

KALAMAZOO GAZETTE

SOCCER DISTRICT PLAYOFFS



Otsego.....	3	Loy Norrix.....	1
Delton-Kellogg	2	Jackson.....	0
P-Northern	1	Sturgis	1
K-Central	0	Coldwater.....	1
Parchment.....	2	(susp.)	
Fennville.....	1		

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Rangers 2, Cardinals 1

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Gadhafi's death a turning point

Longtime dictator killed Thursday in attack on convoy

BY URSULA ZERILLI
KALAMAZOO GAZETTE

KALAMAZOO — Mohamed Elswad could hear through the telephone line his family in Libya celebrating Moamar Gadhafi's death Thursday.

Elswad, 40, is a Libyan physician and master's degree student at Western Michigan University who has been living in the United States for three years.

"They are glad and celebrating in the streets," Elswad said of family and friends in his native country. "I could hear people singing."

Gadhafi ruled Libya for 42 years until two months ago, when rebel forces in a civil war toppled his regime.

Despite the fall of Tripoli on Aug. 21, Gadhafi loyalists mounted fierce resistance in several areas including Sirte — where the former dictator was killed — preventing Libya's new leaders from declaring full victory in the eight-month civil war.

Libya's new leaders had said they would declare the country's "liberation" after the fall of Sirte. The announcement came on Thursday. Information Minister Mahmoud Shammam said he was told that Gadhafi was dead from fighters who said they saw the body. "Revolutionaries say Gadhafi was in a convoy and that they attacked the convoy," Shammam told The Associated Press.

Al-Jazeera TV showed footage of a man resembling the 69-year-old Gadhafi lying dead or severely wounded, bleeding from the head and stripped to the waist as fighters rolled him over on the pavement. Witnesses said his body was put on display in the nearby city of Misrata.

Elswad said the death of Gadhafi is a turning point for Libya.

"This is important for the transition

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For more on the death of Gadhafi, see A6

In mourning: Sarah Pfeiffer, left, begins to cry as Brigadier General Darrell Willams, far right, hands the American flag that covered the casket of U.S. Army Capt. Drew Russell to his parents Patti Russell, center, and Jim Russell. Pfeiffer was dating Drew Russell, who was killed Oct. 8 in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan.

'He was a hero'

COMMUNITY SALUTES A FALLEN SOLDIER

BY BRAD DEVEREAUX
KALAMAZOO GAZETTE

VICKSBURG — An outpouring of support from the Vicksburg-area community colored the streets red, white and blue Thursday for U.S. Army Capt. Drew Russell, a Scotts native who was killed Oct. 8 while serving his country in Afghanistan.



In respect: Vietnam War veteran Paul B. Jones salutes as the funeral procession for Capt. Drew Russell enters downtown Vicksburg.

A funeral Mass for Russell, 25, was held at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Vicksburg, after which his casket was escorted through town by a motorcade that included Patriot Guard Riders on its way to the Vicksburg cemetery where he was laid to rest.

An estimated 500 friends, family, fellow soldiers and strangers gathered in the church to celebrate the life of a young, accomplished soldier cut short while fulfilling his dream to fight for his country.

The Rev. Chris Ankley said Russell was "born to be a soldier" and was "the kind of man we want to defend our country."

The uniform Russell wore is a symbol of charity, Ankley said, a symbol of a great personal sacrifice that he made

for people he didn't even know. "He gave his life so that others may live," Ankley said. "It's a symbol of the gift of self to others. The gift of his life."

The Mass included the playing of

SEE HERO, A5

SEE LIBYA, A5

Corner Bar & Grill shuts its doors

BY TED YOAKUM
KALAMAZOO GAZETTE

KALAMAZOO — The Corner Bar & Grill, a long-standing establishment in Kalamazoo, has shut its doors for day-to-day operations.

The bar, at the corner of East Vine and Mills streets, closed for regular business on Monday, though interested parties can reserve the venue for private parties and festivities.

"(The bar's) had a great run. We've had lots of great employees, lots of great memories over the years," said co-owner Scott Robinson. "Unfortunately, in today's tough economic times, it doesn't make sense for us to be open day-to-day."

The bar, in the city's Edison Neighborhood southeast of downtown, was long a popular hangout for many area residents, and became renowned for its barbecued baby back ribs and known for its many beers on tap.

SEE CORNER, A5

Now you know

ARC OF ALLEGAN COUNTY

Fall Frolic Dance planned

ALLEGAN — The Arc Of Allegan County, which supports adults and children with developmental disabilities, will host the 29th annual Fall Frolic Dance from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church hall, 110 Cedar St., in Allegan. The event will feature music, dancing, light refreshments

and is for guests who are 18 years and older. Registration is \$5 by Oct. 24 and \$6 after that date. For more information, call 269-673-8841 or email arcallegan@frontier.com.

GREAT PUMPKIN SOIREE

Keep Kalamazoo in Bloom

KALAMAZOO — Kalamazoo in Bloom, a nonprofit organization that maintains area flowerbeds and supports related activities, is hosting the Great Pumpkin Soiree on Nov. 2. Proceeds from the event will go toward the purchase of 265,000

flowers that the organization purchases from local growers each year, which are then planted across the county in areas such as Bronson Park, Library Lane and Crane Park. The Great Pumpkin Soiree is a "tasting competition" and a silent auction and will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park St. kalamazooinbloom.org.

EVENTS TO PLAN ON IN THE NEXT 24

4-H CARNIVAL

The Kalamazoo County 4-H Youth Program is holding the Harvest Festival Carnival, featuring old-fashioned games, costume parade and

more, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the county Health and Community Services Building, 3299 Gull Road. Free admission; games are 50 cents each. 269-383-8867.

WALK THE TRAILS, SEE THE BIRDS

The Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery, 34270 Country Road 652, Mattawan, on Saturday is hosting a Feathered Friends Safari at 9 a.m., fall color hikes at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and an Owl Prowl at 7 p.m. Free. 269-668-2876.

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SUNDAY
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high 58



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