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## IN BRIEF

### Election closings

City offices other than the Westland City Clerk will be closed on Election Day, Tuesday Nov. 2. The clerk's office will be open for election business only. Also open will be the Bailey Recreation Center and the William P. Faust Public Library.

### Hometown welcome

The Detroit Red Wings' Mike Modano will get hometown hero's welcome Tuesday, Nov. 9, when Westland Mayor William R. Wild honors him as part of "Mike Modano Day" in the city.

Wild will present Modano with a key to the city during a ceremony at 2:30 p.m. at the Mike Modano Ice Arena which is named in honor of the future Hall of Famer. The event also will kick off a new season for the arena and spotlight the recent improvements that include significant energy upgrades made possible through an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

The event, which is open to the public, also includes the unveiling of two two-story silhouettes that will join the existing likeness of Modano hoisting the Stanley Cup as a member of the Dallas Stars. The new likeness will include Modano as a member of the U.S. Men's Olympic Team and the Detroit Red Wings. There also will be a sneak peek at the arena's Zamboni that has been refurbished by North Brothers Ford to resemble a new 2011 Ford Fiesta.

The Mike Modano Ice Arena is at 6211 Wildwood at Hunter, east of Wayne Road.

### Holiday Kickoff

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is holding its Christmas Kickoff 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at its Community Center on Venoy north of Palmer.

The Salvation Army will be taking applications for Christmas assistance, giving out winter coats for children and Dickies work pants for anyone who recently obtained employment or those actively seeking employment. Pants and coats are on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, call (734) 722-3660.

### Market thank you

The City of Westland will host a Farmers Market Appreciation Day 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, in the parking lot west of the Westland City Hall at 36601 Ford.

"The market was a huge success this year and we wanted to show our appreciation to the farmers, vendors and shoppers who participated," said Mayor William Wild. "I want everybody to be able to take advantage of the great fresh produce before the season comes to a close."

"We reached our target this year and are looking to expand the number of vendors next year," said Parks and Recreation Director Bob Kosowski.

Next year's goals for the market include more interaction with the customers, with cooking expos, taste tests, crafts and more live music.

For an application to be part of one the market, visit city's website at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) or call (734) 722-7620.

## Clerk sees strong turnout in Tuesday's election

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it comes to elections, Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof is always happy to see more people turning out to vote.

"You can't complain if you're not involved in the process," said Schoof. "Normally with this type of election, we would have a 27 percent turnout. I expect that we will have more. That makes me very happy."

Westland currently has nearly 60,000 registered voters who are eligible to cast ballot 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the general election. An indication of the interest in this election may be the high

number of absentee ballots sent out — just under 7,000 which is a record for a state election.

Westland has no local questions or city races on the ballot, but there has been a lot of interest in the statewide races. DeHart commented that the interest seems to be coming from all political parties.

Along with choosing between Democrat Virg Bernero and Republican Rick Snyder for governor, voters will also be casting ballots in other state and federal races, along with county elections.

Westland voters will be choosing between incumbent Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Republican candidate John Pastor,

a Livonia councilman, in the Michigan Senate 6th District, which also includes Garden City, Livonia and Redford.

In the 18th District state House race, incumbent Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, is being challenged by Republican Floyd Collins, a Westland resident who works as a truck driver.

Finishing her first term, Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, is seeking re-election as 12th District Wayne County commissioner. She is being challenged by Westland Republican Michael Case, who works for an auto dealership.

Westland voters living in the Livonia Public Schools also will

elect two trustees to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. Running for the seats are incumbent Carol Strom of Livonia, who has served on the board since 1994, incumbent James Fausone of Canton, who is Westland's city attorney, and Howard Petty of Livonia, a professor at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and founder and chief technology officer of Ocu-Sciences Inc., a U-M spin-off corporation.

Voters also will be asked to decide two state proposals, including convening a constitutional convention, and renewal of the Wayne County Parks millage.

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## Raising the walls

City, W-W Schools partner to build home through NSP program

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

By the end of the week, all the walls will be up at a new home on Birchwood and the house will be completed by the end of the school year.

The 1,200-square-foot, three bedroom, 1 1/2-bath ranch is being built by Construction Technology students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. The site of a blighted home, the lot was acquired by Westland through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program which is also providing \$75,000 for construction costs.

"When the city found out that we would get NSP money, we sat down and put together a strategy. One of the first things mentioned was partnering with the schools," said Westland Mayor William Wild at the wall raising ceremony Wednesday. "This will be a beautiful home. This construction program puts together great projects — there isn't a better time to raise the walls than in 50-mile-per-hour winds."



Students in the Construction Technology program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center lift a section of wall into place during a wall raising ceremony on Birchwood.

The Wayne-Westland Community

Schools had no hesitation in partnering with the city on the NSP home, said Superintendent Greg Baracy.

"This wouldn't have happened without the leadership of the city. I think it is a great opportunity to be a part of

the revitalization of the neighborhood," he said. "It will have a huge impact. It's the gift of an opportunity for the neighborhood and for the students to

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## Audit: W-W uses fund equity to maintain programs

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district continued to use up its fund equity to maintain programs in the face of declining state school aid, but an in-house energy savings program and cost containment helped cut

the amount needed to cover expenses in fiscal 2009-10.

The district continued to see its fund equity be used up to maintain programs, leaving it with \$7.8 million or enough money to continue school operations for 11 days if there is a catastrophic event and state funding ended. That amount represents 6.61 percent

of expenditures and is below the state average of 11.68 percent.

"There's a lot of uncertainty in the financial arena related to school districts," said auditor Jeff Higgins of Plante Moran, the school district's auditing firm. "A vast majority of your funding comes from the state and is dependent on the state economy. And

the state's ability to appropriately fund education is dependent on tax collections which is dependent on the economy. It's makes budgeting difficult, it's hard to plan."

Higgins said that there is concern about the status of the federal stimulus

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## LeBlanc: Fund's literature is 'deceiving'

BY SUE MASON  
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The treasurer of a Plymouth-based independent PAC is apologizing for an "discomfort" that may have been caused by a mailing that went out to residents in Westland Thursday.

The four-page piece by the New Century Fund listed state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, a Westland Democrat, and Republicans Rick Snyder, John Pastor, Ruth Johnson, Bill Schuette and James Fausone, as its choices in Tuesday's Nov. 2, general election.

"His inclusion certainly doesn't imply there's a coalition or a slate," said William Case, the fund's treasurer. "We certainly didn't mean to

confuse electors."

LeBlanc was on his way home from a funeral in Kalamazoo Thursday afternoon, when he heard about the literature. He received numerous phone calls which "weren't pretty," questioning his allegiance and the impression that the piece gave of him "hooked with Pastor at the hip."

LeBlanc is seeking a third and final two-year term as representative in the state House's 18th District. He's being challenged by Floyd Collins of Westland.

Pastor is seeking the 6th Senate District seat and is challenging incumbent Democrat Glenn

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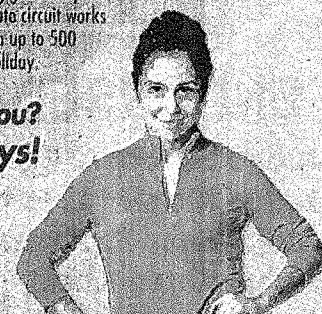
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## AUDIT

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money and the "funding cliff" that still exists because of it. Wayne-Westland received \$3.7 million in stimulus money in 2009-10 and is getting \$2.3 million in 2010-11. When that money runs out next year, if there is no change, the state will have to come up with \$300 million to keep the current funding level.

"There's a lot of concern about where the money will come from," he said.

Higgins' remarks were part of a presentation to the Wayne-Westland school board on the 2009-10 audit. The district received an unqualified, or clean audit. There were no material weaknesses identified or significant deficiencies in the control process or non-compliance in controls that warranted reporting, Higgins said.

According to Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin, the audit shows revenue losses at \$51,000 under budget due to an additional \$82,000 in state at risk money, and an additional \$51,000 in increased tuition payments,

mainly at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. The district continued to see a slide in local tax revenue, down \$170,000 because of declining property values.

"That (\$51,000) is a very small variance for an \$111 million budget," he said.

The good news was on the expenditure side, where the district spent \$350,000 less on utilities, due in part to its in-house I-SAVE energy conservation program and a relatively mild winter.

"Our I-SAVE program has been very successful," said Martin. "The lion's share of this savings was conservation in the district. Two years ago, we spent \$4.2 million on utilities and it was around \$3 million this year. This shows the savings the district has achieved."

The district also saved \$500,000 on year-end benefits as a result of the state's early retirement program. One hundred Wayne-Westland teachers took advantage of the program so the district did not have to pay their benefits for July and August.

Martin and the staff of the business office also were praised for their work. For

the 11th consecutive year, the district has received a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officers International and a Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2009.

"This validates the credibility of the school district in financial reporting and the technical expertise of its staff," said Martin. "Attaining these awards has remarkably increased our financial reporting credibility not only to the district but to the community."

Martin credited Linda Kempton, senior executive director of business and operations, Angela Black, supervisor of business and purchasing, and Sue Rawson, executive secretary, for their work on the annual report.

"Wayne-Westland was one of two initially and now one of four of the more than 700 school districts in the state who produce these reports," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "They're very time consuming and disclose our finances to the world."

The annual report can be found on the district's website at [www.wwcsd.net](http://www.wwcsd.net). Copies also are available by calling (734) 419-2042.

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Construction Technology instructor Mark Valchine watches students working on raising walls on the home that's being constructed as part of a partnership with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the City of Westland.

## HOME

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develop skills. Their legacy will be left for many years, it's a huge contribution of giving back to the community."

The Construction Technology students — 50 students in the first year with 20 in the second year — had also built the walls for a Habitat for Humanity house on Donnelly.

Students who complete the two years of training are ready for an entry level position in any construction trade, said instructor Mark Valchine. Students can also move into union apprenticeship programs. They also have also earned college credit that can be applied toward a degree in construction management.

Senior Keslie Honeycutt, a

Wayne resident, said that she is excited about coming to the construction site each day.

"I love it, it's hands on. There is no boring book work, it's not just sitting at a desk, you're not falling asleep like other classes," said Honeycutt, who plans to attend the University of Toledo to be an engineer or architect.

Another senior, Travis Fouty of Ypsilanti, said he plans to eventually work as a contractor or an iron worker.

"This program has helped me make a decision on what I want to do. The best part is seeing the progress we make on the house and knowing you are building a house," said Fouty.

Through NSP, Westland has acquired 58 blighted residential properties like the home on Birchwood which was later demolished.

"From the outside, the house

looked good but it had a lot of structural damage — the whole floor was rotted out," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis. "Most of what was demolished was in Norwayne — one of the goals there is less density. Some of the lots were too small to rebuild."

The property on Birchwood was the first acquired through NSP that was a good fit for the school program, said Inglis, adding there were additional properties which could also provide good partnership opportunities with the schools.

"I'm thrilled about this partnership. The Habitat for Humanity houses are about done," said Inglis. "With being able to start this and other renovations, we are seeing it come together. It really warms the heart."

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Anderson, who has close ties with LeBlanc.

"I didn't ask for this and I don't want it," said LeBlanc. "I had no inkling about this, I wasn't asked about it. I didn't authorize it. I wasn't notified about it until people started getting it in the mail."

LeBlanc, concerned about the connection to Pastor, sent out a robo call to Westland

residents Friday afternoon, asking for their support and to remember Anderson. In the call, he said that while he will continue to work for Michigan, he "can't do it without my good friend Glenn Anderson."

"This was done at the 11th hour so it is difficult to respond to," LeBlanc said, adding that if people go around the city, "they won't see my signs with Pastor signs, two-thirds of them are with Glenn Anderson signs."

According to Case, the New Century Fund, as an independent PAC, cannot have contact with the candidates. Its selec-

tion of the candidates for the mailing was based on what's best for the state.

"We think he is a good legislator, he's very effective and we want him to continue what he's been doing," he said. "We don't care if there's a D or an R after their name. As an independent PAC, we cannot have contact with the candidate directly."

Case added that he spoke to LeBlanc Friday morning about the mailing and said that LeBlanc "agreed that it was a complimentary piece."

"I've known him for many years from my work in the district and consider him a

friend and a great servant of the people of Michigan," said Case, who was the chief of staff for former state Sen. Loren Bennett. "I want him to continue that work."

LeBlanc, however, stressed that he is a supporter of Glenn Anderson and that he did not "ask for support from these people."

"If I could, I would have chosen that this piece not be delivered to Westland," said LeBlanc. "It's clearly misleading, clearly some people are being deceived by it. I know it's legal, but it really is deceiving."

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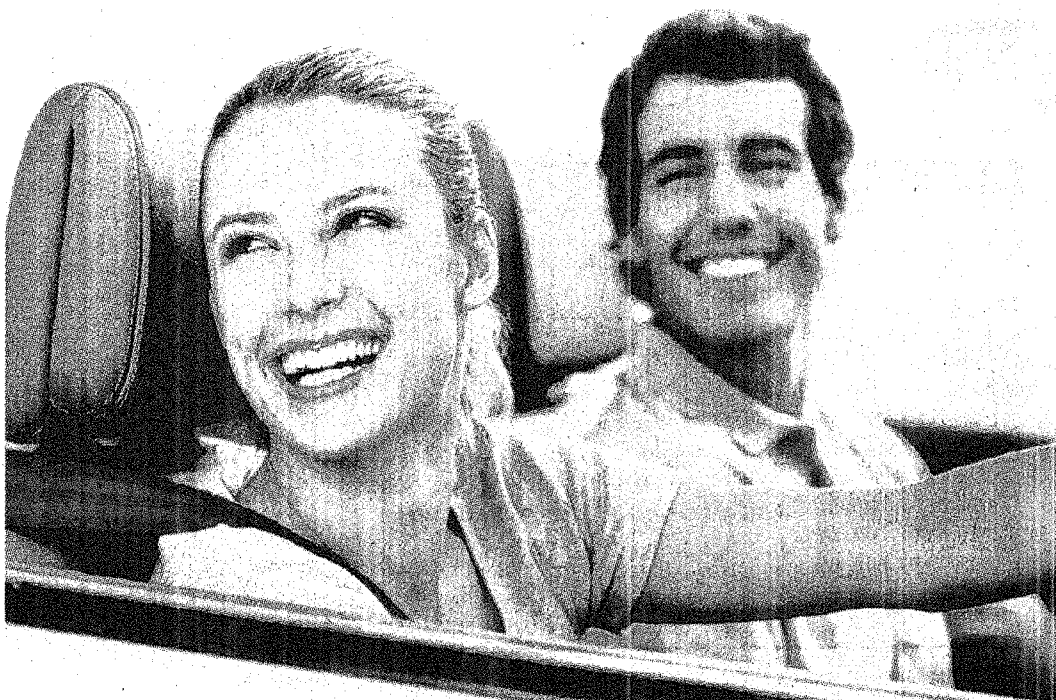
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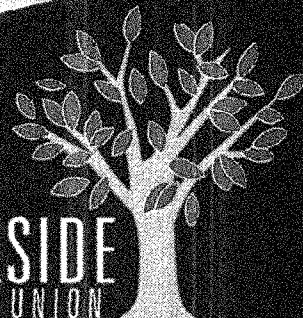
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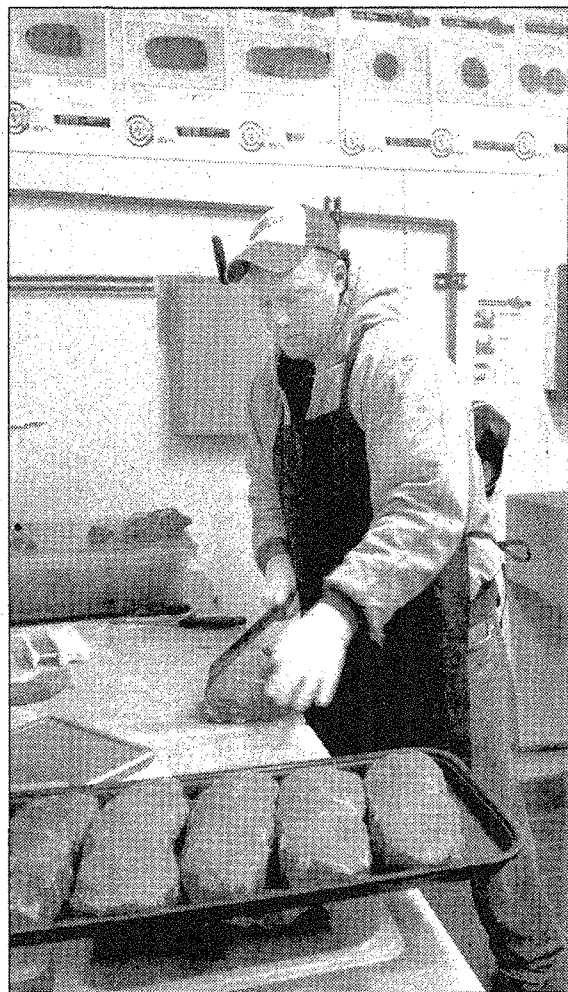
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Matt Miller prepares to cut a piece of beef into steaks to serve to customers at the Texas Roadhouse in Westland.

## He tests meat cutting skills in Roadhouse competition

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man is hoping his skills as a meat cutter will pay off in a big way this week. Matt Miller, 23, is headed to Denver today (Sunday) for the next round of the annual meat cutting competition sponsored by Texas Roadhouse.

"I definitely think I've got a chance to win, I'm very excited. There is \$20,000 on the line," said Miller, who works at the Westland Texas Roadhouse location on Ford west of Central City Parkway. "It will be like a little mini vacation."

A lifelong Westland resident, Miller earned the right to compete in Denver after taking first place in the regional competition, besting Texas Roadhouse meat cutters from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. Another round of competition in Denver will pare the field to six or seven finalists.

Employed at Texas Roadhouse for a little over three years, Miller started as a line cook.

"I had meat cutting experience, so they put me in the meat room about two years ago," he said. "I'm an avid hunter and fisherman. I started with a knife filleting fish at about five years old."

At the restaurant, Miller cuts 1,200 pounds of beef into about 2,000 steaks — sirloin, rib eyes, tenderloins and New York strips — each week along with prepping pork chops and chicken. The meat cutting competition is judged on the skills Miller uses daily.

"There is specific length, thickness and trim — the amount of fat — and no silver skin. It's all cut to specifications," said Miller. "It's an art and a skill, at least at Texas Roadhouse. The meat comes in an inconsistent size and

shape but I need to make it uniform for quality steaks for the customers and to make money for the restaurant."

Miller doesn't plan to make a career of cutting meat — he's nearly done with a degree in construction management from Eastern Michigan University.

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## Foundation work lets family give back to community

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

About three years ago, Westland resident Duane Maladecki got involved in providing marketing support to the Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter through one of his employees.

He no longer owns the marketing company but earlier this year, Maladecki joined the board of directors for the Farmington Hills-based charity for the chronic, autoimmune connective tissue disease. Scleroderma is a disease you don't often hear about, he said.

"In talking to people, my friends and neighbors, when we hosted a charity euchre party, 60 percent of them had relatives, friends or co-workers who had scleroderma," said Maladecki. "It's one of those things you don't talk about."

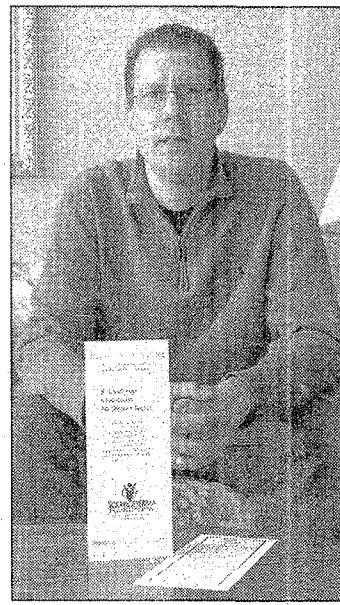
"It's not like cancer, a disease

that people talk about," said his wife, Karen Maladecki, who volunteers for the foundation also. "I was talking with friends on Facebook about fundraising and several of my friends had mothers or aunts who had it."

The Maladeckis have no family members with the disease but Karen Maladecki said they enjoy getting involved and giving back to the community.

"It's just doing the right thing. It's a great organization. It's helping people," said Duane Maladecki. "It's a terrible disease. Like anything else, they are trying to find a cure."

One of the fundraisers for the Scleroderma Foundation locally is the 20th annual A Night at the Movies gala which will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Emagine Theater in Novi. The film this year will be *Due Date*, a comedy, starring Robert Downey Jr. and



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Duane Maladecki has gone from providing marketing support to the Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter to being on its board of directors.

Zach Galifianakis. The cost is \$50 per person, including a strolling supper and a 50/50 raffle.

"I help Duane when he needs it. The girls and I did the (Scleroderma) walks at the Detroit Zoo and I helped with the euchre party," said Karen Maladecki. The couple have two daughters, Jessica, 8, and Erica, 5.

Involved in some green-related efforts, Duane Maladecki is a regional marketing and sales representative for RecycleBank, which awards points to earn discounts and gift cards for recycling in participating communities, such as Westland.

For information on A Night at the Movies, call (248) 865-7259 or go online to [www.scleroderma.org/chapter/michigan](http://www.scleroderma.org/chapter/michigan).

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## Glenn's fall play lets audience guess who did it

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The audience for the John Glenn High School fall play should come prepared to be a part of the production. Six members will be asked to figure out the suspect in *Murder Is Nonsense*.

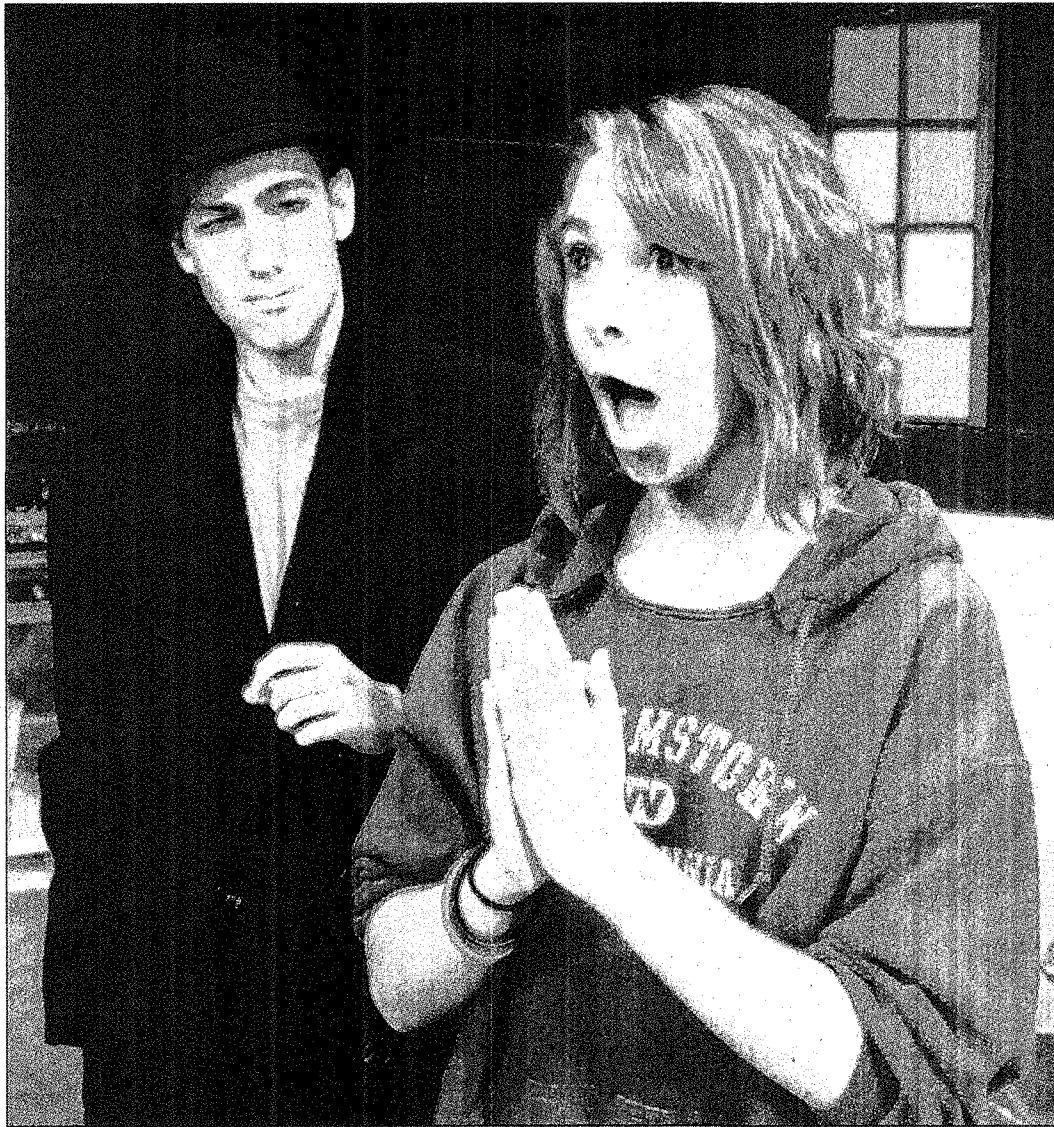
"They'll go through a set of obstacles and challenges, then after take a guess at who the suspect is," said Sheri Grove, drama teacher and one of the assistant directors for the production. "We'll ask for volunteers from the audience. The winner will receive a gift certificate."

The play, written by Kamron Klitgaard, brings the greatest detectives in the world to the mansion of Virgil Clemens to solve a murder. According to Grove, the play revolves around the five senses and the lack thereof and challenges that revolve around those senses and a sixth one — common sense.

"Their biggest challenge has been working with timing for the comedy," she said. "They have to keep the pace fast and come up with new and creative ideas to add more humor to the show."

In the play, each of the detectives' assistants is missing one of the five senses. During the evening, there are several murder attempts that are thwarted by the lack of one of the senses. Eventually there is a blackout and the host, Virgil Clemens, played by Paul Porter, is murdered.

In the past, Grove and Belinda Walakonis-Semak have been the directors of the play. But this time, the



Detective Bogus, played by Jake Ferguson, tries to understand what the Chinese speaking Pong (Sarah Toarmina) is saying in the John Glenn High School production of "Murder Is Nonsense."

production is "85 percent student driven," with three students — Cody Buege, Julianna Stewart and Sarah Mellas — as the directors.

"They picked the play, ran the auditions and rehearsals.

I've handled the administrative duties," Grove said.

Buege is no newcomer to directing. He's been an assistant director twice.

"I think I have a little bit more understanding of what

to expect. I'm a little less afraid to give my input," said Buege, who's been in five productions at the high school.

The play's selection was last minute, according to Buege, who said that it came online and "we didn't give it much



Julianna Stewart (from left), Kory Kalnasy, Cody Buege, Breanna Reid, Sharron Salisbury and Steve Goldberg rehearse a scene from "Murder Is Nonsense."

attention." But when the other scripts fell through, he gave it a read through "and found it funnier than I thought."

"This play is funny and we have a lot of comedic talent this year," he said.

Stewart, who plays Bee, admits that the role of director offers a challenge. They're responsible for making sure the cast gets to rehearsals on time and that they're focused.

"It's a lot of work, but it feels nice," said Stewart, who also is making a third appearance in the director's chair. She's been involved in the theatrical productions since her freshman year, when she was one of two first-year students tapped for the production of *Poison Pen*.

"I think it's a balancing act with the responsibility of being the director and a high school senior," she said. "You have a lot of homework, you're applying for college. It's hard to find enough hours in the day."

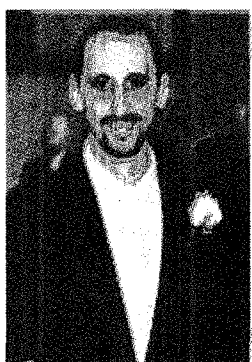
Buege plays the role of Inspector Clue, while Stewart

plays Bee. Also part of the ensemble are Sarah Toarmina as Ping, Nicole Quinn as Pong, Steve Goldberg as Dr. Theodore, Kory Kalnasy as Sherman Holmes, Shannon Salisbury as Martha Honeywell, Breanna Reid as Chew, Jake Ferguson as Detective Bogus and Jessica Pesenecker as Sweetie. The clue finders are Harold Sullivan, Bailley Jarzempa, Sarah Mellas, Olivia Robinson, Kayla Mills, Megan Krushlin, Maria Iduante and Kaylie Rodler.

Grove is confident the play will be a hit with the seniors sitting in the director seats.

"It's been a challenge for us step back and turn control over to the students," she said. "That's where the learning comes in — the problem solving, figuring things out. We've let them do what they want to do and inject a bit more of themselves into. We're more of a resource for the kids than anything."

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### OUR VIEWS

## Cast your ballot on Tuesday Help decide state, country's future

On Tuesday, voters will be deciding who they want to represent them at the county, state and federal levels. The decisions that will be made are important, and will determine what direction our nation, our state and our county will take in the second decade of the 21st century.

Having looked at the issues and talked to the candidates, we believe the following candidates deserve to be elected in balloting on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

#### 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



McCotter

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter is a politician of principle and integrity who harbors a keen intellect focused on the interests of his constituency. We don't always agree with McCotter, but anyone who has observed him at a congressional hearing knows that he seeks answers to legitimate and necessary questions.

We believe these characteristics sets him apart from many others who at present serve in Congress and we endorse Thaddeus McCotter's re-election on Nov. 2.

He has served in Congress since 2002. A Republican, he represents the 11th District which includes the western Wayne and western Oakland communities of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Milford, Redford, South Lyon and Westland as well as others. Before being elected to Congress, McCotter served in the state Senate, the Wayne County Commission and Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

He brings an intelligent, studied and principled approach to issues. Except for a short tenure in the private sector, he has been a career politician but we don't regard that as negative. He's smart, principled and knows how Washington runs.

Voters in the 11th District know that by re-electing **Thaddeus McCotter**, they have a congressman who will work hard to balance the budget, represent the interests of a manufacturing region and state and all the while make decisions based on sound ethical, deeply held personal conviction.

#### 6TH STATE SENATE DISTRICT

Incumbent Democrat **Glenn Anderson** is seeking a second four-year term and is being challenged by John Pastor of Livonia. Both men are political veterans with experience in the state House and in local government



Anderson

In looking at their records and what both candidate have done, we believe Anderson is the best choice for the district which includes Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Redford.

He has proven to be a lawmaker who is willing to work quietly behind the scenes to get things done. He practices what he preachers and walks across the aisle and the building to remain connected with everyone in the legislature. He has built relationships on both sides of the aisle and compromises when necessary, but always has a clear focus on one thing — moving the state forward.

Anderson has proven he is a doer who works for all of his constituents. We believe residents of the 6th Senate District will be best served by casting their vote for **Glenn Anderson** in the Nov. 2 general election.

#### 18TH HOUSE DISTRICT

In the state's 18th House District, which takes in all of the City of Westland, Democratic incumbent State Rep. **Richard LeBlanc** is seeking his final two-year term in the legislature. He is being challenged by Republican **Floyd Collins**. The difference between the two men is stark.



LeBlanc

Collins is a conservative whose "core beliefs" are a reduction in the size of government, including creating a part-time legislature, lower taxes on business to create more jobs and lower taxes on individuals to stimulate the economy.

Viewed as a moderate, LeBlanc has the demeanor and the ability to work with his colleagues in the House on both sides of the political aisle to bring about the change needed, if Michigan is to successfully reinvent itself. He is not a party yes man, but rather votes for what he believes is right.

He believes he represents the state first and the city second and believes he does things the way the people of Westland want it done. We agree and believe he is the man for the job. We urge voters to

re-elect **Richard LeBlanc** to represent the House's 18th District.

#### 12TH COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT

In Wayne County's 12th District, which includes Westland, Inkster and southern Livonia, incumbent Democrat **Joan Gebhardt** is being challenged by Republican newcomer **Michael Case**.

Wayne County is facing fiscal challenges. Massive loss of jobs, record number of home foreclosures and the shuttering of businesses big and small have had an impact. Dealing with those problems at the county level requires a person capable of working with members of the commission and Wayne County Executive **Robert Ficano** and that person, we believe, is **Joan Gebhardt**.

She clearly understands that resolving the conflict between Ficano and the commission requires communications not finger pointing. By sitting down and talking the two sides can come up with compromises that can help the county deliver services while slowly eating away at its deficit.

Gebhardt has done well in working for and with her constituents as well as with her commission colleagues. She has been able to bring county tax dollars, especially parks millage money, back to the communities she represents. She has shown a keen understanding of the problems facing the county and is willing to do what it takes to solve them.

The issues facing Wayne County are serious at best, and we do believe she can help move the county forward. That's why we encourage residents to re-elect **Joan Gebhardt** in the Wayne County Commission's 12th District. She is the right person for this time.

#### STATE PROPOSALS 2010-1 AND 2010-2

Michigan voters also are being asked to decide two state proposals. One would be to convene a constitutional convention to rewrite the state constitution.

The proposal is generated by Section 3 of Article XII of the Michigan Constitution which mandates that Michigan's voters be asked every 16 years whether they want a constitutional convention. The last time the question was asked was in 1994, when voters overwhelmingly rejected it and they did the same again in 1978.

We believe voters should once again vote no.

It's estimated that it would cost \$45 million to hold special partisan elections to elect delegates and hold the convention. It's money that could be better spent on our schools, roads and public safety.

Besides, changes can be made by the state Legislature and voters without a significant rewrite of the basic government document.

Proposal 2010-02 is a legislatively proposed constitutional amendment that would add language to Section 8 of the constitution to put a 20-year ban on anyone convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud or a breach of public trust while in office from seeking election or appointment to a position with authority over public assets.

Michigan's Constitution currently forbids anyone convicted of a felony involving a breach of the public trust from serving in the Legislature for 20 years. While the proposal sounds like a good idea, a candidate's criminal record is generally an issue in any electoral contest and elected officials who appoint people with criminal records know they will be held accountable.

Vote No on Proposals 2010-1 and 2010-2 on Nov. 2.

#### WAYNE COUNTY PARKS MILLAGE

Wayne County is asking voters to renew for another five years a tax levy for parks that comes in at just under 0.25 (0.2459) of a mill.

Proposal P would generate about \$10.62 million in 2011 to improve parks, including Hines Park, Chandler Park, Elizabeth Park and Historic Fort Wayne. Some 15 percent of the millage has been rebated back for local park improvement projects like the Concrete Jungle skate park in Westland, a new skate park that's planned for Garden City and helping pay the cost of remediating a portion of the contaminated Central City Park in Westland.

Wayne County has been a good steward of the money, and residents don't have to look far to see that. It's the kind of a millage where western Wayne County residents can actually see and enjoy their tax dollars at work.

We urge you to vote **Yes** on Proposal P.

We also urge you to take the time to vote on Tuesday. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Help decide the future of your county, state and country by being a part of the electoral process.

### LETTERS

#### Vote Democrat

Please remember on Nov. 2, the political party that voted for us, the middle class. Remember who voted to save the American car companies, extend the unemployment insurance, provide jobs through the stimulus plan, provide new consumer protections for credit card users, make college loans more affordable, overhaul health care, etc., etc., etc. It was the Democratic Party that voted for us.

The Republicans? The party of NO ... like 2-year-olds, they only learned the word NO.

Deficit? Yes! Two years ago, the Republicans voted into law a tax cut for the richest 25 percent of our country. It was never paid for ... for 10 consecutive years, this generous tax cut to the rich along with two disastrous wars drained our economy; then during all of that time, Wall Street without regulation went wild and all of the above catapulted our nation into the deepest recession of all time. None of the above was paid for. Deficit? Of course, since none of the above was paid for, we are now in an unprecedented recession that was started 10 years ago. And know what? The Republicans want to extend the tax cut to the rich ...

To all of you who receive Social Security, Medicare and/or Medicaid, beware, the Republicans want to kill those programs. If you don't agree with government-run programs, then turn in your Social Security cards, your Medicare/Medicaid cards and go it alone. Personally, our life depends on Social Security and Medicare. We thank God for the safety net of Social Security and Medicare.

Let's we forget who is really looking out for us, fighting for us, those of us on Main Street and not on Wall Street, it is the Democratic Party.

The above are facts, not spins on misinterpreted facts. So, if you want to help our country by going forward, please vote Democratic. Recovery is slow, but we are going in the right direction. Your vote is needed to prevent our country from going backward. Go forward ... Vote Democrat Nov. 2, 2010

In hope,

**Jim and Mary Murphy**  
Westland

#### Anderson's results dismal

Only in the Michigan Legislature can one accomplish nothing and still believe that he should be liked enough by the voters to serve another term in office. State Sen. Glenn Anderson is a great example. In the past 3 1/2 years, incumbent state Sen. Glenn Anderson has not passed one bill that he introduced.

Imagine if you met a salesman who never made a sale, a lawyer who never won a trial, or a doctor who never cured a patient. You would be out of a job, not advertising to convince everyone to like you. State Sen. Glenn Anderson is telling us to do just that.

If state Sen. Glenn Anderson failed or neglected to present a bill in his first term, why should the next four years be any different? There is too much at stake in Michigan to re-elect/rehire someone with such dismal results.

**Joanne Cook**  
Livonia

#### Anderson supports job growth

Sen. Glenn Anderson recently announced his new jobs plan, and it wisely builds on what's working in Michigan to create jobs, and will put an end to policies hurting our businesses. Anderson pledges to continue to push for state incentives like those that helped Detroit Diesel expand in Redford and retain 1,900 jobs, and the advanced battery manufacturing credits he voted for that attracted A123 Systems to locate and invest in Livonia and create thousands of local jobs. And I believe him! He stands by his word.

He also wants to cut the job-killing Michigan Business Tax that is hurting so many small businesses and making it hard to create jobs. Glenn Anderson gets what Michigan needs to turn our economy around. He keeps his promises and the best interest of his constituents in mind. He is trustworthy and dependable. That's why I'm voting to keep him as our state senator Nov. 2.

**Joan Gebhardt**  
District 12 Wayne County commissioner

#### Push for Pastor

Obama, Pelosi, Granholm — what makes incumbent Sen. Glenn Anderson any different?

If Anderson is any different from his Democrat friends, what has he done by himself to stop them from driving our country and state into the ground?

I don't think any Republican or independent with any conscience can vote for Anderson this fall. He won on dirty smear tactics in 2006 and, if recent mailers are any indication, he plans to use this method to win again in 2010. Throughout his first term, all the man has done is hop on the popular Democratic bandwagon, run around town shaking hands, and take credit for every good thing he possible can. Well, no more.

John Pastor has the energy and set of principles we need to carry us out of the doldrums of such do-nothing politics. I believe in his dedication to our city and his perspective as a businessman in tough economic times. Where Anderson represents unions which have never stood for the interests of the average taxpayer, Pastor represents the job providers which our state desperately needs right now.

I keep hearing that 2010 is the year for Republicans, but that's a simplistic perspective. I believe that 2010 is a year for the people to stand up against the overspending and hopelessly flawed political ideologies that Democratic politicians represent.

Let's push for the people. Let's push for progress. Let's push for John Pastor.

**Conrad P. Schwartz**  
Livonia

#### Anderson is for the people

Throughout his career in the Michigan Senate, Glenn Anderson has shown he is an avid advocate for the people of Michigan. He stays in touch with the people and their needs, challenges and opinions. He is always accessible and available to listen and learn about what we need to move this state forward. He is dedicated to our well-being, and is taking a stand with his new jobs plan which will ensure that state incentives go to businesses that create jobs for our citizens of Michigan, not send them elsewhere.

Glenn Anderson is on the Senate floor every time there is a vote. When we send him to Lansing, we know he will be there, standing up for us.

A vote for Glenn Anderson is an investment in the future of our state.

**S.L. Flippo**  
Livonia

#### Re-elect Glenn Anderson

I like the way Glenn Anderson supports Michigan workers and businesses. He always is there to listen to his constituents and seldom, if ever, misses a vote. He is pushing to pass the Hire Michigan First bill, giving incentives to small businesses to create jobs in Michigan.

I feel that Sen. Anderson is a man of the people. I hope everyone votes to help him retain his seat in the state Senate.

**Duane Flippo**  
Livonia

#### McCotter: right candidate

In your Sept. 30 issue, Thaddeus McCotter stated that tax relief means more jobs. The so-called stimulus plan was a failure. The billions of taxpayer money spent to create 1.4 million jobs broke down to \$300,000 per job. Now leading Democrats are starting to realize it was a flop and are signing on to extend the Bush tax cuts. But Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid delayed the voting until after the election.

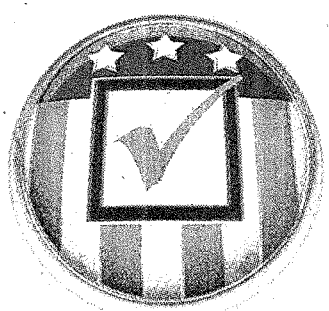
Democrat Natalie Mosher is a liberal who believes in tax and spend, which has gotten us into the mess we are now facing and Obama's plan to assist small businesses with loans. What she has failed to tell the public is that Obama has hired 16,000 IRS agents to make sure they comply with the Obama health care plan or face stiff penalties. I hope voters wise up and vote for the right candidate, McCotter.

Our president has lied about everything he promised when he ran for office from having a transparent government and working with Republicans to solving the mess that George Bush got us into. All I hear from him is blaming George Bush and the Republicans for not following his policy, which is socialism and complete control of your lives.

**Robert Siedlik**  
Livonia



## COUNTY COMMISSION 12TH DISTRICT CANDIDATES



# ELECTION 2010

Democrat Joan Gebhardt of Livonia and Republican Michael Case of Westland are running for a two-year term in the Wayne County Commission's 12th District, which includes Westland, Inkster and the southern portion of Livonia.

Gebhardt was elected to the commission in 2008.

Case is employed as an automotive technician at Victory Honda of Plymouth.

The Wayne County Commission is the legislative branch of county government. The chief role of the commission is to adopt a budget and to enact ordinances. It also approves contracts, appointments and rules. Commissioners' salaries start at \$68,676, and chairs of the eight standing committees getting an extra \$4,000.

**Name:** Joan Gebhardt

**City:** Livonia

**Age:** 61

**Employment:** Wayne County commissioner, District 12

**Family:** Married, husband Fred, two children, one granddaughter

**Education:** Wayne State University doctoral program; Eastern Michigan University, master of arts degree in educational leadership; Eastern Michigan University, bachelor of arts degree in elementary education

**Community involvement:** Trustee, Schoolcraft College, 11th Democratic Congressional District, Friends of Eloise, Friends of the Rouge, League of Women Voters, NAACP Western Wayne County, Women of Westland WOW, the Westland and Livonia Chambers of Commerce, Friends of Greenmead, American Association of University Women and the Livonia Democratic Club



**Name:** Michael Case

**City:** Westland

**Age:** 34

**Employment:** Automotive technician at Victory Honda of Plymouth

**Family:** Married with three children

**Education:** Wayne-Westland Community Schools and GED/automotive trade school

**Community involvement:** Attends Canton Calvary Assembly of God Church and other than working 60-plus hours a week, I try to give money where I can, in place of my time.



1. How can Wayne County work more closely with local government to save money and resources? How? Be specific.

1. Shared services will save money and resources. Examples: I have provided Westland's DOT director with the county professional IT services and advice; now Westland is investigating the possibility of the Wayne County Resource Center for storing and securing their data. The cities came to me as commissioner to assist in retaining funding for prisoner transport and securing beds at the county jail. I introduced a resolution to do just that. I was appointed to the Jail Bed Task Force to look for ways to open beds so that our locals do not have to send all of their prisoners out-county.

1. As I see it, residents of local municipalities and the county as a whole share many of the same expectations from government: do the things you should be doing and do them efficiently. We pay our taxes because we expect things to be done in a timely, honest and cost-effective way. Therefore, my specific answer would be this, limit red tape and tied hands between county and local levels, things are bad enough out there right now, people should not have to jump through obstacles to get things accomplished.

2. Provide at least three serious ideas for budget reform.

2. 1) Pass a sensible budget by funding those areas that are mandated in the charter and by law; 2) Reduce the deficit by passing a workable deficit elimination plan – and sticking to it; 3) Institute a county-wide technology plan to provide accessible data allowing transparency resulting in less staff involvement; 4) Require fiscal responsibility for all mandates from state and federal governments.

2. 1) Lower taxes: A rebate or dismissal of tax owed due to the following criteria – time in home, actual value of home, if you own your home outright; 2) Limit government: Governments best serve people when they do what the people gave them power to do. Bureaucracy and the county were never intended to be as involved in our lives as they are; 3) Lessen regulations: Unfettered regulation hurts free markets and small business in particular. I will work to clear what seems to be unnecessary regulation from the rolls of Wayne County and off the backs of the people within it.

3. What are the top three priority issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take?

3. The top three priority issues are all budgetary and are listed above in the budget reform ideas. The budget and deficit elimination are critical. As a freshman commissioner, I was fortunate to be appointed to the influential Ways and Means Committee. Our committee is deliberating now on the budget that must be passed by Oct. 1, the start of the county fiscal year. We must be fiscally conservative, yet provide the money for mandated services.

3. 1) Make it easier to do business in Wayne County. I would work to lessen regulations on business. But you say well who will guard the people from the corporate interests? People are free to spend their money as they see fit; 2) Make it simpler to be a resident of Wayne County. People expect to have good roads, police and fire forces and whatever else they give their elected officials authority to do in representing them; 3) No more good ol' boy network. I will not be afraid to confront and stand up to what I perceive to be crony capitalism or out and out cowardice at the hands of special interests.

4. What can the county do to help promote new business growth?

4. The county needs to develop an economic development plan which will build upon, rather than duplicate, our existing programs. We need to take advantage of our area's strengths and opportunity for growth. By working with our county and city leadership to develop partnerships, we can share expertise in acquiring business and investment both nationally and in the world. Finally, we need to improve our ability to provide fast and expedient access to county services for all new businesses. We need to cultivate our new relationships and capitalize networking possibilities.

4. Lower taxes – tax is synonymous with burden. Limit government – government, when misapplied, is synonymous with hardship. Lessen regulation – regulation is synonymous with toll stops every mile on a toll road.

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# Snyder touts vision at Plymouth Panera

**BY MATT JACHMAN**  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rick Snyder put a decisive halt to an ugly rumor toward the end of a quick campaign stop in Plymouth Friday morning.

"We're not selling the Mackinac Bridge," said Snyder, drawing laughter from several dozen people who packed into a corner of the Panera Bread restaurant in downtown Plymouth for a spirited stump speech from the Republican gubernatorial candidate.

Snyder, who leads in the polls as he and Democrat Virg Bernero head toward a Tuesday showdown in their contest for governor, was responding to Bernero's contention, earlier in the week, that Snyder would sell the landmark bridge if elected.

Aside from the laugh-line reference, Snyder barely mentioned his opponent, instead outlining his vision for the state and his approach to governing.

He said he'd take a positive, but no-nonsense, approach to uniting diverse interests in the state to pull in the same direction.

"It's a broken system," Snyder said of state government. "There's been no real leader-

ship, there's been no plan, there's been no vision."

Snyder, 52, is the founder of Ardesta, an Ann Arbor venture capital firm, and the former chairman of the computer company Gateway Inc. Bernero, 46, is the mayor of Lansing and a former member of both the state Senate and House of Representatives. The Green, U.S. Taxpayers and Libertarian parties are also fielding gubernatorial candidates.

Snyder, who has called for replacing the Michigan Business Tax with a 6-percent corporate tax, said improving the economy is the way to cut taxes.

"By strengthening our economy, that's how we ... bring down taxes for everybody," he said.

He said he'd shake up the status quo in Lansing. If elected, Snyder said, he doesn't want politicians coming to him to ask for project funding.

Instead, he said, he wants their pitch to him to be, "Here's an outcome, a result, you can ask for that will make a difference."

Snyder also said that, as governor, he'd challenge the bureaucracy and ask why things are done a certain way. "Do not tell me, 'Because

we've always done it that way, because I will throw you out," he said.

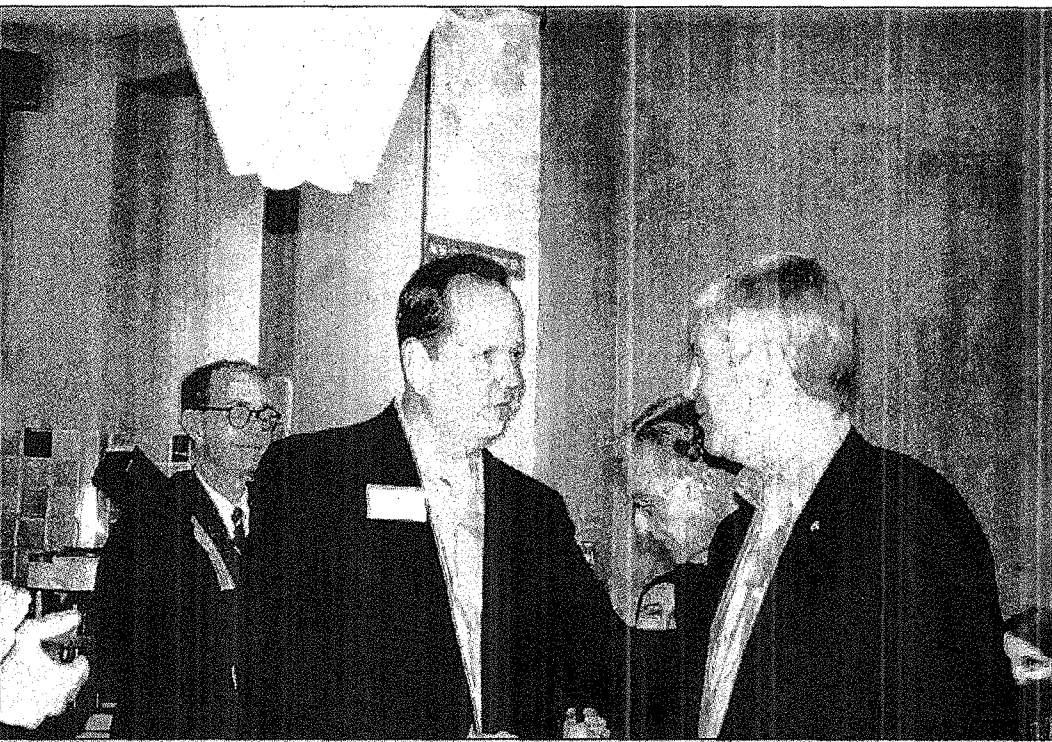
Snyder vowed support for the city of Detroit, and said he had confidence in Mayor Dave Bing's leadership. But supporting Detroit means enacting programs that work, "It's not just about spending money," he said.

Lou LaRiche, of the Plymouth Township Chevrolet dealership of the same name, liked what he heard from Snyder.

"He's a breath of fresh air, believe me," said LaRiche, whose dealership earlier this year won an arbitration that allowed it to return to the General Motors Corp. fold after the troubled automobile manufacturer, in the midst of reorganizing, dropped it in 2009.

LaRiche likes Snyder's upbeat message, suggesting a focus on the negative by many state residents is harmful.

"We feel that Michigan's economy is coming back slowly, but it's going to be very difficult, because there are so many



Gubernatorial candidate Rick Snyder (right) talks with 20th State House candidate Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township, a fellow Republican, at the Panera event.

people downplaying Michigan," LaRiche said.

College student Pam Hull of Redford Township was also impressed. She said she liked Snyder's businesslike approach. "Not just your same old everyday politician," Hull said.

"I think he's very clear-minded about everything," Diane Verploegh of Northville Township said she hopes Snyder can turn around Michigan's economy so that two sons, both studying engineering at the University of

Notre Dame in Indiana, can return to the state to start careers.

"I'm not ready to give up on this state," Verploegh said.

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## IN BRIEF


### Recycle for cash

Drop off used ink jet cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras and similar items at City Hall. Garden City Charities, a group formed by city staff, sends the items off to be recycled by Cartridges for Kids and gets cash in return. Money raised by Garden City Charities benefits

### local organizations.

#### Donations sought

Have a used video, book or DVD you looking to pass on? Well, consider donating it to the Garden City Library which is looking for donations of books, videos and DVDs in good condition. For more information, call the library at (734) 793-1830.



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Garden City High School students showed they weren't too old to dress up which they did to help at Metropolitan Lincoln's third annual Community Halloween Party Oct. 23.

## Dealership holds annual Trick-Or-Treat event

Halloween parties are fun opportunities for community members to get together for good old fashioned family fun.

That's exactly what took place last Saturday at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City. The dealership transformed its showroom with Halloween decorations to host Metropolitan's third annual Trick-Or-Treat Event.

Each year's event has been bigger than the last, so this time Metropolitan's event planners reached out to Garden City High School to invite students to join in hosting the festivities. The high school responded enthusiastically

and Metropolitan hired 12 students to help with the event.

"Collaborating with Garden City High School was a great success," said Clarity Patton Newhouse, a manager at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury. "The students were wonderful and they helped make the event even better than ever."

Garden City High School students arrived in costume and helped Metropolitan employees hand out candy and pumpkins, serve hot dogs and take photos. The photography studio was a popular new addition to the activities and more than 80 people signed

up for portraits of their children.

Throughout the two-hour event, Metropolitan gave away nearly 200 pumpkins, served more than 200 hotdogs and handed out more than 4,000 pieces of candy.

"We're happy provide a safe and entertaining place for children to enjoy Halloween festivities," said Newhouse. "It's one of our ways of saying 'thank you' to the community for supporting Metropolitan."

Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury is located at 32000 Ford Road, Garden City, MI 48135. For more information, call 800-755-1720 or visit [www.MetroMichigan.com](http://www.MetroMichigan.com).

## Pastor, DNRE reach agreement in water quality, wetlands dispute

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A settlement has been reached in a water quality and wetlands complaint filed by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment against the Livonia-based family business of state Senate candidate John Pastor.

The complaint filed in June 2007, alleged that George H. Pastor & Sons, Inc. and GHP II, LLC had violated state laws regarding water quality and wetlands protection. Specifically, the allegations were that the companies failed to complete construction of a 6.26-acre wetland mitigation in Salem Township in Washtenaw County and failed

to implement adequate soil erosion measures resulting in repeated sediment discharges into wetlands and a stream located on the property.

The firms agreed to complete construction on the mitigation site and have agreed to monitor for a five-year period the success of the 6.26 acres of constructed wetlands and to convey to the DNRE a valid conservation easement over the constructed and existing wetlands present on the property. Pastor & Sons has agreed to a monetary settlement payment in the amount of \$35,000.

"There was no wrongdoing on either side. We have completed the mitigation. Anytime there is wetlands mitigation, there is five years' monitor-

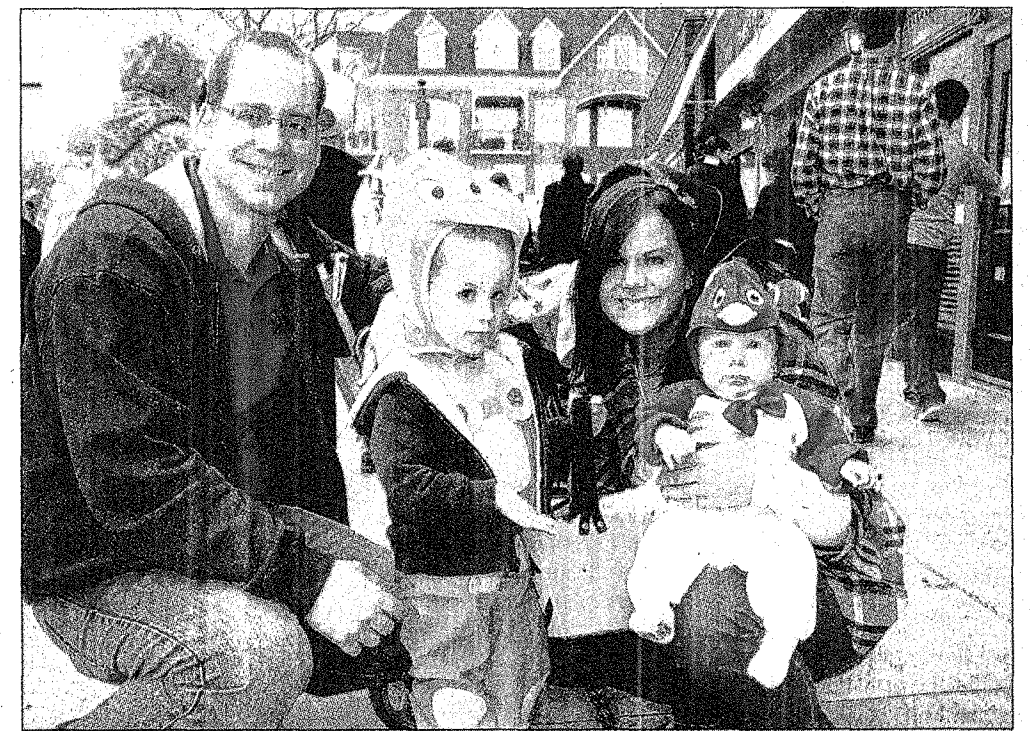
ing to make sure the wetlands are viable," said Pastor. "The \$35,000 was to reimburse the DNRE for their time."

The companies also donated 19 acres to the site as had been planned all along, said Pastor.

A Livonia councilman and Republican candidate for 6th District State Senate, Pastor wasn't happy with ads referring to the DNRE dispute being run by his opponent, incumbent State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland.

"It makes it look like I dumped toxic waste, we traded for wetlands," said Pastor. "Rainwater hit the ground and the silt went in through the silt fence."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Trick or treat

Tim and Amanda Lawrence of Westland took their children Audrianna, 2, and Landon, 3 months, to gather candy during the Great Pumpkin Caper, held Thursday evening in downtown Plymouth.

### IN BRIEF

#### Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, is holding regular office hours in the 12th District.

Gebhardt, who represents south Livonia, Inkster and Westland, will be at:

- The McDonald's restaurant (27125 Cherry Hill Road, Inkster, at noon the first Monday of the month.

- Starbucks at 36545 Warren Road at Central City Parkway, Westland at 10 a.m. and at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, 6-8 p.m., both on the second Monday of the month.

- Biggby Coffee, 33328 Plymouth Road, Livonia, at 10 a.m. the fourth of the Monday of the month.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## Hospital reunion

**Time/Date:** 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7  
**Location:** Café Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland.  
**Details:** Retirees and former employees of the Wayne County General Hospital in Westland, which closed in 1984, are invited to the 26th Holiday Reunion at the Café Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center in Westland. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Guest can pay at the door. Space is limited to 62 people.

**Contact:** Call Kay Shafi at (734) 427-3437 or by e-mail [chknit@wideopenwest.com](mailto:chknit@wideopenwest.com), Dennis Abraham at (734) 721-2917 or by e-mail [atftingirish316@scbglobal.net](mailto:atftingirish316@scbglobal.net), or Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or e-mail [pibbotso@aol.com](mailto:pibbotso@aol.com) for further information or to make a reservation.

## Holiday Vendor Show

**Time/Date:** 11:00 am - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6  
**Location:** Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the Holiday Vendor Show which will feature Pampered Chef, Simply Soy Candles by Nikki, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, Thirty-One, Avon, Jazzy Lady Jewelry, Dove Chocolate and many more.

**Contact:** For more information, call Sue Bergman at (734) 458-1136.

## Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11  
**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS support Group will hear guest speakers Walter Garff with Genworth Financial and Esther McCormick discuss "12 Drug Free Pain Release Points." The group meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Ruthann at (734) 981-2519 or online [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com)

## Railroadiana

**Time/Date:** noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28  
**Location:** SS. Simon and Jude Church Hall, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland

**Details:** The SS. Simon and Jude Church's Ushers Club is sponsoring sponsor a Toys and Train Show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10. Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m. the day of the show.  
**Contact:** To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

## Fish Dial-A-Ride

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our vol-

# Art exhibit explores religious themes

Madonna University's exhibit "Common Threads that Unite the World's Religious Traditions," which is on display now through Nov. 8, uses art to explore spirituality and express common themes that unify the spiritual philosophies of the world.

The exhibit includes work from 14 local artists who use painting, tapestry, sculp-

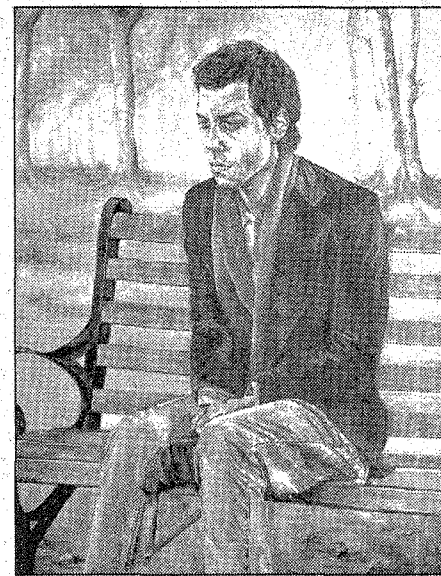


"Hear my Cry O God" is a tapestry by Anna Kocherovsky of West Bloomfield.

ture and drawing to delve into the unifying aspects of religion.

A closing reception will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 with music, poetry and guest author Robert Weir.

Madonna University is at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Go to entrance



This charcoal and pastel drawing by Jean-Paul Abou-Dib of Canton is titled "Sound of Silence."

D, second floor, to get to the gallery. For more information, call (734) 432-5795.

unteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

**Contact:** For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

## Crafters Wanted

**Time/Date:** Saturday, Nov. 20  
**Location:** Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Crafters are wanted for the church's 22nd annual arts and crafts show.

**Contact:** For more information, call Deb Moga at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia Moore at (734) 522-9653.

## Earth Angels

**Details:** Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9-16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9-11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9-12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

**Contact:** [www.earthangelsontour.org](http://www.earthangelsontour.org) or by e-mail to [eangel1986@comcast.net](mailto:eangel1986@comcast.net)

## Higher Rock Cafe

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.  
**Location:** Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

**Contact:** [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660

## VOLUNTEERS

## First Step

**Details:** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in west-

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

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

## Drivers Needed

**Details:** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings.

**Contact:** (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208

## VNA Hospice

**Details:** Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

**Contact:** (248) 967-8361, [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org)

## Seasons Hospice

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

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

## Literacy Council

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

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

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**Contact:** (888) 973-1145

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## Safe Place

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.  
**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

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

## Adult Day Services

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays  
**Location:** 570 S Main St., Plymouth MI  
**Detail:** A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

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

## Metro Fibromyalgia

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month  
**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City  
**Details:** The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

**Contact:** Lucy at (734) 462-1768, [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com)

## Menopause &amp; More

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month  
**Location:** Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

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

## Counterpoint

**Details:** Counterpoint Shelter and

Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

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

## Toughlove

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Location:** Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.  
**Details:** Support group, newcomers welcome.

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

## LifeCare

**Time/Date:** 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth  
**Details:** LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.  
**Contact:** Lillian Easterly-Smith at [info.lifecarecc@gmail.com](mailto:info.lifecarecc@gmail.com) or (734) 956-2109  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

## EDUCATION

## Willow Creek

**Location:** 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland  
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**Contact:** (734) 326-0078

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**Location:** 29891 Joy, Westland  
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**Contact:** (734) 427-1680, [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

## YWCA Preschool

**Details:** The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.

**Contact:** (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

## ORGANIZATIONS

## Friends of Eloise

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)  
**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N.

Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

**Contact:** Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

## Westland Rotary

**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland  
**Details:** Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome.

**Contact:** Mary at (734) 729-5401

## Writing Group

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month  
**Location:** Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne  
**Details:** The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

**Contact:** [www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org) or send an e-mail to [shepry@yahoo.com](mailto:shepry@yahoo.com)

## Toastmasters

**Location:** Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

**Details:** Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

**Contact:** For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

## TOPS 869

**Time/Date:** Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**Location:** Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** The group is for people age 18 and older.

**Contact:** The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

## Legion Post 251

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

**Location:** 1217 Merriman Road, between Avondale and Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge are welcome to join.

**Contact:** [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607

## TOPS M128

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays  
**Location:** Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland

**Contact:** Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

## Garden City Dems

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June)

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**Contact:** Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344

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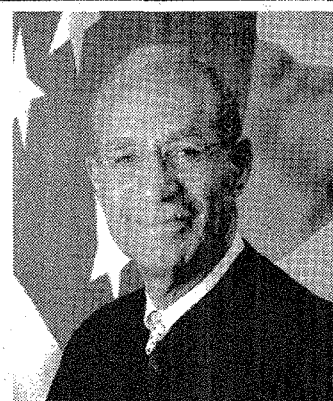
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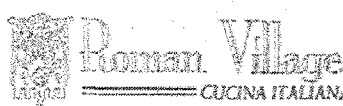
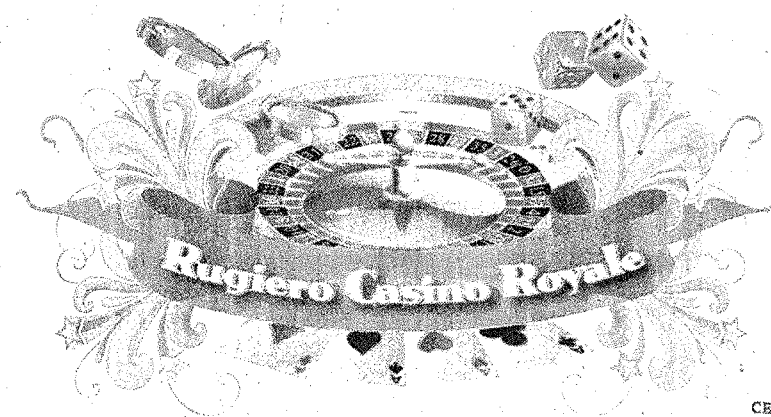
On behalf of the Rugiero Family, we wish to thank everyone who supported and participated in The Rugiero Casino Royale event, held October 30th. Our event raised funds for the Antonio Rugiero Diabetes Research Fund, which supports the U of M Brehm Center for Diabetes Research. Thank you once again for helping us support a wonderful cause in memory of our father, Antonio Rugiero.

The Rugiero family recently created the Antonio Rugiero Diabetes Research Fund in honor and memory of Antonio Rugiero – a cherished husband, father and grandfather who lived with type 2 diabetes for nearly 40 years.

"We wanted to keep our father's memory alive, and one way to do that is to support causes that our father believed in. We have a lot of respect for the University of Michigan and so did my father. He received wonderful care there late in his life and now we are giving back. The new University of Michigan diabetes research facility and what they are doing there is amazing. We are glad we can help and I know my father would be too."

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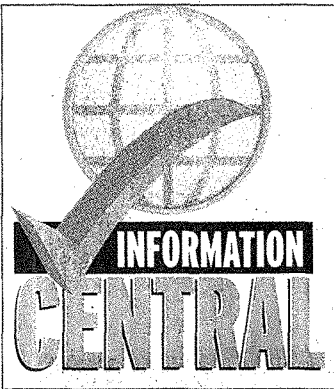
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Did you know that simply unplugging appliances like lamps and toasters when they aren't in use can save money and decrease energy usage? Small lifestyle changes like that can have significant impact on your bills and your carbon foot print. Books such as "True Green" by McKay and "Living Green" by Horn, discuss tips and techniques to move toward a greener existence without making drastic, expensive alterations to your home. Or take a look at Kate Heyhoe's "Cooking Green," which showcases various methods you can adopt into your routine to cut back on energy use in the kitchen.

If you are looking for some more extreme solutions, the library has resources to help you physically alter your home in order to promote green living. Snell and Callahan's "Building Green" has detailed instructions with great pictures illustrating ways you can build earth-friendly structures from the ground up. For a more mechanical point of view, check out "Energy Efficient Building Systems" by Jayamaha, which delves into the cooling and heating systems to maximize cost-saving and energy efficiency.

Maybe you're more interested in exploring energy management from the comfort of your own home. Explore [www.westlandlibrary.org/green](http://www.westlandlibrary.org/green) without getting up from your couch and learn of different online and print resources you can access,



as well as local and national organizations that are always looking for member involvement.

We'd be happy to show you where these materials are located at the library. See the Reference Desk or give us a call at (734) 326-6123, and we'll place a book or two on hold for you.

## Highlighted Activities

**Holiday Stamping with Cari:** 7 p.m. Nov. 1

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**Documentary Movie Night:** "Facing Ali," 7 p.m. Nov. 3

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ney as seen through the eyes of those who stepped through the ropes and into history. No sign up required.

**NaNoWriMo Kick-off Event at Biggby Coffee:** 7 p.m. Nov. 3, Adults and Teens

NaNoWriMo (short for National Novel Writing Month) is here for all of those closet (or not) writers ready to write their first (or second or third) novel. We're getting things started with a kick-off party at the ever-friendly Biggby Coffee, 37644 Ford, in Westland, (734) 326-1648. Jim Hines, author of the "Goblin Quest" series, will talk about his own work as well as the challenges (and fun) involved in writing a novel in a month. Sign up at the Reference Desk or show up at Biggby. See you there!

**Green Job Training - ReEnergize Your Career:** 1 p.m. Nov. 4

Find out how you can get free training for today's green jobs. Virginia Gillman, an intake/outreach specialist of Regional Energy Efficiency Partnership Training Program, will stop by the library this afternoon to talk about this educational opportunity and answer any questions you may have. This training programming is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and is available to people living in Wayne County. Call (734) 326-612 or stop by the library to sign up. Walk-ins are welcome, too.

**Friday Movie Night:** "Runaways," 7 p.m. Nov. 5

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Mary Beth Fixler. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to [westlandlibrary.org](http://westlandlibrary.org).

# County receives two financial honors

Wayne County has taken home two awards for its financial books.

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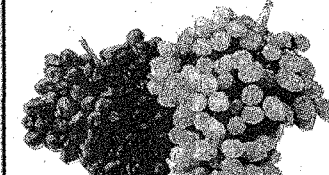


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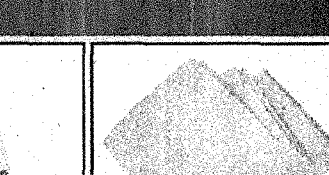
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# Mustangs pounce on Pats' miscues for 37-7 win

## SIDELINES

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Northville's high-powered spread offense has received most of the accolades this season.

But in Friday's Division 1-Region 2-District 2 football playoff opener Friday, the Mustangs' defense played a major role in the scoring as they routed visiting Livonia Franklin, 37-7.

Northville, which improved to 9-1 overall, converted two of Franklin's four turnovers on the night into touchdowns.

Senior defensive back Levi Perry scooped up a fumble and raced 13 yards into the end zone with 1:32 left in the first quarter to give Northville the lead for keeps, 13-7.

And Trei Walton duplicated Perry's score by picking up another Patriot fumble and running 80 yards to give Northville a 30-7 advantage and put the game away with 10:12 left in the final quarter.

"You never expect that," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "But when you see when those things happen, those are 'baggers' and those things are what really put Franklin away."

"The key tonight was our defense scoring. We're pretty good offensively, and when our defense puts points on the scoreboard, we're very dangerous."

Franklin (7-3) took the opening kickoff and scored its lone TD with an



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Franklin quarterback Brent Marzion tries to escape the grasp of Northville tackler Shawn Williams during Friday's Division 1 state playoff opener.

### Dempsey lifts MU

■ A near triple-double by Liz Dempsey on Senior Night carried the 21st-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team to a 25-10, 25-10, 25-13 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over visiting Concordia University.

Dempsey, a senior from Livonia Franklin, led all players with 11 kills while also recording 10 ace serves and nine digs.

Junior Megan Fricke contributed 10 kills, while redshirt freshman setter Evia Prieditis just missed a double-double of her own with 29 assists and nine digs.

MU hit at a blistering .500 clip, while Concordia was limited to an .059 rate.

Senior defensive specialist Anna Gatt (Livonia Churchill) was also honored prior to the match as the Crusaders improved to 28-7 overall and 13-1 in the WHAC.

Danielle Guss led the Cardinals (7-24, 1-13) with six kills.

■ In Friday's quarterfinal round of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Tournament, Muskegon CC ousted Schoolcraft College in four sets, 25-19, 25-12, 16-25, 25-18, in a match played at Kalamazoo Valley CC.

Muskegon improves to 30-6 overall, while the Lady Ocelots fall to 20-13.

### MU escapes, 3-2

Despite scoring a trio of first-half goals, the Madonna University women's soccer team had to hang on Wednesday for a 3-2 non-conference win over visiting Marygrove College in a match played at Canton's Independence Park.

The Crusaders, who improved to 3-6-5 overall, got goals from Kristin Black (her third), Amanda Ferrick (her third) and Amanda Jenaway (her second).

Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin) and Ferrick set up Black's goal at 18:50, while Andrea Mareel drew the assist on Ferrick's goal at 33:47.

Meanwhile, Jenaway's unassisted goal occurred at 35:26.

Marygrove (5-8-1) answered on goals by Jessica Niemi (unassisted in the 85th minute and Joneli Cook (from Nicole Polite) at 88:28, but couldn't tally the equalizer against MU back-up goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville), who made three saves.

MU's Brittany Warner started in goal the first half and did not face a shot.

Marygrove keeper Kristen Jolly (Clarenceville) had 10 saves.

### Lady Ocelots No. 3

Schoolcraft College is ranked No. 2 behind defending champion Kirkwood CC (Ia.) in the inaugural poll National Junior College Athletic Association preseason Division II women's basketball poll.

The Lady Ocelots, coached by Karen Lafata, finished 33-2 last year and third in last year's national tournament.



EMU SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

Westland John Glenn grad Jenn Swartz (11) is the only senior member of the Eastern Michigan University women's volleyball team.

## Soaring Eagle

### Glenn grad Swartz puts EMU in MAC contention

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Eastern Michigan University volleyball coach Kim Berrington recruited Jenn Swartz out of Westland John Glenn High School, she envisioned a diamond in the rough.

But Berrington had to wait a full season to see if that gem, a 6-foot middle blocker, could be polished after Swartz was forced to sit out her freshman year due to a medical redshirt.

"She broke her finger, but it was the best thing that ever



Swartz

could happen to her because she was able to work on her strength, conditioning, speed and explosiveness," Berrington said. "She had the athletic ability. She came in a little behind in volleyball I.Q., but she's come a long way. She's our only senior starter and we set her a lot."

Swartz, now a senior, has been a mainstay in the Eagles' lineup ever since and is one of the big

reasons why EMU is 22-6 overall and 9-2 (tied for second) in the Mid-American Conference's West Division.

Swartz, who hails from Canton Township, currently ranks third on the Eagles' squad with 212 total kills and is in a virtual tie for the team lead with Kristen Baker total blocks with 77.

"She's become a big, strong and fast player for us," Berrington said. "She's not big for a middle blocker, but she's

Please see **SWARTZ, B3**

## CMU career for Krupsky is storybook

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Lauren Krupsky's volleyball career ends this season at Central Michigan University, there will be a huge void to fill.

That's because Krupsky, a 5-foot-10 outside hitter from Livonia Churchill, will leave the Chippewas volleyball program as one of only 13 players ever to surpass the 1,000-mark in kills.

She was a first-team All-Mid-American Conference selection as a junior and is enjoying another banner senior season, leading CMU with 298 total kills (3.43 per set) with an attack percentage of .242.

"I'll miss everything about her," CMU coach Erik Olson said. "As a person, she's one of the neatest players I've ever coached and, academically, she's a top student. Just the way she plays with fire and passion, and the way she celebrates with her teammates, is something we'll miss."

"She's also taken on a leadership role. She's been a captain since the spring of her freshman year. We've have multiple captains and this year she's clearly the lead captain."

CMU, which had captured four straight matches going into Thursday's showdown with Eastern Michigan, stands 11-12 overall and is 5-6 in the MAC's West Division. (EMU won in five sets.)

Krupsky, who was named to the All-MAC freshman team in 2007, knows her stellar career is winding down, but there's still a lot of volleyball left to be played.

"I think we've worked out the kinks since the beginning of the year," Krupsky said. "We've played a lot of East Division teams and we were able to break our losing streak, and now we're

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## KRUPSKY

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starting back facing teams in our (West) Division.

"I just want to give it my all. It's my last competitive volleyball season and I want to leave a legacy and a mindset for my teammates as far as getting them excited to come out and play hard every day.

"I'm not a big crier. I don't know how I'll react. I will be sad to see it go, but it's been a great experience because not everybody can say they played a collegiate sport. Hopefully we'll go far and it won't be over."

At Churchill, Krupsky was first-team All-Stater as a senior where she placed seventh in the Miss Volleyball voting after earning second-team All-State honors as a junior.

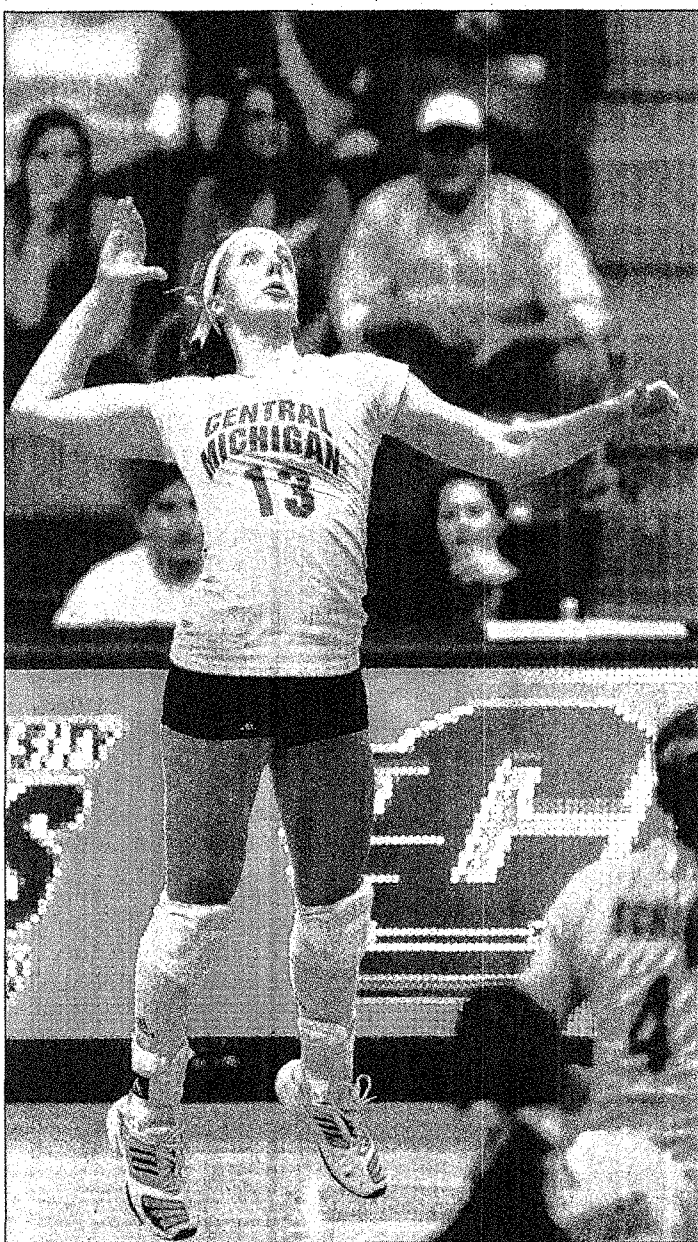
She is best remembered for helping the Chargers capture the coveted 2007 MHSAA Class A state championship. And during her senior year, she won the Division 1 discus state title in track and field.

"We saw a feisty, undersized hitter who was one of the top kills leaders in the state," Olson said. "We saw her during the (state) quarterfinals her junior year and we thought she was a diamond in the rough. She was not well-known, but we loved her when we saw her. She didn't come from a big club program. She was somebody we saw as a high school player. She's one of the few we found in high school."

Olson said Krupsky has evolved into a strong all-around player.

"When she came here, blocking was a weakness, but now it's a strength," he said. "At the beginning of the season she was not in the top 10 in the MAC in aces per game, but now she's up to second. She has a strong jump serve and a heck of an arm swing. When she's on the floor, she just makes everybody better. She's a special player."

Krupsky, a scholar-athlete who carries a 3.67 grade-point average, will have another year at CMU, and then plans



CMU SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

Livonia Churchill grad Lauren Krupsky (13) has surpassed the 1,000-kill mark during her senior year for the Central Michigan University women's volleyball team.

to enroll in Michigan State University's Veterinarian School of Medicine.

"I've wanted to be a vet since I've been in kindergarten," Krupsky said. "I've lived in the city all my life, but I've always liked animals. I kind of tend to go toward the large animals."

Although the Chippewas will be a darkhorse in the upcoming MAC Tournament, Krupsky is not leaving anything for chance. Last year CMU got to the quarterfinals and Krupsky earned All-

Tournament honors.

"Obviously winning the state (Class A) championship was a pretty good feeling," she said. "You'll always remember the state (high school) tournament, but I'm sure winning the MAC could compare to that."

"It's been a growing experience. Not only have I improved as a collegiate volleyball player, but I've also learned leadership skills which will prepare me as far as facing problems in the real world."

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## Hawks soar to MIAC Red title

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran pulled rank on Thursday night in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division girls volleyball tournament.

The Hawks, the second seed, soared to a 27-29, 24-26, 25-8, 25-10, 15-7 victory over top-seeded Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett in the championship finals held at Michigan Elite Sports Complex in Warren.

Huron Valley, 17-4-3 overall, reached the MIAC Red championship match with a 25-19, 25-23 win over Newport Lutheran South after beating Ypsilanti Calvary Christian in the opening round, 25-5, 25-15.

Senior Leah Miller and junior Meghan Kubinski led the offensive attack for HVL with 32 and 23 total kills, respectively.

Freshman Lexus Medina added 11 blocks, while junior setter Paige Schmidt finished with 77 assist-to-kills.

Junior Allie Dest spearheaded the defense with 21 digs.

"Overall it was a great night for HVL volleyball," Huron Valley co-coach Kris Ruth said. "We opened up strong against Calvary and Lutheran South. Starting the championship match, the girls played tense and we had too many unforced errors. Losing the first two games in that match, was the same thing we did Wednesday night against Livonia Clarenceville."

"I think the girls learned a lot about determination and

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not hanging the heads after that match. They came out solid in the third winning 25-8 and never looked back."

Miller registered 20 of her 32 kills alone against Baptist Park.

"Plus, her passing was excellent all night long," Ruth said. "This was a good final week for us. We want to continue this into district play next week."

### Hawks topple C'ville

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran forged its way past the .500 mark Wednesday with a 3-2 girls volleyball victory over host Livonia Clarenceville.

The Hawks, now 15-14-3 overall, rallied for a 13-25, 13-25, 25-20, 25-18, 15-11 triumph over the Trojans.

"We did not come ready to play tonight," Huron Valley co-coach Kris Ruth said. "The first two games we had way to many unforced errors. We are proud of the fact that they did not hang their heads, and came back and won the last three. Our passing game really suffered tonight."

Senior Paige Sharrow was HVL's top attacker with 10 kills, while fellow senior Leah Miller added eight kills and six digs.

Junior setter Paige Schmidt finished with 18 assist-to-kills, while junior libero Allie Dest contributed 13 digs.

Freshman Ayanna Buckley pace Clarenceville (11-20-3) with nine kills, five blocks and

four ace serves.

Sophomore Ashley Murphy chipped in with eight kills and two solo blocks, while Tonya Vernier finished with six kills.

Senior setter Kellie Ankiel contributed 29 assists and 10 digs, while seniors Joanna Burling and Brittany Tallman combined for nine aces.

"We started real strong, but Huron Valley just outplayed us," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "We just lose focus too easily and can't get it back. We just missed way to many serves."

"Our two middles were real strong tonight. We just need to get tighter on defense."

### Lutheran Westland Quad

Westland John Glenn (18-16-5) captured all three matches in Tuesday's quad meet hosted by Lutheran High Westland.

Huron Valley finished 2-1, while Clarenceville was 1-2 and the host Warriors 0-3.

Glenn defeated HVL (25-16, 25-18), Clarenceville (25-16, 25-10) and the host Warriors (25-14, 25-10).

Huron Valley scored victories over Clarenceville (21-25, 25-12, 15-12) and Lutheran Westland (25-14, 25-22).

Junior Meghan Kubinski had 16 kills on the night, while Leah Miller and Paige Sharrow added 12 apiece for HVL.

Paige Schmidt collected 40 assists, while Miller led in digs with 13, and Sharrow in aces with seven.

Clarenceville defeated the host Warriors (25-19, 25-16).

## Chargers win district tune-up

Livonia Churchill closed out the regular season Thursday with an 18-25, 25-19, 25-14, 25-17 girls volleyball victory over visiting Milford.

Senior setter Cory Urbats had 40 assists, 25 digs and four kills as the Chargers improved to 42-7-2 with the KLAA crossover victory.

Kara Kempinski paced the defense with 47 digs, while Megan Miller added 15 digs and three ace serves.

Top hitters included Emily Norscia (26 kills, seven blocks), Erin Menard (11 kills) and Marissa Pomaville (six kills, five blocks).

"This was a good match for us against a very athletic and well coached Milford team," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said.

The loss drops Milford to 19-10-2 overall.

### Rockets down Western

Halie Baker recorded 20 kills and two blocks Thursday as

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Westland John Glenn (19-16-5) posted a 25-16, 21-25, 25-19, 25-21 KLAA crossover triumph over visiting Walled Lake Western.

Brooke Zywick contributed 35 digs and five aces, while setter Sarah Headrick chipped in with 35 assist-to-kills.

"This was a nice win for the girls," Glenn coach Sharon Hubbard said. "It was their last home match in front of a good sized home crowd, and it was great to hear them sing the fight song with the fans after the match."

Western is 17-15-2 overall.

### Spartans survive in 5

Senior Reina Tyl unloaded for 18 kills and three aces Thursday as host Livonia Stevenson rallied for a 21-25, 13-25, 25-20, 25-19, 17-15 KLAA crossover victory over Pinckney.

The Spartans, 18-17-4 overall, also got 10 kills from Monika

Rudis and nine kills and 17 digs from Katie Tomasic.

Assist leaders included Sammy Caves (16), Allie Koesterling (12) and Catherine Licata (8).

Jorden York paced the defense with 29 digs and added six aces. Holly Mossioan added 21 digs.

Also contributing was Kim Griffith (three aces, three blocks) and Ashley Avery (three kills). Pinckney is 18-18 overall.

### Pats drop crossover

In a KLAA crossover Thursday, Waterford Kettering downed host Livonia Franklin in four sets, 17-25, 25-19, 25-19, 25-21.

Senior Chelsea Williams had 21 kills and 13 digs for the Patriots, who slipped to 10-29-2 overall.

Amanda Borio chipped in with nine kills, while Danielle Wiecezorek, Maggie Leins and Kelly O'Brien added six apiece. Libero Nicole Williams had 21 digs and two aces. Wiecezorek also added 12 digs.

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**Wednesday, Nov. 3:** Redford Thurston vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; Garden City vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 5:** Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 at Livonia Churchill vs. Detroit Cass Tech district champion.)

#### at TAYLOR TRUMAN

**Monday, Nov. 1:** (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Westland John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 3:** Romulus vs. Taylor Truman, 5 p.m.; Belleville vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 5:** Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Tuesday, Nov. 9 at Wyandotte Roosevelt vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford district champion.)

#### CLASS B at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

**Monday, Nov. 1:** (A) Beverly Hills Detroit Country vs. (B) South Lyon East, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 3:** Livonia Clarenceville vs. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 6 p.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 5:** Championship final, 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Tuesday, Nov. 9 at New Boston Huron vs. Detroit Central district champion.)

#### CLASS D at LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

**Monday, Nov. 1:** (A) Lutheran High Westland vs. (B) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 4:** Plymouth Christian Academy vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes vs. Birmingham Roeper district champion.)

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Division 4 Boys, 10 a.m.; Division 3 Boys, 10:30 a.m.; Division 4 Girls, 11 a.m.; Division 3 Girls, 11:30 a.m.; Division 2 Boys, 1:30 p.m.; Division 1 Boys, 2 p.m.; Division 2 Girls, 2:30 p.m.; Division 1 Girls, 3 p.m.

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#### WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Nov. 2

Madonna at Aquinas, 7 p.m.

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NJCAA Division I-Region XII final at Delta College, 1 p.m.

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11-play, 57-yard drive capped by a Jimmy Mazaris 1-yard run with 6:25 to go in the first quarter.

But Northville responded on the ensuing possession going 59 yards in eight plays with 5-foot-10, 155-pound junior speedster Brandon Love scoring from 10 yards out.

Ladach said answering Franklin's initial score was pivotal.

"Absolutely, it sure was," the Northville coach said. "We told our offense when we were on the sideline, 'Boys, we need to get one back, we need to get one back right now.'"

The Mustangs made some slight defensive adjustments as the first half unfolded.

"They were running that trap on us," Ladach said. "They were able to run it untouched a few times. Number 44 (Dan Muller) was doing a great job running that thing in there, and our backers weren't going over the top to the ball. But those guys did a nice job making their reads after that first series."

In the second quarter, Northville's defense sacked Franklin quarterback Brent Marzion three times.

Meanwhile, the offense took over after Perry's fumble return when Love turned the corner for a 38-yard run with 7:05 to play followed by a Victor Bodrie 42-yard field goal with 3:04 remaining to make it 23-7 at intermission.

Love finished the night leading all rushers with 138 yards on 13 carries.

"Number two (Love) was the least of our concerns coming into this," Kelbert said. "He had a good game. The way they hit the edge puts a lot of pressure on a defense."

Northville's final score came



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Franklin running back Tino Benavides gets taken down by Northville tackler Brett MacDonald during Friday's Division 1 state playoff opener.

7:10 left when junior quarterback Jeffrey Gertley hit Dawson Laabs with a 7-yard TD pass.

Gertley rushed 13 times for 51 yards and was 7-of-14 passing for 75 more.

Meanwhile, Northville's defense picked off two Patriot passes including one by Love in the second quarter and another by Perry in the final quarter.

Northville outgained the Patriots in total yardage, 287-247.

"To turn the ball over as many times as we did it's just not going to get it done," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "I think we played hard.

It's just the mistakes. Too many of them. It's kind of been an Achilles Heel that we've had. Guys who haven't turned the ball over all season turned it over tonight.

"I don't know. It's just one of those things that just happened and you just can't make mistakes in a game like this."

Franklin had 21 first downs, but only one TD to show for it.

The Patriots were led on the ground by Dan Muller (14-for-79), Tino Benavides (15-for-68) and Mazaris (11-for-58).

"We moved the ball all night long running the ball," Kelbert said. "I don't think there were any big changes on either side. It was just a matter of them

executing offensively and us turning it over. They were pretty much unforced turnovers. Fumbles - that's just our guys dropping the ball. That's the way it goes."

The Patriots also got pinned early by muffing a pair of first-quarter kickoffs. They started one drive on their own 5 and another on their own 1.

"This is the 10th game in a row that those (kickoff returns) have hurt us," Kelbert said. "It is what it is. It's the team we have and we make do with what we have. It's just something we couldn't put together all year."

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## SWARTZ

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fast and we like to use a lot of slides on our attack going to the post. She's real fast and that's her forte.

"She's been a very smart, strong, consistent and heady player for us, and a leader on-and-off the court."

Swartz admitted it took quite an adjustment going from the high school ranks to college. But the year's sabbatical where she only practiced paid off.

"I broke my right pinky (finger) blocking a ball on the middle block," Swartz recalled. "I think it helped to have the extra year. It helped me by watching. I learned a lot and it definitely helped. The college level is a lot faster, and as a middle blocker, you have to be quick. It's a big transition as far as getting touches at the net."

As a redshirt freshman she played in 32 matches and had 130 total kills. Since then she has appeared in 93 straight matches with her kills numbers going steadily up from 256 (as a sophomore) to 306 (as a junior).

Last season, Swartz also paced the Eagles in total blocks with 97, which is the 10th best all-time season total in EMU history.

And then there was Sept. 11.

That was the day Eastern stunned host Michigan State to win the Spartan Invitational with a 25-22, 23-25, 16-25, 25-21, 15-10 victory at Jenison Fieldhouse.

In that upset win Swartz recorded 10 kills and two block-assists.

"I didn't think we could beat MSU," Swartz admitted. "But after we won the first game, I felt we could do it if we put our minds together.

Beating MSU is probably the most exciting match ever played in."

There's a lot of season left for the Eagles, who remain serious contenders for a MAC championship.

And Swartz likes what she sees so far in this year's squad.

"We feel like we have more trust in each other," said the former All-Observer standout. "The two freshman (starters) have proven themselves and the rest jumped on board."

"It's going to take a lot of hard work. Concentration and composure will sum up this team the rest of the year. We have to take small steps and not look ahead."

Swartz comes from a family of college athletes.

Her three brothers all played college football including Noah (University of Toledo), Jeremy (Ferris State) and Josiah (Hillsdale College).

Swartz's older sister Noelle also played volleyball at Schoolcraft College and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

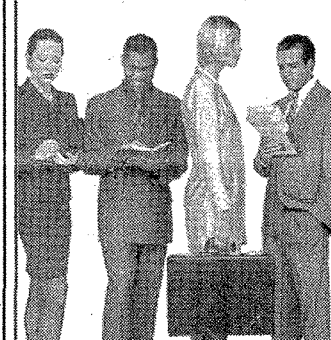
Noelle used to critique her younger sister's game, but now is strictly a fan.

"She's past that," Jenn said. "She's my biggest support. She's at every home match."

A clinical laboratory science major, the EMU scholar-athlete will graduate next June after completing an internship at a local hospital starting in January.

"She's a sweet girl, very grounded," Berrington said. "And coming from a family of college athletes, she just 'gets it' and has a great support system. She also has a tough academic major. She just does everything right."

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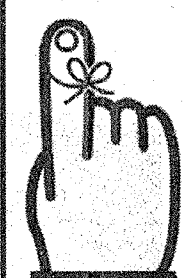
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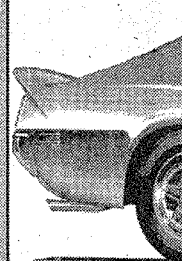
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# Windy City

## Greenhills breezes by Warriors in regional, 4-0

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lutheran High Westland's soccer season ran into a stiff wind Wednesday afternoon at Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The Warriors spotted the host Gryphons a pair of first-half goals and couldn't recover in a 4-0 Division 4 regional boys semifinal setback.

Bowing out with a 9-10-1 overall record, Lutheran Westland couldn't duplicate its 2-0 upset victory over fifth-ranked Greenhills on Oct. 12.

"A little bit of lack of focus the other game put us behind in the first half and we were not able to overcome that," Greenhills first-year coach Lucian Popescu said of the last meeting. "We were surprised, but we were unable to score. Also, their goalkeeper (Marc Rosin) had a fantastic day from Lutheran Westland. They played very organized and they were able to play defensively well and pack the box. And we couldn't penetrate."

Greenhills (17-5-2) played the entire first half against winds gusting upwards of 45 MPH, but that didn't stop senior forward Patrick Duggan from notching his 17th and 18th goals of the season.

His first came off a wicked drive from 20 yards out off an assist from Alexander Braun with 22:33 left in the first half.

And with 2:30 remaining in the opening half, Duggan struck again on an unassisted effort with an easy tap-in goal after the Warriors' keeper was caught out of position.

"We wanted to make sure we

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didn't give up any and wanted to have the lead going into the half," said Duggan, who hails from Livonia. "Last time we didn't come out with enough intensity. That was our problem. Today we came out hard and got that early goal, and I think from there we were on our way to winning."

"Keep possession was another thing we wanted to improve upon, along with crosses. We denied a lot of crosses today. But it was mainly intensity."

With the wind at its back, Greenhills kept the pressure on Lutheran Westland and scored twice during the final 30 minutes.

Andrew Garton made it 3-0 with 27:28 remaining off an assist from Sean Takasawa and Braun's header from Davis Vorva put the game out of reach with only 11:19 to go.

"We prepared this game the whole week," Popescu said. "We wanted to make sure we played on the wings and not try and penetrate through the middle. We were successful with that. Yesterday we had a good practice against the wind. And this is actually what we expected to be the same, and it gave us the edge."

Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block knew it would be a difficult task to beat the Gryphons for a second time.

"We kind of figured they would have something to prove after we took the MIAC (title) basically away from them with our 2-0 win a couple of weeks ago," he said. "We knew we were

going to be up against it, but felt my guys played well."

"For the most part I thought they (Greenhills) were just a little bit stronger and had a little more energy than we did today."

Ironically, Lutheran Westland had a chance to take a 1-0 lead when Mitchell Boehm split a pair of Greenhills defenders after taking a feed from Kent Kryszke, but the junior shot the ball a shade wide of the right post just 12:058 into the match.

"We got behind them with the first real good opportunity of the game, but didn't finish and they did," Block said.

Despite the loss, Block was more than satisfied with his team's play this season.

"I thanked my seniors," the 20th-year coach said. "This could have been a tough season for us. It could have gotten away from us, but it didn't."

"We finished with nine wins, fourth in the conference and we got a district title. They had a lot to be proud of. They were only one of 16 teams left playing. Nobody likes to end it this way, but a lot of guys ended earlier than this. They accomplished probably more than they thought they did."

Meanwhile, the gale force winds proved to be a popular topic of conversation afterwards.

"It was pretty crazy out there," said Duggan, who also has 15 assists on the year. "The ball would go in the air and it would come right back to you. We had to make adjustments on that, but we were able to do a pretty good job with that."

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### Harriers runner-up

Livonia United, made up of boys cross country runners from Emerson and Frost middle schools, took home the runner-up trophy, Oct. 23, at the 12-team Mega Jam meet held at Willow Metropark in New Boston. Saline captured the team title with 32 points followed by Livonia United (42) and Temperance Bedford (82). Top individual finishers for Livonia United, coached by Tobin Jones, included: Keenan Jones (Emerson), third place, 11:32 (3,000 meters); Ross Cecil (Emerson), fourth, 11:36; John Hovermale (Frost), fifth, 11:42; Christian Karbler (Emerson), sixth, 11:51; and Nick Robertson, 25th, 13:00. Also competing were Calvin Hilt, Noah Billingsley, David Milican, Brandon Skulina and Colin Smith, all of Emerson, along with Griffin Riley of Frost.

# U.S. Olympic decathlete Terek calls it a career in track & field

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Olympic decathlete Paul Terek recently announced that he is officially retiring from the sport of track and field at the age of 31.

The Livonia Franklin High grad, who finished 21st in the 2004 Summer Games in Athens, Greece, said Friday he will transition to full-time job at the Diablo Valley (Calif.) Nuclear Power Plant in January where he'll become an engineering supervisor.

Terek, who also competed in three IAAF World Championships (Paris, Helsinki and Osaka), has a degree from Michigan State in mechanical engineering.

Terek, who trained full-time in San Luis Obispo, Calif., cited knee and foot problems for his retirement. He and his wife Shilo are also expecting their first child early next year.

"I'm at a point where I'm happy with my career and to continue I'd be miserable without any sponsorships or the financial help," Terek said. "I took a good look at the situation and it's time to walk away now and not totally be depressed, especially when



Terek

you're not physically able to do it."

Terek's expertise came in the pole vault where he still owns the MHSAA's all-class record (16 feet, 6 inches)

set in the 1997 Class A finals. His personal best vault was 18-8.5.

Terek was also a standout wide receiver and defensive back for the Patriots' football team, but opted for track and field when he accepted a scholarship.

He went on to have a stellar career at MSU where he was named Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Year and won six different conference titles while earning runner-up honors in the NCAA Division I indoor pole vault and outdoor decathlon events.

His personal best in the decathlon came at the 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials in Sacramento, Calif. where he scored 8,312 points and finished in third place to earn a spot in the Athens Games.

During his 12-year career, Terek also won three national

indoor heptathlon titles and represented the U.S. in 18 different international competitions.

He underwent knee surgery prior to the 2008 U.S. Trials in Eugene, Ore., but pulled out just days before the meet because of injury.

"I was in great shape before I got hurt, but I couldn't get back in 2008," Terek said. "It's seven years when you're used to training the body a certain way. It started to wear. Both my foot and my hip were bothering me. In 2009 my knee was not 100 percent, it was really about 50 percent."

In 2006, Terek also became a TV celebrity in Japan when successfully participated in the syndicated U.S. show Ninja Warrior on the G4 network where he competed on the difficult Sasuke obstacle course.

Terek said he contemplated going into collegiate coaching following his decathlon career, but opted to start a job and raise a family.

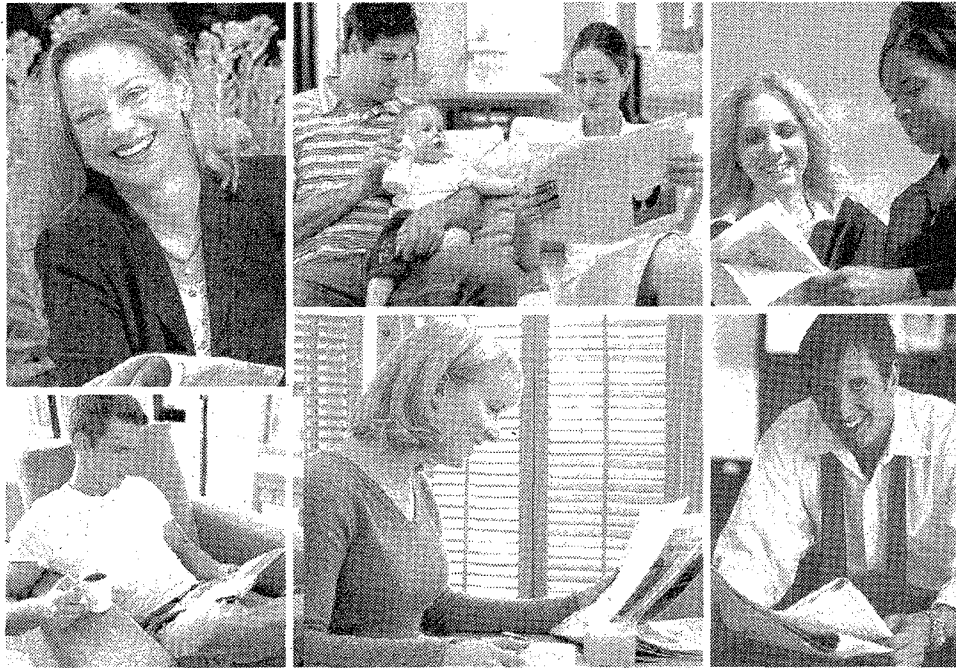
"I still love track and field and love helping people figure out the pole vault," said Terek, who currently resides in Grover Beach, Calif.

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# Lutheran Westland girls run to MIAC harrier title

Lutheran High Westland capped an perfect girls cross country season last Tuesday in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference at Nankin Mills.

The host Warriors, coached by Alli Unger, ran away with the conference meet title scoring 36 points followed by Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (65), Southfield Christian (67), Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (73), Ann Arbor Greenhills

(32), Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (147) and Taylor Baptist Park (177).

Liggett freshman Danielle Lorant was individual winner in 19 minutes, 57.7 seconds, while Oakland Christian's Rachel TerMarsch was runner-up (20:21.2) on the 5,000-meter course.

Lutheran Westland captured four of the next five places led by junior Erin Lyle, third (20:31.4); senior Sarah Maynard, fourth (20:31.5);

sophomore Erin Hardin, fifth (21:06.5); and junior Jess Rice, seventh (21:03.3).

Sophomore Angela Morrison added a 17th in 22:47, while freshman Elizabeth Mathews and sophomore Jessica Drife rounded out the Warriors' varsity lineup in 21st and 22nd, respectively, in 23:05.5 and 23:05.5.

Lutheran Westland captured all three MIAC girls jamborees and Unger was named Coach of the Year.

### PREP CROSS COUNTRY

#### MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY MEET RESULTS

Oct. 26 at Nankin Mills

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Southfield Christian, 39 points; 2. Lutheran High Westland, 57; 3. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 107; 4. Newport Lutheran South, 115; 5. Plymouth Christian Academy, 119; 6. Birmingham Roeper, 127; 7. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 155; 8. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 164; 9. Taylor Baptist Park, 243.

Individual winner: Victor Allen (Southfield Christian), 15:51.9 (5,000 meters).

Lutheran Westland finishers: 3. Jacob Fairbairn, 17:52.9; 9. Eric Smith, 18:11.2; 10. Caleb Kempf, 18:14.3; 17. Daniel Bunge, 19:19.2; 18. Joshua Kirk, 19:26.3; 32. Phillip Welte, 20:27.1; 42. Matthew Erickson, 21:23.5.

#### CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY MEET RESULTS

Oct. 23 at Stoney Creek Metropark

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Warren Regina, 35 points; 2. Dearborn Divine Child, 50; 3. Farmington Hills Mercy, 79; 4. Birmingham Marian, 89; 5. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 110; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 150.

Individual winner: 1. Kelsie Schwartz (Regina), 19:16.85 (5,000 meters).

Ladywood finishers: 18. Emily McClory, 21:23.7; 31. De'ana Walker, 22:47.08; 32. Alex Barr, 22:50.2; 34. Kit Taylor, 23:00.02; 35. Becky Babon, 23:10.24; 37. Meghan Mulcahy, 23:31.88; 38. Katarina Gaffka, 23:34.88.

#### LIVONIA FRANKLIN JV INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Oct. 28 at Nankin Mills

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (11-12): 1.

Northville, 18 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 55; 3. Canton, 61; 4. Salem, 107; 5. Livonia Franklin, 127; 6. Walled Lake Northern, no score.

Individual winner: Jason Lerner (Northville), 17:27 (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 5. Patrick Tremel, 18:05; 6. Derek Puishes, 18:05; 13. Justin Murray, 19:02; 14. Travis Adkins, 19:03; 17. Peter Erl, 19:16; 19. Matt Szuba, 19:45; 20. Jared Cash, 19:46.

Franklin finishers: 21. Justin Wizinsky, 19:58; 28. Kevin Meloche, 20:47; 30. Bill Crandall, 20:50; 36. Neil Culbertson, 24:53; 37. Kyle Mardeusz, 24:58; 38. Travis Ferrier, 25:08.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (11-12): 1. Northville, 25 points; 2. Salem, 43; 3. Livonia Churchill, 100; 4. Canton, 108; 5. Plymouth, 126; 6. Livonia Franklin, 161; 7. Livonia Ladywood, 183; 8. Walled Lake Northern, 183.

Individual winner: Becky Reynolds (Northville), 20:35.0 (5,000 meters).

Franklin finishers: 16. Christa Mott, 21:57.9; 29. Meghan Lark, 22:38.0; 36. Mallory Church, 23:00.7; 52. Emily Weathers, 24:28.8; 68. Alex Herrera, 30:08.9; 69. Madison Koepfen, 30:39.4.

Churchill finishers: 15. Alexis Hickson, 21:56.4; 17. Megan McDonald, 21:59.1; 18. Alexandra Zoski, 21:59.5; 27. Stephanie Cyburt, 22:34.9; 37. Allison Murray, 23:02.1; 48. Kristen Baumgardner, 24:09.6; 54. Maddy Juca, 24:39.0.

Ladywood finishers: 38. Siobhan Aldridge, 23:07.0; 39. Meghan Reithmiller, 23:11.7; 41. Lauren Micallef, 23:23.3; 51. Kristen Yanosy, 24:23.9; 57. Sarah Wickman, 24:42.9.

#### BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (9-10): 1.

Northville, 19 points; 2. Walled Lake Northern, 66; 3. Salem, 78; 4. Livonia Churchill, 83; 5. Canton, 110; 6. Livonia Franklin, no team score.

Individual winner: Dan Sims (Northville), 17:14 (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 12. John Kalil, 18:15.75; 13. Andrew Malik, 18:19.34; 14. Sean McKeon, 18:24.74; 9. Gabriel Torres, 18:31.78; 27. Colin Murphy, 18:49.8; 34. Joshua Perez, 19:04.37; 36. Jacob Adams, 19:08.64.

Franklin finishers: 53. Graham Tyrrell, 20:40; 72. Tyler McManman, 23:52.73; Andrew Barnes, 25:18; 74. Kevin Kerpet, 26:51.

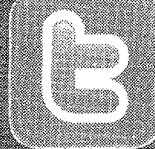
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (9-10): 1. Northville, 39 points; 2. Salem, 58; 3. Livonia Churchill, 94; 4. Canton, 108; 5. Livonia Franklin, 113; 6. Plymouth, 120; 7. Walled Lake Northern, 160; 8. Livonia Ladywood, 229; 9. Garden City, no team score.

Individual winner: Alison Robinson (Northville), 20:05.4 (5,000 meters).

Franklin finishers: 7. Jane Modes, 21:09.9; 8. C.C. Shoemaker, 21:16.6; 22. Natalie Desautel, 21:59.8; 33. Alyssa Edwards, 23:02.5; 49. Patti Wittenberg, 24:15.7; 63. Andrea Wickens, 25:47.2; 73. Hannah Koepfen, 27:25.4.

Churchill finishers: 9. Jenna Hickson, 21:25.6; 16. Erin McDonald, 21:48.8; 28. Sarah Nedam, 22:40.5; 31. Rachel Tomassi, 22:47.8; 42. Carlene Severin, 23:48.5; 50. Ashley Sullen, 24:23.51; Abigail Hagood, 24:30.2.

Ladywood finishers: 39. Katarina Gaffka, 23:28.7; 44. Mary Simon, 23:59.3; 52. Carlee Faber, 24:31.1; 65. Brenna Wright, 26:08.0; 69. Celia Hauter, 26:39.1.



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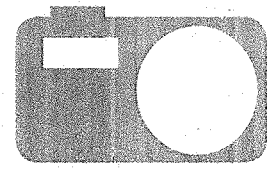


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## Dog advocate group keeps pressure on pet stores

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Pam Sordyl will watch election returns Tuesday, but will be just as eager to hear about balloting in Missouri as she will the results of her home state.

"Proposition B in Missouri is huge. They're the capital of puppy mills, so on Nov. 2, that's what I'm going to be watching, because it could be a huge win for the overall campaign," she said.

"I hope next year they introduce a puppy mill ban (in Michigan). We've been waiting two years."

Sordyl, an animal welfare activist, knows a thing or two about puppy mills, dog-breeding farms known for keeping dozens and sometimes hundreds of animals in substandard conditions in an effort to maximize their profits when they sell to brokers who supply retail stores or directly to consumers via the Internet. According to the Humane Society of the United States, (HSUS) most of these mass breeding facilities are legal and can keep breeding dogs in cramped cages their entire lives as long as they supply basic food, shelter and water. The HSUS has worked with rescue groups and law enforcement to shut down abusive puppy mills, but its major campaign is convincing the public to end consumer demand for mill-bred dogs by adopting rather than buying pets.

### STAGING RALLIES

That's also where Sordyl and Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup members have focused their



Pam Sordyl (right) during a rally with another Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup member. The group hopes to convince retail outlets to switch from selling puppies to adopting out homeless dogs.

efforts for the past two years.

Sordyl, a former Plymouth resident who now lives in Oakland County, founded the group in Northville after a friend from the Humane Society of Huron Valley told her about a new pet store in the community's quaint downtown. Sordyl had participated in educational rallies held near Petland in Westland, but took a different approach when she organized a rescued dog parade in Northville.

"We got the whole town talking. We approached all the businesses and asked them to support us ... put out dog dishes and talked about what

we found, that they (the store) was getting their dogs from Missouri." The store closed and Sordyl's group began to attend animal-related events, including the annual Pet Expo in Novi, to spread the word about puppy mills.

When HSUS investigated Petland nationwide in 2008, Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup headed to the company's Westland store, which closed a few weeks ago after five months of weekly rallies near the store.

Sordyl isn't sure if the group's continued presence compelled the store closing. A corporate spokesperson

did not return a call to the *Observer* by publication time.

"We didn't want them to go out of business. We wanted them to stop selling dogs from puppy mills and bring in rescue dogs," said Christine White of Milford, who led many of the rallies in Westland.

During the 50 rallies the group held in Westland, members of the public shared stories about 15 sick dogs they had purchased from stores.

### CONNECTING THE DOTS

Sordyl uses shipping

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## One woman's story: adopt, don't shop

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Judy Fisher of Livonia knew better.

She was aware that puppy mills — large scale dog breeding farms — are known for the squalid conditions in which they confine their live products. She knew puppy mills supply pet stores via brokers or sell directly to consumers through the Internet, shipping young canines to buyers throughout the country. And she had heard that over-breeding in puppy mills often results in sick dogs.

But Fisher, who had searched unsuccessfully to adopt a new companion after her dog, Rascal, died in July 2009, has a big heart. A life-long animal lover, Fisher let her heart lead her when she bought a Yorkie mix puppy, "Simon," from a Westland retail outlet in September 2009. Now she faces \$2,100 in surgical fees to repair a results of a congenital disease that causes the hip joint to collapse, leading to osteoarthritis.

"When I went out looking for new companion I wasn't looking for breed or size. When you've had animals like I've had, all my life, that's not what you look for," said Fisher, who visited the Michigan Humane Society several times, looking for a new dog. "Smaller dogs went so fast. To go during nor-



Judy Fisher shows off Simon.

mal adoption hours was hard for me."

Fisher, who works as a logistics analyst for a watch distributor, applied for dogs through a local rescue organization but "it didn't work out with them."

### BUYING A DOG

She never considered shopping at a retail store, but was discouraged by her inability to find the right match. Temptation, she said, got the best of her when she saw a puppy sign in a pet store. Meeting Simon was "love at first sight" and Fisher decided to rescue the pup from his cramped cage, and noisy environment.

"I couldn't walk out of that store and feel good about

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Louise Scanlan (left) offers a variety of vintage items to customers at previous "Treasures from Grandma's Attic."

## Collectibles display, antique appraisal set at Greenmead

Shoppers can browse vintage items and collectables at "Treasures from Grandma's Attic," on Saturday, Nov. 13 and then get appraisals just two days later, all at Greenmead Historical Park, in Livonia.

Vendors will display and sell "treasures" from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Grandma's Attic, a cross between a flea market and rummage sale.

On Monday, Nov. 15, the Livonia Historical Society will present an appraisal evening with Doug Dalton, auctioneer, at Greenmead.

Dalton, who graduated from the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, has been a full time auctioneer for 25 years. He has conducted more than 2,000 auctions and in addition to working independently, also has worked for the Boos Gallery

and Park West Gallery. He has conducted hundreds of charity auctions and raised more than \$3 million for worthy causes.

Dalton is a certified appraiser of fine art and antiques, and is a member of the Certified Appraisers Guild of America.

The Livonia Historical Society meeting with antique appraisal will start at 7 p.m.

Participants may bring up to two items of their choice for appraisal. Cost is \$5 per item.

Both Treasures from Grandma's Attic and the antiques appraisal will be held in the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile, in Livonia. For more information, call (248) 477-7375

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#### DIFFERENCES IN ARTHRITIS

The difference between rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis is critical. Rheumatoid arthritis attacks the small joints of the hand and the bones on the bottom of the feet. The arthritis is worse in the morning and with activity eases somewhat during the day, but pain and fatigue return in the evening. Sleeping is difficult because the joints ache.

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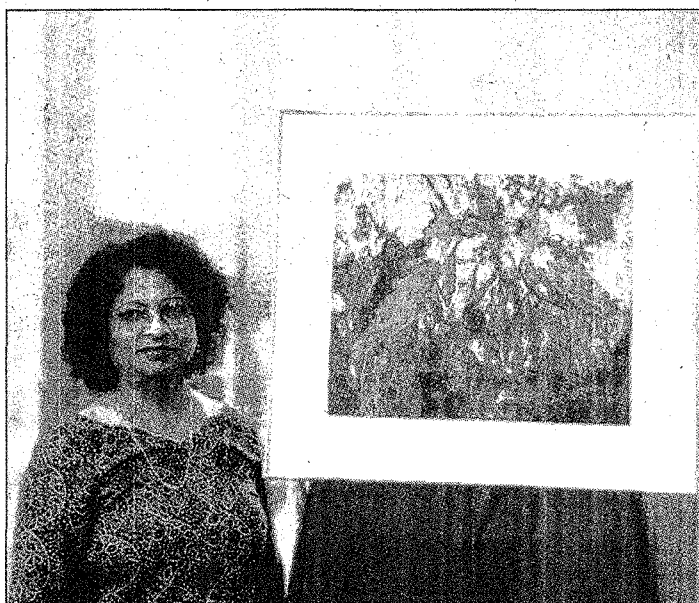
In contrast, osteoarthritis causes little pain on arising in the morning, worsens over the day and abates with rest during the night.

The cause of osteoarthritis is a fraying and wearing out of cartilage; the process is like a tread that with use wears out on a tire.

Excess fluid, particularly in the knee can occur in both rheumatoid and osteoarthritis. In both conditions the fluid causes an impediment to the efficient motion of the joint, and can result in painful motion. Taking fluid from a swollen joint not only improves movement, but helps the doctor make a diagnosis. Joint fluid from a person with rheumatoid arthritis has over 1,000 cells and is considered inflammatory. Joint fluid from a patient with osteoarthritis has less than 1,000 cells and is considered non-inflammatory.

Therapy for rheumatoid arthritis differs considerably from treatment for osteoarthritis. For this reason, both doctor and patient should be clear on the diagnosis of the arthritis under evaluation.

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Sue Mallick of Plymouth shows her collage, titled "Conversations." It won a third place award in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's annual fall exhibit.

## Awards given in annual art exhibit

Eugene Clark of the College for Creative Studies in Detroit recently awarded winners in the annual fall art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions," presented by the Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL).

Lori Zoumbaris of Belleville won first place for her watercolor, "Flirting with Fuschias." Zoumbaris, a professional painter, works in acrylic, watercolor and colored pencil. She is a graduate of Center for Creative Studies.

Second place went to Regina Dunne of Northville for her pastel, "Serenity." Her pastel portraits have won many awards.

Third place went to Sue Mallick of Plymouth for her collage, "Conversations." Sue was a commercial artist before she began painting in fine arts in 2002. She works mainly in acrylics and collage. This is her first award.

Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville, received two awards. She received an Honorable Mention and a Best of Show award for a watercolor painting, "Budding Artist" of her granddaughter.

Other artists who received Honorable Mention awards were Beverly Johnson of Livonia for a mixed media, "Mexican Flowers," Mary Kehoe of Farmington for a water color, "Roosters Paradise," S.K. Spiteri of Livonia for a collage, "First in One, Scape Theory," and Anna Willis of South Lyon a mixed media of "The Escapees."

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Simon

## ADOPT

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myself, knowing he was still in that cage. They did try to keep it clean, but it was way too hot. To see kids beating on the glass... if I could have taken all of them (the dogs) I would have."

She adopted a second dog, "Nelson" last summer from Almost Home Animal Haven's no-kill shelter in Southfield. Her two "furry children" play like brothers, but Simon is hampered by the painful Legg Perthes.

In correspondence with the Better Business Bureau, the store, now closed, offered to negotiate less costly surgery through its veterinarian. Fisher declined and pointed out that the store's veterinarian had initially examined Simon and signed his health

certificate. The congenital disease was diagnosed by Fisher's own veterinarian several months after Fisher purchased the puppy.

Fisher, who is recuperating at home after suffering a stroke during the summer, was happy to hear the store closed this month.

"I don't have the money to take anyone to court. The only thing I want is his surgery. I'm going to have to start sacrificing for the \$2,100 surgery bill."

Fisher said her decision to buy Simon is a double-edged sword. "It was a rescue thing for me. But if I could go back and do it again, I wouldn't just walk into a store not knowing what I was walking into."

She suggests that prospective pet owners spend time on the Internet doing their research first, before heading to a shelter.

"There are way too many dogs out there in need of a home."



Inclement weather doesn't stop a Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup member from rallying.



Pam Sordyl talks with a motorist during a rally in Westland.

## ADVOCATE

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records available through the Michigan Department of Agriculture to find out which out-of-state breeders supply local stores. After finding the breeder, she researches public inspection reports about the their facility.

"Before I protest a new store, I will write a letter to the owner and I will call the owner." She asks them to stop selling and start adopting out dogs, a request that hasn't attracted any takers. "It seems like they are deciding to go out of business instead."

The group has begun to target new stores or those poised to open, sending a "big message" about selling puppies.

When a new store planned to open at dog-friendly Partridge Creek Mall in Macomb Township, Sordyl met with both the store owner and mall management.

"We asked the store to switch to adoptions and we asked the mall to seriously investigate the breeders. They didn't want protesters out there. They liquidated in 10 days."

The group has begun to broaden its efforts and geographic reach. Members now regularly protest at a store in Flint, and there are plans

to conduct rallies this winter in Novi and throughout Macomb County. White, and other members sometimes work undercover as they visit breeders in Michigan or react to information they've culled from the group's Web site and other message boards.

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The group last year started watching and visiting a Brighton Township man who was peddling dogs out of his garage.

"We learned that he isn't zoned to be there. And then we found out he needs a veterinary license — that's a felony. He had 30 dogs and was doing his own vetting."

Sordyl, who is married and has three dogs, previously worked in finance at General Motors. She'll be a guest speaker this week at a puppy mill conference in Chicago, Ill.

"Education is important. We can shut down all these pet stores, but then there will be someone selling on the side of the road, or at a flea market. They're everywhere. If we can get to the public first, really educate the public in making wise choices, we can steer them to the shelter. We've got to get people to focus on rescue."

Puppy Mill Awareness offers information on reporting sick dogs, finding adoptable dogs, as well as other online tools at [www.meetup.com/pupmillawareness/](http://www.meetup.com/pupmillawareness/)

## Shop, mingle at annual Women's Expo at Summit

More than 40 vendors with products and services ranging from health to home improvement will be on hand at the Women's Expo Saturday, Nov. 13 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The annual event will run from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and will offer health screenings, continental breakfast, raffle prizes, goody bags, and shopping.

Special demonstrations will include holiday decorating by Keller and Stein and appetizers by Chef Paul.

Displays and activities will also include Avon, BC Sweets, Bella Rosa Events, Bizzy Lizzy Bakery, BluLady Crafts, Body Contouring By Design, Bowtastic, Brackney Chiropractic, Canton Farmer's Market, CC Baby, Cellar Door Soap Co., Clearly You, Creative Memories, Don't Worry Bead Happy, Longaberger, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Mind & Mood Clinic, Mrs. B's Brittle, Nutrition for a Change, Oakwood Healthcare System, Phoenix Trading, Renewal by Anderson, Sansonetti Sauces, SendOut Cards, Simply Fun, Somers Primitive Painting, Sophia's Boutique, Soul Purpose, Summit on the Park Personal Training, Stella & Dot, The Pampered Chef, Thirty-One Gifts, Tupperware, UCI, University of Michigan Livonia Vein Center, Usborne Books & More, Walden University, and Wowgreen International.

All guests will receive a gift bag filled with goodies from participating vendors. This annual event is sponsored by Community Financial, The Goddard School, Oakwood Healthcare System, and Renewal by Anderson.

Advance tickets are \$5 from the Summit on the Park front desk, or \$10 at the door on event day. For more information visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

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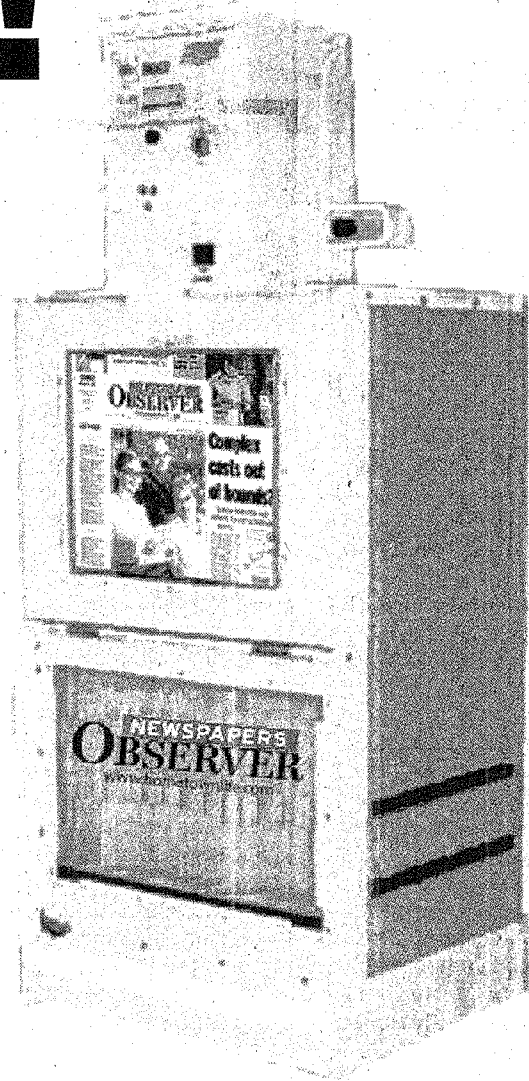
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# Job seekers get the power of Team Eforce support

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cleo Parker, of Livonia, had some good news to share with fellow Team Eforce members this past Thursday.

"I just got a job, so I'm sort of making the rounds of my groups," she said, including Team Eforce (Encouraging, Friendly, Optimistic, Resourceful, Committed, Engaged).

The weekly support group for job seekers is affiliated with a Southfield church, Highland Park Baptist, and meets weekly at the Farmington Community Library's main branch on 12 Mile between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads.

"We've been running about 10 people," said Team Eforce facilitator John Baker, of Farmington Hills, an architect. The group had met Thursday mornings for two hours, but beginning Monday, Nov. 1, will meet at 9 a.m. Mondays at the Hills library.

Parker lost her last professional-type job in the fall of 2008 at Jumpstart Automotive Media. She'll be associate director of research as of Nov. 1 at Starcom MediaVest.

Larry Fee used to facilitate the Farmington Hills group, but got a contract job, so Baker took over the faith-based group.

"I'm reinventing myself," said Baker.

The Team Eforce meetings begin with prayer, although the group is open to people of all faiths.

"What did you do last week and what are you going to do?" Baker asks each person.

The larger Career Solutions Workshop at the Southfield church, which



A recent Team Eforce (Encouraging, Friendly, Optimistic, Resourceful, Committed, Engaged) session included (left to right) Jenny Hu of Farmington Hills, Veronica Player of Farmington Hills, Meatta Reeves of Detroit and Teddy Lee of Novi. The group will begin meeting 9 a.m. Mondays as of Nov. 1.

is run like a "Career Boot Camp," encourages the smaller get-togethers. The Hills group began in July 2009.

"It's a self-running program at this point," said Elyse Streit, head of the adult reference desk for the Hills library. Team Eforce started using a study room at the library but outgrew that.

Sharon Vincent, library branch head, and Streit came up with a plan for the group.

"We wanted them to really have a place," Streit said. "It was a win-win situation all around."

The first two facilitators are now working, she said.

"A lot of them are IT people, engineering. It's an encouragement group, a support group. It has complemented our mission. We're really happy to allow them to come here," she added.

Baker worked for 30 years for the Taubman

organization and was let go in a January 2009 downsizing.

"I've been looking and doing freelance," he said.

Group members are encouraged to use LinkedIn for business connections.

"Our motto is 'We never want to see you again,'" he said with a smile aimed at now-employed Parker.

They decided to switch to Monday morning meetings because that's not a great time to call busy employers. That will leave Thursday morning free for job searching.

Most Thursday meeting attendees had college degrees, and were often victims of the auto industry downsizing. Jenny Hu, of Farmington Hills worked for General Motors 20 years, and was laid off.

Hu got a job with the federal government in Washington, D.C., helped by her language skills in Cantonese and Mandarin. That job was too much for



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Facilitator John Baker of Farmington Hills and Cleo Parker of Livonia listen during a recent Team Eforce session at the library in Farmington Hills. Parker was happy she'd landed a job in her field, advertising.

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Request for one non-conforming structure variance and one 16' separation variance from Ord. 248 in order to construct a 12' x 16' addition to the front of the existing non-conforming detached garage which would result in the front building line of the garage being an additional 16' ahead of the rear building line of the home; whereas Sec. 5:23 states that a non-conforming structure may not be enlarged without a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Sec. 7:4.3(c) requires that accessory structures be located a minimum of 10' behind the rear building line of the home.

### Petition #2719-Mobil Service Station, 125 S. Merriman

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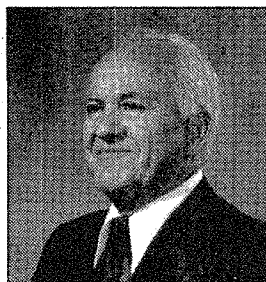
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**BETTY L. HILZINGER**

Greenville, Age 87, formerly of Berkley and Holly, passed away late Friday evening, October 8, 2010 at Crystal Springs Peace Harbor in Grand Rapids. The daughter of Frank W. & Elsie M. (Hansen) Irons, she was born on Feb. 12, 1923 in Detroit and grew up in Berkley, where her father was chief of police and later Oakland County sheriff. Following her graduation from Berkley High School, Betty completed her nursing training at Mt. Carmel and worked as a registered nurse. On April 21, 1945 she married Phillip G. Hilzinger and together they enjoyed 63 years of marriage. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she had been a member of the Berkley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. In retirement, she and Phillip made their home in Holly. She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip G. Hilzinger; a son, Phillip G. Hilzinger, Jr.; a son-in-law, Jim Ford; a grandson, Joshua Hilzinger; and a brother, Jim Irons. Surviving are a daughter, Gail A. Ford of Greenville; a son, Robert F. & Kathy Hilzinger of Knoxville, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Jack Ford of Greenville, Erin & Sam Baldwin, Kami Ford, all of Grand Rapids, Nathanael Hilzinger, and Krista Hilzinger, both of Knoxville, Tennessee; and three great grandchildren, Jordan, Jenna, and Jake. Honoring her wishes, private family services will be held at Oakview Cemetery & Mausoleum in Royal Oak. Contributions in Betty's memory may be directed to the Michigan Special Olympics ([www.somi.org](http://www.somi.org)) or to the charity of one's choice. To send a message of sympathy to the family, please visit: [www.ChristiansenCares.com](http://www.ChristiansenCares.com). Arrangements were entrusted to the Christiansen Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Greenville.

**DOROTHY ANN DeLAURO**

Oct. 23, 2010, age 87, of Novi and long time resident of Plymouth and Canton. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Robert (Diane), Greg (Cheryl) and Kathleen (Jay) Kargula. Proud grandma of Lydia, Ashley, Joe and Kevin. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass Wed. 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth (at Beck). In state at church Wed. 10 AM. Visitation Tues. 1-4 PM and 6-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Btwn. Sheldon & Beck). Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Vascular Research. To share a memory with the family, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

**RICHARD BOOTH WALLACE**

October 24, 2010 Age 89 of Bingham Farms, formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Founder and former CEO of ND Industries in Clawson. Former Treasurer of the Evening News Association. Beloved husband of Mary Ann (nee. Mead) for 70 years. Dear father of Christine Lamarche (Paul), Margaret Kell (Michael), Richard M. (Lydia) and John S. (Barbara). Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Brother of Elizabeth McLean. Grandson of the late George and Ellen Booth, founders of the Cranbrook Educational Community. A memorial reception was held at Bloomfield Hills Country Club. Memorial tributes to the Beaumont Foundation, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd. Royal Oak, MI 48073 or the Cranbrook Educational Community P.O. Box 801 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303 A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 view obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

**FREDERICK MICHAEL SWAIN**

In loving memory of Frederick (Michael Swain) passed away 10/26/2010. He left behind his beloved wife Virginia of 45 years and 4 daughters, Eileen, Ann, Mary, and Carol and 6 Grandkids, Rebecca, Raymond, Robert, Kayla, BJ, Breanna and Sister Maryann and Brother Bill. He was a loving husband and great dad and brother and he was a wonderful papa who will be dearly missed.

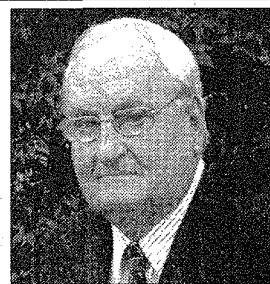
**JAMES A. NAKONECZNY**

Age 52, beloved son of Valerie and the late Peter. Dear brother of Peter (Pam), Richard (Sue) and the late Tom. Loving uncle of Richard Jr., Brian, Thomas Jr., Lindsay and Megan. Great uncle of Isaiah. Visitation Monday 12 Noon until Memorial Service at 3pm Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly Rd. (btw 6 & 7 Mile). Final resting place Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

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**CHARLES EUGENE WILLNOW****Retired Tool Designer - T.R.W**

Of Evans, GA, age 87, entered into rest Thursday, October 28, 2010. The beloved husband of Mrs. Larkie Pelphrey Willnow. Other family members are: Son Eugene C. Willnow, Michigan; beloved step son Melvin H. Fyffe, Evans, GA; daughter Linda Willnow, Michigan; and 3 grandchildren. Mr. Willnow was born in Jackson, Michigan, a retired tool designer with T.R.W., a Army and Air Force Veteran serving in WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was the son of Charles Elmer and Helen Willnow. He was a member of Berean Bible Fellowship. He was a golfer and a bowler. He graduated in the Class of 1941 in Plymouth, Michigan. At his request, he was cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Thomas L. King Funeral Home 124 Davis Rd., Martinez, GA 706-863-6747

**CHARLES W. McDONALD**

October 27, 2010, age 81. 50th District Judge-Pontiac, First Municipal Judge of Northville. Beloved husband of Marlene. Dear father of Timothy, Dr. Thomas, Charles & Terrence McDonald and Margaret Grzesiak. Also leaves eleven grandchildren. Services were held on Saturday. In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to St. Kenneth Catholic Church or the charity of your choice in Chuck's honor. Share your special thoughts and memories at: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)

**CURTIS H. MARK**

Passed away Thursday, October 21, 2010 in Farmington Hills. Curt was had been a resident of Macon, Georgia; Sacramento, California and spent the last 12 years in Farmington Hills. He was a lover of guitars and the music from them. Much of his early years were spent with various rock and roll bands throughout Michigan and the country. His second pursuit was with computers where he had a special interest in internet security. Surviving family include his mother, Ruth Mark, brother Richard and children Justin of Tampa, Florida and Jacob of Phoenix Arizona.

**CYNTHIA L. BORELAND**

October 28, 2010. Beloved wife of Jim for 22 years. Mother of Rick Ziegler (Kimberly). Grandmother of Zachary and Jacob. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Tuesday 2-8p.m. Memorial service Wednesday 1p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Visitation begins at church at 12:30p.m. Memorial tributes to Angela Hospice or Church Missions at First United Methodist Church. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

**Bonnie's a beauty**

My name is Bonnie and as you can see by the photo I'm quite stunningly lovely. I'm a 2-year-old fawn colored Greyhound with beautiful soulful brown eyes. I'm a very happy girl but I would love to find my very own forever family. Would you like to meet me? Please call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 and visit [www.greyheart.org](http://www.greyheart.org).

**WESTLAND RESIDENT MARKS 90TH BIRTHDAY**

Joan Rita Ott celebrated her 90th birthday just the way she likes it - surrounded by her family and friends.

The Westland resident enjoyed being "in" on the planning for the party that was held on Sept. 25 at the Rhapsody Restaurant in Southgate, according to her daughter, Karen Jamieson of Las Vegas, Nev.

Ott was born on Oct. 3, 1920, in Ford City to Silver Patrick Hebert and Mamie Hebert. Living through the Roaring Twenties, followed by the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl, contributed to her lifelong "make do" philosophy. She raised five children through the post-war 1940s through the turbulent 1960s and 1970s, all with great faith, common sense, and a positive attitude.

She lived in Ecorse, River Rouge, Wyandotte, Southgate and Allen Park. She enjoyed visiting with family and friends and reliving memories with many long ago colleagues at Wyandotte Savings Bank, where she was head teller.

Ott keeps active at the Presbyterian Village in Westland, often entertaining other residents with her rendition of Patsy Cline's *Crazy* on Karaoke Nights.

She was married twice, first to the late John Shevnock and then to the late Cletus Ott.

In addition to Jamieson, Shevnock family members attending the celebration were



Friends and family gathered recently to help Joan Ott of Westland celebrate her 90th birthday.

Kathleen Yaeger of Sterling Heights, and Jacqueline Betke of Livonia as well as Michael Shevnock of Surfside Beach, S.C., and Patricia Boulogne of Boston, Mass. From her extended family were Errol and Norma Ott, Gary Ott, Keith and Pauline Ott, and Jeff and Pam Ott.

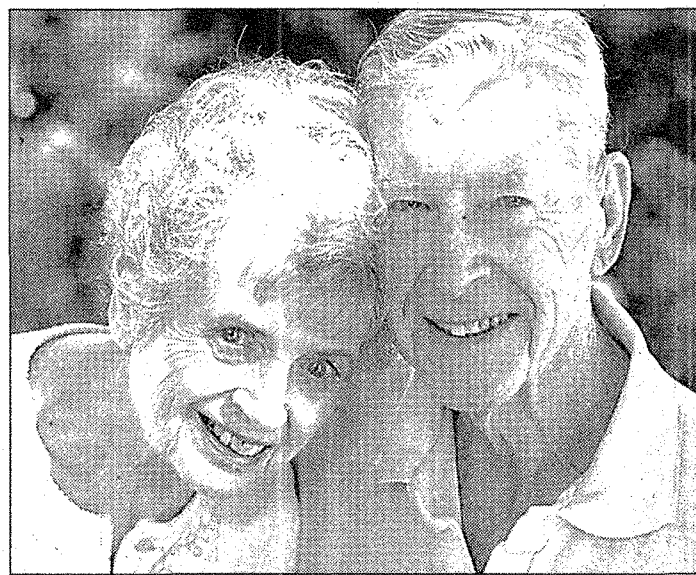
**MILESTONES****60TH ANNIVERSARY**

Charles and Hazel (Brennfleck) Martindale of Farmington celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 1.

The couple was married in 1950 at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

They marked the occasion with a luncheon party at the Woodpointe Residence in Livonia, where they renewed their vows with family and friends. Hazel's brother, Ralph Brennfleck, who stood up in their wedding, also celebrated his 91st birthday. Their niece, Gail Angliss, who also served as their flower girl, also attended.

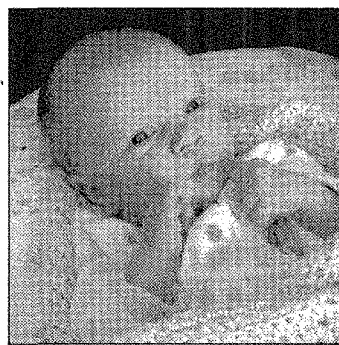
The couple has three children: Cheryl (Don) Williams, Merry (Charles) Dietzel and Neal (Beverly) Martindale. They have seven grandchil-



Charles and Hazel Martindale of Farmington

dren. Chuck served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper and is a retired commercial printer. They are members of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian

Church and are known for their generous hospitality. Their Christian faith has been an important part of their lives through a rich and blessed 60 years.



Verona Marie Turri

**AUGUST BIRTH**

Verona Marie Turri was born Aug. 28, 2010, at home in Canton.

Her proud parents are Jason and Kalin Turri. Grandparents are Gary and Theresa Turri of Canton, and Jill and Brian Albertson of Livonia. Terry and Marge Byrd of Livonia are great-grandparents.

**JUNE WEDDING**

Andrew Caruso and Tina Schwertner were married June 12, 2010 at Laurel Manor Wedding Chapel in Livonia.

The groom's daughters served as bridesmaids and a granddaughter was the flower girl. The bride's sister was the maid of honor.

The groom's cousin was the best man.

After the ceremony the couple drove off on their Harley Motorcycle to meet family and friends at a backyard reception.

The couple lives in Livonia.



Caruso-Schwertner

**ST. LUCIA BREAKFAST TICKETS AVAILABLE**

Tickets are on sale now for the annual St. Lucia celebration on Dec. 4 at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills.

The event includes a breakfast, procession, performances by the St. Lucia choir and children's groups at the church.

Tickets are \$10 each for the 7:25 a.m. seating and \$15 for the 10:55 a.m. or 12:40 p.m. seatings. Tickets can be ordered by calling the ticket line at (248) 788-7094. The event will be the 31st and final St. Lucia celebration. The church will plan a new and different Christmas program in 2011.



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### NEW FACES

Three physicians recently joined the staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Hazem Eltahawy, M.D., Ph.D., FRCS, specializes in neurological surgery and received his degree as well as completed his residency at Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt. He completed a spine surgery fellowship at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit.

He is a member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and North American Spine Society.

Jayant Jagannathan, M.D., also specializes in neurological surgery and received a degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md. He completed residencies at University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, Virginia, and Wayne State University, Detroit.

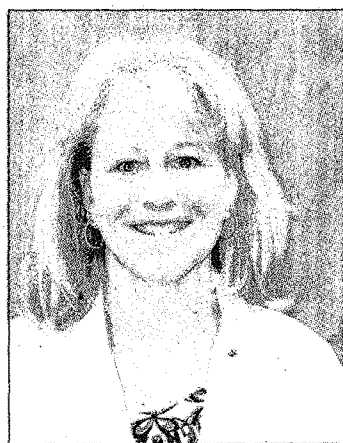
Jagannathan is a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Both Jagannathan and Eltahawy are located at the Wayne State University Physician Group - Department of Neurosurgery, 14555 Levan, Suite 116, Livonia, and 4160 John R., Suite 925, Detroit; (313) 831-0777.

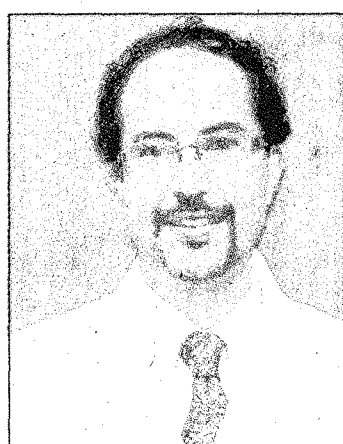
Karol Otteman, D.O., specializes in obstetrics and gynecology, and received a degree from Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, Calif. She completed a residency at Providence Hospital & Medical Centers, Southfield.

Otteman is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She is a member of the American Medical Association and American Osteopathic Association.

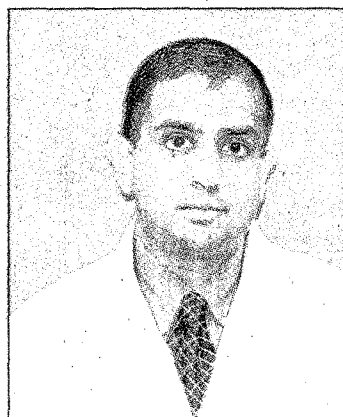
She is located at Westside OB/Gyn, 15370 Levan, Suite 1, Livonia, (734) 464-9055; and 5800 N. Lilley, Canton, (734)



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St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

## NOVEMBER

### Teens and drugs

Part one of the free workshop, "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," runs 7:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 2, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part one is repeated every first Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year. Part two, "What To Do," will run 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 9 and will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. Part two is repeated every second Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year. The programs are free and open to the public. Parents, other family members, teens, and people who work with teens may attend. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. For more information call (734) 973-7892 or e-mail teensusingdrugs@gmail.com

### Flu vaccines

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will offer the flu vaccine to family and friends of employees age 18 and older, as well as community members from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2 and Thursday, Nov. 4 in Classroom 11, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The 2010-2011 seasonal influenza vaccine covers three strains of flu. There are two strains of influenza A (H3N2 and H1N1) and one influenza B strain all in one dose. The cost is \$15 per person, or free with Medicare B (proof required). Register by calling the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950.

### Baby basics

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a class in infant care and breastfeeding from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. The class will teach the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. Participants should bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. The fee is \$55 per couple. To register call (734) 655-1162 or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

### Memory screening

Botsford Commons Senior Community will offer free memory screenings 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 in Farmington Hills as part of National



## Uplifting and educational

Lee Muller of Livonia holds her balance in the yoga demonstration class at the Massages, Manicures, Mammograms & More women's event held Oct. 23 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Nearly 200 women attended the event, which included pampering with manicures and massages, free health screenings, yoga and Zumba classes as well as educational sessions with physicians from the hospital.

Memory Screening Day 2010. In addition to the memory screenings, Botsford Commons will offer balance and depression screenings. Guest speakers will include experts on healthy aging, driving, brain fitness and other senior resources. Light appetizers and beverages will be served, and visitors may view a resident art show. Botsford Town Commons at 21300 Archwood Circle in Farmington Hills. To make an appointment for screenings, call (248) 426-6930.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

## ONGOING

### Alzheimer's Association

The Greater Michigan Chapter provides a welcoming and secure environment for families and individuals experiencing the early stages of Younger Onset Memory Loss. Participants can take part in ongoing discussions that focus on issues that affect those with memory loss under age 65. Meetings are 5:30-7 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month, at Bloomfield Township Senior Services, 4315 Andover, Bloomfield Hills. To register call The Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

### Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and non-members of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

### Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

### Food Addicts

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a recovery program for people having trouble controlling the way they eat. Based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. (866) 914-3663; www.foodaddicts.org

### Hearing Loss Association

The Western Wayne Chapter provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact aferack@comcast.net or (734) 664-3297.

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