

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 14
Borgas at St. Clement, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Warren at Woodchuck, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
Trenton at RU (Kraft), 7 p.m.
Cibola at Thurston, 7:30 p.m.
Civille at Hamtramck, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
Harrison at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15
Luth. Wald at Cranbrook, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Del. DePores at McCabe Field, 1 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Cardinal Mooney at RU's Kuhn Field, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Sept. 13
Redford Union at Civille, 6:30 p.m.
Ladwood at N.D. Prep, 7 p.m.
Ry. Richard at Mercy, 7 p.m.
Sacred Heart at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Farmington, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 14
Huron Valley at First Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15
Tip-Off Classic at Luth. North, TBA.
N. Farmington at R.D. Bonds, 7 p.m.
PREP BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 13
Luth. H'west at Civille, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 14
Redford CC vs. DeLaSalle at Mies Field (Livonia), 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Luth. East, 4 p.m.
Truman at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Greenhills at Civille, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. Wald at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin at Lansing CC, 5:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
N. Farm. at Waterford Mont, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15
Stevenson at Roca Adams, 1 p.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 13
Farmington vs. W.L. Central at Richardson Center, 4 p.m.
Stevenson vs. N. Farmington at Casa Benton Park, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15
Harrison, North Farmington at New Boston Huron Invite, 9:30 a.m., at Willow Metropark.
Farmington at Holy Invite, 8 a.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 13
Farm. Harrison at Northville, 4 p.m.
Farmington vs. W.L. Central at Richardson Center, 4 p.m.
Stevenson vs. N. Farmington at Casa Benton Park, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15
Harrison, North Farmington at New Boston Huron Invite, 9:30 a.m., at Willow Metropark.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Sept. 13
Farmington vs. Farm. Harrison at Farmington High, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.
F.H. Mercy at Grand Blanc, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15
H. Farmington at W.B. Invite, 9 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, Sept. 14
Westland Glenn at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Farmington at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15
F.H. Mercy at G.P. South, 8 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, Sept. 13
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Cattaui Golf Course, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 14
W.L. Central at Harrison, 3 p.m.
Northville at N. Farmington, 3 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Western, 3 p.m.
MEY'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 14
Schoolcraft at Indiana Tech, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15
Madonna at Fla. Southern, 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 14
Madonna at Ind. Wesleyan, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15
CMU Club at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
Madonna vs. Trinity Int. (Ill.) at Indiana Wesleyan, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16
Schoolcraft at Cincinnati St., 3 p.m.
ONTARIO HOKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Sept. 13
Whalers at Roca Adams, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15
Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Bowling centers ready for new season

I have visited 93 bowling centers in and around the greater Detroit area in the past four weeks and spoken with proprietors, managers and people who work the center. They tell me the bowling is in great shape as we enter a brand new season. Most places have upgraded facilities. Some have new ownership or management. Many have invested in new lane surfaces, going more to the synthetics.

A little paint or clean carpeting can go a long way toward making a place look spiffy. The newest area bowling center is also the furthest away — the new Premier Lanes in Chesterfield Township managed by an old friend from Troy Lanes, Bonnie Hethcote.

The center has 34 bowling lanes, three movie theaters, a video room and the Foxchase restaurant. They are planning a similar center on our side of town.

Plaza Lanes in Plymouth has new owners in All-Star Steve Klein and Gerald Johnson at the helm. They bring some youth and energy into the picture, so watch them go at it with gusto.

Bel Aire Lanes in Farmington has new ideas in place under the guidance of Mike Winkel, who is expanding his leagues and getting more young bowlers.

In nearby Romulus, the old Romulus Rec is going to be the new Romulus Rec with a new owner, George Forey, who also brings youth and energy to the scene.

He has upgraded the restaurant with good food that attracts a nice lunch crowd from outside bowling.

Ford Lanes in Dearborn Heights has installed new synthetic lanes but left the approaches in with the original wood. We'll see how that works out.

Greg Sicilia's Vision Lanes in Westland has a new pro shop with Mike Norris in charge. It is slated to open Sept. 14.

Colonial Lanes in Ann Arbor was visited on a Michigan football Saturday. No so curiously, the parking lot was full.

Manager Frank Pepp says they charge seven dollars per car on that day for stadium parking, only a few blocks from the Big House. For those home dates, the parking lot may make more money than the bowling lanes.

Mark and Diane Veight of Farmington Hills have bought Woodhaven Lanes on I-76 and transformed it into a first-class operation.

Anyone wanting a personal score card to keep a record of yearly scores can find one on the counters of all local bowling centers, courtesy of your Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Tom and Kathie Parks moved away from Livonia several years ago after having bowled in the Men's and Ladies All-Stars for years.

Now they are moving to Canton and will resume local competition at the All-Star level.

They also have increased the size of their family with the birth of identical twin girls on July 20, 2001. The girls, Adrianna Moe and Kayleigh Suzanne, have the good genes to become great bowlers.

With the new season upon us, who will be the first to bowl a 300 game?

At the moment, there are two perfects reported by Westland Bowl on Tuesday Sept. 4. Both came in the Tuesday Men's League by Sam Fullerton and by Rob Lademan.

On the same night, Town 'n Country Lanes, also in Westland, had one in its Tuesday Junior Classic League, by James Pierce.

There likely are more 300s by the time this goes to press, but these are the first ones we have been told about.

The Pioneer Women's Club of Detroit announces its 53rd Annual Tournament to be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, at Thunderbird Lanes on Allen Road. Membership is open to women who have bowled 20 years or more.

To enter the bowling portion, you must be a DWBA sanctioned bowler and show your card.

Entry fee of \$11 is payable with the annual dues (\$2) and \$10 more for the dinner social. No entries accepted postmarked after closing date, Oct. 27, 2001. Entry forms available at most bowling centers.

Mike Norris of Westland was winner of the August Michigan Majors championship at Galaxy Lanes in Grand Blanc. He was second-high qualifier so he had only one final qualifier, in which he beat D. J. Hochstein for top honors.

D. J. did have a slight advantage — he's the owner of Galaxy Lanes.

For the match, Mike averaged 224.8 and took home a winner's check of \$1,000. Not a bad two days' work.

As Norris will soon be opening the pro shop at Vision Lanes, he will have several innovative programs for all bowlers including a kids plan and his "Strike Club," a chance for people to get extra values in their purchases.

Every customer will get 10 bowl one game for evaluation before drilling, then another after drilling to make sure everything is just right.

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