \$18
Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

FESTIVAL

PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL

Time/Date: Noon to 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7

Location: Kellogg Park and Main Street in downtown Plymouth

Details: Entertainment includes dancers, pompon squads, a pet show, fife and drum corp, Leader Dogs for the Blind, The Dan Rafferty Band, bingo, a car show, craft show, carnival and more. Food includes a taste fest, a pancake breakfast, barbecue and spaghetti dinner
Contact: plymouthfallfestival.com

SIDEWALK JAMBOREE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7
Location: Eastern Market, 2934 Russell, Detroit

Details: Art installation, street buskers, performance art, music, outdoor theater, dance and more in Sheds 2, 3 and 4
Contact: www.sidewalkdetroit.com or [facebook.com/events/62228827455715](https://www.facebook.com/events/62228827455715)

SOUTH LYON PUMPKINFEST

Time/Date: Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28
Location: Intersection of Pontiac Trail and 10 Mile in downtown South Lyon

Details: The celebration of crafts, entertainment and pumpkins will include the Ultimate Air Dogs, and musical groups, Stephen Clark & the Trending Topics, Square Pegz, Jennifer Westwood & the Handsome Devils and Rock Harley as Johnny Cash, and more
Contact: southlyonpumpkinfest.com

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: *Maleficent*, admission \$3

Coming up: *Begin Again*, 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 12 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 13

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit
Details: *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, \$5

Coming up: *Bullit*, starring Steve McQueen, 2 p.m., Sept. 21; free admission
Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY

GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7

Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn
Details: 64th annual Old Car Festival with more than 900 vehicles on display and a tribute to the 100th anniversary of the Dodge Brothers' first production vehicle rolling off the assembly line. See fireworks, a gaslight parade of cars and hear music from The Hotel Savarine Society Orchestra on Saturday evening. Admission is free with membership or tickets to Village. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors (62 and up) and \$17.50 for youth (5-12). Children under 5 are free.
Contact: 313-982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org



SPICY DILL SPEARS

Garlic and crushed red pepper give these quick-pickled dill spears a spicy kick.
Prep time: 15 mins
Cook time: 5 mins
Serves: 16

1 pound pickling cucumbers
12 medium garlic cloves
1 cup white vinegar
½ cup water
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons McCormick Mixed Pickling Spice
1 tablespoon dill seed
1 tablespoon dill weed
1 tablespoon mustard seed
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon red pepper, crushed

1. Cut cucumbers into spears. Place in large glass bowl with garlic cloves. Set aside.
2. Place remaining ingredients in small saucepan. Bring to simmer on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar and salt. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Pour hot liquid over cucumbers and garlic.
3. Refrigerate 1 hour or until cooled. Serve. Or, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Nutritional information per serving: 8 calories, 27mg sodium, 0g fat, 2g carbohydrates, 0mg cholesterol, 0g protein, 0g fiber

Capture flavors of summer veggies, fruits by pickling

Pickling is back – and it's no longer your grandmother's canning. Today's pickling is all about making the most of summer produce by getting quick flavor in easy ways.

For quick pickling at home, no special equipment is needed and the necessary ingredients are already pantry staples. Just combine your favorite fresh summer produce with a mixture of vinegar, salt, sugar

and spices and then let it chill in the refrigerator to develop flavor.

“Quick pickling goes beyond cucumbers — you can add that signature sweet-and-sour bite and satisfying crunch to almost any vegetable or fruit, like cauliflower, radishes, peaches and mangoes,” said chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens. “The spices you add to the brine help create a range of flavors — from a kimchi-inspired

slaw with garlic, ginger and red pepper to a Southern-style green tomato pickled relish for burgers and hot dogs.”

Enjoy quick-pickled produce right out of the jar, piled onto sandwiches and burgers, chopped into salads or mixed into entrees. Quick-pickled fruits are also tasty as a topping for waffles and ice cream.

For more about pickling, visit mccormick.com.



ROSEMARY QUICK-PICKLED PEACHES & BLACKBERRIES RECIPE

Rosemary accents plump summer fruits with an aromatic, refreshing note. Serve as a side dish with grilled meats or top fresh salad greens. Also great with waffles and vanilla ice cream. Use some of the pickling liquid to prepare vinaigrette.

Prep time: 15 mins
Cook time: 5 mins
Makes: 8 ¼-cup servings

4 fresh peaches
1 cup fresh blackberries
1 cup Riesling white wine
½ cup white wine vinegar
2 teaspoons crushed rosemary leaves

1. Pit and slice peaches. Place in large glass bowl with blackberries. Set aside.
2. Place remaining ingredients in small saucepan. Bring to simmer on medium heat. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes to cool. Pour over fruit mixture.
3. Refrigerate 1 hour or until cooled. Serve. Or, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Nutritional information per serving: 55 calories, 0mg sodium, 0g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 1g protein, 2g fiber



SPICY PICKLED GREEN TOMATO RELISH

A new twist for relish, this spicier version has green tomatoes as the base. It's ideal for topping hot dogs, bratwurst or burgers.

Prep time: 15 mins
Cook time: 5 mins
Makes: 16 ¼-cup servings

2 large green tomatoes
1 medium green bell pepper, seeded
1 small onion
½ cup white vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 teaspoon mustard seed
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
2 bay leaves

1. Finely chop vegetables. Place in large glass bowl. Set aside.
2. Place remaining ingredients in small saucepan. Bring to simmer on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar and salt. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Pour hot liquid over vegetables.
3. Refrigerate 1 hour or until cooled. Serve. Or, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Remove bay leaves before serving.

Nutritional information per serving: 20 calories, 151mg sodium, 0g fat, 4g carbohydrates, 0mg cholesterol, 1g protein, 1g fiber



EASY KIMCHI SLAW

A quick-pickled version of the traditional Korean dish that boasts layers of flavor and just enough heat, giving cabbage, red bell pepper and carrots a tasty makeover. Serve this spicy slaw as a side dish or as a topping for burgers and sandwiches.

Prep time: 20 minutes
Makes: 10 1-cup servings

¼ cup rice vinegar
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon Korean pepper paste, (Gochujang)
1 teaspoon sesame oil
½ teaspoon garlic powder
8 cups sliced cabbage, 1-inch thick slices
1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced (1 ½ cups)
1 cup shredded carrots
4 green onions, thinly sliced (½ cup)
1 teaspoon sesame seed, toasted

1. Mix vinegar, soy sauce, sugar, pepper paste, sesame oil and garlic powder in small bowl until well blended.
2. Mix cabbage, bell pepper, carrots and green onions in large bowl. Add dressing; toss to coat well. Cover.
3. Refrigerate 2 hours or until ready to serve, tossing occasionally. Sprinkle with sesame seed before serving.

Nutritional information per serving: 49 calories, 239mg sodium, 1g fat, 8g carbohydrates, 0mg cholesterol, 2g protein, 2g fiber