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IN BRIEF

New cars

Westland has purchased nine 2011 Ford Crown Victoria patrol cars to replace older, higher mileage police cars.

The council approved the purchase of the flex fuel vehicles from Jorgenson Ford at a cost of \$21,500 each for a total cost of \$193,000.

Purchase of the nine patrol cars will be funded by a combination of a federal recovery act police grant, drug forfeiture money and the proceeds from the sale of the vehicles being replaced. The vehicles will be sold at auction and are expected to generate approximately \$4,500 for each car sold for a total of \$40,000.

"We had a small window of opportunity to purchase these Crown Victorias as they are from the final production run," said Mayor William Wild. "Ford will be discontinuing the Crown Victoria police sedan after this year and we wanted the ability to recycle the lights and equipment off the older fleet vehicles."

Purchasing flex fuel vehicles was also important.

"The administration is currently considering a switch to E-85 ethanol fuel in its gas powered fleet and these flex fueled cars will be fully equipped to operate on E-85 or regular unleaded fuels," said Wild.

Volunteers needed

The Westland Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, needs volunteers for their summer block party, which will be held 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. The event includes inflatable bouncers, carnival games and food. For more information, call (734)722-3660.

Democrats meet

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided. The public is invited to attend.

Blood drive

The Westland Rotary Club and the Westland Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to sponsor a Red Cross blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36551 Ford, Westland.

All donors will be entered to win two Cedar Point tickets, and everyone will get a free hat from the Red Cross. People can sign up for a blood donation appointment by calling Mary McGaw at (734) 748-8515. Walk-ins also will be welcome.

Farmers market

The Westland Farmers Market is open for business 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through October. The market is held in the parking lot of the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 N. Warren Road at Wayne Road. The market features seasonal produce, flowers and other items.

Zoning ordinance aims to stop medical marijuana dispensaries

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The word marijuana never appears in a recently adopted zoning ordinance amendment, but the intent is to keep medical marijuana operations out of Westland.

"Nothing in the ordinance addresses medical marijuana. It says you can't operate a business in violation of federal, state or local laws," said Council President James Godbout. "Federal

"There are three ways communities are addressing this — through zoning, approve a moratorium or flat out making them prohibited."

WILLIAM WILD, mayor

law says marijuana is illegal. State law allows medical marijuana."

Mayor William Wild is a bit more direct on the ordinance amendment's

impact, noting it will, in effect, prohibit medical marijuana dispensaries from operating within the city. He said the ordinance amendment is in response to the requests to the Building Department for potential medical marijuana dispensing sites in Westland.

"There are three ways communities are addressing this — through zoning, approve a moratorium or flat out making them prohibited," said Wild.

The ordinance is aimed at addressing zoning issues related to state law which

that allows patients who have been issued a valid registry identification card to cultivate up to 12 marijuana plants and possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana.

If registered patients do not wish to grow their marijuana, they can receive it from a caregiver. The caregivers do not have to be licensed professionals but can assist up to five patients, cultivating as many as 60 marijuana plants

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Kids get free supplies for the new school year



Girl Scouts Kaitlyn Balko (left), Bailey Alen and Elizabeth Gramlich packed backpacks with school supplies for distribution to needy local youngsters at a program sponsored by Westland Mayor William Wild and the Salvation Army.

Over 200 local youngsters are ready to go back to school next month thanks to a free backpack filled with school supplies.

A line wrapped around the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, where Westland Mayor William Wild, the Salvation Army and a local Girl Scout troop passed out over 200 free backpacks to low income families who have children in grades K-12 in the Wayne-Westland school district.

Wild called his Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway on Monday a huge success. The backpacks were stuffed with notebooks, pencils, paper, folders, rulers, snacks and more donated by Wild, his wife, Sherri, who is a teacher, the Salvation Army and an anonymous donor.

"In conjunction with the Salvation Army's mission to help those in need, I am proud that we were able to serve the children of our community by better preparing them for the new school year. The smiles on their faces made it all worthwhile," said Wild.

Suspect held in shooting at apartment complex parking lot

A possible suspect in a shooting in the parking lot at the Landings Apartments Tuesday morning is in police custody.

Westland police said a resident of the apartments, located

south of Warren Road and east of Central City Parkway, was confronted at approximately 9 a.m. by a man armed with a small caliber handgun.

The resident was shot mul-

multiple times, police said, with the suspect fleeing in a vehicle. Shortly after information about the shooting was broadcast to area police departments, Livonia and Plymouth

Township officers spotted the vehicle.

Plymouth Township police stopped the suspect traveling southbound on I-275 near Joy.

The victim was transported

to an area hospital where he is being treated for gunshot wounds. His condition was not immediately known.

Police are continuing to investigate.

Two more people charged in assault

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two men have been arraigned on felony charges stemming from the Aug. 15 attack that severely injured a Westland teenager.

Ronald Battles Jr., 20, of Inkster and Jason Fairchild, 19, of Westland are both charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. Not guilty pleas were entered for both and a \$50,000 cash bond was

set.

Angela Chapman, 36, and her son Steven Chapman, 18, had earlier been charged with the same crime. All four defendants are scheduled for preliminary examination today (Thursday) before 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

The incident began just before 1:30 a.m., police said, when a group gathered in the rear yard of the Chapman home on North Inkster Road, north of Warren Road, heard

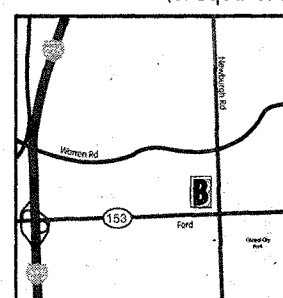
glass breaking at the front of the house.

A group of five or six people was seen running away from the house, police said, with the four defendants giving chase.

The 16-year-old Westland resident was the slowest in the group and was reported to have been thrown to the ground, then attacked. Police said the youth was so severely assaulted, beaten and kicked after becoming unconscious,

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Report: Man shows ID before giving clerk robbery note

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man is accused of robbing a Chase Bank branch Aug. 20 after presenting a Michigan identification card to the teller and filling out a banking slip.

The robbery occurred just after 4 p.m. at Chase Bank, 7750 N. Wayne Road. A teller told police that a man entered the bank and showed his identification. The bank manager said she was suspicious of the man because he looked nervous but she verified that he had a valid account using paperwork he had completed.

At that point, the bank manager said she had walked away. The teller then received a deposit slip on which the suspect had written a note. The suspect took back the note, the teller told police, then said, "This is a robbery."

The teller emptied her top cash drawer, approximately \$5,000, giving it to the suspect, who put the money into a bag. The suspect then left the bank and walked north on Wayne Road.

An officer went to the address listed for the suspect, at the Forest Lane Apartments, 6200 N. Wayne Road, located south of the bank, but the suspect wasn't there.

At the same time, another officer spotted the suspect

walking on the east side of Wendy's, located further north on Wayne Road. The suspect had been inside the restaurant, a witness said, but then was outside waiting for a cab.

As a man was arrested, a witness to the robbery approached officers and identified the suspect as the robber.

Officers talked to a driver for ABC Cab who was in the Wendy's parking lot. The driver told the officers that a cab had been ordered at 4:24 p.m. in the name of the suspect, who was to be taken to Forest Lane Apartments.

Police reported recovering large sums of money from the suspect's pockets. The suspect told officers that he had been clean for nine years but had recently started smoking crack again and blamed the drugs for his behavior. He told the officers he had been arrested for bank robbery in 1995 and 2001. The suspect, who officers said was very apologetic, indicated he had spent his last two paychecks on crack and hadn't slept in two days.

Asked why he gave the teller his identification, the suspect told police there had been a lot of workers around the teller and he thought he had to do something, so he checked his account balances.

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BRAD NOYES

A resident on Avondale got a rude awakening early Monday morning after a man fleeing police lost control of this truck and crashed into his home. The truck, reported stolen from a Wayne business, had struck a utility pole earlier.

Driver flees police, crashes into house

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Charges are pending against a Westland man who crashed a stolen truck into a home on Avondale early Monday morning.

About 1:30 a.m., Westland police were looking for a pickup truck that had struck a utility pole on Avondale and fled. "One of the sergeants found the suspect in vehicle with heavy front end damage and matching the description of the vehicle in the BOL (Be On the Lookout)," said Westland Sgt. Patrick Corby of the Traffic Bureau. "The officer lit him up and he took off."

The damaged truck was still in the area and within a short time was back on Avondale. The driver lost control and crashed into the front of a home on Avondale.

"The truck ended up in the living room. The homeowner was sleeping — it's not how you would like to be awakened," said Corby. "The homeowner wasn't injured."

The driver, 46, suffered superficial injuries in the accident, Corby said, but was hospitalized due to his high level of intoxication. "They took his blood at the hospital. I assume his blood alcohol was pretty high if the hospital kept him," he said.

The 1986 Ford F-150 that the man was driving had been stolen earlier from a business in Wayne. "The guy had broken into the business and got the key for the truck out of the lock box," said Corby. "He wasn't far from his home. I don't know if he was walking from a bar and stole the truck to get home."

Charges against the man are pending.

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Opinions mixed on nixing Saturday mail

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Postal Service union workers rallied Tuesday against a cost-cutting proposal to eliminate Saturday mail service but opinions about that idea were mixed outside the Westland post office.

"I don't like that idea at all. We're not getting all of our mail," said Westland resident Ron Wood. "There are things people are waiting for and now they will have to wait until Monday."

Eliminating Sunday delivery will cost the Postal Service money, said Wood, as people are pushed to use UPS and FedEx for deliveries.

"People will look elsewhere for the service and the post office will lose money," he said.

Westland resident Glenn Wright disagreed. "I think it's a great idea. I get no mail on Saturday — just ads," Wright said. "So why do it? I think it's a good idea."

"I think it's fine — it's a good idea. I wouldn't miss it," said Diane Ball of Westland.

Another Westland resident Merle Willis didn't like the idea of cutting Saturday mail delivery. "I don't care for it. It takes away someone's job," she said. "It will have a negative impact on the post office."

The rally in Detroit drew an estimated 3,000 people, many of them in town to attend the 20th biennial national convention of the American Postal Workers Union at Cobo this week. The union post office truck drivers, mail clerks, mail handlers and maintenance workers but not letter carriers who belong a different union.

Cuts in postal operations, including branch closings, are being proposed to deal with a massive projected deficit. Local postal union officials couldn't be reached for comment.

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that the first officers to arrive thought he had been hit by a vehicle.

The teen suffered severe head and facial injuries, police said, including a possible broken vertebrae and was hospitalized in intensive care.

Based on their investigation, police said there had been a simmering dispute between Steven Chapman, his friends and members of the group who came to the home. A window had been broken at the home earlier.

Steven Chapman told police

that he had assaulted the victim, who he didn't know personally but had a dispute with the victim's friends.

When officers went to talk with Angela Chapman, they said she used obscenities as she admitted beating the teen because she was tired of her windows being broken.

The three male defendants

and other underage people admitted to consuming alcohol at the Chapman home prior to the incident, according to police.

The victim has left the hospital but police said he is expected to have a long recovery period.

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and possessing 12.5 ounces of marijuana.

"The city has made a choice of prohibiting medical marijuana dispensaries based on that their existence within the city would be detrimental

from a public safety standpoint as well as the negative effect on surrounding neighborhoods," said Wild. "Similar ordinances have been recently enacted in surrounding communities, such as Livonia and Canton Township in response to these same concerns."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan has asked officials in the

cities of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills to clarify or rescind ordinances recently adopted regarding the growth, sale and dispensing of medical marijuana.

The Birmingham ordinance, adopted earlier this year, follows the same path as the Westland ordinance prohibiting activities in violation of federal, state or local laws or

ordinances. Basically, federal law would be used to trump state law when it comes to marijuana.

For their part, Bloomfield Hills officials voted to prohibit dispensing of medical marijuana in their city due to it being a controlled substance under federal law. The ACLU is arguing the rights of medical marijuana users is being violated by those ordinances. Like the Westland ordinance amendment, neither of the ordinances specifically mentions medical marijuana.

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Tour provides closer look at Prohibition

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the Volstead Act banning the sale and manufacture of alcoholic beverages took effect in January 1920, Detroit's proximity to Canada spurred a new profitable, if illegal, industry.

By 1929, the illegal smuggling of alcohol from Canada was a \$215 million business in Detroit, second only to the automobile industry.

"About 75-80 percent of the liquor that came into the country came through from Wyandotte to Anchor Bay," said Stewart McMillin, who is hosting the Canada Prohibition Tour Saturday, Aug. 28. "We'll see where the old speakeasies used to be in Canada."

The 28 miles of shoreline provided plenty of boat houses and coves for smugglers who used boats during warm weather and cars when the river was frozen.

Open to the public, the tour leaves from Westland's Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford. The tour, by bus, leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m. The \$60 per person cost includes transportation, lunch and a \$10 voucher for dinner during a stop at Windsor's Caesar's Casino — gambling is optional.

The tour is entirely in Canada including going through Sandwich and Walkerville, both now part of Windsor and LaSalle.

"The old village of Sandwich was there before Windsor. It was where the British soldiers went when they left Detroit," said McMillin. "LaSalle is across the river from Ecorse and Wyandotte."

Lunch will be at the Victoria Tavern where Chris Edwards, a longtime Windsor tour guide and author, will present a PowerPoint presentation on Prohibition. At the next stop, the tour will visit Abars Tavern in Riverside, now part of Windsor, for a presentation

History tours grew from student trips

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For 40 years, Stewart McMillin has been guiding historical themed tours of Detroit.

"It's the fact that so many people aren't interested and Detroit is so fascinating," said McMillin. "There were the ribbon farms of the French. There were 190 things made in Detroit in 1890. People don't realize how fantastic the city is — Detroit has a fantastic history. People think the city is just devastated."

With undergraduate and graduate degrees in history from Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University, respectively, McMillin taught at East Detroit High School until his retirement in 1993. That's where he began his Detroit tours.

"My first tour was about 1970 dealing with racism. We had an exchange with a Detroit high school at the same day — the students spent one day at each school," said McMillin. "I started a

black history tour visiting Black Bottom and Paradise Valley. That led to other tours on ethnic groups."

Other tours focus on Detroit churches and the Underground Railroad. Over Labor Day weekend, McMillin will lead a tour on the Canadian Underground Railroad. Included in the trip will be a visit to North Buxton, Ontario, which was a terminus point for the railroad.

"A lot of slaves settled there before the Civil War. Once the war ended, most slaves came back to the U.S. but not from North Buxton," said McMillin. "They inter-married. On Labor Day weekend, they have a big reunion. We will see that on Labor Day."

Other upcoming tours include an Underground Railroad tour to Ohio and Kentucky Oct. 22-25 and Hootch and Hoods Nov. 20 and 30.

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On the round trip, the tour will use the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and the Ambassador Bridge, both constructed during Prohibition.

It's required that all tour participants have a valid passport or an enhanced driver's license to present at the border.

Call Stewart McMillin for more details at (313) 922-1990 or (734) 765-5281.

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Here are the contestants for the 20th annual Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant which will be held Saturday, Sept. 11 at Livonia Churchill High School. Back row from left: Christina Besh of Canton, Rachel Manna of Farmington Hills, Jasmine Jones of Detroit, Gabrielle Boyer of Belleville, Brittany Andrews of Livonia, Elyse Losen of Belleville, Da'Stanza Murphy of Taylor. Front row from left: Erin Hall of Dearborn, Christina Stachel of Clawson, Nicole Johnson of Detroit, Miss Wayne County 2009 Anjelica Francisco of Cassopolis, Teresha Hendricks of Westland, Lauren Allen of Inkster. Contestant Sarah Suydam from St. Clair Shores is not pictured.

Contestants to vie for Miss Wayne County title

Thirteen contestants are slated to compete in the 20th annual Miss Wayne County Scholarship Program which will be held on Saturday, September 11 at Livonia Churchill High School.

Contestants will compete in five phases of competition at the competition, including private interview, on-stage question, physical fitness in swimsuit, talent, and evening gown.

During the competition, each contestant will also discuss her chosen platform, a social or community issue of concern to

herself and our society at large.

The winner of the Miss Wayne County Competition will be awarded \$500 in scholarship funds for her college or graduate school education. Other cash scholarships will be awarded to preliminary competition winners, runners-up and special award winners, such as overall talent, overall physical fitness in swimsuit and community service.

During her year of service, Miss Wayne County will travel across the state, speaking to

government officials, business leaders, community groups and all types of citizens about her platform issue and encouraging them to become involved in her cause. She will also be eligible to compete for the Miss Michigan title in Muskegon in June.

The pageant will begin at 4:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

For more information about the Miss Wayne County Pageant, contact Sheila Sigro at (734) 367-0560 or visit www.misswaynecounty.org.

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Screen cut, television reported missing

Break-in

A 36-inch flat screen television valued at \$400 was reported stolen Aug. 23 from a home in the 30000 block of Stewart Lane. The owner said she arrived home to find the front door open but undamaged. A screen at a rear window had been cut. The house had been ransacked but the owner said nothing else was missing.

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Fraud

An Ypsilanti woman told police Aug. 23 that someone had charged \$484 for merchandise at Target, 35401 Warren Road, to her debit card without permission. The transaction occurred July 21 and two additional transactions were attempted. The woman said she had possession of the card.

On Aug. 22, a Warren woman told police that some-

one had used a fraudulent debit card with account number to purchase over \$500 at CVS Pharmacy, 31411 Cherry Hill, a Westland Speedway gas station and a Romulus Speedway gas station.

Vandalism

On Aug. 18, a Garden City man, 29, told police that the previous evening he had been visiting his former girlfriend, 43, in the 32000 block of

Montmorency Court to discuss possibly getting back together — they have a child together. He said that she became angry over a voice mail message on his telephone and kicked him out of the house.

The man left on foot but when he returned the next morning to retrieve his vehicle, he said the 2002 Ford Taurus had deep scratches on the front grill, hood, passenger door, rear deck lid and drivers door,

the name "Val" scratched on the hood and rear deck lid and all four tires flat after the air had been let out.

There were no witnesses but the man said he suspected his former girlfriend, noting she had left messages on his phone indicating there would be something wrong with his car.

Attempted break-in

Shortly after 3:30 a.m. Aug. 18, police responded to an

alarm call at Town & Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road. The officers found two window had been smashed on the north side of the business. Officers checked inside the building but no one appeared to have entered through the windows.

Police suspect the incident was related to five break-ins reported further north on Wayne Road at about the same time.

—By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

An employee at J & J Fashions, 251 N. Inkster in Garden City, reported that after two suspicious men came to her store about 1:45 p.m. Aug. 21, she found money missing from her cash register.

One man asked the employee about a boy's dress pants while the other stayed at the front talking to the woman. Then, the other man asked about a young girl's dress. She said they summoned her to that area of the store to assist them in looking at the merchandise.

A short time later, both men left the store quickly. That's when the store employee discovered the cash register drawer ajar and some money missing.

Minors with alcohol

Police ticketed a Garden City man and a Livonia man, both 20, for being minors in possession of alcohol about 5 a.m. Aug. 23. A caller notified the police that the men looked suspicious in the area of Pardo and Henry Ruff.

The Garden City man was also arrested for having a baggie of marijuana in his pants pocket and had an outstanding warrant.

Theft

A woman who lives in the 6400 block of Middlebelt told police that she believes her visiting friend stole her purse after she visited Aug. 21. The resident said that her friend remained in her apartment after she went to a neighbor-

ing apartment to cook after a power outage. When she returned, her purse was gone.

Theft

A Redford Township man to police he was at a residence in the 100 block of Rose about 10:30 p.m. Aug. 19 for about 10 minutes. When he left, the man said he found that someone had entered the unlocked car, stolen a handgun valued at about \$800 and rummaged through some CDs. The man told police that he holds a concealed weapons permit.

Attempted larceny

A resident in the 33700 block of Marquette reported that he believes someone tried to steal his secured go cart which was parked on

his property. He said that he found slash marks on the metal rope which secures the go cart.

At about 12:30 a.m. Aug. 21, a witness saw an unknown man near the go cart and then leave the area.

Fraud

A Detroit woman reported to police Aug. 20 that someone fraudulently used her Visa debit card at the ATM machine located at CVS Pharmacy, 29900 Ford. She said that she didn't give anyone permission to use her card to make the \$160 transaction. The woman also reported that a similar transaction had occurred earlier in Dearborn but she had yet to make a report in that city.

Retail fraud

Loss prevention officers at Kmart, 29600 Ford, called police Aug. 20 after they recognized an 18-year-old Garden City man who had previously shoplifted there. This time they observed the man conceal a Clairrol hair color package inside his pants. The man was arrested.

Theft

A resident in the 33300 block of Marquette reported that someone entered her unlocked 1994 Dodge and stole her backpack and its contents, which included various forms of identification and an iPod on Aug. 18.

Suspended license

The police questioned and

arrested a 19-year-old Garden City woman in the Shell gas station lot, 30149 Ford, Aug. 20 after they observed that she had an expired license plate.

She said that she was driving her mother's boyfriend's car and admitted that her driver's license was suspended and she had no proof of insurance.

Bike theft

A resident in the 6100 block of Inkster reported that someone stole a boy's Mongoose bike valued at about \$100 sometime between 5:45-7 p.m. Aug. 20. The bike was parked at the side of the residence and wasn't secured.

— Sue Buck

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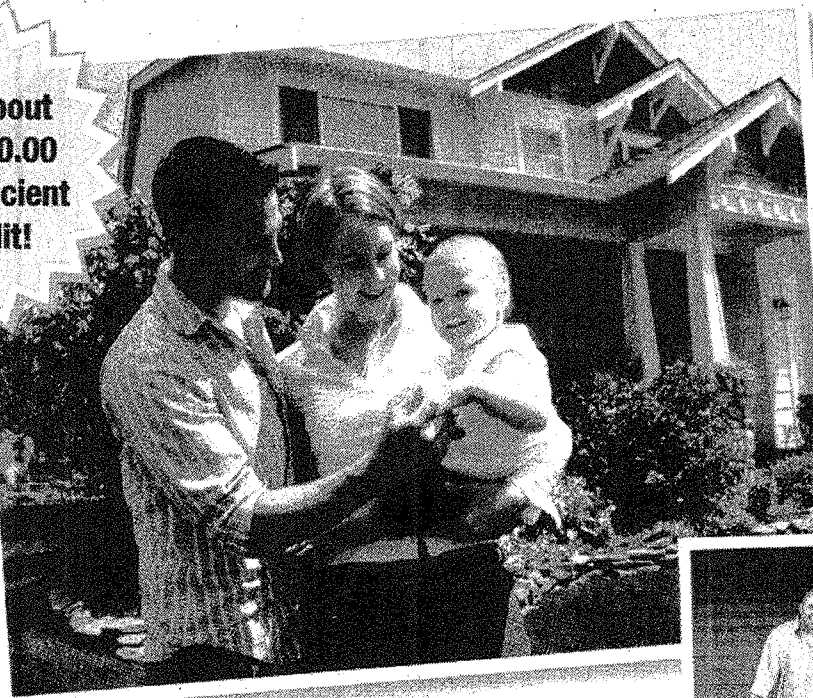


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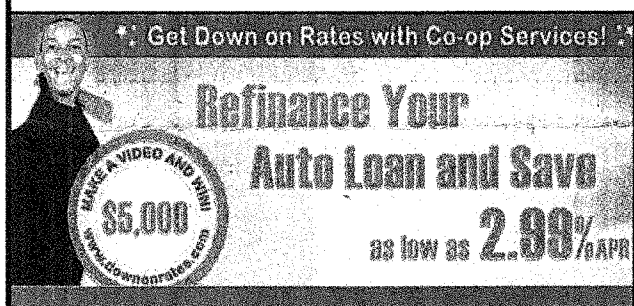
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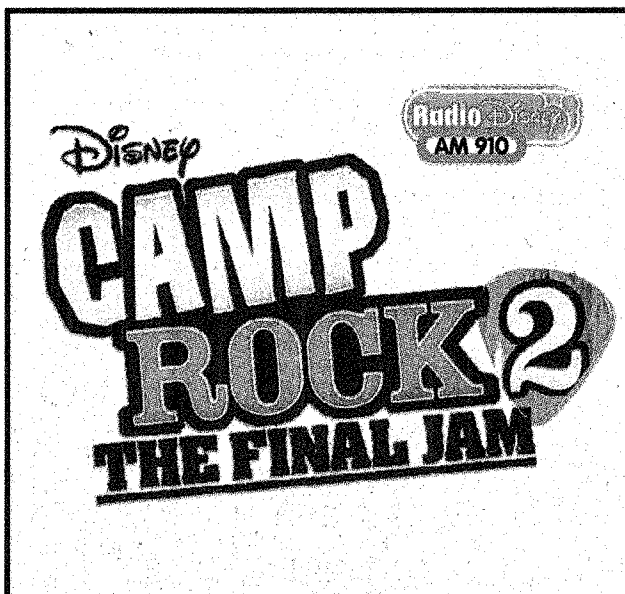


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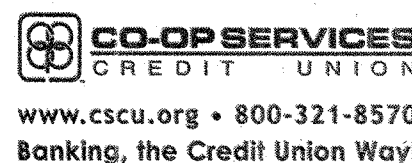
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ORDINANCE NO 36-B**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW LIQUOR LICENSING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES BY AMENDING WESTLAND CITY CODE CHAPTER 10, SECTIONS 10-1, 10-2, AND 10-3, AND ADDING CHAPTER 10 SECTIONS 10-4 THROUGH 10-14****THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:**

Section 1. That Chapter 10, Section 10-1 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-1. Short title.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Liquor Control Ordinance."

Section 2. That Chapter 10, Section 10-2 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-2. Statement of purpose.

The purpose of this article is to allow the City to establish and administer a policy for the issuance and transfer of liquor licenses, to provide for the enforcement of liquor laws, regulations and ordinances, and to manage the number of liquor licenses in the City of Westland. As used for the purpose of this Ordinance, the word liquor shall mean alcoholic and/or alcoholic liquor as defined in MCL 436.1105.

Section 3. That Chapter 10, Section 10-3 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-3. Licensing policy.

New liquor licenses or permits, transfer of ownership of existing licenses, transfers into the City of new licenses, and relocation or expansion of an existing licensed establishment will be approved at the sole discretion of the City Council.

Section 4. That Chapter 10, Section 10-4 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-4. Plan of operation required.

A. Business operation. All on-premises licensees shall operate in accordance with a plan of operation approved by the City Council.

B. Plan of operation. A Plan of Operation shall contain an operational statement outlining the proposed manner in which the establishment will be operated, including, but not limited to, the format, schedule of the hours of operation, crowd control, security, alcohol management, use of the facilities, parking provisions, plan for interior use and layout, and any other pertinent information as requested by the City.

C. Compliance. Licensees shall comply with all applicable State statutes and regulations, City ordinances and regulations, county ordinances and regulations, and the Plan of Operation as approved by the City Council. Any change to the Plan of Operation shall be approved by the City Council prior to implementation of the change by the licensee. Failure to comply with State statutes and regulations, City ordinances and regulations, county ordinances and regulations, and the Plan of Operation as approved by the City Council the approved plan is a violation of this chapter and may result in the City Council recommending to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (hereinafter referred to as MLCC) that the license be revoked or not renewed.

Section 5. That Chapter 10, Section 10-5 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-5. Review procedures

Each applicant for a new liquor license or permit, transfer of ownership of existing license, transfer into the City of a new license, and relocation or expansion of an existing licensed establishment shall apply to the City for approval in accordance with the following procedures:

A. Application. Each applicant must submit to the City Clerk an Application (on a form provided by the City), a Plan of Operation, Plot Plan of the site, a detailed diagram of interior and exterior design and layout, including any ancillary facilities. The applicant will include with the application, a written statement explaining in detail how their proposal meets the factors as listed in Subsection E of this section. Each applicant shall sign the application indicating that all information contained therein, and attached thereto, are true.

The application shall contain the following information:

1. The character of the business of the applicant, and in the case of a corporation, limited liability company, or partnership, the purpose for which it was formed.
2. In the case of a corporation, limited liability company, or partnership, the persons entitled to share in the profits thereof.
3. The names and addresses of the officers, directors, and in the case of privately-held closed corporations, the names and addresses of the shareholders. In the case of a limited liability company, the names and addresses of the members, and in the case of a partnership, the names and addresses of the partners.
4. The length of time the applicant has been involved in or operating a business similar in nature, type, or character the applicant is seeking to establish in the City of Westland, and in the case of a corporation, the date it was incorporated.
5. The common address, parcel identification number, and legal description of the premises and property at which the business is to be operated under such license.
6. A sample menu for the proposed licensed establishment, together with a statement of the anticipated revenues broken down as derived from the sale of food, nonalcoholic beverages, alcoholic beverages, and all other revenues.

B. Supplemental Questionnaires. In addition to the Application mentioned in subsection A, any person owning a sole proprietorship, partner of a partnership, member of a limited liability company, officer or director of a privately-held closed corporation, or stockholder owning or holding more than a ten percent (10%) interest in a privately-held closed corporation must submit a Supplemental Questionnaire, which shall be considered an integral part of the application process.

The supplemental questionnaires shall contain the following information:

1. The name, age and address of the interest holder.
2. A statement whether the interest holder has operated or made application for a similar or another license on any premises other than described in this application, and the current status of such license or application.
3. A statement that the interest holder has never been convicted of a felony and is not disqualified to receive a license by reason of any matter or thing contained in this chapter or the laws of the State of Michigan.
4. A statement that the interest holder will not violate any of the laws of the State of Michigan, the United States, or any ordinances of the City of Westland, or the administrative rules of any regulatory agency in the conduct of this business.
5. An accurate record and history of any liquor license complaints against and/or violations by the interest holder, a corporation or entity for which the interest holder has worked or held a substantial interest, or a parent or subsidiary corporation of the applicant for the immediate preceding five (5) years.
6. The total cost in dollars to be expended by the person or entity seeking approval from the City for the new license, transfer of ownership of existing license, transfer into the City of a new license, or relocation or expansion of an existing licensed establishment, broken down as to goodwill, personal property including all machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures, land, and buildings, and the source of such funds.
7. Information concerning the interest holder's current and recent financial status.

C. City departmental review. Upon receipt of an Application, all Supplemental Questionnaires, Plan of Operation, plans, blue prints, and site plans as may be required by the City's Code of Ordinances and its Zoning Ordinance the City Clerk will refer the same to the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Planning Department, Building Department, Finance Department and to other City departments as

the case may be, who shall conduct a thorough review and investigation of the Application. The applicant and interest holders shall provide all additional information that may be requested from time-to-time and fully cooperate with all City departments during the course of the investigation. The findings and recommendations by each Department resulting from such review and investigation shall be compiled and reported to the City Clerk, who shall transmit the reports to the Mayor, the City Council, and the Applicant.

D. Public review of request.

(1) **Public review.** The City Council shall publicly review a request for a new liquor license or permit, transfer of ownership of existing license, transfer into the City of a new license, and relocation or expansion of an existing licensed establishment at which time it shall make a final decision on the application.

(2) **Notice of the review.** In the event any State statute or City ordinance requires notice to any property owners or any persons within a certain distance of the proposed establishment, the Applicant shall be responsible for paying the cost of such notice.

(3) **Appearance.** The applicant is required to appear before the City Council and make a presentation concerning the request. The Applicant may have an attorney or other representative assist in making the presentation to City Council. The Council may question the Applicant and/or his/her/its representatives concerning any matter Council deems relevant to the request. The City Council may also request the presence of members of the administration, department heads or any person holding an interest in the business requesting the transfer.

E. Review factors. In reviewing a request, the City Council shall consider the following factors:

- (1) Conservation of the expenditure of funds for public improvements and services to conform to the most advantageous uses of land, resources and property.
- (2) Appropriate relationship between buildings and land uses.
- (3) The general and appropriate trend and character of land, building, and population development.
- (4) Total number of similar licenses in the City.
- (5) Input from residents and surrounding business owners.
- (6) Impact of the establishment on surrounding businesses and neighborhoods.
- (7) Whether a proposed licensed premises is part of a multi-use project with substantial new retail, office, or residential components. The size of the licensed premises relative to the overall project or development.
- (8) Crowd control.
- (9) Pedestrian movement.
- (10) Vehicular movement.
- (11) Parking availability.
- (12) Total square footage of MLCC licensed establishments within the area.
- (13) Number of on-premises establishments within the area.
- (14) Concentration and capacity of similar establishments.
- (15) Number of seats/occupancy per given area (block, intersection, etc.).
- (16) Association/integration with multi-use development.
- (17) Amount invested in the facility/establishment.
- (18) Substantial renovation of existing buildings.
- (19) Preservation or restoration of historic buildings.
- (20) Locating in an underdeveloped area.
- (21) Concentration of drinking establishments and impact on policing requirements.
- (22) Policing requirements.
- (23) Business history.
- (24) Business experience.
- (25) MLCC violation history.
- (26) Ratio of food to alcohol sales.
- (27) Percent of floor area devoted to dining versus bar area.
- (28) Size of kitchen (square footage) in relation to total square footage of the establishment.
- (29) Size of bar area.
- (30) Size of dance floor, if any.
- (31) Type or character of the establishment, e.g., dining, nightclub, hotel, dance club.
- (32) Diversification of the type of entertainment throughout the City.
- (33) Diversification of the type of commercial activity in a given area, block, etc.
- (34) Overall benefit of the plan to the City of Westland.
- (35) Nonpayment of taxes.
- (36) Nonpayment of water or sewer charges.
- (37) The Westland Code of Ordinances, and Zoning Ordinance 248.
- (38) Any other factors that may affect the health, safety, and welfare or the best interests of the community.

F. Approval. If, after public review the City Council is satisfied that the establishment or operation will provide a benefit to the City of Westland and constitutes an asset to the community, Council will adopt a resolution granting approval, subject to the satisfaction of any conditions stated in the resolution.

G. Building; remodeling. If the request involves a change to the physical size or layout of the establishment, when the applicant's building or remodeling is completed, it must meet all state and local regulations, and must comply with the representations made to the City Council by the applicant. If such physical alteration is approved by the City Council and it is subsequently found that the Applicant failed to complete the project as required by the plans and specifications presented to the City, or in compliance with representations made to the City, the City may recommend that the license be revoked or not be renewed for the following year.

Section 6. That Chapter 10, Section 10-6 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-6. Permits; transfer of ownership.

A. Permits. Requests for all permits, including but not limited to dance, entertainment, after hours food, Sunday sales, additional bar, concourse, and outdoor service shall be reviewed by the City Council and approved in the sole discretion of the City Council after an evaluation of the factors listed in §10-5(E). Pursuant to MCL 436.1916(1), entertainment permits shall not be issued without the execution of an entertainment agreement with the City however, in no event shall an on-premise licensee allow toless activity on the licensed premises.

B. Transfer of ownership. Requests for transfer of ownership of existing licensed establishments shall be reviewed by the City Council and approved or disapproved by the City Council. The City Council shall hold a public hearing. If the continuation of an existing operation is contemplated, the applicant must present a Plan of Operation relating to how it will resolve any existing problems created by the business, including but not limited to traffic congestion, parking limitations, excessive noise, litter, or other forms of pollution, and civil or criminal violations. Consideration shall also be given as to whether the current licensee has existing building or fire code violations or has outstanding taxes or other bills due the City arising from their use and occupancy of the establishment. All monies owed to the City by the current licensee for taxes, personal or real, general or special assessments of any kind, water and sewer charges, shall be paid in full prior to any public hearing held on a request for transfer of ownership of an existing licensed establishment.

Section 7. That Chapter 10, Section 10-7 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-7. Annual license and permit review.

A. The City Council may undertake a review of any license or permit at anytime for the purpose of making a recommendation to the MLCC regarding renewal of said license or permit. The Council shall consider whether a licensed establishment has been operated in a manner

consistent with the provisions of this chapter and all other applicable laws and regulations of the City of Westland and the State of Michigan.

B. Each year, the City Clerk shall cause an investigation to be made by the appropriate city departments, relative to each existing on-premises licensed establishment. The investigation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) An inspection of the premises to determine whether the licensee is in compliance with all applicable City and state codes.

(2) Obtaining all inspection reports for the prior twelve-month period from the County Health Department.

(3) An inspection of the premises to determine whether the licensee is in compliance with the license itself, its approved site plan and plan of operation, as well as any conditions imposed by the City or the MLCC or representations made by the licensee at the time of issuance or transfer of the license.

(4) An inspection to determine the general condition of the premises, both interior and exterior.

(5) An inspection of City records to determine whether all taxes and other money due the City are timely paid.

(6) An inspection of police files or other sources of information to determine total calls for service and whether any activity in connection with the licensed premise is in violation of the law, disturbs the public peace and tranquility, constitutes a nuisance, or contributes to the disruption of the normal activities of those in the neighborhood of the licensed premises.

(7) A review to determine the existence of any of the criteria as described in §10-9 of this chapter.

(8) A review of the operation of the licensed establishment to determine whether the business is being operated in compliance with any and all representations made by the licensee to the City or the City Council.

C. Recommendations from City departments.

Following receipt of a fully completed application, fees, and such other information as may be requested by the City, the City Clerk shall forward the application to the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Planning Department, Building Department and other City officers or employees as required by the Mayor, which departments shall make their inspections and recommendations prior to consideration by the City Council. In conducting its review, the City may request other pertinent information from the licensee.

Section 8. That Chapter 10, Section 10-8 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-8. Revocation and nonrenewal.

A. Each establishment within the City for which a liquor license or permit is granted shall be operated and maintained in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations of the City of Westland and the State of Michigan. Upon any violation of this chapter, the City Council may, after notice and hearing, request the MLCC to revoke such license and/or permit.

B. Upon any violation(s) of this ordinance, the City will notify the licensee of the specific violation(s) and afford the licensee an opportunity to come into compliance with this chapter. The licensee must reach compliance in that time established by the City Council, but in no event more than ten days after notification to the licensee by City of such violation. Absent compliance within the established time, the City Council may hold the above mentioned hearing and request that the MLCC not renew and/or revoke such license and/or permit.

C. Before filing any objection to renewal or request for revocation of a license or permit with the MLCC, the City shall serve the licensee with notice and proceed in accordance with this chapter, as amended. The City shall serve the licensee by first class mail mailed at least ten days prior to the hearing with notice of hearing, which notice shall contain the following:

- (1) Date, time and place of hearing.
- (2) Notice of the proposed action.
- (3) Reasons for the proposed action.
- (4) Names of witnesses known at the time who will testify.
- (5) A statement that the licensee may present evidence or any testimony that may refute or respond to the claims of adverse witnesses.
- (6) A statement requiring the licensee to notify the City Attorney's office at least three days prior to the hearing date if they intend to contest the proposed action, and to provide the names of witnesses known at the time who will testify on their behalf.

D. Upon completion of the hearing, the City Council shall submit to the licensee and the MLCC a written statement of its findings and determination.

Section 9. That Chapter 10, Section 10-9 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-9. Criteria for nonrenewal or revocation.

The City Council may recommend nonrenewal or revocation of a license or permit to the MLCC upon a determination based upon a preponderance of the evidence presented at the hearing that any of the following exists:

A. Failure to comply with all standards, plans or agreements entered into in consideration for the issuance, transfer or continuance of the license or permit, or failure to comply with all agreements or consent judgments entered into subsequent to the issuance of the license or permit.

B. Failure to comply with an approved plan of operation and other plans, specifications, or representations made or submitted to the City by the licensee.

C. Failure to pay all real and personal property taxes, special assessments, and other payments due to the City in a timely manner.

D. Violations of the state liquor laws or regulations of the MLCC.

E. Violations of state laws or local ordinances concerning health, safety, moral conduct or public welfare.

F. Maintenance of a nuisance upon or in connection with the licensed premises, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- (1) Violations of building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, zoning, health, fire or other applicable regulatory codes, to include the history thereof;
- (2) A pattern of patron conduct in the neighborhood of the licensed premises which is a violation of the law and/or disturbs the peace, order and tranquility of the neighborhood;
- (3) Failure to maintain the grounds and exterior of the licensed premises, including litter, debris or refuse blowing or being deposited upon adjoining properties;
- (4) Entertainment on the premises or activity in connection with the licensed premises which by its nature causes, creates or contributes to disorder, disobedience to rules, ordinance or laws, or contributes to the disruption of normal activity of those in the neighborhood of the licensed premises.

G. Failure by the licensee to permit the inspection of the licensed premises by the City's agents or employees in connection with the enforcement of this chapter.

Section 10. That Chapter 10, Section 10-10 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-10. Capacity limits.

The total capacity of each room of a licensed establishment shall be determined as follows:

A. If tables or booths are provided, then there shall be not more than one customer for each 15 square feet of total area.

B. If tables or booths are not used, then there shall be not more than one customer for each six square feet of total area.

C. If there is a combination of tables or booths and an open area, then the provisions of both Subsections A and B above shall be used.

D. If seating is provided at a bar, then there shall be not more than one seat for each 20 inches of bar length.

Section 11. That Chapter 10, Section 10-11 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-11. Clothing changes by entertainers

A. If an on-premise licensee offers entertainment wherein performers are required to change costumes or attire, the licensee shall provide and make use of dressing facilities set aside for use by male and female performers.

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Kiran Subramanya and Prasad Ishwara are priests at the new Hindu temple. The sculpture behind them represents the reincarnation of Lord Shiva.



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Long road home

New temple represents end of Hindu journey

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In all its majesty, the new Hindu Temple of Canton reflects a cultural icon and an architectural landmark for a flourishing, 1,000-member group of devotees who humbly remember their fledgling days, nearly 25 years ago, when they gathered in their own homes.

Their move this summer into their \$8.3-million, 37,517-square-foot building on Cherry Hill Road, east of Canton Center, represents a milestone in a long, sometimes-difficult journey and the dawn of a promising, new beginning for Hindus across metro Detroit.

"We are very, very proud," a smiling temple chairman, Manoj Sachdeva, said, on an August day when he and other temple officials provided a tour of the two-level building.

It's a place where Hindus and their visitors can worship, study, dance, practice yoga, celebrate weddings and organize community events such as free health fairs.

Visitors from as far away as India plan to join a three-day grand opening celebration for the temple, open to the public for free tours and activities 4-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27; 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28; and 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29. The last day of festivities includes a formal dedication and lighting of ceremonial candles at 11 a.m.

"Our temple is open to everybody, people of all faiths," said Suresh Shah, a construction committee volunteer.

Temple officials say the new building will put Canton and, indeed, southeast Michigan on the Hindu map and draw tourists who visit this area from much farther away.

Even for the most casual passerby, a view from Cherry Hill Road shows two domes that grace the temple's roof — domes representing a religious presence inside. Closer up, a Hindu symbol of peace can be seen overhead, etched in the outdoor entrance area before visitors reach the large, cherry oak doors to the upper level.

Inside, the upper level unfolds with a ceiling image of a sky, crystal chandeliers, areas of granite floors and walls, marbleized pillars and ceilings built 14 feet, 6 inches high. A prayer hall provides floor seating for nearly 1,000 people, and decorative altar areas along a wall represent a variety of deities.

"This is a huge deal for the community," Charlene Mitchell-Rodgers, president of Media Consultants and public relations/marketing manager for Lakeshore Engineering Services, Inc., said.

"We live in such a multicultural society, it is essential that we learn about other cultures and learn from each other," said Mitchell-Rodgers, who worked with temple officials.

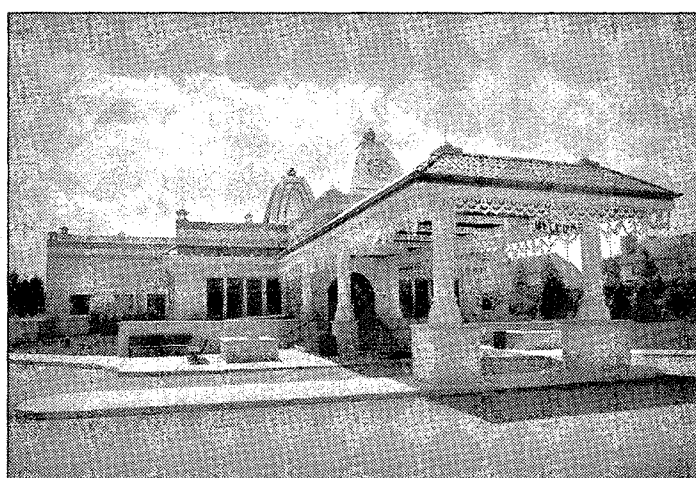
The upper level also has seven classrooms for activities such as Hindu dance and yoga, along with other rooms for offices and a library.

The lower level features a large stage and multipurpose room, capable of seating 661 people who can watch performances or celebrate weddings and other get-togethers. It also includes a senior citizens activity center, a commercial-size kitchen and a dining area, among other amenities.

The temple reflects the culmination of a journey that began when this Hindu group stopped meeting in their homes and opened their first place of worship in 1990. It started as a much-smaller, 5,000-square-foot temple, fronting Cherry Hill Road on the same site. It was eventually expanded, though it was torn down this summer after the new, much larger temple was finished.

"We had very limited space," making it difficult to accommodate a burgeoning interest in dance classes, religious services, lectures and other activities, Shah said.

Many Hindus felt a certain sadness to see the old temple demolished, even though it was replaced by what many consider a stunning structure that took just over a year to build. The project was designed by the architectural firm of Lindhout & Associates and built by Rand



The new Hindu Temple of Canton is a landmark on Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center.

Construction, Inc., both of Brighton.

Years ago, this Hindu group had contemplated where they wanted to make their new home. Anurag Bajaj, temple president, said Canton was chosen because many Indian people already had moved to

the township, an increasingly diverse community that has another Hindu temple and a Sikh gurdwara, among other religious places of worship.

Bajaj also said Canton was centrally located for members who come from a broad area of metro Detroit.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, Sept 9, various items of the City Westland, Special Investigations Unit, will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at approx. 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Yr	Make	Model	VIN
7114853	1986	MERC	MARQUIS	2MEBP95F8GX693576
7114900	1995	OLDS	ACHIEVA	1G2NL55MOSM301563
7114981	1995	FORD	TBIRD	1FALP62W3SH105381
7115156	1998	JEEP	G CHEROKEE	1J4GZ58S5WC230321
7090527	2000	CHEV	ACCORD	1G1JC5248Y7290251
7114921	1997	OLDS	CUTLASS	1G3WH52MOV322920
7099300	2000	FORD	ESCORT	3FAKP1137YR138753
7137680	1992	TOYO	CAMRY	4T1SK12E4NU040935

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.
The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed on Wednesday, Sept 8, 2010, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold, registration fees may apply.

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On Thursday, Sept 9th, various items of the City Westland - DPW will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at approx. 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
6990847	1993	FORD	AERO STAR	1FMDA41X5VZB51481

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.

The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed on Wednesday, Sept 8, 2010, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **September 8, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

Police Car Modifications

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained at www.cityofwestland.com or from the Purchasing Office at (734) 467-3204. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

William Gabriel
Controller

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 19 08/16/10

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
164: Approved contract ext. w/Midwestern Sanitation; term 7-1-10 through 6-30-14; amt. \$6.59 per stop.
-Appr. disbursement of 3rd pmt. to Bidigare Contractors for SWQIF Footing Drain Disconnect Program; amt. \$120,363.83.
-Appr. disbursement of 4th pmt. to Bidigare Contractors for SWQIF Footing Drain Disconnect Program; amt. \$102,238.42.
-Adopted Budget Amend. 2011-01; Water Fund \$55,580.44.
-Adopted Budget Amend. 2011-02; General Fund \$153,421.00.
-Adopted Ord. 36-B to establish new liquor license policies & procedures to amend
Ch. 10, Sec. 10-1, 10-2 & 10-3 and adding Ch. 10-4 through 10-14.
-Adopted Prep. Res. to recognize Wayne-Westland Soccer League as non-profit organization.
165: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 08/2/10.
166: Denied request from S. Shiner to have ibucket drive at intersection of Ford & Wayne Rds. on 9/11th & 12th.
167: Appr. prop. mechanical amusement devices license; Gamerz USA, 34700 Warren Rd.
168: Appr. Special Land Use for prop. Used Vehicle Sales; 5930 Commerce Dr.
169: Conf. appt. of J. Fausone as City Attorney; 8-16-10 through 12-31-11.
170: Appr. checklist \$426,637.85 & Prepaid: \$6,406,321.23.
Mtg. adj. at 8:18 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

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B. An on-premises licensee shall not allow the use of restrooms, public rooms, kitchens, or other similar areas for the changing of clothing by entertainers.
Section 12. That Chapter 10, Section 10-12 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-12 New Licenses and Permits

The City Council will exercise its discretion in the issuance of a Class C, Tavern, Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) and/or Specially Designated Distributor (SDD) Liquor License where permitted by State Law and the Liquor Control Commissions, based on the following standards in addition to the factors listed in § 10-5:

A. Preferences will be given to applicants proposing to use a license in conjunction with new development of restaurants, hotels or motels, or substantial improvement of existing establishments, which will constitute a distinct benefit to the City of Westland and its residents.

B. Preference will be given to applicants proposing use of the license in locations the City of Westland seeks to develop or redevelop.

C. An applicant will be given consideration for a Class C or Tavern license only if the applicant proposes to provide and continues to provide for the service of meals to be consumed on the premises.

D. The location proposed and methods of operation must not detrimentally and unreasonably impact nearby property owners, businesses and residents.

E. All applicable health and safety codes and ordinances, including zoning, must be met.

F. Applicants are required to submit a detailed plan of their proposed operation as part of their application, which shall include a plot plan of the site, a plan for interior and exterior design, lay-out of any ancillary facilities and a general operation statement outlining the proposed manner in which the establishment will be operated, including a schedule of the hours of operation, crowd control, use of the facilities, parking provisions and details of the estimated cost of development, including but not limited to the costs of construction and rehabilitation. The investment required for a new building or for rehabilitation of an existing building shall not include land or building acquisition costs.

Section 13. That Chapter 10, Section 10-13 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-13. Termination of escrowed licenses.

The City Council may, through resolution, request that the MLCC terminate an on-premises license that has been placed in escrow for more than one year after its expiration.

Section 14. That Chapter 10, Section 10-14 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 10-14. Fees.

Each applicant for a new license or permit, for transfer of an existing license or permit, for expansion of an existing establishment, and for renewal of an existing license or permit shall pay a nonrefundable application investigation fee. Such fee will be in addition to any fee required by the MLCC and shall be set by a City Council resolution that shall be renewed annually.

Section 15. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 16. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 17. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 18. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

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OUR VIEWS



Among dignitaries manning the shovels for First Step's ground breaking ceremony were First Step's executive director Judy Ellis (right) and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (second from right). Also helping were Loren and David Treadwell who chaired the Capital Campaign, Karen Colina Wilson, and Jennifer Hartke.

Take a stand Support the mission, work of First Step

On Sept. 27, 2009, 28-year-old Sarah Williams was brutally beaten and killed by her husband, George, in the parking lot of Chatters Bar and Grill in Westland. The autopsy report showed that she had injuries from head to toe, including a shattered eye socket, a skull fracture and a liver so damaged it was in pieces.

George Williams pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and is now serving a sentence of 20-50 years in prison. At his sentencing, Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden, Sarah Williams' uncle, told the judge,

"These injuries didn't happen instantly. This was a brutally violent murder ..."

Nearly three out of four (74 percent) of Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence, and studies suggest that between 3.3 and 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually.

Domestic violence isn't pretty. It can be as small as a bruise or a black eye, but in many instances it is violent and deadly. The statistics are alarming at best. Nationally, one in four women has experienced domestic violence in her lifetime, and more than three women and one men are murdered by their intimate partners in this country every day.

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violence, and studies suggest that between 3.3 and 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually.

For more than 30 years, First Step: Western and Downriver Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence has been working with the victims of domestic violence, providing them with shelter, advocacy, counseling and help in starting a new life. It has been a labor of love for the volunteers who got it started in 1978 and it remains as such today. The breaking of ground for new emergency housing earlier this month is a milestone that those individuals dreamed of so many years ago.

More than 83 percent of its budget is spent on domestic violence programming. First Step would not be able to provide services to the victims without the support of people who believe in its mission to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to individuals affected by these crimes.

Donations, fund raising and in-kind services augment the funding First Step receives from the state and federal governments, United Way and foundations. It is a testimony to the organization and its supporters that in these difficult economic times, it has been able to maintain services and raise money to begin building a new shelter.

First Step wasn't able to prevent what happened to Sarah Williams and what is happening to others day in and day out. But for those who do make it to the agency, it is a safe harbor. We are thrilled to see First Step take on this undertaking even though it still need \$1 million to complete it. Just as the victims who come to the agency for help, First Step has put its trust in strangers to help complete the project.

We will never be able to eliminate domestic violence or sexual assault from our society, but we can be a part of helping those who have experienced it. They need to know that they do not have to endure the abuse, that there is something better.

We urge readers to help First Step reach its goal. From those who have been touched by domestic violence, whether a victim or someone who knows someone who's been victimized, a donation, no matter how small or how large, is all it takes.

Sarah Williams did not deserve to die like she did. She did not deserve the beating she endured. We as a society need to let those who would perpetrate such violence know that it will not be tolerated and that there is no excuse for such behavior.

Be a part of the solution by stepping up to help First Step.

COMMUNITY VOICE

If you could tell the president one thing, what would it be?

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



"I'd ask him what's he going to do to help the country."

Jason Rice
Westland



"I'd tell the president he should crack down on this whole illegal immigration thing. I have a lot of friends who come from families that are having a tough time finding work."

Pamela D'Angelo
Westland



"I think he needs to do more about autism awareness and hidden disabilities. We teach kids about disabilities, but not hidden ones."

Debbie McCorry
formerly of Garden City



"I really don't know. You can't just ask the president a simple question."

Javeair Ester
Wayne

LETTERS

Anderson is dedicated

I really enjoyed the recent letter from a Livonia resident complimenting our state Sen. Glenn Anderson.

It was a touching description of a public official that actually cares about the concerns of the people of his district.

So much so that he was walking door to door when it wasn't even an election year. How cool ... but I'm not surprised. I have been privileged to know Glenn Anderson since 1991 and consider him one of a handful of elected officials I am so proud to vote for. Glenn is not only personable and charming, he is tough and dedicated to issues facing regular families just like mine.

How cool that folks in Livonia, Redford and Garden City are getting to know and love Glenn just as much as we do in Westland!

Cheryl Graunstadt
Westland

Miracle on Lake Erie

When retired Westland Fire Chief Mark Neal set his single engine Cessna down in Lake Erie last week, saving all aboard, the nation applauded and some labeled the event "The Miracle on Lake Erie." A miracle indeed, rarely do all passengers emerge from single engine aircraft mishaps completely uninjured as was the case this day.

Although there is little doubt divine intervention played a major role, the intervention began years ago when Mark Neal became a pilot and immediately immersed himself in all things aviation. Golfing great Gary Player once said, "The more I practice the luckier I get," a concept Neal understands well. During an interview with the Fox Cable Channel Neal admitted he had "gone over the scenario hundreds of times in his head." No doubt. Those who know Mark Neal are well aware of his tireless commitment to practice, practice, practice with everything he undertakes. He practiced engine off water landings so many times that he knew how to put the tail of the aircraft in the water first to slow his airspeed before touchdown while simultaneously choosing a spot that would allow "ready rescue." Few people, even experienced pilots, have the raw talent to think like that in the seconds of time allotted while losing altitude on final approach with no power, let alone actually pulling it off.

Neal, a trained combat medic, retired firefighter/EMT/ALS and fire chief who is also a nationally recognized leader in confined space training through his company, Eureka Educators Inc., made it look easy. The fact is, it isn't easy at all as evidenced by so many tragic single plane crashes, it's just that Neal is a remarkable person from who we have come to expect extraordinary results and this day the results were four lives saved.

It is entirely fitting that one of those lives was that of retired Westland Fire Chief Mike Reddy, who was also in the plane that day. Reddy, the father of Advanced Life Support Services in Westland, and Neal had worked hand-in-hand at the leadership of the Westland Fire Department for years. It would be difficult to find two Westland residents who between them are directly and indirectly responsible for

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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saving more Westland lives than Mark Neal and Mike Reddy.

How fitting it should be Mike Reddy's turn to be saved by a person he had mentored for so many years. Reports are that the scene in the aircraft moments before touchdown was so calm that one of the passengers, being ferried to a luncheon with family on the island, questioned the pilot's instructions to "brace for a water landing" with the question, "You mean we aren't landing at the airport?" The comment itself is our window into the final moments which depicts a scene of complete calm and methodical control, a typical MO if you're a combat medic/firefighter who is expert at staying alive in oxygen-free environments while bringing those around you to safety as well.

The dedication to duty we saw play out in the plane that day is the same residents have benefited from here in the City of Westland since we became a city. It is that work ethic and those individuals specifically that brought emergency services in our community to be the finest in western Wayne County and a model for all communities to follow, which they did. Today Westland residents are served by exactly that caliber of leadership in our present Westland fire chief, whose name quite appropriately is, "M.J. Reddy." No doubt he is.

David R. Cox
Westland

Support makes a difference

I just wanted to express my gratitude to you and the Observer for printing the article about the John Glenn High School alumni and their efforts to support the U.S. military serving in Afghanistan.

This group has done much to further the efforts of my team. When I first arrived here and replaced the previous Perioperative Nurse Mentor (who was male), I found it very difficult to interact with the nurses I was mentoring due to cultural issues. When I received some of the supplies sent by the JGHS alumni and presented it to the Hospital Commander at Kandahar Regional Military Hospital (KRMH) it was as though a door had been opened which let in fresh air and sunshine. Attitudes were changed and friendships built.

The generous donations sent by friends back home have brought a sense of pride to the Operating Room personnel. Other areas of the hospital have taken notice of the changes in the OR and now want to make changes in their areas. I have been told by the interpreters that they have not seen such interest and enthusiasm from the Hospital Staff in the entire two years that Mentors have been working here.

My biggest compliment was when I was told by one of the Afghan surgeons that the staff now thinks of me as "a mother or a sister." This is a true achievement for me as culturally an Afghan male holds his mother and sister in high esteem and works to protect and care for them while giving them utmost respect.

Kandahar Regional Military Hospital (KRMH) is considered the busiest trauma hospital in Afghanistan. We are located in what is also considered to be a Taliban stronghold. As such, this hospital has high visibility throughout Afghanistan and the world. We have had foreign correspondents come to film and interview the Afghan doctors and nurses working here. The changes being made here to bring this hospital up to International Standards will be felt throughout Afghanistan as KRMH sets the standard for other hospitals to follow. The generous supporters of the JGHS alumni Support Our Troop efforts are making a difference that will be felt throughout an entire country and last for generations to come.

Thank you again for letting others know of the terrific efforts of the JGHS alumni and especially Karen Deyo-Rousseau and Connie Kincer! They are truly Angels for Afghanistan!!!

Sincerely,

"Kathy"

Kathleen M. McCloud, captain, USAF, NC
Perioperative Nurse Mentor, Kandahar Regional Military Hospital
Camp Hero, Afghanistan

Take care of vehicles

With the average cost of a new vehicle creeping closer to \$30,000, spending a fraction of that money on making your current vehicle last longer makes good financial sense. By simply budgeting the equivalent of just one new car payment, consumers could cover an entire year's worth of basic maintenance.

In the early 1970s, you could buy a house for \$30,000, and the average vehicle cost was \$3,900, but they didn't last anywhere near as long as they do today. Now, the average age of passenger vehicles on the road is 10.6 years, the oldest ever. With proper routine maintenance, the typical vehicle should deliver at least 200,000 miles of safe, dependable, efficient and enjoyable performance.

Consumers spend an average of \$706 a year on vehicle repair and maintenance, according to IMR, Inc. Compare that to a \$30,000 price tag — it's a no-brainer. Hanging on to your current vehicle allows you to redirect all the money you would spend on a new car to pay off credit card debt, college loans and other bills or beef up savings or even take a road trip vacation.

Rich White
executive director
Car Care Council

Rocket alumni gather goods for troops

A group of John Glenn High School alumni are holding a fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 11, to gather supplies for military personnel from Westland who are on active duty.

People can stop by between 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Ashley's Bar and Grill, 7525 Wayne Road in front of Westland Shopping Center, to drop off items for care packages being sent to Glenn alumni or their children who are serving in the War on Terror in Afghanistan.

The group began shipping packages overseas in July, providing the soldiers with toiletries, food and snacks and is even collecting medical items for a military hospital in Kandahar. Currently, the main recipients of the care packages are Capt. Kathy McCloud, a 1979 John Glenn High School graduate, and the Medical Embedded Training Team at Kandahar Regional Military Hospital, Camp Hero, Afghanistan, and Ryan Blanchard, the son of Ron

Blanchard, also a 1979 graduate, and 40 members of the 101st Airborne in the mountains of Afghanistan.

McCloud has provided a wish list for her unit:

- Anything girly.
- "We ladies like to keep nice and sweet while we are here, but there isn't a lot of toiletries to choose from and we don't have a PX on our base, so we have to drive to the next base to do any shopping," McCloud wrote.
- Shampoo and conditioner, shaving cream, disposable razors (men's and women's), deodorants (men's and women's), foot powder, baby powder, Q-Tips/cotton balls and Wet wipes.
- Nuts (pistachios, almonds, etc.), trail mix, especially the kind with chocolate bits — "yummy" — Chex Mix, Combos, Pringles, gum, hard candy, fruit snacks, cookies (individual/lunch size packets, favorites are Oreos, Nutter Butter and Chips Ahoy), any



Samantha Brock from Livonia Churchill High School helps pack boxes from John Glenn High School alumni destined for service personnel in Afghanistan.

Hostess/Little Debbie snacks, any instant (add hot water or microwave) foods and instant cappuccino, International Delight flavored creamer (individual packets are best).

- Small toys (nothing over \$1).

"These would be distributed to the Afghan children who are patients here," McCloud wrote. "They are so poor and suffer-

ing from burns, amputations and other war injuries ... very sad," she wrote adding, "This is a Muslim society, so anything political, sexist, religious, or that could be construed as immodest (like Barbie, Bratz, GI Joe, Santa Claus, relating to alcohol or imprudent behavior) and we would not be able to be use. They would have to be destroyed."

- Purex complete 3-in-1 laundry sheets (really helpful since you can use one sheet and don't have to lug both detergent and softener to the laundry room).

- Paperback books, magazines, crossword puzzle books, word searches, sudoku, coloring books and crayons, bubble wands/blowers, both for kids, and squirt guns.

"I received 2 small squirt guns and would love to organize a squirt gun battle for our team," she wrote. "There are 12 of us total, so we need 10 more to have a good battle. It would be a fun way to cool down and

be active in the heat."

Her list for the hospital includes OR scrub hats for men (disposable and cloth caps), booties and masks, rubber shoes similar to Crocs in male colors sizes 7-11, patient gowns — new, used or disposable — twin size bed sheets (new or used), OR scrub tops and pants for men (sizes small, medium and large), metal clips (with retractable cord) used to attach small bottles of hand gel to clothing.

A collection box has been set up at Ashley's for donations. In addition to items for the care packages, organizers also are looking for monetary donations to help defray the cost of mailing the packages. While the boxes were free of charge from the postal service, postage for the first shipment of 26 boxes was \$320.

People interested in helping can contact Karen Rousseau by e-mail at rousseaukl@yahoo.com or karenrousseau@rocketmail.com.

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Benefit to remember woman killed in crash

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On the same day Robert Bojaj of Farmington faces a judge for his preliminary examination on second-degree murder charges, friends, family and loved ones of the woman he's accused of killing in a traffic accident will be gathering to remember her Friday.

Friends of Shelby Gunn, the 25-year-old Westland woman who died in the crash on I-275 in Canton Township Aug. 15, will gather 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday at the Crow's Nest to remember her life and raise money for the Make-A-Wish

Foundation.

"She was a friend of mine, and a friend of my family's," said Marlene Pilotto, a Crow's Nest employee who is helping organize the benefit. "Any money raised will be going to Make-A-Wish Foundation because Shelby loved children."

Red Tape Riot will be the featured act (starting at 10 p.m.). There's a \$5 cover charge at the door, a 50/50 raffle and T-shirts for sale. Organizers will donate 10 percent of sales to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Gunn died in the accident, which happened on northbound I-275 near Koppernick around 1:40 p.m. on Aug. 15.

Michigan State Police said they have a witness who reported a vehicle passed him at a high rate of speed before the accident. A blood-alcohol test was administered to Bojaj.

In addition to the second-degree murder charge, Robert Bojaj was charged in 35th District Court with manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operating under the influence of liquor causing death and driving with a suspended license causing death, all 15-year felonies. The second-degree murder charge carries a sentence of up to life in prison, if convicted.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Fall programs

The Garden City Parks and Recreation Department has a full schedule of fall programs for children and adults of all ages. Residents should be on the lookout for the 2010 Fall/Winter Activity Guide which will be mailed to their homes this week.

Dance Express is taking registrations for new and returning students beginning Tuesday, Aug. 31, at the Maplewood Community Center. Classes in ballet, tap, hip hop jazz and musical theatre are offered to students ages 3 and up.

"These classes are the best deal in town," said Pat McKarge, director of parks and recreation.

Register early, classes fill quickly. Classes begin the week of Sept. 13.

Flag football

The After School Flag Football and the Girls fifth-sixth-grade basketball programs have been revamped to complement the reorganization of the elementary

schools.

New this year, pre-registration is required. Everyone who registers will be placed on a team. There is a maximum number of players allowed. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Fall programs include freshman for third-fourth-graders, \$43; girls fifth-sixth-grade basketball, \$48; boys and girls fifth-sixth-grade flag football, \$40; and girls seventh-eighth-grade Hoops program, \$60.

Register now at Maplewood Community Center, located on Maplewood, west of Merriman. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation main number at (734) 793-1850.

PPK competition

The annual NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the Garden City High School football field.

This free event is for boys and girls between the ages of 8-15. Winners in each age group and category, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and

14-15 will advance to sectional competition.

Sectional winners advance to the state finals held during a Detroit Lions home football game. Kids should arrive at 7 p.m. to register for the event.

For more information call (734) 793-1882.

Open Mic Night

Stop by Maxwell's Arts and Treasures for Open Mic Night 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 21.

Bring your friends and family to a fun night of art and entertainment. Maxwell's features local poets, musicians and artists in a family friendly atmosphere. Intermission is at 9 p.m. when food is available for a donation. Maxwell's does not sell or serve alcohol, however, bring your own beverage for open mic. No need to sing up early, just show up and stay until you play.

Maxwell's is at 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 427-5300, Ext 7.

Movie night

Celebrate the end of summer with for the August Park It Free Family Movie Night beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at the Westland Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford. The night starts with live music from the George Brothers, games, a bounce house, kids activities, giveaways and an outdoor movie beginning at 8:30 p.m. *Alvin and the Chipmunks: the Squeakquel* will be shown. Look for an appearance by Spongebob Squarepants.

Moviegoers should bring their own lawn and non-alcoholic beverages - Mayor William Wild will provide the popcorn.

No advance registration is needed. Call (734) 722-7620 for more information.

The event is sponsored by the Westland Downtown Development Authority.

Festival

The Westland Veterans Association will hold a Memorial Garden Fest 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Bova VFW Post, 6640 Hix, west of Warren Road, Westland.

The event will feature live music, cash bar, grilled food and a 50/50 drawing. The cost is \$5 per person. Profits will be used to build a Veterans Memorial Garden in Westland.

Open House

McKinley Co-Op Preschool will hold two open houses - 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 28, and 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 - at 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland.

The preschool is currently enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. It offers programs for toddlers ages 2-5 years, and kindergarten readiness, provided by a teacher with more than 25 years experience, and reasonable tuition. There are morning and afternoon classes available.

For more information, call (734) 729-7222, go online to www.mckinleypreschool.org, or send an e-mail to

AROUND WESTLAND

Mckinleypreschool@yahoo.com.

Modern Americana

The Westland Historic Village Park is hosting Modern Americana, a celebration of American Folks Arts in the Modern Era, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. The activities will include spinning and weaving, candle dipping, porcupine quilling, rug hooking, historic children's games and corn husk dolls.

Westland Historical Commissioner Jeff Koslowski will present a special lecture on cottage industries.

The Westland Historic Village Park is located at 857 N. Wayne Road at Marquette. For more information, call (734) 326-1110.

Support the troops

John Glenn alumni are holding an event to support the troops 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at Ashley's Beer & Grill, 7525 Wayne Road on the east side of Westland Shopping Center.

Donations of shampoos, body wash, deodorants, snacks, candy, gum, Crystal Light, microwaveable foods such as macaroni and cheese and travel size toothpastes to be sent to the troops will be accepted. Monetary contributions to pay for shipping of the donations will also be collected. A similar event in July produced 26 boxes of items shipped overseas at a cost of \$320.

For more information, call Karen at (313) 720-0583 or e-mail at rousseaukl@yahoo.com.

Garden helpers needed

Westland's DTE Energy Community Garden needs volunteers 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays for weeding and harvesting the food that is being grown and donated to Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan for distribution to children, seniors, disabled people, working families and other individuals in need of emergency food.

Volunteers should plan to

bring their own gardening tools, sunscreen, drinking water and closed-toed shoes. The DTE Energy Garden is located at 38155 Cherry Hill but volunteers are asked to use the Avondale entrance.

For more information, contact Shannon Ackron, Administrative Secretary, at (734) 467-3200.

Farmers market

The Westland Farmers Market is open for business 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through October. The market is held in the parking lot of the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 N. Warren Road at Wayne Road. The market features seasonal produce, flowers and other items.

Golf outing

The Westland Lions Club are hosting a golf outing Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club, 5200 Polo Fields Dr., Ann Arbor. The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$450 for a foursome with sponsorships available. There is registration at 7 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts followed by an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch and beverages at the turn, dinner and door prizes are included.

For more information, call Mack Mayfield at (734) 722-5653, Kenneth Sharp at (734) 595-8305 or George Marvaso at (313) 801-5321.

Garage sale

Start getting those closets cleaned out and sell those gently used items at the Westland Community Garage Sale Saturday, Sept. 18. For many years, the Westland Community Garage Sale has provided an opportunity to sell unique, gently used items for home and hobbies.

At the 99 vendor locations customers often find one-of-a-kind items they have been searching for at flea markets and on line websites at bargain prices. The event runs rain or shine. The sale begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. Call (734) 722-7620 for more information.

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Spartans find back of net at Churchill's expense

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Putting goals on the board were hard to come in 2009 for the Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team.

And that translated into an uncharacteristic 8-7-5 record for the perennial state power.

But in Monday's 2010 season opener, the visiting Spartans looked like their old selves scoring a 3-0 triumph over rival Livonia Churchill.

"Obviously it was refreshing to see us score goals and several guys demonstrated that tonight, which we did not see a lot of last year," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "I'm hoping it's a sign of things to come and certainly we've made progress in that area."

Churchill ended a 19-year winless drought last year against Stevenson by winning both meetings en route to a glittering 19-1-1 record.

But the Chargers were decimated by graduation losses, while Stevenson sent out seven senior starters for the first game matchup.

After Scott Brewer's header rang off the crossbar on a corner kick at the 11-minute mark of the first half, the Spartans continued to pressure and cashed in the 27th minute when senior defender Zack Cooney's indirect free kick from 17 yards out hugged the floor of the field and scooted by Churchill goalkeeper Christian Van Dam.

The restart occurred after the ball was illegally touched.

With 27:53 remaining in the second half, Stevenson pounced on a Churchill defensive turnover and senior forward Patrick Smith went top shelf into the left corner off an assist from Zack Atwood to make it 2-0.

"The first two goals we gave them," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We were not horrible on defense, but one was mishandled on the (direct) free kick and the other was on a pass back."

Stevenson then put it away on one-touch two-on-one play with Smith setting up Brewer for an easy tap-in for a 3-0

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Nolan Mullett (9) gets tangled up with Churchill's Alex Jones (15) and Bryan Barnum in Monday's boys soccer opener.

Hard-luck Warriors fight injury bug

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With so few players on the varsity, winning football games is often a challenge at Lutheran Westland.

The 2010 campaign will be no different as veteran coach Paul Gusé once again will search up and down the roster to find enough weapons to attempt and turn around the team's 3-6 standing of a year ago.

Unfortunately, that collection will be somewhat depleted to begin the season as already three key individuals have been hit by the injury bug.

"Last year we had Ethan Haller go down and miss the season and already we have a quarterback with a broken thumb, the anchor of our offensive line with a fractured vertebrae and our fullback with a concussion," Gusé said. "Depth is always an issue, so it's tough when we lose anybody. I think this could be a pretty good group if we all can get on the same page and stay healthy."

Sophomore Jacob Richter, who played fullback last season, takes over the reins of the offense, quarterbacking a unit running a modified spread attack.

Unfortunately, the young signal-caller will have to make his varsity debut Friday against visiting

Detroit University Prep sporting a broken thumb. "He's tough as nails," Gusé said. "I expect him to play. It's just unfortunate it has to start this way."

Junior Taurrik Fikes is the second projected starter who may, or may not, suit up in the opener. The 5-8, 180-pound fullback recently suffered a concussion.

The most devastating injury, however, is that to 6-2, 240-pound senior lineman Aaron Gartha, who has been diagnosed with a fractured vertebrae.

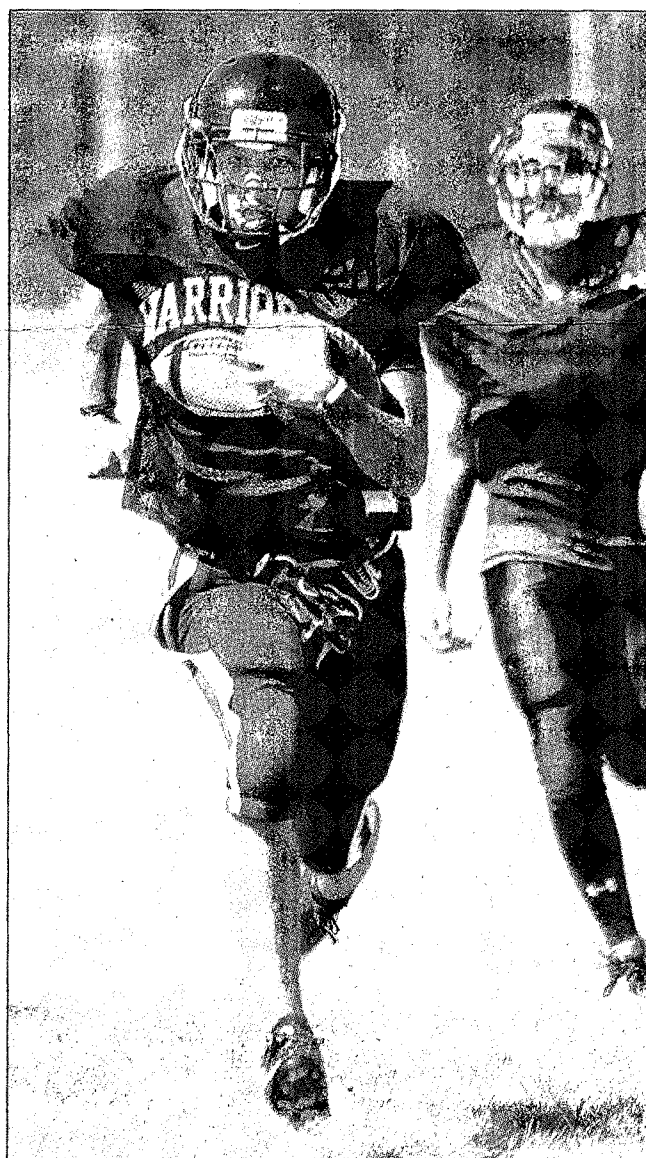
"He's going to be a huge loss because he was going to be the anchor of our line," Gusé said.

Even with those early setbacks, the Warriors appear stocked with enough talent to make some noise in the always-competitive Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Senior lineman Travis Doney, who stands 6-5, 260, returns for his third season of varsity action, while senior Derrick Mozham will look to improve on his eight touchdowns and 870 yards accumulated last season at running back.

Meanwhile, junior Dawson Davenport, who led the team in tackles last year with 76, spearheads the defensive unit from his middle line-

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OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Lutheran High Westland's Derrick Mozham hopes to be a gamebreaker this season.

White's U-M grid career short-lived

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Austin White's football-playing career at the University of Michigan football lasted all of one semester.

The All-State running back from Livonia

Stevenson is no longer on the team after it was confirmed Sunday during the Wolverines' media day by David Ablauf, the U-M Director of Media Relations' football contact.

"Austin White is no longer in the program," Rodriguez told the *Detroit Free Press*. "We wish him well and we'll help him in that (transfer) regard, but he's no longer a part of the Michigan football family."

The *Free Press* story also reported the 6-foot, 200-pound White was one of the players challenged by Rodriguez and forced to wear a wingless helmet to earn his way into the coach's good graces.

White was seen recently participating in drills during a recent U-M practice on a broadcast by the Big Ten Network.

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White

Trojans' coach Fry putting together new foundation

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cohesiveness on and off the field will go a long way in determining the amount of success at Livonia Clarenceville this fall.

Entering his initial season at the helm of the Trojan program, head coach Ken Fry likes what he sees on the talent level among his 31 varsity players expected to suit up. His greatest concern, however, is the amount of time it takes for them to gel and become a cohesive unit.

"Individually we have some pretty talented players," said Fry, who returns to the sidelines after a two-year absence to partake in his initial head coaching gig. "What they need to do is come together early and see how well they do as a group."

"This is a great opportunity and I'm thrilled to be able to coach again," continued Fry, who previ-

ously enjoyed assistant positions at Northville, Livonia Franklin and Clarenceville. "I've been away from it the last two years and thank (A.D.) Kevin Murphy for the opportunity to take over this position."

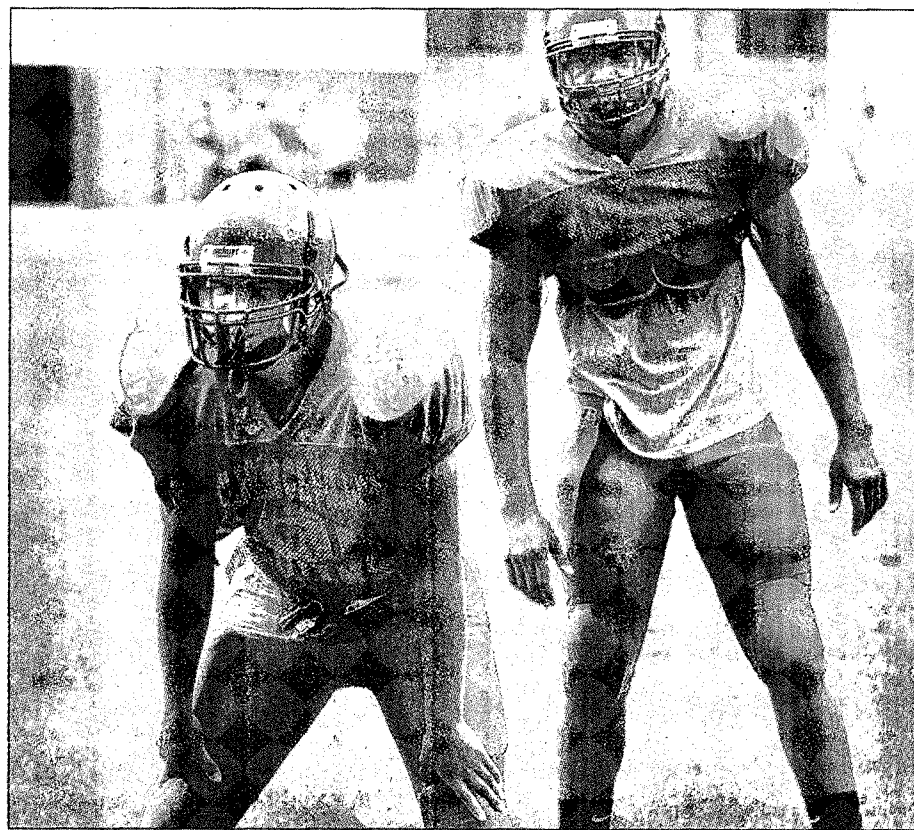
Coming off a 4-5 campaign in 2009, this year's club needs to avoid the injury bug and look for a handful of newcomers to emerge as solid contributors as early as possible.

Sophomore Zach Kubiak is one of those youngsters Fry is counting on. Checking in at 5-feet-10 and weighing 160 pounds, Kubiak takes over quarterbacking duties on an offense that hopes to be evenly balanced running and throwing the football.

"Zach is a smart kid and more of a runner," Fry said. "But we have confidence in him throwing the football, too."

Senior Jake Mariani will be mak-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Clarenceville's Henry Seruga (left) and Dehondre Hogan get ready for the next play during Monday's preseason practice.

SIDELINES

MU wins opener

Second-half goals by Ogbemudia Iyoha and Jacob Rosiek carried the Madonna University men's soccer team to a season-opening 2-0 victory Sunday over Viterbo (Wis.) in a match played in Lacrosse.

Sophomore goalkeeper Parker Laabs (Canton) recorded the shutout as new MU coach Eric Scott won in his debut.

Scott praised the defensive efforts of Andrew Kidder and Andrew Huang (Canton).

"They (Kidder and Huang) helped to lock down their front line and we did a great job of not allowing central penetration," Scott said. "I thought we attacked well, but still need to get connected with our forwards more."

Rosiek tallied the game-winner in the 64th minute from Iyoha, who in turn added an unassisted goal in the 76th minute.

Scott also praised the efforts of Nick Dordetski (Livonia Stevenson), John Swiastyn, Derek Rosiek and Franco Giorgi.

O&E men's golf

Registration is still on for the Observer & Eccentric Open men's golf tournament.

The O&E Men's Open, a two-day, 36-hole medal event, will be Labor Day weekend, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 5-6, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows courses, respectively.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, and will be open to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included). There will be a Senior Division (50-and-over) with a maximum handicap of 20 (U.S.G.A. index required to participate). A total of \$2,500 in prizes, including money for the low and net scorers for each flight, will be offered.

For more information on both tours, call (248) 476-4493 or visit www.golflivonia.com.

St. Mary Mercy 5K

Registration continues for the fourth annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Embrace Life 5-kilometer run-walk for Cancer on Sunday, Sept. 12.

The race begins at 9 a.m. on the hospital grounds, located at Five Mile and Levan roads.

The cost is \$22 for runners-walkers who register on or before Friday, Sept. 3 (race T-shirt guaranteed). It's \$27 for those signing up after Sept. 3.

Awards will go to the first, second- and third-place overall male and female finisher in each 5K age division.

There will also be a community open house from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. offering music, games, food and health screenings.

You can register at Active.com or stmarymercy.org.

Baseball tryout

Tryouts for the Motor City Giants, a 10-and-under travel baseball team in the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at UAW Local 735 Field, 48055 Michigan Ave. (just west of Beck), in Canton.

Player eligibility is based as of April 30, 2011.

To pre-register or for more information, call coach Mike Zaia at (734) 812-8780; or e-mail giantsbaseball@wowway.com.

CYO soccer

St. Edith Parish in Livonia is accepting soccer registrations for boys and girls who are entering (grades four-eight) this fall.

The season starts after Labor Day and the teams play against other local Catholic teams. Parishioners of the following are eligible to participate: St. Edith, St. Colette's, St. Aidan's, St. Kenneth and St. Maurice.

To register, call Ron Wollenweber at (248) 888-7629; or visit stedithcyo.com.

Larson hopes to build another NJCAA contender

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rick Larson hopes to mold his 2010 Schoolcraft College men's soccer team into something special.

And if it's anything like the 2009 model, the Ocelots will be once again one of the top Division I squads in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Schoolcraft is coming off an 18-2-2 season and a third-place finish in the Division I National Tournament.

"We've put in a lot of time in the preseason," the fifth-year coach said. "We were able to start Aug. 1 and we've had 24 days to think about it. We've had 20 practices. This is as deep as it gets. We just have to figure out who plays well together. They just need to find their identity."

Four of Larson's players have moved on to nearby Madonna University including Drew Kidder, Bim Ogunyemi and Kenny Vasquez.

The team's top creator on offense, YaYa Toure, is now at the University of Detroit Mercy, while Ognen Stemenkovic transferred to Southern Connecticut State.

On Tuesday, Schoolcraft took on NCAA Division I team U-D Mercy and fell 2-1.

Larson said trying to replace Toure will be virtually impossible.

"He was a unique player, you can't fill that role," Larson said. "YaYa changes the game with his ability on the ball."

The Ocelots return several key players from a year ago led by first-team NJCAA Division I All-America Ian McDonald-Wilkins, goalkeeper from Ann Arbor Pioneer. He will be backed up by second-year player Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill).

The team's two captains are sophomore midfielder Ryan Lemasters, currently out with a shoulder injury, and forward-midfielder Dave Carver, who is out six weeks with a broken leg.

Other returnees include

defender-midfielder Nate Sergison (Livonia Stevenson),* midfielder Dane Laird (Farmington Hills Harrison), defender Eric Gates, midfielder-forward Jordan Ford, midfielder Andrew Koet (Plymouth), midfielders James Dutcher and Gavin Kelly.

"Both Gates and Koet will play big roles," Larson said. "Gates is a solid defender, a big kid that works hard."

Larson recruited hard during the offseason and it shows.

The Ocelots picked up 6-foot-2, 190-pound Nate Hicklin, a Michigan Wolves Academy player.

"He's one of the top midfielders in the area and region," Larson said. "He's an important piece on how we want to play. His soccer brain and technical skills are fantastic."

Larson also picked up two other area freshmen – first-team All-Observer pick Phil Strachan (Livonia Clarenceville) and Adam Dabkowski (Livonia Stevenson). Another area newcomer is former first-team All-Area selection Bobby Merritt (Stevenson), listed as a sophomore defender and forward, and Alex Tramel, a forward from Salem.

"Some guys acclimate quicker than others," Larson said. "Strachan will play a big role. He's big, but he runs well and his soccer I.Q. is quicker and sharper when it comes to decision making."

Schoolcraft opens its season at noon Saturday at home against Heartland (Ill.) CC, led by the nation's co-leading scorer Javier Torres, who tallied 33 a year ago.

Larson is confident his team will have plenty of firepower as evidenced by a 5-3 scoring ledger in their latest intrasquad match.

"We have a real balanced team, excellent play in the mid-field," he said. "We have a lot of scoring threats, guys who have scored at both the high school and club level. But they've yet to prove that they can score goals on the collegiate level."

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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 1	Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
Thursday, Aug. 26 North Farmington at Birmingham Seaholm, 7 p.m. Westland John Glenn at New Baltimore Anchor Bay, 7 p.m. Brighton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.	Seaholm John Glenn Brighton	Seaholm John Glenn Brighton	Seaholm John Glenn Brighton	Seaholm John Glenn Brighton
Friday, Aug. 27 Detroit University Prep at Lutheran Westland, 5 p.m. Redford Union at Dearborn Edsel Ford, 7 p.m. Dexter at Garden City, 7 p.m. Farmington Harrison at Novi, 7 p.m. Farmington at West Bloomfield, 7 p.m. Livonia Churchill at Walled Lake Northern, 7 p.m. Livonia Franklin at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m. Bradford Academy at Livonia Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Canton at Walled Lake Central, 7 p.m. Plymouth Christian at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 7 p.m. Salem at Plymouth, 8 p.m.	University Prep Edsel Ford Dexter Harrison Farmington Churchill Franklin Clarenceville Canton Lutheran Northwest Plymouth	University Prep Edsel Ford Dexter Novi Farmington Churchill Stevenson Clarenceville Canton Lutheran Northwest Plymouth	Lutheran Westland Edsel Ford Dexter Novi Farmington Churchill Stevenson Clarenceville Canton Lutheran Northwest Plymouth	University Prep Edsel Ford Dexter Harrison West Bloomfield Churchill Stevenson Clarenceville Canton Lutheran Northwest Plymouth
Saturday, Aug. 28 Redford Thurston vs. Madison Heights Madison at Southfield Lathrup, 4 p.m.	Madison	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston

WARRIORS

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backer position.

Gusé will look to a host of newcomers for early contributions as well. Included on that list are a pair of junior linemen: 6-3, 340-pound Ryan Miller — who Gusé refers to as a "big old teddy bear" — and 6-1, 245-pound Eddie Abranovich.

If Richter can't go at quarterback, junior Matt Sylvester will get the nod.

Senior Corey Culbert will line up at tight end and juniors Stewart Tarp, Bobby Miller and Andrew Hartford will vie for playing time in the secondary.

A trio of hopefuls on the defensive side include junior linemen Joe Fuoco

FAST FACTS

School: Lutheran Westland.
Coach: Paul Guse*, ninth year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.
2009 record: 3-6.
Notable losses to graduation: Ethan Haller (second-team All-Area), Vince McRae, David Moldenhauer.
Returning starters: Aaron Gartha, Sr., OL (6-2, 240); Jacob Richter, Soph., QB (5-8, 140); Taurrik Fikes, Jr., FB (5-8, 180); Travis Doney, Sr., OL (6-5, 260); Derrick Mozham, Sr., RB (6-0, 190); Dawson Davenport,

and Thomas Winterstein and junior linebacker Eddie Christiansen. Senior Justin Reis will use his 6-0, 184-pound frame to serve as a solid blocker and quality target at

Jr., OL-LB (5-10, 235).
Promising newcomers: Ryan Miller, Jr., OL (6-3, 340); Eddie Abranovich, Jr., OL (6-1, 245); Matt Sylvester, Jr., QB (5-9, 145); Corey Culbert, Sr., TE (6-0, 190).
Guse* says: "We hope our strength up front translates over to both sides of the ball. We're very young and we've got to somehow stay healthy. These kids have been willing to work hard and have a positive attitude and that's great to see."

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"We hope our strength up front translates over to both sides of the ball," Gusé said. "We're very young and we've got to somehow stay healthy."

2010 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 27 (5 p.m. vs. Detroit University Prep); Sept. 2 (5 p.m. vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard); Sept. 11 (1 p.m. vs. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian); Sept. 18 (at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest); Sept. 24 (at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian); Oct. 1 (at Southfield Christian); Oct. 8 (Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett); Oct. 16 (1 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook); Oct. 23 (Detroit Urban Lutheran).

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TROJANS

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ing his varsity debut this Friday against Bradford Academy as well when he lines up at tight end and on the defensive line, senior Anthony Giradano will tangle with opponents on both front lines and junior Raleigh Haynes will see time at both running back and linebacker.

Of the experienced players suiting up for the Red & Gray-clad Trojans, senior captains

Moses Hobson, Henry Segura and Deondre Hogan look to have the most impact on both sides of the ball. Hobson, at 5-9 and 150 pounds, will line up at wide receiver and defensive back, Segura will play running back and linebacker and Hogan running back and linebacker as well.

Experience up front will come in the form of 6-2, 220-pound junior Shawn Cummings and 5-10, 290-pound senior Anthony Page.

"I'd like to be 50-50 running our offense, but we may not be able to do that at the start," Fry said. "And on defense we're going to be aggressive. But we'll change it up as we go depending on the situation."

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FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Clarenceville.
Coach: Ken Fry, first year.
League affiliation: Independent.
2009 record: 4-5.
Notable losses to graduation: Levonte Brooks (first-team All-Area); Leonard Hogan (second-team All-Area).
Returning starters: Moses Hobson, Sr., WR-DB (5-9, 150); Anthony Page, Sr. (5-10, 290); OL-DL; Henry Segura, Sr., RB-LB (5-9, 275); Deondre Hogan Sr., RB-LB (6-2, 230); Shawn Cummings, Jr., OL-DL (6-2, 220).
Promising newcomers: Zach Kubiak, Soph., QB (5-10, 160); Jake Mariani, Sr., TE-DL (6-1, 200); Raleigh Haynes, Jr., RB-LB (5-7,

160); Anthony Giradano, Sr., OL-DL (6-2, 260).
Fry says: "We have a lot of young guys on both sides of the ball who have never played varsity football. Our schedule is tough early on so they're going to have to be ready. Confidence will be key."
2010 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 27 (Southfield Bradford Academy); Sept. 2 (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook); Sept. 10 (at Macomb Lutheran North); Sept. 17 (at Harper Woods); Sept. 24 (Ann Arbor Fr. Gabriel Richard); Oct. 1 (7:30 p.m. at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep); Oct. 8 (River Rouge); Oct. 15 (Hamtramck); Oct. 22 (Dearborn Heights Annapolis).

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In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

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Last year's finish: fourth (Division 1 regional); fifth (Kensington Conference Tourney).
Titles won last year: KLAAs South co-champs (9-1).
Notable losses to graduation: Stephanie Panaretos, Shelby Longworth.

Jordyn Shepler Churchill

Leading returnees: Jordyn Shepler, Jr. (first-team All-Area); Jackie Burdette, Soph. Maggie McGowan, Soph.; Claire Rose, Soph.; Taylor Cutting, Soph.; Maddie Spooner, Soph.; Margo McClain, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Nicole Kruse, Jr.; Amy Mikita, Jr.; Lauren Pickworth, Jr.; Lauren Saam, Sr.; Katie Shereda, Fr.

Worley's 2010 outlook: "This year's team should be exciting to follow. There is great potential in what these girls could accomplish this year. The main goal, however, will be to have fun and get better as the season goes along."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Geraldyn Catallo, first year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: sixth (Kensington Conference Tourney); seventh (Division 1 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Georgia Patrick (second-team All-Area).
Leading returnees: Alexa Smith, Jr.; Mariah Barcus, Sr.; Mackenzie Meyers, Jr.; Hayley Szpara, Jr.; Allison Karczynski, Jr.; Zoe Riopelle, Sr.; Luci Patrick, Soph.; Angelica Woods, Sr.; Jamie Buchanczenko, Jr.; Kayla Buchanczenko, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Kelsey Gregorio, Soph.
Catallo's 2010 outlook: "This my first year with Franklin, I think they have a lot of talent. Their golf swings look promising. They all have the potential to all be pretty good golfers. It's a matter of practicing and working on their game. They are receptive to learning and experiencing other things. I think we have the potential to be better than last year. We have four girls shooting 52 and under right now."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Jason Delo, sixth year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: seventh (Kensington Conference Tourney); eighth (Division 1 regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Andrea Burford.



Becca Bubenheimer Stevenson

Leading returnees: Becca Bubenheimer, Jr. (second-team All-Area); Sarah King, Jr.; Brynn Cavanaugh, Sr.; Chelsea Phillips, Sr.; Dana Smith, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Madelyn Omietanski, Fr.
Delo's 2010 outlook: "We should be a greatly improved team over last season. We will have some strong players leading our team—as many of our players got loads of experience playing last season and continued by playing regularly throughout the summer. Their dedication to improving their game by playing all summer, attending golf camps and tournaments, should provide us the edge we will need to win. We lost one of our key leaders and most energetic players from last season, so we will be looking for other players to step up and lead us early on. Our league, and especially our division, is one of the most competitive in the state and we will need to work hard to earn wins. Hopefully a couple of newcomers to the team this year coupled with some excellent improvement in a pair of sophomores should lead to an improved and fun season."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Steve Pilon, eighth year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: sixth (Division 1 regional); ninth (Kensington Conference Tourney).

Notable losses to graduation: Heidi Irvine (first-team All-Area); Samie Baker, Justine Woodard.

Leading returnees: Michelle Bishop, Sr. (captain); Megan Bache, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Laura Darnell, Soph.; Shaina Jones, Soph.; Courtney Ditto, Soph.; Elise Penhollow, Fr.

Pilon's 2010 outlook: "Our overall record last year was 6-5. Heidi Irvine represented herself and Glenn in fine fashion by finishing 35th in the state finals. Michelle Bishop is a 4.0 student and has been working hard at the golf course and at home. Her teammates will see that hard work, and practicing the right skills, will lead to lower scores. Megan (Bache) improved throughout last season and hope to go right on improving. Darnell, Jones and Ditto were on the team last year, but were never pressed into varsity matches. Thus, with no previous experience in varsity matches, those girls are practicing hard knowing that Glenn will be counting on them to represent the Rockets well. Last, but not least is Elise (Penhollow), who has been tearing up the golf course at practice. All of these girls are very bright and very easy to coach."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Sandy Felan, second year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: 12th (Kensington Conference Tourney); 12th (Division 1 regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Avalon Felan.

Leading returnees: Jane Thayer, Sr.
Promising newcomers: To be determined.
Felan's 2010 outlook: "Last year we had some serious problems. Right now we have three girls who had never touched a club until last week. We have our hands full."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Keith Kompoltowicz, second year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's finish: eighth (Catholic League Tourney); 12th (Division 3 regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Val DiMilia, Marissa Ley.

Leading returnees: Christina Briden, Jr.; Michelle Nelson, Jr.; Lindsay Apple, Jr.; Katie Gubachy, Jr.; Sara Evan, Soph.; Nicole Salter, Soph.; Alex Parisot, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Kayla Dalessandro, Soph.; Hannah Rozar, Fr.; Cindy Ding, Fr.
Kompoltowicz's 2010 outlook: "We are a young team this year with no seniors. The returning players this year worked hard over the summer and our new golfers are enthusiastic and ready to start contributing. We'll lean heavily on our juniors to set the pace for the year, which hopefully will have some more wins and higher tournament finishes. All of the Blazers this year are competitors and are eager to start the season off on a strong note."

WHITE

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White, an All-State running back, accounted for a school-record 6,700 all-purpose yards, while rushing for 1,494 yards and 21 touchdowns his senior year at Stevenson.

White graduated from high school in December and enrolled early at U-M in January to get acclimated to off-season practices and spring ball.

Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said the last time he talked with White was during a

spring practice when the running back was sidelined with an ankle injury.

"He was hurt, wearing a boot and limping around," Gabel said. "I have not talked with him since. I really can shed no light."

Austin White, along with his twin brothers, Myles and Mitchell, helped Stevenson reached the 2007 MHSAA Division 1 state championship game before losing to Macomb Dakota. The Spartans were also Division 1 state semifinalists during Austin White's junior year (2008).

Myles White, a wide receiver and scholarship player from

the Michigan State, reportedly has transferred to Northwest Community College (Miss.). He was sentenced to 12 months probation and 150 hours of community service last March following a Nov. 22, 2009 dorm room incident at MSU's Rafter Hall.

Mitchell White, currently a junior walk-on and back-up defensive back with MSU, was involved in an unrelated on-campus fight with MSU hockey players in October of 2008. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and 24 months probation for assault.

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SOCCER

FROM PAGE B1

advantage with 10:43 remaining.

"Truthfully, I'm embarrassed the way we played and I feel responsible because I prepared them to play a certain way and we were not remotely close," Friedrichs said. "Obviously I'm upset with myself for not doing a better job. It's upsetting for myself and the team. But we're

a young team and it will take some work."

The Churchill coach said his team lost many of the one-on-one battles.

"I felt like we gave it to them, but they (Stevenson) also took it to us," he said. "They (Stevenson) were better organized and they sacrificed more to win."

Besides their defensive lapses, the Chargers could not mount much offensive pressure against Stevenson keeper Zach Verant. Richters, meanwhile, stayed

cautiously optimistic following the convincing 3-0 triumph.

"It's still early yet," he said. "But I thought we were able to strike the right tone. After the game you praise them, but there's a long road ahead. If we could bottle the way we played in terms of supporting each other, the extra effort, the relentless defense and the way we attacked on the other end ... that will give us a good chance for some success."

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GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

FRANKLIN INVITATIONAL

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS
Aug. 24 at Fox Creek G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 378 strokes; 2. Livonia Franklin, 398; 3. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and South Lyon East, 408 each (seven schools).

Top individual finishers: 1. Kelsey Murphy (Plymouth), 76 (medalist); Becca Bubenheimer (Stevenson), 90; 3. Mariah Barcus (Franklin), 91;

4. Alexis Smith (Franklin), 92; 5. Taylor Jones (South Lyon East), 93.

Other Stevenson scorers: Sarah King, 98; Brynn Cavanaugh, 106; Chelsea Phillips, 114; Dana Smith, 123.

BRIGHTON INVITATIONAL

Aug. 23 at Oak Pointe G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grosse Ile, 335 strokes; 2. Greenville, 337; 3. Saline, 347; 4. Traverse City Central, 350; 5. Temperance Bedford, 352; 6.

(tie) Hartland and Jackson Lumen Christi, 369 each; 8. Brighton, 371; 9. Grand Blanc, 380; 10. Dexter, 399; 11. Livonia Churchill, 400; 12. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 412; 13. Walled Lake Western, 418; 14. Howell, 424; 15. Pinckney, 444.

Individual medalist: Hanna Pietila (Brighton), 75.

Churchill scorers: Jackie Burdette, 94; Jordyn Shepler and Nicole Kruse, 99 each; Maggie McGowan, 108; Claire Rose, 154.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6

FARMINGTON HIGH 2
Aug. 24 at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Akshay Moorthy (LC) defeated Alchesh Sivakumar, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Matt Cezal (LC) def. Joey Amis, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 3:** Jalen Woods (LC) def. Lokesh Pagadala, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 4:** Rohit Bhadange (F) def. Rishabh Aruikar, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Mike Houghan-Joe Mulika (LC) def. Tae-Hyung Kang-Sam Rajachudamani, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 2:** Abe Alhabeil-Alex Zuccarini (LC) def. Prakash Pagadala-Kaushek Kanumari,

7-5, 4-6, 6-1; **No. 3:** Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg (LC) def. Joe Zimmer-Rohit Bollineni, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; **No. 4:** Chris Bell-Austin Maley (F) def. Kyle Appel-Mike Inglis, 7-5, 6-3.

Dual match records: Churchill, 1-0 overall; Farmington, 0-1 overall.

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 7

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2
Aug. 23 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: David Olson (FHH) defeated Mitch Dean, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; **No. 2:** Carlo Tejada (WJG) def. Dylan Collins, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 3:** Cole Tritt (FHH) def. Wayne Woodard, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 4:**

Johnny McDonald (FHH) won by default.

No. 1 doubles: Michael Erickson-Naveed Carim (FHH) def. Connor Monroe-Nick Stone, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Brett Jaksim-Michael Yu (FHH) def. Shane Wiechert-Cirs Sadal, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 3:** Amit Sharma-Michael Hammond (FHH) def. Mike Woodard-Ian Villaroman, 6-2, 6-1;

No. 4: Craig Kalsin-Balaji Pandian (FHH) def. Josh Abraham-Ainsworth Orr, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 5:** Charlie Messics-Joe Onida (WJG) def. Heath Hammond-Charlie Fricker, 6-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6).

Dual match records: Harrison, 1-0 overall; John Glenn, 0-1 overall.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER PREVIEW

School: Madonna University.
Head coach: Jeff Hodgson, first year.
Assistant coaches: Robert Garcia, Garrett Maccagnone.
Last year's record: 6-13 overall (5-7 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference).
Notable losses to graduation: Jessica Austin (first-team All-WHAC), 11 goals, two assists; Kaila Moore (six goals, two assists); Lauren Hess, Lisa Melasi, Jaclyn Ventimiglia, Rachel Thompson, Gina Leone.
Leading returnees: Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville), Jr. GK (5-4 record; four shutouts; 1.10 GA); Brittany Warner (Plymouth), Jr. GK; Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin), Jr. F-MF; Ellen O'Rear, Sr. MF; Katie Kozlowski, Sr. Def.; Jackie Vaquera, Soph. F; Sarah Rokuski, Sr. Def.; Andrea Mareel, Jr. MF; Chelsey Budlong, Soph. Def.-MF; Laurn Dostilio, Soph. Def.; Chelsea Shrewsbury, Jr. Def.; Nicole Rodriguez, Jr. MF; Trisha Bender, Jr. MF.
Promising newcomers: Amanda Ferrick, Fr. MF; Lilliana Serratos, Fr. F; Kristin Black, Fr. MF; Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson), Fr. MF.


2010 outlook: The Crusaders open their season 3 p.m. Thursday at NCAA Division I school University of Detroit Mercy. Jeff Hodgson was named the Crusaders' new coach in February after replacing Jenny Barker, who resigned following one season. Hodgson played soccer at Windsor Riverside (Ontario) High School and was a three-year captain and All-Mid-American Conference selection at Western Michigan University. He founded the Michigan Gators FC and has been a coach in the Olympic Development Program since 2002.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Aug. 26
John Glenn at Anchor Bay, 7 p.m.
Brighton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27
Univ.-Prep at Luth. Westland, 5 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Bradford Academy at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Aug. 26
Clarenceville at Hazel Park, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
Portage Northern Invitational, 8 a.m.
Ladywood Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
St. Joe Mich. Lutheran Inv., 8:30 a.m.
W.L. Central Invitational, 9 a.m.
Carleton Airport Invitational, 9 a.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Friday, Aug. 27
Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 3 p.m.
Flat Rock at Clarenceville, 3:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Wash. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
(Best of the Best Showcase at Pontiac Ultimate Soccer Arenas)

Churchill vs. Holt, 10 a.m.
Churchill vs. Rockford, 1:30 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Aug. 26
Clarenceville at Wayne (Flats), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
South Lyon Inv. at Island Lake, 9:30 a.m.
Lansing Catholic Invitational, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Aug. 26
John Glenn at WSU Relays, 5 p.m.
W.L. Western at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
John Glenn at Howell, 1 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, Aug. 26
Franklin, Churchill, Edsel Ford at Stevenson Quad, 9 a.m.
Friday, Aug. 27
Churchill at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Belleville, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
Dearborn, Crestwood, Wyandotte at Stevenson Quad, 8:30 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, Aug. 26
Farmington Inv. at Glen Oaks, 8 a.m.
Ladywood vs. Marian

at St. John's G.C., 4 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27
Grosse Ile Inv. at West Shore G.C., 9 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Aug. 27
S'craft at Central Ohio Tourney, noon.
(UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic)
Madonna vs. Spring Arbor, 3:15 p.m.
Madonna vs. St. Xavier (Ill.), 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
S'craft at Central Ohio Tourney, 10 a.m.
(UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic)
Madonna vs. Notre Dame (Ohio), 11 a.m.
Madonna vs. Georgetown (Ky.), 3:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Thursday, Aug. 26
Madonna at Huntington (Ind.), 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
Hearland (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, noon.
Madonna vs. Univ. of Windsor at Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Thursday, Aug. 26
Madonna at U-D Mercy, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
UM-Dearborn at Schoolcraft, 10 a.m.
Univ. of Windsor at Madonna, noon.



Palomino champs

The Westland Youth Athletic Association team recently captured the Palomino National League (ages 17-19) tournament championship by defeating the Livonia Mudhens 3-0, followed by 7-6 eight-inning victory over NFWB. Members of the WYAA squad, who also took the Central Palomino League title, include (front row, from left): Jesse Darow, Nick Sweet, Elizabeth Barber, Bill Barber, Terry Sutton; (back row, from left) Nate Bovia, Steven Hovermale, Ryan Jones, Andy Barber, Jamie LeBlanc, Shawn Schaffer. Not pictured are Nick Wilson, Mike Wilson, Brett McMaster and Aaron Howell.

Late goal gives Patriots 1-0 win

It took nearly 79 minutes to score Tuesday night, but host Livonia Franklin got the job done with a 1-0 non-conference boys soccer victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

The Patriots, off to a 2-0 starter, won it with only 1:20 remaining on Ben Iachoban's header off a corner kick from Gabe Edwards.

"We misfired like no other... we must have had 20 shots," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We had our moments and the fellas did an outstanding job."

Franklin goalkeeper Ryan Tikey made eight saves to post his second straight shutout.

Defensive standouts included Dillon DeBeliso, Brad Tatro, Dave Koponen and Iachoban.

"Our outside midfielders also played great," said Rodopoulos, referring to Nick O'Brien, John Girvan, Chad Tweedy and Jordan Monroe.

The loss drops Crestwood to 0-2 overall.

LUTHERAN N'WEST 5, CLARENCEVILLE 4: On Monday, host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (1-0) got a pair of goals from Joe Heins to hold off Livonia Clarenceville (0-2) in a non-conference encounter.

The Crusaders, who led 4-2 at intermission, also got goals from Klaus Meier, Christian Woodfin and Michael Miller.

Ardit Dushkaj notched a hat trick and Jimmy Moody scored the other goal for the Trojans.

"We should have beaten them," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "It was a disappointing effort everywhere."

JOHN GLENN 1, ROMULUS 0 (FORFEIT): In a non-conference matchup Tuesday, Westland John Glenn (2-0) was informed on the bus ride on the way to the match that the host Eagles could not come up with enough players.

NEW BOSTON HURON 3, WAYNE 0: The Chiefs (1-0) tallied all three goals during the opening half to blank visiting Wayne Memorial (0-1) in the season opener for both teams.

Despite the loss, Zebras goalkeeper Darren Glassmeyer made 15 saves.

Churchill spikers split at invite

Last year's state Class A semifinalist Livonia Churchill opened its 2010 girls volleyball season Saturday by going 2-2 in the Grand Haven Invitational.

The Chargers finished second in their pool with wins over Ravenna (25-17, 25-7) and Holland Christian (28-30, 25-22, 15-11) before losing to Hudsonville (22-25, 19-25).

In the elimination round of the playoffs, Fruitport ousted Churchill, 25-22, 25-17.

Senior setter Cory Urbats had 67 assist-to-kills and 35 digs on the day to pace the Chargers.

Sophomore Emily Norscia contributed 38 kills and three blocks, while junior Erin Menard finished with 22 kills and three blocks.

Other contributions came from Kara Kempinski (13 kills, 35 digs, four ace serves); Megan Miller (29 digs); and Jackie Tolles (17 digs).

"We went to Grand Haven to play some good volleyball and we certainly got it," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "We played very well all day and competed against some great programs. In addition, we were able to get some of our first-year varsity kids the experience they need to compete at a higher level. We have a lot of work, but were moving in the right direction."

Rockets finish 0-2-2

Westland John Glenn opened its season Saturday at the West Bloomfield Invitational losing twice to defending state Class B champion North Branch and splitting two other matches.


In pool play, the Rockets fell to North Branch (15-25, 15-25), while splitting with Utica Eisenhower (15-25, 25-12) and Bloomfield Hills Andover (18-25, 26-24).

North Branch ousted Glenn in the elimination round of the gold bracket, 25-17, 25-10.

Kills leaders on the day for the Rockets included Haile Baker (14), Allie Murphy (13) and Brooklyn Holbrook (12).

Brooke Zywick had a team-high 59 digs, while Sarah Headrick added 81 assist-to-kills and 17 digs.

Holbrook and Murphy combined for nine solo blocks.



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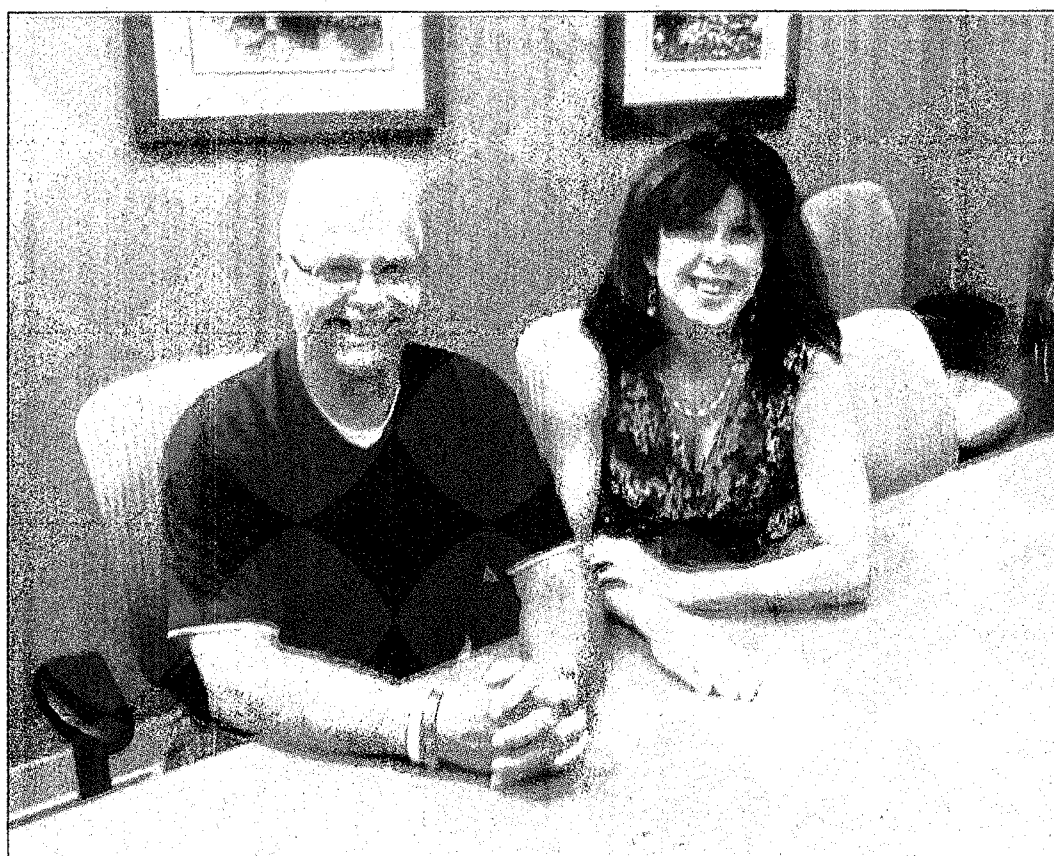
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According to Jeri Davis, Botsford Cancer Center's social worker, "not everyone has that kind of support" Ron Lehmann (left) of Westland has had during his cancer treatment.

Support group is like family for cancer patient

On Jan. 1, 2009, Ron Lehmann was enjoying his first day of retirement from the Department of Defense. He didn't realize that less than four months later he would hear the words, "you have cancer."

"I thought I just had sleep apnea," said the Westland resident. "I had start snoring and gasping for air in the middle of the night. Then I noticed that my throat was all swollen and completely shut when I woke up. I went to the doctor thinking it was tonsillitis and soon learned I had stage 4 tonsil cancer."

Lehmann was in denial for much of his aggressive treatment that included chemotherapy and 37 radiation treatments. During his treatment and as he continues on his life's journey, he has been lucky to have a strong support system that includes his wife, two children, three grandchildren and a multitude of friends and other family members.

He had a different person bring him to the Botsford Cancer Center each day. "My friends and family would fight about taking me," Lehmann said. "Everyone wanted a chance to be there for me."

"Not everyone has that kind of support, some people have no one and that's where I help," said Jeri Davis, Botsford Cancer Center's Social worker.

"I assist patients with transportation needs and help with other concerns the patients may have. We also work with Gilda's Club to offer support programs for our patients."

Lehmann is one of the patients that has benefited from the weekly Gilda's Club wellness group that meets at the Botsford Cancer Center. "I didn't want to join the group, but after some convincing from the staff at the Cancer Center, I decided to go and am thrilled that I did," he said. "The group is like my family. We talk about everything from personal issues to cancer to family."

This summer, the group has been going out for ice cream after each weekly session. At one of the recent meetings, one of the attendees said, "No one knows that we are suffering from cancer." That had the group laughing.

"There is lots of laughter and crying," Lehmann said. "It's important for us to remember that we are still human and we need to keep living."

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit offers four cancer support groups at the Botsford Cancer Center. All men and women touched with cancer are welcome and pants don't have to be a Botsford Hospital patient to attend.

The support groups meet on Tuesdays at the Botsford Hospital's Cancer Center, 27900 Grand River Ave.,

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- The Life After Treatment Group meets 5:30-7:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays. It's for adult cancer survivors who are finished with treatment.

- The Breast Cancer Networking Group meets 5:30-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays and is a support group for adults touched by breast cancer.

"The wellness group really does make a difference," he added. "It helps put everything in perspective. Last Tuesday I was really upset and after going to group and talking it out, I realized it wasn't worth being so mad about. On my way home, I turned up the radio and felt great. I realized that it was nothing compared to what I've been through and I can get through anything."

For additional information about the Gilda's Club support programs at the Botsford Cancer Center, call the Botsford Cancer Center at (248) 471-8120 or Gilda's Club at (248) 577-0800.

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 11-Dec. 18

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Lewis" is pregnant. Shocked to learn of "her" condition and thinking Paul wants her ousted from the show via her contract's moral clause, she wears her mink on stage knowing Paul fur-allergy will reduce his dialogues to sneezes. The producer, a shrieking neuras-thenic who fears his backer Nunzio will machine gun his knees if the show flops, is terrified, and the Bavarian playwright is reduced to sobbing uncontrollably as his beautiful play goes to the dogs." A loony resolution caps the evening of non-stop guffaws in "Star on the Door." Cocktails are at 6 p.m. (cash bar), dinner at 7 p.m. The show immediate follows dinner. Cost is \$31.95 and includes choice of entree, soup, salad and dessert with live show, taxes and gratuity. Payment due at time of reservation.

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Trust: An important ingredient of life

Today's food for thought involves one of the most important ingredients in life. Without it, lives are less joyful and careers are less successful.

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It's simple but not necessarily easy. Trustworthiness is built on all the "little things," like calling when we say we're going to call, which over time



Clarity Patton Newhouse

A SUNNY NOTE

form the foundation for being trusted (or not) with the "big things," like receiving the promotion.

I'm fortunate to work with and have in my life some amazingly trustworthy people. And I try to be equally trustworthy. Since good habits help, I've been trying to avoid using misleading catch phrases like "just a minute," which usually means more like five minutes, or telling my husband I'm "about to leave" the office, when really I need an hour.

The point? We must watch our words, because trust is hard to establish and easy to destroy. That's why "under promise and over deliver" is good advice, not to impress the boss, but because trustworthiness depends on keeping our

promises.

I promise to write to you another Sunny Note - and I hope you have a sunny day!

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P.S. More food for thought - author unknown:

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"Watch your actions, for they become habits."

"Watch your habits, for they become character."

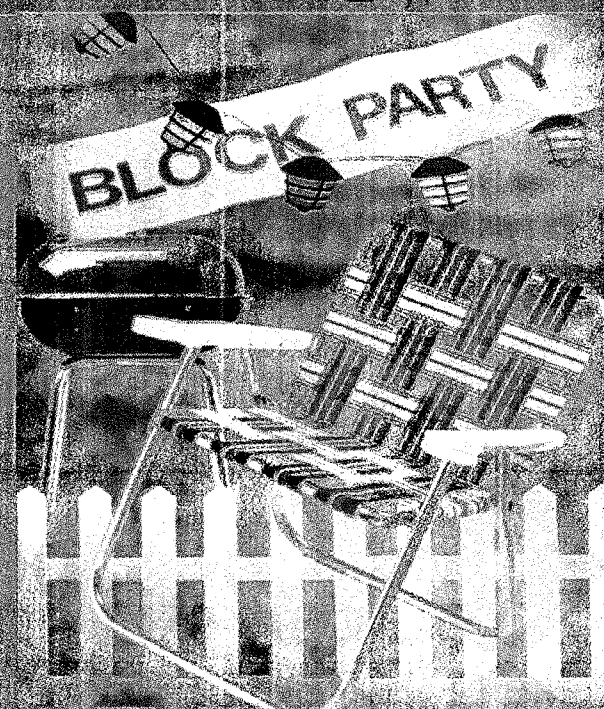
"Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."

Clarity Patton Newhouse is Quality and Business Development Manager for Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City. She writes "A Sunny Note" to brighten the day with encouraging insights for business and life. "A Sunny Note" also is published online at ASunnyNote.com for readers across America and beyond.

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Local artist reveals 'social realism' through photo portraits

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Stroll Kellogg Park in Plymouth on a Friday night and you might run into Livonia artist Shaqe Kalaj.

She'll be the woman with paper and pencil, drawing the historic Wilcox house. You can't miss her. She'll be sketching with her foot.

"It's a performing thing," said Kalaj, noting that onlookers might not mosey by if she were "just drawing with a hand."

"They are amazed at what I can do with my foot. I'm interested in the study of line and what I can do with it. I don't have as much control with my foot and that's the enticing part of it."

The combination plain air drawing and performance is just one way to take art beyond four walls and into the community. The outdoor work also gives Kalaj a chance to people watch, a process that has become an important part of her on-going "cityology" photography project. The first installment, which includes portraits of adults in Plymouth, Northville and Albuquerque, N.M., is part of a three-photographer exhibit, "Social Realism 2010" at Art & Ideas, 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, in Plymouth. Kalaj, the gallery's artist-in-residence, also curated the show which includes the works of Thomas McMillen-Oakley, professor of studio art at Jackson Community College and Julia DeClerk of Metamora, in addition to her own. Kalaj said she sought photographers who communicated compelling "truths" in their works for the exhibit. McMillen's photos depict children in a series of images called "Dangerous Lives of Children." DeClerk also focuses on children, capturing spontaneous, unplanned poses that reflect a

range of moods, economic conditions or playfulness.

PEOPLE, CITIES

Kalaj chose adult subjects in three distinct geographic areas.

"Plymouth and Northville both have downtown areas. There's a sense of community when you walk in a downtown. People walk and participate with each other. I think people who walk around in a city symbolize something about the city. I'm still developing my theory, but it's the whole idea of studying people according to cities," Kalaj said, explaining her concept of cityology.

Kalaj said she was interested in exploring the way an individual's choice of dress or appearance defines their city. She started the project last April, while photographing people in Albuquerque. She noticed similarities as she studied her subjects in each locale.

"From Plymouth I got a lot of young people in the shots. There's a youth that exists there and a hipper quality."

She found a sense of "ease" in many of the photos, including one of a burly man pushing a baby stroller and wearing a shirt that read "Powder Puff." Another shows a woman dressed in a bohemian-style outfit, resting on her arms as she lounges on the grass.

"In Northville I got an older group," she said, adding that images of both local towns showed a more "conservative quality" than Albuquerque. "I want to capture an honesty with this as well."

She plans to continue her cityology idea, photographing in Royal Oak, Ferndale, Detroit and other cities with downtowns.

"I want to capture the realism of today. The Social Realism 2010 exhibit came out of this project. I really thought about 1930 and how photographers went around photographing people, saying



'Female 3' from the Social Realism 2010 exhibit at Art & Ideas in Plymouth.

something about the times."

ISSUE-BASED ART

Kalaj describes herself as a content-based artist, who advocates on issues through her works. Her "Eat Me," series, an ongoing study of the farm industry, focuses on food through the perspective of animals. Her "Little Girl" series of paintings looks at children and the sensitive nature of abuse. "American Woman" explores gender issues. She uses the style and medium that best communicate her message. Initially she planned to paint portraits for the cityology project, but chose photographs because she wanted a documentary feel to her exploration of American culture.

"I look for things that reveal something about the world we live in," she noted. Transformation is a theme in much of her work.

"My intent is to take things we find not as beautiful, and to give them a different edge." One project, for example, turned biology cells — some of them diseased — into aesthetically pleasing art.



Livonia artist Shaqe Kalaj found a 'kind of ease,' youth and 'hip quality' in the subjects she photographed in Plymouth. She said this photo especially conveys a sense of openness and honesty.

The Albanian-American artist graduated from Churchill High School in Livonia and was trained as a painter and graphic artist at Wayne State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She did graduate work in printmaking at the Eastern Michigan University,



HANNA KITCHENS

Shaqe Kalaj talks about the current photo exhibit, at Art & Ideas in Plymouth. Kalaj, of Livonia, curated the show. It runs to Sept. 18.

where she also earned a teaching certificate in art education.

A working artist, Kalaj also serves as Visual Arts Coordinator for VSA arts of Michigan. She coordinates the touring exhibit for emerging artists with disabilities at VSA and works with inner-city children. The 42-year-old artist was awarded a teaching artist fellowship from VSA in 2008-2009. She's exhibited her work throughout the country.

She teaches collage and

children's classes at Art & Ideas. Her fearless creating workshop is aimed at adults, helping them find "where the creative juice is and where the hindrances are."

Kalaj said her foot sketching may be on hiatus for a brief period while her injured limb ("I hurt my drawing foot") heals. Meanwhile, her exhibit runs through Sept. 18. The gallery is open 5-7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 1-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday or by appointment. (734) 420-0775

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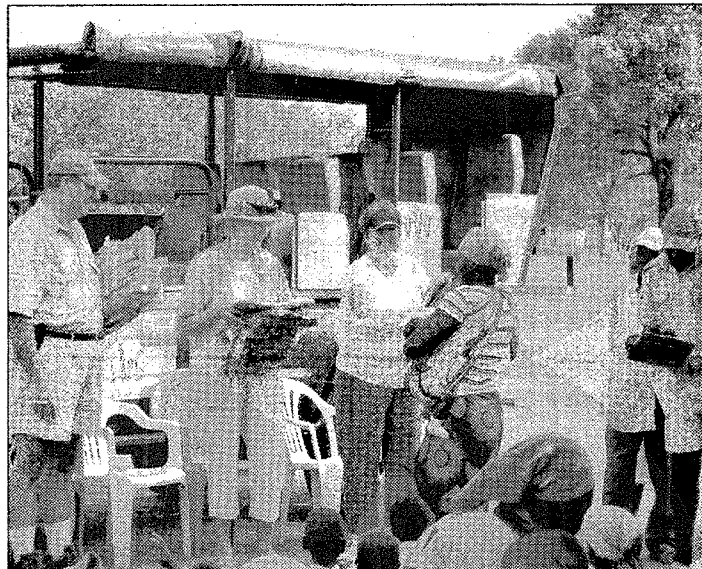
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Sidney Bonvallet (center) and her daughter, CJ Christopher distribute mosquito nets to children and pregnant women.

Local family aims to clothe a village

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sidney Bonvallet was distributing mosquito nets to the Shangaan tribe in remote Mozambique last year when she experienced a "God moment."

Her husband, Wayne, and daughter, CJ Christopher, heard the message, too.

"It became clear we need to help these people," Bonvallet recalled.

Since then the Farmington Hills woman and her daughter, a Clarkston resident, have sewn about 400 adult-sized nguvas — a traditional garment of the Shangaan tribe that can be wrapped into a head covering, dress or child-carrying sling — and made 150 nguvas for teens. They've also accepted the help of others who are interested in their quest to clothe 1,200 residents in Massingir Velho village.

A friend, Cathy McCarthy of Commerce, founded "Stitchy Women," a group of several sewing-savvy friends who produced 70 pairs of shorts and several dresses in one day for the Bonvallets' nonprofit, Helping Hands, Touching Hearts Foundation.

Meanwhile, Wayne Bonvallet is working to attain 501 c3 status for the organization.

The couple's fellow church members at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia have sponsored backpacks filled with school supplies for village children. The congregation will

take on the Foundation's work as a mission of the church on Sept. 19 during a special celebration that will include a display of the Bonvallets' work, video presentation, and refreshments.

"I'm feeling now we can make it. I've always taken on big challenges," Bonvallet said. "We just decided to keep putting one foot in front of the other. If you do what's possible and are brave ... I always knew God would give us the miracle."

KEEPING THE FAITH

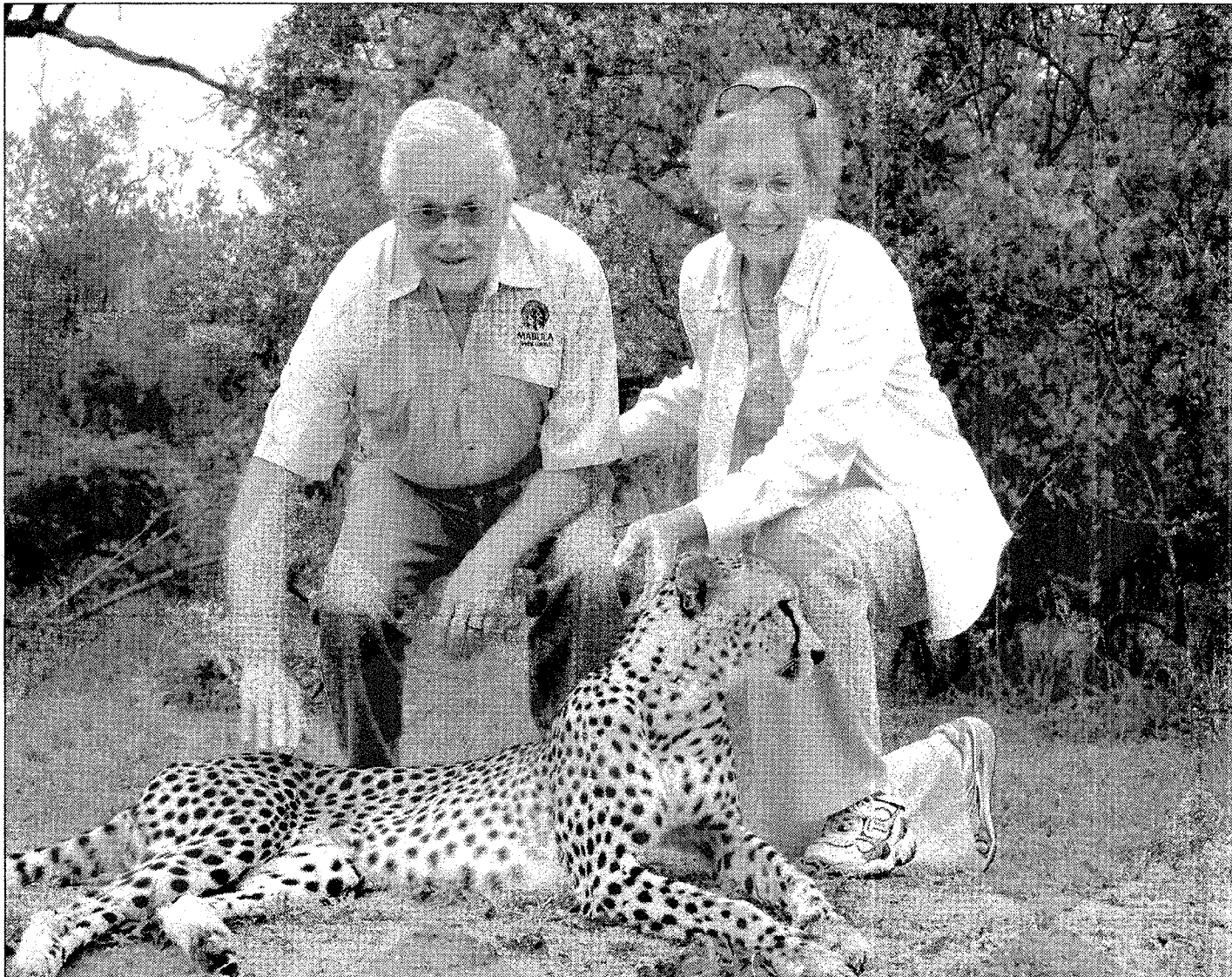
Bonvallet learned at an early age about the importance of faith and "giving back" to the community.

The native Texan grew up with four siblings and a divorced single mother in a one-room house with no running water. Her mother stressed that the impoverished living condition was temporary and that her brood should trust that God would care for them.

"Ever since then I can see no other way than to give back. Had people not cared for us we would not have made it," she recalled.

With a bachelor's degree in geology, Bonvallet travelled internationally, making several visits to Africa 40 years ago while studying seismic activity.

She met her husband 10 years later — both had been married once before — and started a business together. She had resigned from the



Wayne and Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills pet a cheetah in South Africa.



The 'Stitchy Women,' a group formed by Cathy McCarthy of Commerce, sewed 70 pairs of shorts and some dresses for African villagers, all in one day. They are Kathy Perpich (back left), Sandy Biebel, Gail Morad, Chelsea and Stacey Foss, Cathy McCarthy (seated left) and CJ Christopher.

single day. We want to provide them with basic needs and help in this transition."

Bonvallet also has collected ready-made clothing. She looks for "nice cotton" that doesn't wrinkle. Villagers hand wash their apparel in a river and use shrubs and trees for drying, Bonvallet said.

She also hopes to send soccer balls to the village. About 600 children currently share two balls.

RAISING FUNDS

The Bonvallets plan to return to Mozambique in early 2011. They'll also ship clothing and other items at that time.

Several fund-raisers are planned to benefit the Foundation's work.

Proceeds from an estate sale through Sunday, Aug. 29, at 19789 Scenic Harbour Drive, Northville, will go toward the cause. The house is located west of I-275 off Eight Mile.

Other events include a wine-tasting in October and spaghetti dinner in November.

For more about the Foundation, visit www.clothetvillagenow.com

auto industry and he had retired, enabling them to travel the country together giving empowerment seminars and coaching clientele.

NEW FOCUS

Now with her husband close to 80 years old and herself nearly 70, Bonvallet has increased the time she spends on charity work. She still counsels some clients, but is devoted to Helping Hands,

Touching Hearts.

"I've always done something to give back. I've always felt how richly I've been blessed," she said. "I always wanted to be in the Peace Corps. Now it's like my dream has come true."

She's concerned about the Shangaan tribe, which will be displaced within the next two years to allow animal migration — including elephants — through their land.

"The Mozambican people

grow their own food, but have no other way to get other essentials. They are very contented and affectionate with each other. They are kind and tolerant. There are no stress lines on their faces. We didn't hear any whiney, demanding children when we were there.

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Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Aug. 28
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda, off of Joy between Lilley and Haggerty Roads
Details: Free Fun, games, food and school supplies will be given to students who are in need. RSVP by Aug. 26

Contact: (734) 404-2480

Financial Peace University

Time/Date: Begins at 7 p.m., Aug. 31
Location: In the fellowship hall at Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Dave Ramsey's financial seminar includes 13 informative sessions on saving, spending, debt and investing.

Contact: www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locate-class/ or call (248) 553-3380.

New church

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Aug. 29
Location: Holiday Inn Express, 46194 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville
Details: Life Pointe Church debuts with worship service, practical preaching, fellowship, food and back-to-school supplies giveaway
Contact: The Rev. Billy J. Hales, (734) 486-3210; RSVP to pas-torhales@yahoo.com
Vacation Bible School
Time/Date: Aug. 27-29
Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School; \$5 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family
Contact: Register at (734) 464-0990

SEPT. 2-15

Detroit Lutheran Singers

Time/Date: Auditions by appointment only; rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m., Mondays, beginning Sept. 13
Location: Westminster Church, on west Outer Drive, east of Greenfield in Detroit
Details: The group plans auditions and will begin preparing for its fall concerts

Contact: To schedule an audition, call (248) 644-1091 or e-mail to rightlady@comcast.net

Picnic

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Bible class, 11 a.m. worship, followed by picnic, Sunday, Sept. 12
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Bounce House for the kids and other children's activities as well as lots of food
Contact: (734) 427-8743

Prayer service

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and well-being of the world, as well as for one another.

Contact: (734) 421-1760; www.unityoflivonia.org

Rediscovering Catholicism

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Discussion of Matthew Kelly's book, "Rediscovering Catholicism." Participants will follow the author's study guide of questions for reflection, as the group reads selected passages of the book. A limited number of free books are available. Participants can pick one up from the church office when they register for the discussion group.

Contact: Register by calling Nancy at (734) 591-9164, or e-mail to nnau-jokas@hotmail.com

Sunday school

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. worship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Sunday, Sept. 12
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, just west of Newburgh in Westland
Details: Music, crafts, games and fun kicks off the new season

of Sunday school. Activities are designed for kids age 3 through fifth grade, but Sunday school is offered to individuals of all ages who are curious about God and Jesus' teachings; no prior experience necessary. An additional activity is designed for young adults and adults
Contact: (734) 722-1735

SEPT. 16-30

Drug, alcohol talk

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30

Location: St. Joseph Parish multi-purpose room, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon

Details: Alcohol and drug discussion is designed for abusers, family members, anyone interested in the topic. Theresa Lilly, author of "Addiction of a Loved One," and James Balmer, president of Dawn Farms in Ypsilanti, are the speakers. There will be time for questions and answers and refreshments will be served

Contact: (248) 349-3127

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine – a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615 for information

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 9 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture reading
Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday
Location: 26701 Joy

Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey
Contact: (313) 274-3820

Ward Presbyterian

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

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Crafters wanted

First United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23
Location: Eight Mile and Taft in Northville

Details: 3rd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now

Contact: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at fumcba-zaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: Oct. 22-23
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5

Contact: (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riversideparkchurch.org

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: Oct. 9
Location: 555 South Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft sale
Contact: (734) 721-5023

St. Thomas a'Becket

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show
Contact: craftshow@abecket.org or (734) 844-1232

Fellowship dinner

St. James Presbyterian

Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals

Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West 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

Prayer

Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Prayer, spiritual healing
Contact: (734) 427-3660

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 the back of the church

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896,

Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia

Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

Senior citizens

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food

Contact: (734) 464-0990

Singles

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry meets; 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, 1/4 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 who are ready

to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

Contact: (313) 534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

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 (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

Support

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

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EDWARD GEORGE JOHNSON, IV

61, August 24, 2010, of Farmington Hills. Ed is a retired Supervisor from Lear Corp. He is survived by his beloved wife Elaine; his loving mother, Shirl Hamer; step-children, Lisa (Mark) Fettes and Joe Zielinski; grandchildren, Corbin, Turner and McKenna; sisters, Jackie Rosa and Linda Childress; uncle of Tracy, Richard and Natalie. Ed is preceded in death by his father, Edward III; and his brother, Les. Committal service, Monday, August 30th, 12:30 PM at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Memorial tributes suggested to Karmanos Cancer Institute. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington, 248-474-5200. heeney-sundquist.com

BEVERLY W. MARSHALL

4/13/27 to 8/20/10. Wife of William B. Marshall. Survived by Sandy Paaso, Bill Marshall, Larry Marshall, Linda Kruger, Ed Marshall, 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandkids.



SHIRLEY J. MCKEON

Age 81 of Plymouth, August 21, 2010. Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Marcie (Ron) Foster, James (Carol), Jean (Charles) Martin, Rebecca McLelland, Karen Holstad, and Janet (Bruce) Lillie. Loving grandmother of fifteen, and great-grandmother of two. She was an English Teacher at West Middle School in Plymouth for 17 years. She was a long-time member of the Mayflower Society, an active member of AAUW (American Association of University Women), and President of Colwell Corporation for over 20 years. Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Visitation was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Educational Excellence Foundation, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth MI 48170; or the Alzheimer's Association. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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DOROTHY MARY TROSKO

Long time resident of Farmington Hills, Michigan. She was a well-respected, loved English teacher at Stevenson High School in Livonia, MI. Born August 26, 1939 in Muskegon, Michigan, died February 23, 2010 after being afflicted with the terminal disease, ALS. Dorothy was the last child of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew (Christina) Trosko, of Muskegon Heights, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents and her oldest sister, Helen Winkel and Helen's husband, Royden. She is survived by her older sister, Emma Schoolmaster, of Grand Rapids, Mi., her older brothers, Julius Trosko of Farmington Hills and James E. Trosko and his wife, Kay Dowell, and their son, Philip. In addition, she was closest, during her childhood, with Connie Schoolmaster Owston, currently of Neskonw, Oregon. How does one take a measure of a person like Dorothy? After growing up with her brother, "Jimmy", almost as fraternal twins, enjoying the wonders of the outdoor life in the Muskegon area, including the multiple trips to her sister Emma's cottage, where Dorothy, Connie, and Jimmy would spend much of their childhood hiking the shores of Lake Michigan. She was attracted to the life of the mind and reading. She devoted her whole life to all around her. She sacrificed much of her personal life to caring for both her elder parents; first, living with them while her father was failing, and later, with her failing mother, until both died. Dorothy graduated with honors from Muskegon Heights High School, and then went on to get a B.A. degree at Western Michigan University and later a Masters degree at the University of Michigan. Her influence as an English teacher even reached as far as Kyoto, Japan. She served as a powerful role model to her students. One could never measure the positive influence she had on her students. While all her energies seemed to go into making others happy, she had her two dogs, the late Mc Duff and her current dog, Barney, who seemed to have returned her love in a totally unconditional, loving way. She loved to travel, internationally, and she had a passion for collecting various artistic artifacts. A memorial service will be held on August 28th at 11 a.m., with visitation from 10 a.m., at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt Road (S. of 6 Mile) Livonia, Michigan 48154. Jim Trosko will officiate a review of her life with family and friends. The family wishes that, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the ALS Foundation, to the Karmanos Hospice or to the Stem Cell Research Laboratory of the College of Human Medicine, Dept. of Pediatrics and Human Development, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 48824. Share a memory at www.mannsfuneralhome.com



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Schoolcraft gala boosts scholarships, tempts taste buds

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for good food and good company, mark Sunday, Sept. 26, on your calendar.

The Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza will be held 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, as a fund-raiser for the Schoolcraft College Foundation. Price for the food and wine event is \$50 per person, \$20 of which is tax-deductible.

The benefit will be held at the college's VisTaTech Center, on the Livonia campus on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

"The foundation does this to raise money for scholarships," said Kristina Mayer, event chair, and a vice president of Bank of Ann Arbor at the Plymouth location. The Hartland resident serves on the foundation board.

"It's a great event. Come out and try it," said Mayer, a Schoolcraft alumna who earned an associate's degree in applied science focusing on business.

"I became involved via a customer" a few years ago, she said, and this year was asked to be chair.

"It is not just culinary," Mayer said, citing a young woman who'll be able to finish her nursing studies at Schoolcraft thanks to Extravaganza scholarship money. "There are many success stories. We do it every year."

Mayer's sister teaches at Schoolcraft. "A couple links," Kristina Mayer's "in my 40s" and agrees today's students are also well-served by Schoolcraft.

"Probably the value of a community college, and learning to support your community via the college. It's very important to support your community," she said of today's students at Schoolcraft and what she hopes they glean from their school days.

The Extravaganza usually draws upward of 800 people, and is hanging in there in a more difficult economy.

"It has been a little bit challenging

GOOD TIME COMING

A raffle prize drawing will be held 4-5 p.m. the day of the event at VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College.

First prize is \$1,000 cash; second prize, \$500 cash; third and fourth prizes, \$250 cash; fifth, sixth and seventh prizes, dinner for two at the American Harvest Restaurant of Schoolcraft College. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10, and you need not be present to win.



Kristina Mayer, chairwoman of 2010 Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza.

for us. We've lost a couple of restaurants, unfortunately," Mayer said. "We've been pretty fortunate."

"It's great food. It is great food. We have so many great restaurants in our area that participate. You can't go wrong." Food ranges from sweets to seafood to fruit: "Just everything. Coffee and pastries. The list goes on and on. It's

terrific."

The Extravaganza has quite a history.

"This is the 19th year," said Marjorie Lynch, Schoolcraft's coordinator of special events and fund-raising. She's a Plymouth resident.

"The event is really for the students and building the scholarship fund. Seeing the students being awarded scholarships and able to attend school is wonderful," Lynch said.

Organizers get a lot of attendees from the general public, through newspaper coverage and signs on the Haggerty campus. "A lot of couples, groups of friends that come together," Mayer said. Some attend from sponsorship groups as well.

Her bank is a sponsor, and other



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Sodexho Corporate Services executive chef Justin Gregg serves Michelle Annarino of Farmington Hills and Debbie Hiltz of Livonia a serving of red, white, and blue dyed rice and meatballs during a previous Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza.

businesses are welcome to join. "We get a lot of sponsorship from other businesses."

"It does take some effort. The folks behind the scenes at Schoolcraft, so many of them are so terrific," she said. "They do much more of the work than I do. They need to be commended. They really do most everything," Mayer said of staff organizers.

Culinary Extravaganza attendees will be able to sample some of the finest culinary delicacies from restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in metropolitan Detroit. Visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/events for a current listing of participating restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors. Sponsorship packages ranging from \$300 to \$5,000 are available and offer additional benefits. Please call (734) 462-4518 for detailed information.

To order tickets, call (734) 462-4518, or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

Current restaurants signed up, with more to come, are: Biscotti Bar Bakery, Plymouth; Black Star Farms, Suttons Bay; Cinco Lagos, Milford; Claddagh Irish Pub, Livonia; Coffee Express Co., Plymouth; Cupcake Station, Birmingham; Elite Catering, Livonia; Five Restaurant @ The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth; Great Oaks Country Club, Rochester;

Joe's Produce Gourmet Market & Catering, Livonia; McCormick Distilling Co., Fraser; Mitchell's Fish Market, Livonia; P.F. Chang's, Northville; Something Chocolate, Birmingham; The Pastry Palace, Wixom; Vine2Wine Custom Winery of Northville; and Cadillac Coffee Co., Madison Heights.

Museum marks Ramadan with iftar dinner

The Arab American National Museum (AANM) will present an iftar dinner and film screening beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn. Tickets for the event are \$25 for Museum Members and \$30 all others; they are available online at www.arabamericanmuseum.org and at the door.

Iftar dinners break the sunrise-to-sunset fast observed by Muslims during the holy month of Ramadan, a period of fasting, reflection and prayer that began Aug. 11.

The evening will begin with a screening of the 2008 film *The Lemon Tree*, written, directed and produced by Eran Riklis and starring Hiam Abbass, Ali Suliman, Rona Lipaz and Doron Tavori. It's the story of a Palestinian widow who must defend her lemon grove when the Israeli defense minister becomes her new neighbor.

Immediately after sunset the iftar dinner will start in the Museum's Community Courtyard, with a menu of hummus; fattoush; stuffed lamb with rice and nuts; a chicken or vegetarian option; the special Ramadan dessert known as rose cheeks; and beverages.

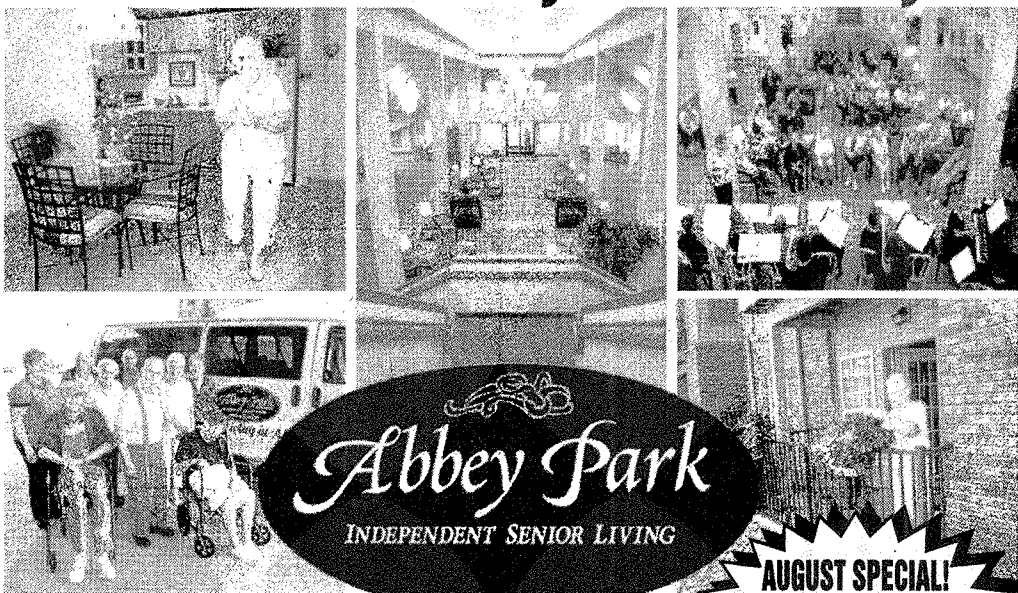
La Marsa, a Mediterranean restaurant with locations in Farmington Hills, Waterford, Bloomfield Hills and Troy is catering the dinner.

For more information about the film screening and dinner event, call Suha Ahmed at (313) 624-0215 or e-mail to sahmed@accesscommunity.org

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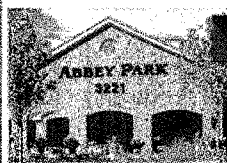
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