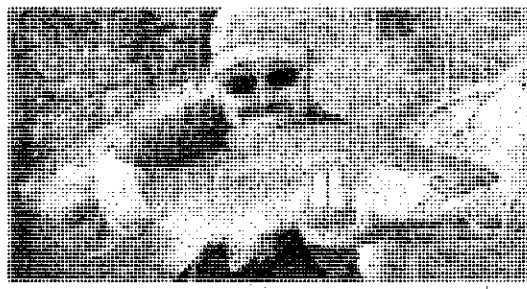


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City moves toward curbside recycling program

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After trailing many communities, Westland appears poised to implement a curbside recycling program that could reduce landfill costs, boost the city's environmental reputation and provide financial incentives to

residents who embrace the effort. City leaders hope to implement a long-awaited plan as early as March 30 — a move applauded by local recycling enthusiasts and heralded by outside consultants who say this city of 86,000 residents could become a regional leader. Westland has twice failed at pay-

to-participate curbside recycling programs, but the new citywide plan would use a trash-disposal tax already in place from an era when local garbage was burned at a now-demolished incinerator.

"I'm convinced this is the right thing to do," Mayor William Wild said Monday evening, during talks

between city leaders and recycling consultants.

A majority of Westland City Council members favored a recommendation from Ann Arbor-based Resource Recycling Systems Inc. to seek competitive proposals from companies to haul materials to a recycling facility. Initially, 28,000 households that

now have garbage collection would be supplied with carts in which they could place all their recyclable materials without having to separate them. Eventually, city leaders plan to extend the program to apartment complexes and other multifamily dwellings.

Please see **RECYCLING, A3**

Over there: Veterans honored for service

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There were times when Peter Love hummed a few bars and added a word here and there, but the World War II veteran was glad to sing the service songs for Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force.

Love was among 34 men and women honored during a ceremony, conducted by members of the Plymouth-Canton Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America at the Westland Convalescent and Rehab Center in advance of Tuesday's Veterans Day observance.

"Your service is all greatly appreciated," Vietnam veteran Bob Lamoureux of Canton told residents.

Dressed in combat fatigues and wearing orange arm bands to draw attention to the issue of the Vietnam-era defoliant, Agent Orange, Lamoureux was joined by Joe Agius of Canton, Forrest Manley of Westland and Doug Fox of Melvindale for the ceremony. Agius and Fox demonstrated the folding of the American flag while Lamoureux explained the symbolism, including each of the 13 folds.

"When the flag is folded, there are 13 stars uppermost that remind us of our motto, 'In God we trust,'" Lamoureux said. "The flag takes on the appearance of a cocked hat like the soldiers that fought for George Washington and John Paul Jones."

Manley presented a trumpet which played *Taps* for the veterans.

Lamoureux also talked about the history of Veterans Day which began as Armistice Day, a celebration at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to honor World War I veterans. The ceremony was the third the



Vietnam veteran Bob Lamoureux of Canton thanks Lee Slaughter (left) for his service to his country and veteran Joe Agius (behind) of Canton talks to Donald Laughlin following a ceremony honoring veterans at the Westland Convalescent and Rehab Center Monday. For more photos on the ceremony, see Page A3.

men had performed on Monday and there were another three planned for Tuesday.

"We enjoy it," said Manley. "They tell us some very interesting stories. One of the veterans was a prisoner of war for three years. He was from Poland and when he got out, he got \$400."

Love was among several veterans who saluted as the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1943 and served just 18 months.

"I volunteered, but my mother got me out," said the former Detroit resident who served in

the Air Force during World War II. "She wrote a letter after the Sullivan brothers were killed. I was an only son."

Sally Rettinger served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. She was stationed in Chicago for awhile but much of her four years was spent on Grosse Ile.

"I just wanted to do it," she said of her enlistment, adding that her mother had to sign so she could join. "I liked it, but what I enjoyed most was the people."

Sanford Woodruff was living in Los Angeles when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in

1980. Like Rettinger, it was something he'd always wanted to do. He did his basic training at Fort Dix, N.J., and trained in Columbia, S.C., before being stationed in Germany.

His favorite part of his four-year enlistment "was the girls I met in Washington, D.C."

As for the ceremony, he found it "pretty impressive."

"I didn't know anything about the flag folding," he said.

It was after the ceremony that Love started singing, belting out the Marine Corps Hymn, quite apropos as Monday was the 233rd birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Friends remember crash victim as 'loving, caring'

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland father James Dunsmore will be remembered as one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Livonia Blue Jays, a nonprofit youth football league whose games he faithfully filmed on Livonia's Bentley Field.

"He videotaped the games and delivered copies to the head coaches," friend Gena Thrushman said. "He did that every week."

Dunsmore, 42, was killed Monday morning when he lost control of his car on a slick patch of I-96 near Davison in Detroit. Dunsmore, who wasn't wearing a seat belt, crashed into another vehicle, was thrown from his car and then hit by a third vehicle.



Dunsmore

"It's very tragic," Thrushman said.

Dunsmore, a medical technician at Detroit Receiving Hospital, was on his way to work in his silver Ford Escort, said Thrushman, who saw reports of the accident on a television news station before she realized who had been killed.

Dunsmore and wife Kelly have three boys, Jacob, 13, Alex, 9, and Nate, 6. Next season, the youngest son has plans to play for the Blue Jays, following in his brothers' footsteps.

Gena and Bret Thrushman's 13-year-old son, Bret Jr., played on the team with Jacob for six years, and Gena Thrushman said Dunsmore was one of the Blue Jays' biggest fans.

"He was just a very loving, caring guy," she said. "He would volunteer to do anything we asked. We all became great friends. Over 250 parents were involved. Everybody knew everybody."

Dunsmore's friends will have a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. Saturday at Bentley Field, next to the Livonia Community Recreation Center at Five Mile and Hubbard, Thrushman said.

"It's a memorial for him and to promote seat belt awareness," she said, adding that Dunsmore wasn't wearing his seat belt during the accident.

Dunsmore became close friends with the Thrushmans and others like Tom Tudor and Mike Groat. His friends have pictures of him at Bentley Field, including one in which he is smiling and waving from an announcer's booth.

Thrushman confirmed that Kelly Dunsmore, a Red Robin employee, and her sons will need help, so the Jim Dunsmore Memorial Fund will be set up at the Charter One branch at 31441 Plymouth Road at Merriman in Livonia for anyone who wants to help the family.

Dunsmore also survived by his parents, Alexander "Butch" and Sarah "Dean" Dunsmore; a sister, Pam Fopma; a niece, Tiffany Fopma; and a nephew, Matthew Scheida.

The family scheduled visitation for 4-9 p.m. Wednesday and 1-9 p.m. Thursday at the Dearborn Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23701 Ford Road, in Dearborn. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, with interment at Oakridge Cemetery in Flat Rock.

An online guest book may be visited at www.voranfuneralhome.com.

Tickets are going fast for Holiday Taste Fest

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Food lovers who want to eat out without busting their budgets might want to savor this scenario.

For just \$20, they can try palate-pleasing samples from 13 or more places during Holiday Taste Fest, a popular event by the Westland Chamber of Commerce that is marking its 10th year.

The one-stop dining event will

be at 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the usual spot, the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road east of Newburgh.

"I think it's a good value for the money," chamber President Brookellen Swope said. "It's a very easy way to try out different restaurants, and you don't even have to leave a tip."

Already lined up for this year's Holiday Taste Fest are Ashley's Beer & Grill, Lakeshore Grill at Macy's, LongHorn Steakhouse, Marvaso's Italian Grille, Mary

Denning's Cake Shoppe, Olga's Kitchen, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Red Robin, Starbucks Coffee, Texas Roadhouse, the Wayne-Westland school district's culinary arts program, the Hellenic Cultural Center and, from Garden City, Dario's Italian Eatery.

A couple more restaurants still may join the lineup, Swope said. Already, the price tag amounts to little more than \$1.50 for each place, not a bad tab for even the most budget-

conscious food lover.

With help from major sponsor Ameriprise Financial and others, the chamber has offered Holiday Taste Fest without increasing its prices.

There's one caveat: Tickets are selling fast.

"We sell 500 tickets, and I only have about 100 left," Swope said Monday.

For tickets, call the chamber offices at (734) 326-7222.

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County commission candidate dies following election loss

Thomas Thompson, a long-time educator and recent candidate for the Wayne County Commission, died suddenly Friday, Nov. 7. He was 71 years old.

Thompson ran as a Republican and lost in the general election Nov. 4 to Democrat Joan Gebhardt in the race for Wayne County Commission's 12th District.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said Thompson was a quintessential good guy and was saddened by the news of Thompson's death.

"He was a very positive, upbeat person with a nice sense of humor," Kirksey said. "He was a great teacher of the importance of being involved. This is a great loss."



Thompson

Born Dec. 27, 1936, in Altoona, Pa., Thompson attended Central High School in Detroit. He went on to attend the University of Michigan where he earned degrees in anthropology and linguistics. He used his education to become an educator himself, working for more than 30 years as a middle school teacher in the Detroit School System. He was a 33-year resident of Livonia.

After retiring, Thompson picked up a temporary vocation as the interim youth min-

ister at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth, an interim position he would hold for five years. He later went on to become the Children's Minister and an elder at Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Livonia. He would also teach Bible studies, paint rooms, give counseling and help with international students attending Wayne State University.

"He loved the Lord very much," said Beverly Thompson, his wife. "He spent his life helping people."

During the late 1980s and early '90s, Mr. Thompson was the chairman of the then-15th Congressional District Republican party and worked on local initiatives as well as

GOP get-out-the-vote drives. Most recently, he defeated a fellow member of the GOP to run for 12th County Commission District in the Nov. 4 general election.

Besides his wife, Beverly, Thompson is survived by his daughters, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Sarahjoy; son, David; and sister, Anne. Services for Thompson, arranged by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held Tuesday at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth with a burial at Oak Grove Cemetery in Dixboro.

Memorial contributions can be made to Fellowship Presbyterian Church or to Cedar Campus, a camp for college students in the Upper Peninsula.

Parents press W-W board for answers

Parents of Wayne-Westland students are continuing to express their anger over what they consider the board's disregard for students in the district.

For more than an hour Monday evening, parents challenged the board to explain how money can be spent on Astroturf for football fields and for new elementary libraries when the district is claiming it's in deficit. School officials stressed that the district's sinking fund and some money from the general fund's buildings and sites account covered the cost. They stressed that sinking fund money, like the money from the 1998 bond issue can only be spent for specific things and cannot be used for things like salaries.

One parent told school board President Martha Pitsenbarger she was appalled that she could not tell her how much district Superintendent Greg Baracy made when she had called her on the telephone recently.

"You signed 10 of his contracts and you don't know how much he makes, that's appalling," she said.

Pitsenbarger responded that she needed to see the contract, saying that the board approves it once a year. She also defended Baracy's salary which he has

admitted could be as high as \$253,000, saying that he "is responsible for the district 24/7 365 days a year."

Along with the school improvements, Baracy's salary has become the focal point of parents' anger over the lack of a new teachers contract. The school board and the Wayne-Westland Education Association are in expedited fact finding in hopes of reaching an agreement. To date, the two sides have tentatively agreed to making up the four days lost when teachers went on strike on Oct. 6.

Shawn Maxwell, who is spearheading a recall of Pitsenbarger and board Vice President Skip Monit, quizzed the trustees about who was paying the bill for the attorney, a member of the district's law firm, that has been with them at Wayne County Elections Commission hearings.

"We are responsible for that," Monit told her.

The parents also put the board on notice that "we aren't going to go away."

As with the board's September meeting, the audience was told that any discussion about the contract negotiations would be ruled out of order.

CORRECTION

An incorrect date was printed in a story Sunday, Nov. 9 about the late Gracia Vivian Anderson Yankasky. Mrs. Yankasky, who served in the U.S. Air Force and was a Garden City resident, died in 1997.

Also, the story about the Band of Brothers and bomber production at Willow Run Airport should have stated the B-24 bomber was built there.

AROUND WESTLAND

Holiday reunion

Former Wayne County General Hospital employees and retirees are invited to kick off the holiday season with the 24th annual holiday reunion 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, in a private dining room at the Golden Corral restaurant in Westland. The restaurant is on Warren between Central City Parkway

and Newburgh. Those attending should notify the cashier when arriving.

Nutcracker Ballet

More than 70 dancers from Bunny Sanford's School of Dance will perform the Nutcracker holiday classic 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Stevenson High

School, 33500 Six Mile Road just west of Farmington. Tickets are \$5. This special production features original choreography and costumes from the Nutcracker Ballet that formerly appeared at the Fox Theatre and Detroit Opera House. Tickets are available at the door or by calling Bunny Sanford's School of Dance at (734) 464-7440.

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IP Telephone System

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Jade M. Smith
Controller

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Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: *Secured Self Storage*, 2460 Gully Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI November 29, 2008 at 1:10 p.m.

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| #102 | Micheal Golen | Misc. Household Items |
| #520 | Gwendolyn Books | Misc. Household Items |
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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at *Public Storage (formerly Shurgard)* located at 9300 Pelhem Road, Taylor, 48180 (313) 292-9730 11/29/08 at 10:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

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| 3051- Michael Bailey - Box, Bag, Tote |
| 7108- Deonte Barber - Box, Bag, Tote |
| 6037- Tracie Breuer - Box, Bag, Tote |
| 7130- Tisha Goree - Box, Bag, Tote |
| 7003- Kristie Hartman - Box, Bag, Tote |
| 3023- Rafael Hughes - Box, Bag, Tote |
| 6043-Jason Jeffrey - Box, Bag, Tote |
| 9032-Isaac King - Box, Bag, Tote |
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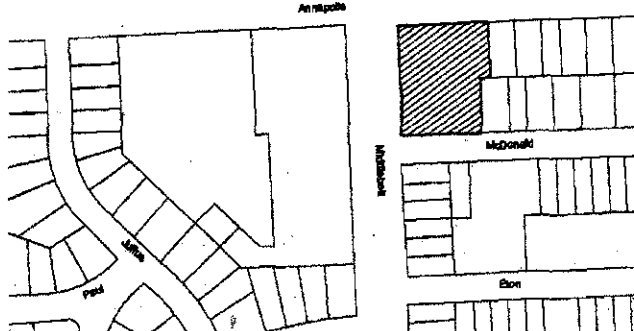
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1985F - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Retail Clothing Store, 4887 Middlebelt, Parcel #083-02-0007-302, Southeast Corner of Middlebelt Road and Annapolis Avenue, Tomiko Davis (Sam Saleh)



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Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

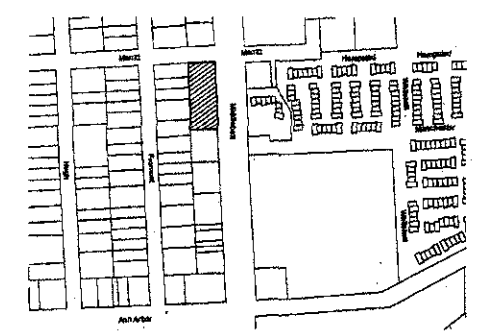
Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1637C - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Kiasi 4 Café, 8077 Middlebelt Road, Parcel #005-02-0063-300, West Side of Middlebelt Road, North of Ann Arbor Trail, Saber Shuqir (Nazar N. Sarafa, MD)



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KENNETH B. SHARP, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On November 18, 2008, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

| YEAR | MAKE | BODY STYLE | COLOR | VIN |
|------|----------|------------------|--------|-------------------|
| 1994 | Ford | T-Bird/2 Dr | Green | 1FALP62WXRH162753 |
| 1994 | Ford | Aerostar/SW | Red | 1FMDE31XXRZB53033 |
| 2002 | GMC | Yukon/SW | Black | 1GKEK63U32J222311 |
| 1986 | Olds | Cutlass/2 Dr | Beige | 1G3GM47Y6GP363068 |
| 1995 | Ford | Taurus/4 Dr | White | 1FALP52U0SG108768 |
| 1984 | Chevy | Van | Tan | 2GCDG15H7E4126092 |
| 1994 | Ford | Aspire/2 Dr | Green | KNJLT06H4R8130128 |
| 1983 | Cadillac | Seville/4 Dr | Blue | 1G6AS6989DE801094 |
| 1997 | Ford | T-Bird/2 Dr | Black | 1FALP62W9VH148353 |
| 1992 | Cadillac | 4 Dr | Silver | 1G6CD53B4N4212012 |
| 1984 | Honda | Motorcycle | Red | 1HFSC1200EA106961 |
| 1980 | Chevy | Rally Sport/2 Dr | Black | 1P87HAN500236 |
| 1980 | Cadillac | Seville/4 Dr | Tan | 6S699AE690073 |
| 1997 | Buick | LeSabre/4 Dr | Chmpgn | 1G4HP62K5VH571935 |
| 1997 | Kawasaki | Motorcycle | Silver | JK4ZX4C13VB517653 |
| 1993 | Olds | Cutlass/4 Dr | Tan | 1G3AG55N5P6379277 |

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after DECEMBER 13, 2008 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

| YEAR | MAKE | BODY STYLE | COLOR | VIN |
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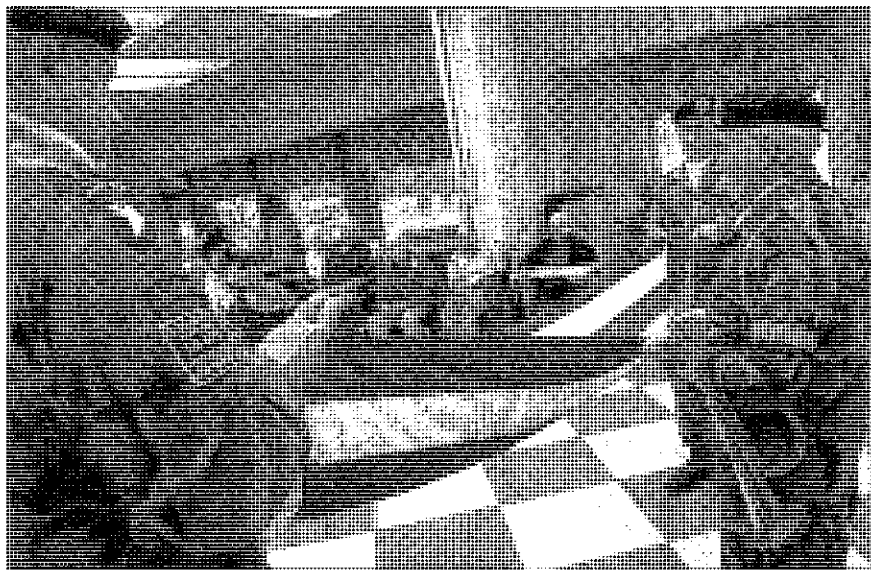
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A salute to country

(Above) Veteran James Cheek salutes while John Witala places his hand over his heart during the Pledge of Allegiance at a ceremony Monday at the Westland Convalescent and Rehab Center presented by members of the Plymouth-Canton Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America. (At right) Folding the flag during the ceremony are veterans Doug Fox of Melvindale and Joe Agius of Canton. Forrest Manley of Westland looks on.



RECYCLING

FROM PAGE A1

In what could be a strong incentive to residents, the city may include a RecycleBank program that would allow households to accumulate points for the amount of materials they recycle. The company that picks up the materials would weigh them, and customers could go online or call a phone number to redeem their points for discounts at places like grocery stores, pharmacies, movie theaters — and potentially even for cash back.

Despite the incentive, some city leaders and residents still question whether Westland will get the level of participation it needs to make a curbside recycling program work. Currently, the city only has a drop-off site on Marquette east of Newburgh.

Councilman Charles Pickering described himself as "skeptical" of the latest proposal and said, "I'm not convinced that we're going to get the support of our community."

Even so, Pickering said he is a recycling proponent, and he didn't try to hamper efforts to seek contract proposals.

Wild said he believes that a curbside recycling program places among the top priorities of new services that residents want, and he indicated the plan also could be one of several factors in convincing new homeowners to move to a forward-thinking city. He said the program also would be a cornerstone of his Mission Green plan.

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While annual costs could top \$1 million, Resource Recycling Systems Inc. chief executive officer Jim Frey said the city also could see its recycling-generated revenues start near the \$500,000-a-year mark and grow each year. Coupled with the RecycleBank program, Frey said, Westland could become "a trend-setter for the area."

That would mark a dramatic turnaround. Westland currently recycles less than 1 percent of its waste stream unless compost is factored in, which pushes the amount to 14 percent. The state of Michigan has indicated that communities need to reach the 50 percent mark by 2015.

"We're looking to be the leaders," Wild said, adding that the recycling market is changing rapidly and becoming more lucrative. "What we're looking to do is be out in front of it."

Longtime residents like Barb Polich, who favors curbside recycling, appeared encouraged by Monday's talks.

"Some of us have been working on this for almost 20 years," she said.

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction November 18, 2008 at 11:15 A.M. The auctions will be held at *Westland Car Care Towing*, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

| Year | Make | Model | Body | Vin# |
|------|------------|----------|------|-------------------|
| 1991 | Plymouth | Sundance | 4DR | 1P3XP28D4MN502354 |
| 1993 | GMC | | S/W | 1GKFK16K5PJ739845 |
| 1991 | Toyota | Corolla | 4DR | 4T1SV21E0MU400828 |
| 2002 | Mitsubishi | Diamante | 4DR | 6MMAP87P32T013687 |
| 1995 | Dodge | Caravan | S/W | 2B4GH25K2SR288574 |

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A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Public Hearing for Proposed Amendment to Westland Zoning Ordinance 248, by Amending Article IX, Section 9:4.1g, Deleting Article IX, Sections 9:4.2f and 9:5.2f, Amending Article IX, Section 9:6.2f, Article XII, Section 12:4.9, and Adding Article VI, Section 6:0, and Article XVI, Section 16:2.11(II)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 2, 2008.

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 24920 Trowbridge St., Dearborn, MI 48124 (313) 277-7940 11/28/2008 at:9:30 am Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 1096 Omar Mohammad Malik - boxes, bags, totes
- 1204 Mary Keegan - bags, mattress, boxes
- 1282 Anthony Kempinski - boxes, bags, totes
- 1333 Olive Garden - boxes
- 1346 Terry Morgan - boxes, grill, totes
- 1374 Travis Johnson - mattress, boxes, bags
- 2268 Anthony Pinon - boxes, bags, totes
- 2304 Nina Costello - boxes, bags, totes
- 2312 Tristina Mitchel - dresser, lamp, bags
- 3012 Steve Miller - box, bag, tote
- 1196 Marie Wallace - box, bag, tote
- 2393 Margaret Harris - boxes, bags, totes
- 2482 William Vannetta - boxes, bags, totes
- 3002 Anthony Pinon - boxes., bags, totes

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 21905 Allen Park
- A016 Tracey Wilburn - boxes, bags, totes
- B028 Deborah Coe - boxes, bags, totes
- B048 Keyanna Wafford - boxes, bags, totes
- B061 Anaka Vanderbilt - mattress, shelf, dresser
- B070 Elliot King - boxes, bags, bed
- B078 Lakisha Jones - boxes, bags, totes
- B097 Margaret Mercing - boxes, totes, table
- B128 Dwain Puryear - boxes, bags, totes
- B149 John Mason - boxes, bags, totes
- B157 David Petty - box, fan, dresser
- B183 Victor Moss - tv, dresser, bed
- B198 Donna Ullmann - fan, box, tote
- B226 ADT Security Services Curuty Services -boxes, bags, totes
- B266 John Rinas - box, lights, washer
- B330 Sheldon Turley - suitcase, box, bag
- B353 Dave Smith - boxes, bags, totes
- B370 Robert Young - bags
- C013 Ted Koneskey - boxes, bags, totes
- D030 Aaron Daniels - boxes, bags, totes

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 20080 Allen Rd. Trenton, MI 48183 (734)479-5442 11/29/2008 at 9:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 096- William Bridge Jr - box, bag, totes
- 1001- Crystal Langley - box, bag, totes
- 1022- Faye Guerra - box, bag, totes
- 1039- Melanie Roberts - box, bag, totes
- 1116- John Jordan IV - box, bag, totes
- 1118- Bianca Jordan - box, bag, totes
- 130- John Cairns - box, bag, totes
- 304- Guadalupe Garza Jr - box, bag, totes
- 412- Scott Gent - box, bag, totes
- 524- Debra Higgins - box, bag, totes
- 532- Michael A Santwire - box, bag, totes
- 642- Kristy Bredburn - box, bag, totes
- 657- Kymane R Clark - box, bag, totes
- 718- Edward Kowalcik - box, bag, totes
- 823- James Goodman - box, bag, totes
- 947- Susan Dalimonte - box, bag, totes

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 1024 - Cassandra Boggan - 2 Totes, 1 Box, 3 Bags
- 1032 - Sheila Boyd - 10 Bags, Dresser, Headboard
- 1104 - Derrick Jackson - Dresser, Vacuum, 2 End Tables
- 1166 - Ryan Mason - Mountain Bike, 2 Totes, Bassinet
- 2032 - Lori Brokenshire - Boxes, Bags, Misc Items
- 2044 - Rhonda Steele - Sofa, TV, Entertainment Center
- 3110 - Megan Thornton - Suitcase, Tote, 5 Boxes
- 3124 - Elaine Griffin - 30 Boxes, 2 Bags, Bicycle
- 3158 - Samuel Hamman - 5 Bags, Toys, Misc Items
- 3202 - Ashley Pawlowski - 2 End Tables, 5 Boxes, Lamp
- 4032 - Donielle Mitchell - 10 Bags, Bed, 2 TVs
- 4040 - Cindi Reese - Dresser, Sofa, Loveseat
- 4076 - Debra Mike - 20 Bags, 3 Boxes, Misc Items
- 4168 - Kimberly Winingham - 2 Lamps, 10 Bags, 2 Boxes
- 5046 - Dawn Smith - Boxes, Bags, Misc Items
- 5102 - Marcus Mathis - 10 Boxes, 10 Chairs, Misc Items
- 5112 - Dennis Bates - 20 Boxes, Suitcase, Freezer
- 5174 - Joann Myrick - Boxes, Bags, Misc Items
- 5176 - Roseitta Jones - Washer, TV, Sofa
- 6066 - Lena Sturgis - 12 Totes, 2 Chairs, Desk

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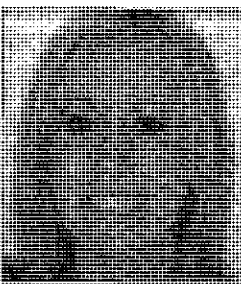
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Volunteers meticulously resurrect World War I fighter plane

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the cavernous Hangar II at Willow Run Airport, where Henry Ford once cranked out B-24 airplanes by the thousands during World War II, a small group of volunteers has spent more than a year building a replica World War I airplane.

It has been a meticu-

lous process for the group of retired engineers and toolmakers, including several military veterans, who are attempting to build a SPAD — a French fighter plane made famous by pilots like American Eddie Rickenbacker during the first world war.

When they complete the project, expected to take two more years, the plane

will not only be on display at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, but it will also be used in air shows, because the plane will be flyable, according to Lou Farkas, Jr., vice president of the Yankee Air Museum.

"This won't just be a model. It will be flyable," said Farkas, a longtime Westland resident who now resides in Canton. "We're going to fly this thing at different air shows, which will help raise money for the museum."

The museum is currently housed in Willow Run's Hangar II on a temporary basis, because of a fire that destroyed the old museum four years ago. The museum lost nine vintage airplanes, as well as millions of dollars worth of military and aviation artifacts. The organization that runs the museum is currently holding a fund raising campaign to build a new museum on the grounds of the historic airport owned by Wayne County.

The SPAD project began more than a year ago when volunteer and former pilot Bill Rodgers was out in California and got a hold of some original plans for the SPAD, most of which were written in French.

The SPAD was a French biplane fighter, developed by the Société Pour L'Aviation et ses Dérivés (SPAD). It was one of the most capable fighters of the war and is a recognizable symbol of World War I.

The plane is made almost entirely of wood, which makes for a tedious process. Every once matters, as the team is hoping to keep the single-seat plane under 1,200 pounds by the time it is finished. That means using special wood products, including spruce from the Pacific coast region.

"We're seeing how difficult



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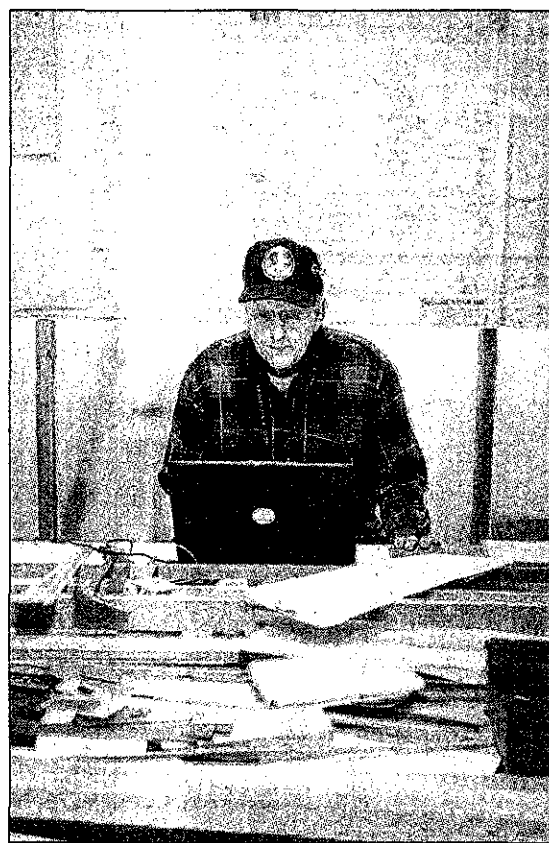
Volunteers Larry Arnett of Wayne (from left), Ken Hauser of Canton, Tom Ismond of Huron Township, Joe Kosek of Westland, Ray Wall of Plymouth, Bill Rodgers of Brighton, Dale Burgess of Ann Arbor and Mark Clapham of Taylor stand in front of the World War I fighter plane they are building by hand at the Yankee Air Museum.

it was to make these things," said Westland resident Joe Kosek, who is the lead on the project.

Kosek, 84, was a glider pilot who flew missions in the Pacific during World War II. He said building the plane by hand "is a very precise process" and has led to many disagreements between volunteers and they put the plane together piece by painstaking piece. Last week, for example, there was an argument about a half millimeter when fabricating a piece of the plane.

"This is a wonderful project. I love the camaraderie with the guys," said Ray Wall, a retired engineer who lives in Plymouth. "I find myself waking up a 3 o'clock in the morning sometimes thinking I could have done something a little differently than I had done it that day."

The group of volunteers also includes Mark Clapham, Larry Arnet of Wayne, Gene Blanchard, Ken Hauser of Canton, Tom Ismond, Dick Sprague, Dale Burgess, Rick Klann and Hennie Moses. For more information about



Canton's Ken Hauser works on designs for pieces of the SPAD's wing.

the SPAD project or to tour the Yankee Air Museum, call Lou Farkas at (734) 483-4030, or e-mail him at lfark-

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- Dec. 11-Tues. - Phil Gram All Stars 6pm-8pm - East Court
- Dec. 12-Wed. - 3 D's & W Barbershop Quartet - 6pm-8pm - Throughout the mall
- Dec. 14-Fri. - Our Lady of Good Counsel 10:45am-11:30pm - JC Penney Court
- 3 D's & W - 6pm-8pm Throughout the mall
- Dec. 18 -Tues. - Phil Gram All Stars 6pm-8pm - East Court
- Dec. 19-Wed. - 3 D's & W Barbershop Quartet - 6pm-8pm - Throughout the mall
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OUR VIEWS

Saturday: good day to recycle

With all the talk about global warming and its impact on earth, Saturday is the day we should all take note of: It's America Recycles Day, a national day dedicated to educating us about the advantages of recycling and buying recycled products.

We are the stewards of our environment. We are responsible for preserving and protecting our resources for ourselves and for future generations. But how we will do that depends on what we are willing to do.

Consider this: The average American discards 4.6 pounds of garbage every day, but only recycle 1.5 pounds. And even in this time of heightened awareness about greenhouse gases, the nation's composting and recycling rates are only at 33 percent, according to the National Recycling Coalition.

Westland is making strides toward offering curbside recycling, but until it comes to fruition, residents need to take advantage of the recycling opportunities offered throughout the city like the Recycling Center located behind the Economic Growth Center at 37095 Marquette. It's open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday year-round for Westland residents. Clean newsprint, plastics (No. 1 through No. 7), cans (tin or aluminum), used motor oil, scrap metal, tires, tires on wheels, cardboard, antifreeze, computers, and batteries — automotive, watch, camera, hearing aid, lithium or Ni-Cad — are will be accepted. There's also battery recycling containers at Westland City Hall and the William P. Faust Public Library.

And there are several schools — Hamilton, Patchin, John Glenn, Marshall, St. John's Lutheran and Edison, to name a few — churches like Westland Free Methodist and city facilities — the library, Friendship Center and cable TV studio which have the distinctive green and yellow Abitibi-Consolidated Paper Retriever bins to collect newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs and mail for recycling.

Just taking these few steps can have an impact on our planet. Last year the amount of energy saved from recycling aluminum and steel cans, plastic PET and glass containers, newsprint and corrugated packaging was equivalent to the amount of electricity consumed by 17.8 million Americans in one year.

So celebrate America Recycles Day. Stop by the city's recycling center or visit one of those Abitibi bins. As the saying goes, every little bit helps.

Time for Wayne County to update election site

Now that Cathy Garrett has won an easy re-election as Wayne County clerk, we would like to make a modest proposal.

We suggest that Clerk Garrett sit down with Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson and ask her how Oakland County is able to post election results so quickly, completely and handsomely on its far superior Web site, while Wayne County lingers along with a site that is slow to post, unattractive and confusing.

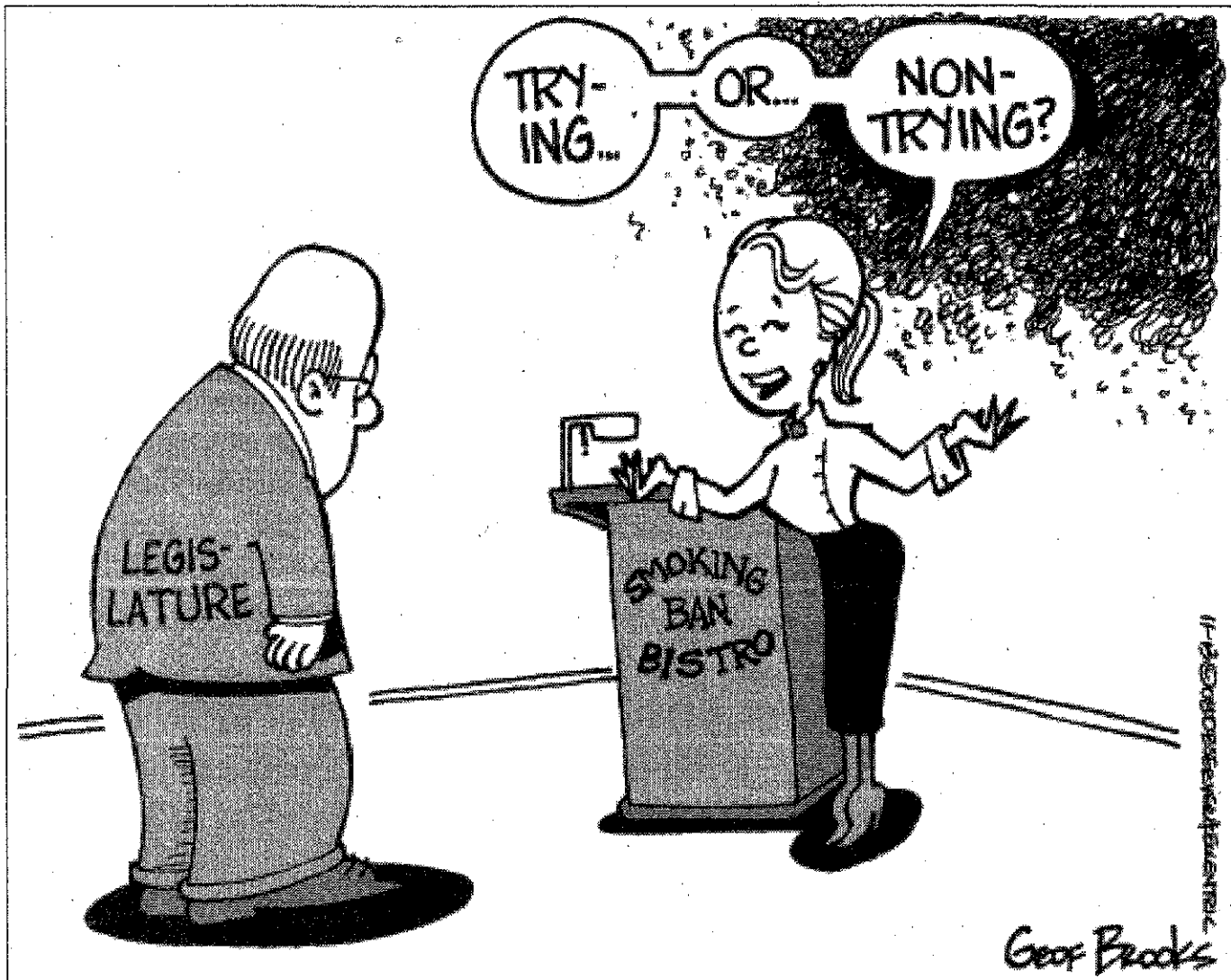
On the Oakland County site, the list of candidates and ballot proposals is handsomely presented in numbers and as a graphic. Throughout the election night, numbers were posted as precincts reported. The site told visitors how many precincts had reported out of total precincts for that race. There was also a running count on straight party voting. Visitors to the Web site could also see a map of the district and a further breakdown of the vote showing how absentee voters cast their votes. Another section showed the percentage of registered voters who voted in each precinct in the county.

The color graphics were impressive and easy to understand. The vote count was easy for anyone to follow throughout the evening and into Wednesday morning.

By contrast, Wayne County posted PDF files for each race, with crude type, no graphics, no maps, no breakdown on absentee voting. The first postings were promised by 10 p.m. but didn't come until later. The postings gave a time for when the numbers were posted but no indication of how many precincts or what percentage of the vote was represented at the time the votes were posted.

The software is out there. If Oakland County can provide its residents with this kind of complete and on time information, Wayne County should be able to do the same.

This should be a top priority for Cathy Garrett — do lunch with Ruth Johnson.



LETTERS

Thank you to voters

I appreciate this opportunity to thank the voters of the 12th District for supporting my candidacy and electing me as your Wayne County Commissioner. I am both honored and humbled that you have chosen me to represent you and your family in these historically challenging times.

You have put your trust in me and I, in turn, will do my best to provide the leadership you expect and absolutely deserve.

I extend my deepest thanks to my family and dear friends, both old and new, who have invested their time and energy in our campaign. I have been encouraged and inspired by your enthusiasm.

To the constituents of Wayne County's 12th District: I look forward to working with you and for you. I will make every effort to "hit the ground running" as I assume my new duties in January. There is much to do.

Together, we must work to improve our infrastructure, retain current businesses and attract new jobs, and help families stay in their homes.

I am committed to responsible county government, and I pledge to be your advocate to make sure every tax dollar is well spent.

Thanks, again, to the voters of the 12th District for hiring me for this important job. I promise I won't let you down.

Joan Gebhardt
commissioner-elect
Wayne 12th District

Thanks for election help

Last Tuesday's election is a moment in history now. It was a very busy time for my office and I could not let the election pass without saying a few thanks to those who made it possible. As with anything that is of monumental status, as I believe this was, there were a few glitches.

In Precinct 8 we dealt with long lines. I was able to shorten them in the afternoon by splitting the precinct book into A-L and M-Z. This actually created two lines for the one precinct and cut the wait time to about 20 minutes in the afternoon. I apologize for any temporary disruption this caused. The patience of the voters and the professionalism of my election inspectors helped to make a tedious situation tolerable.

I would like to thank my staff — Terrasa Elsarelli, Ray Parker, Donna DeWinter, Mary Weislo and Jeanette Rusu — who spent many hours after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m. working to make sure the files were in order, all citizens registering before Oct. 6, 2008, were entered, absentee ballots were mailed and questions were answered. All this was completed besides doing their regularly assigned tasks as part of the Clerk's office staff. They were always pleasant to the customers (our CITIZENS) and never complained about the long hours. They are the epitome of the definition of "public servant." We operate as a TEAM in the Clerk's office and I was

proud to be one of their team mates.

To my Deputy Clerk, Tina Stanke, you worked right along beside me, as you always do. There was no task you didn't volunteer to do and each and every thing you did was done in an exemplary fashion. You were and are my "right hand woman" and supported me in decisions and assignments. Thank you for your professionalism and loyalty.

To my Field Deputy Clerks, Machine Technicians, Absentee Counting Board Personnel, Election Inspectors, Chairmen and co-chairmen — without you the election just wouldn't happen. Yes, my staff and I gave you all the raw materials but you are the ones who actually made it work. You were busy from 6 a.m. until you brought all the materials and results back to my office late Tuesday evening. The Counting Boards had a long day from 7 a.m. until after 11 p.m. I congratulate you all on a job well done and I want to thank you for your perseverance and dedication.

To the rest of the employees at City Hall, thank you for your patience. At any given moment on Monday (the day before the election) there were 20-75 citizens in the lobby requesting an absentee ballot. You continued to do the wonderful job you always do even with the distraction of a noisy lobby and busy city hall.

To the Mayor and City Council, thank you for giving me the tools to conduct this historic election. You have always supported me and have given me all the necessary assistance, financial support and encouragement that anyone could receive. Without your all encompassing support, we would have been short on supplies, short on work hours and, ultimately, short with the citizens of our wonderful city.

There are so many other individuals and organizations to thank that I, quite frankly, can't name them all. However, I would like to personally thank Famous Dave's Barbecue and Corey specifically. They volunteered without any solicitation to help feed the wonderful ladies who count all of the absentee ballots. I provided the Counting Boards with a large mid-day meal and Famous Dave's provided them with pork sandwiches, chips and soda in the evening. It was a long day for them all as they are not allowed, by law, to leave the counting board during the day. Famous Dave's generosity was extremely munificent and gracious.

Again, it was a great day and there were so many people who made the day the success that it was.

Thank you all.

Eileen DeHart, CMC
Westland city clerk

Protests too much

Westland's Janell Evans wrote a commendable response to my earlier letter which was critical of her politically inspired poetry. However, to paraphrase the immortal words of

Shakespeare's Hamlet, methinks she doth protest a bit too much.

While claiming that her opinions were self-directed and not a parroting of family members or others, she interspersed her comments with several classic Republican talking points, most notably the thoroughly-discredited conservative canard about the existence of an allegedly "liberal" media. I rather doubt that she thought up that dubious and unsupported claim on her own.

Still, it is very encouraging that someone so young is passionate enough about her beliefs to write letters to local newspapers. I hope that many others of Janell's age will continue to be so motivated toward political activism. Young people were involved in an unprecedented manner in the recent election, the harbinger of a bright future for our democracy.

The people of Michigan and of our United States of America have now spoken, and it is clear that there is a consensus for a new direction for our nation. The past eight years have seen incessant assaults on the individual liberties of American citizens by the current administration and its operatives.

There are many within the political party that Janell supports who would continue those attacks, including the disenfranchisement of eligible voters. If, in four years Janell is dissatisfied with America's direction, she can use her newly minted rights as a voter to express that dissatisfaction. Fortunately, Barack Obama and Democratic Party will see to it that she still has the right to do so.

Joe Golonka
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"This recall has nothing to do with the language they put forth. If anyone looked at this language, how could they justify a vote to recall us?"

— Wayne-Westland school board Vice President Skip Monit, about approval of recall language for himself and board President Martha Pitsenbarger

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LETTERS

Protect diabetic children

For children with diabetes, managing their condition is a full-time job. Their daily tasks include monitoring their blood sugar levels several times and often taking multiple insulin shots. For these children, proper management of their condition is not a choice, it's an absolute necessity. Keeping blood sugar levels under control enables kids to live healthier and more productive lives at school and at play and to avoid health complications.

Unfortunately, students with diabetes are often left with no assistance in caring for their condition at school. This is why it's so important for the Michigan Legislature to pass House Bill 6555, prompted by the American Diabetes Association's Safe at School Campaign and supported by the Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network, National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The legislation will allow diabetic students to bring necessary personal equipment to school to monitor their condition during class or school-related activities.

The legislation will also ensure that schools have personnel to assist with daily and emergency diabetes care tasks. All too often, a single nurse is assigned to cover as many as 10 schools. Even when schools have a full-time nurse, they are not always available, especially during field trips and extracurricular activities. By training school personnel to perform diabetes care tasks, students will safely get help when a nurse is not present.

I am going to contact my state representative and state senator and encourage them to support the Safe at School Campaign. I hope you will do the same.

Kristie Lewis
National Kidney Foundation of Michigan
Westland

Wake-up call for McCotter

Thaddeus McCotter was reelected this week with about 51 percent of voters supporting him. His leading opponent, Joe Larkin, received 45 percent of the vote, with two minor candidates splitting the rest.

This should be a wake-up call to Mr. McCotter. His messages to his constituents consistently brag

about his refusal to work with the Democrats across the aisle. Until recently, he was firmly aligned with the Bush Administration policies, only breaking with Bush in the last few months after the President's approval ratings dropped so low that it has become embarrassing to be tied to him.

Representative McCotter has been serving a tiny fraction of his constituents on the far right. The recent close election confirms that the 11th district is centrist right as is the United States as a whole.

In his recent victory speech, Mr. McCotter said, "The fundamental goal, if re-elected is to serve your constituents whether it's a President Bush, a President McCain or President Obama, you look at the interests of the district and if some things are good, you vote for them and if some things are bad, you oppose them."

In order to serve the interests of his district, Mr. McCotter should understand that his constituents clearly demonstrated that nearly half of them do not approve of his past practices as our representative. Like the rest of the country, most of us want to see a bipartisan approach to solving the complex problems our district, state and country are facing.

This is an opportunity for Representative McCotter to show true leadership in Congress, by example and by influence. He can lead the other conservative Republicans in helping to shape policy instead of simply opposing it.

We have many complex problems that affect all the residents of the 11th district. We cannot afford to have our representative in Congress continue to act based on narrow ideological beliefs which do not serve the needs of his district.

John and Martha Adamson
Northville

98 percent of the time but McCotter earned my vote. He questions everything, spends with a conscience, and takes care of us. I love to watch him at work - if you haven't seen him in session, check it out. Thank You and Congratulations Mr. McCotter!

phikabob wrote:

"The fundamental goal if re-elected is to serve your constituents whether it's a President Bush, a President McCain or President Obama, you look at the interests of the district and if some things are good, you vote for them and if some things are bad, you oppose them."

Then why are you such a hard right, ideological nutjob in a moderate district that just voted for Barack Obama? People of Livonia - pay attention to your Congressman over the next two years! He is not the pragmatic moderate he tries to disguise himself as.

springfieldxd9 wrote:

Replying to concernedcitizens:
Thad Rocks ... He tells it like it is. Look what the banks did with their new found money. They went to a nice resort. We should have done what Britain did, make the banks lend the money instead of just giving it to them and hope those greedy ---- would do the right thing.

■ Regarding the Wayne County Elections Commission's approval of recall language against school board members Martha Pitzenbarger and Skip Monit:

ModerateOne wrote:

Give 'em heck, Martha and Skip. You have run this district well, and without the deficits that are crippling the school districts surrounding Wayne-Westland's. This has been done because of Dr. Baracy's allowing W/W Schools to become a magnet "school of choice." High quality students pour into W/W Schools to receive high quality education.

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So some classes are a bit crowded.
The teachers have not had to have one budget

cut, or loss of benefits! Good job!

polyglot1947 wrote:

Mr. Monit and Ms. Pitzenbarger have been on the School Board for a long time. They and the other Board members delegated their responsibility to Supt. Baracy. So, Dr. Baracy acts on their behalf and with their approval. When supt. sends letters to teachers that threatens to fire the teachers, it is as if Monit and Pitzenbarger sent those letters. M. and P. voted to approve a cozy salary and benefit package to the supt. and his cronies, while kids are packed 36 to 40 in classrooms. Then M and P authorized all the tree planting, Astrourfing, grandiose extra buildings.

opine4utoo wrote:

If they were to publicly approve of the teachers breaking the law, you would have recalled them even sooner! And again you are one who refers to planting trees on school property as a waste of money. Westland has an ordinance that if a tree is uprooted, another MUST be planted to replace it. You again refer to Astrourf as though it was a waste of money. The cost of upkeep for fields of grass was paid back in the first three years. State and federal governments found that the MHSAA was in violation of Title IX when its girls' athletic seasons were out of line. The voters of Westland approved a sinking fund some of which was to build the gyms making it possible for the girls to have equal facilities with the boys. Sinking fund money can only be spent as designated by the voters at the time of the ballot proposal. Find a superintendent for less, and you'll have a boob for a leader. Oh, and don't forget, he/she must live in your district! It says so in your board policy manual.

■ Regarding our story about World War II veteran Lorraine (Glowczewski) Waling:
geraldrogers wrote:

I am proud to tell you that my Mom is Lorraine Waling. I think it is an amazing thing to have a Mom who served in the WACs. Good job, Mom! My Dad served in the Navy during the Korean conflict. There aren't many people can say both their parents were in the military. On this Veteran's Day thank a vet for serving and keeping us free.

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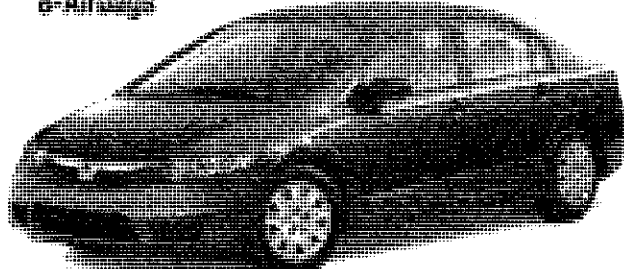
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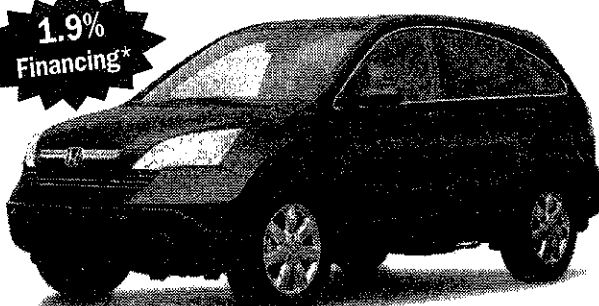


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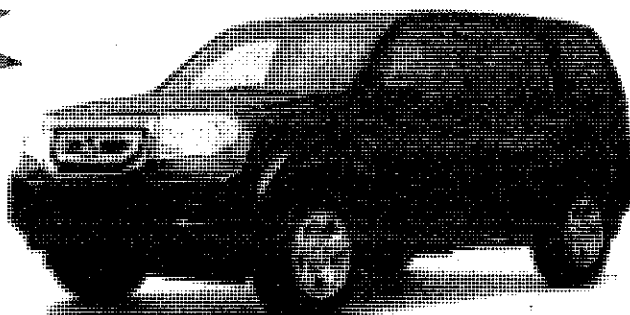


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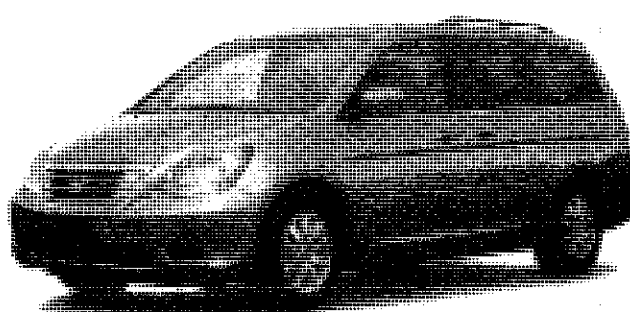
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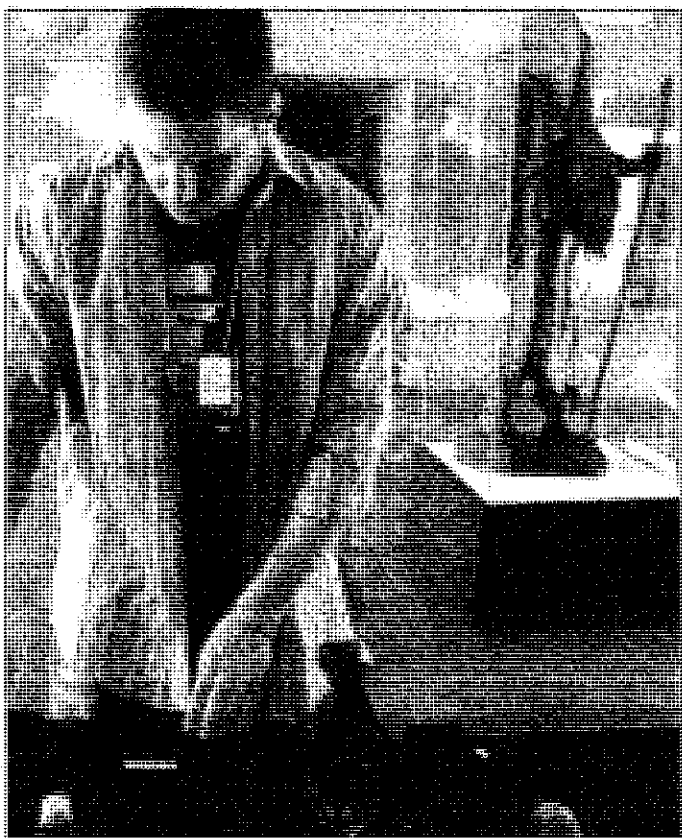
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Christopher McCann-Nickin of Livonia works with media equipment during PAH-fest Hollywood 2008.

Madonna TV, film students go from classroom to Hollywood

Madonna University broadcast and cinema arts students, Christy Derry of Dexter, Julie Pulgini of Farmington, Christopher McCann-Nickin and Krystle Kusiak of Livonia, traveled to California to participate in PAH-fest Hollywood this October. PAH-fest is a digital media festival that travels to cities throughout the U.S. and internationally, offering movie making fun to everyday people.

"In just one week I made some great contacts and friends. I learned so much and had an amazing time doing it," said broadcast and cinema arts student McCann-Nickin.

PAH-fest is the brainchild of Christopher Coppola, nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and brother to actor Nicholas Cage. After participating in PAH-fest Motown, held at Madonna in July, the students assisted Hollywood movie making teams by sharing their knowledge and experience during an intensive week of creating documentaries, acting, directing, producing, shooting, and editing. They worked alongside Hollywood producers, directors, cinematographers, editors and Coppola himself - Madonna's newest adjunct faculty member and team teacher for PAH-fest Hollywood. He plans to have his students involved with many of his projects.

"I am proud of and impressed with my Madonna students," Coppola said. "They are becoming my highly trained, special forces, tactical unit to send out on my creative endeavors."

Madonna broadcast and cinema arts instructors Sue and Dan Boyd accompanied their students to Hollywood and were involved with event organization and coaching.

"The Madonna team was awesome!" said Kate Folb, director of development for PAH Nation. "The organizational and technical skills of the Madonna professors combined with the enthusiasm of the students helped to make this the smoothest PAH-fest to date."

Madonna University's Broadcast and Cinema Arts program prepares students for careers in broadcast, film and other new digital media industries. The program, grounded in the liberal arts, combines an integrated theoretical and intensive hands-on approach for professional preparation. Students gain a wide-range of skills and experiences that can be applied to career positions.

Madonna University's new "green" Media Center, opening in fall 2009, will provide students with the latest digital technologies. PAH-fest Motown takes place at Madonna University in Livonia every July.

Now is the time to plan tax strategies

The recent carnage on Wall Street should prompt investors to consider a couple strategies before the end of the year. Both strategies deal with taxes. The one caveat that always comes with any sort of tax planning is to make sure you look at your own individual situation. Taxes are complex and the advice that is good for 95 percent of the people may not be good for you. Therefore, it is always important when we talk about taxes to make sure you apply it to your own individual situation.



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The first tax strategy is to consider converting existing traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. It is a strategy that always makes sense in a down market. It can be a huge tax savings. After all, you pay taxes on the value of the account today, which is for most investors considerably lower than the account was worth a year ago. By converting now you're paying taxes on a much lower amount. In addition, from the time of conversion money grows tax free not tax deferred, thus when the markets recover your gains will be tax free.

Another opportunity to look at is recognizing losses for tax purposes. In order to deduct a loss from your tax return, it has to be recognized. That means it just can't be a paper loss; you have to sell the investment. It would be nice if you could sell an investment, deduct the loss for tax purposes and then immediately repurchase the investment. It cannot be done, doing so would violate the wash-sale rules which state if you take a loss for tax purposes you cannot buy that same investment within 30 days.

Considering the volatility in today's market, the smart investor does not want to be out of the market for any appreciable length of time. A strategy to consider is to sell certain investments for tax losses then immediately repurchase a similar investment. For example, if you have a loss in a small company growth fund, a good strategy is to sell then turn around and buy another small company growth fund. This way you are still in the same asset class but able to take losses for tax purposes.

In looking at tax consequences with regards to losses, most investors will have losses that are long-term losses. So to deduct these losses you first offset any long-term gains. If you have losses in excess of long-term gain you can then deduct up to \$3,000 per year. Any excess losses can then be carried over to future tax years.

Effective planning should enable most people to carry over losses for many years to come. In addition, even if the capital gains tax is raised to 20 percent from the present level of 15 percent, with proper tax planning the consequences should be marginal.

Whether taking tax losses or converting IRAs, transactions must be completed before the end of the year.

There is no doubt that taxes are complex and difficult. Don't hesitate to seek out professional advice. However, it is important to make sure that you're dealing with a professional someone who understands tax laws. Someone who prepares taxes is not necessarily the person

to discuss tax planning. He/she may understand how to prepare a return but may not have the training with regard to tax strategies.

My general recommendation is when it comes to tax planning, sit down with someone who does taxes all year long. Certified public accountants or enrolled agents are generally these individuals.

Taking advantage of tax laws will not eliminate the losses investors suffered this year. However, the strategies discussed here can reduce the impact.

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December 2008 Events at Schoolcraft College

Unless otherwise noted, events are at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Maps and directions are available at www.schoolcraft.edu/maps/.

Friday, December 5
WRC Luncheon Series
"The Parade Company"
Renee Gonyeau offers a behind-the-scenes look at The Parade Company, the non-profit organization dedicated to creating the best family events in metro Detroit, including the annual America's Thanksgiving Day parade, held in Detroit since 1924.
11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
DiPonio Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: \$16 (prepaid, includes lunch)
Register by December 1, 2008
Information: 734-462-4443

Friday, December 5
Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Artist Ensemble Winter Concert
7:30 p.m.
Admission: Free; donations accepted at the door
Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City
Information: 734-462-4403

Friday, December 12
Bach Piano Honors Recital
7:00 p.m.
Presentation Room inside the VisTaTech Center
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Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble Winter Concert
7:30 p.m.
DiPonio Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: Free
Information: 734-462-4400 ext. 5217

Sunday, December 14
"A Winter's Tale"
Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert
This performance is a benefit for the Gleaner's Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.
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Lutheran Westland eliminates Roeper

BY DAN STICKRADT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Birmingham Roeper put together one of the state's biggest Cinderella stories in the Class D volleyball tournament a year ago.

Unranked and unheralded, the Roughriders shocked the field by winning their first-ever regional title and advancing all the way to the state championship game.

There will be no repeat performance this year.

After taking Game 1 Tuesday against second-ranked Lutheran Westland, the highly talented Warriors shut down the upstart Roughriders with a 22-25, 25-14, 25-17, 25-18 victory at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

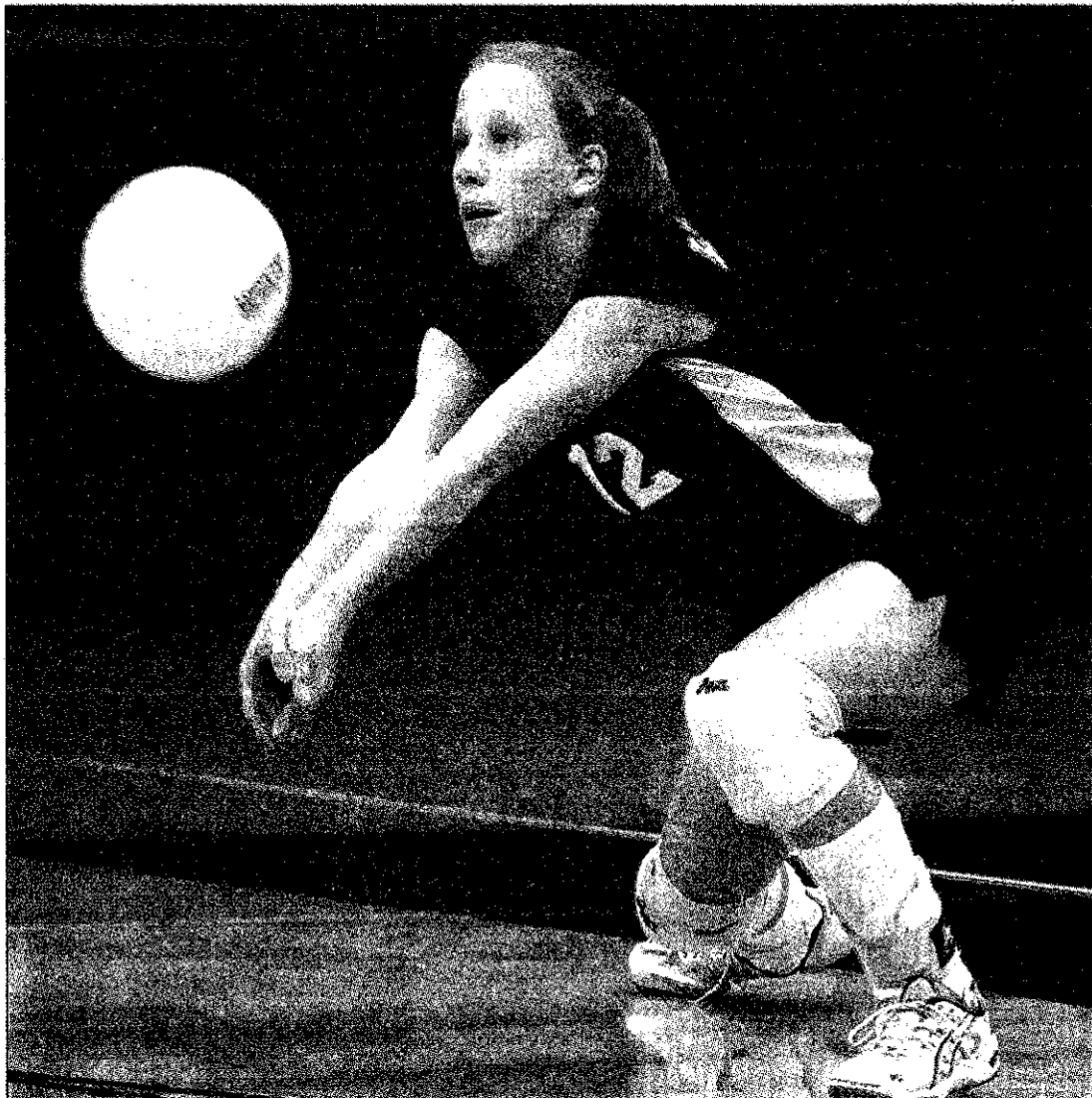
Lutheran Westland, 43-5-5 overall, advances to the regional finals for the third straight year and will take on host and fifth-ranked Oakland Christian (35-12-1) in the regional championship 7 p.m. Thursday.

Roeper bows out with a 42-11-6 record.

"We knew what Roeper did last year, getting to the finals," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "They came out with a lot of energy, but we just kept playing. Even though we lost the first game, we did come back and take a brief lead in that game. After that, we just kept setting our middles, because we felt they didn't have anyone to block it. We just had to keep playing, stay the course."

Lutheran Westland, which lost in the regional finals last season to Hillsdale Academy and to Oakland Christian in the same game two seasons ago, was paced by 6-foot-1 senior middle hitter Rebecca Refenes, who has committed to Cincinnati, as she came away with 17 kills and five solo blocks.

Katey Ramthun added seven kills and Allyson Yankee contributed seven kills and 19 service points. Abi Gieschen picked up 30 assists for the Warriors.



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Lutheran Westland's Katey Ramthun makes the dig in Tuesday's Class D regional semifinal win over Birmingham Roeper.

Sidelines

Laker harriers first

The Grand Valley State University women's cross country team, led by a runner-up finish by Megan Maceratini (Livonia Churchill), garnered its eighth straight NCAA Division II Midwest Region Championship Saturday in Big Rapids.

Maceratini covered the 6-kilometer course in 21:31, while seniors Sarah Kulczycki and Kelly Gibbons finished eighth (22:20) and 11th (22:31), respectively.

Northwood's Kylene Cieslak (Churchill) finished seventh (22:18.9) and narrowly missed an individual qualifying berth to the NCAA Nationals, Nov. 22, in Slippery Rock, Pa.

Sherwood qualifies

Madonna University sophomore Sarah Sherwood (Salem) became the first cross country runner in school history to qualify for the NAIA Nationals after finishing seventh with a 5-kilometer time of 19 minutes, 21.84 seconds at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championship held Saturday at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids.

Other MU women's finishers included Kari Saarela (Livonia Franklin), 31st (20:59.35); Cassie Yarnell, 36th (21:26.95); Emily Bambach (Livonia Ladywood), 21:56.94; Emma Czapliski (Farmington), 41st (22:07.95); Devan Walley, 42nd (Franklin), 22:14.82.

Indiana Tech won the team title with 19 points, while MU was fourth with 115.

MU men run sixth

Madonna University's Joe Horka (Livonia Churchill) was 29th in the WHAC men's cross country championships with an 8-kilometer time of 27:28.37.

Aquinas captured the team title with 27 points, while MU was sixth with 177.

Other MU finishers included Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson), 42nd (28:38.89); Max Guy (Stevenson), 53rd (30:32.35); Mitch Cieslak, 55th (30:56.29); Bryant George, 58th (31:21.73).

Stevenson's Eideh beats injury woes

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's Steve Eideh is a lesson in perseverance.

The 5-foot-8, 168-pound senior cornerback is one of the big reasons why the Spartans are 9-2 overall and in Friday's Division 1 Region 2 championship game against 10-1 Canton. Game time is 7 p.m. at Canton.

"If it weren't for Steve, we would have already collected equipment," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said.

Eideh, who battled through reconstructive knee surgery in December, has the stats to back it up. He has a total of 51 tackles, along with two blocked punts, and has knocked down two passes.

Eideh has effectively teamed up with second-year starter Mark Grisa, also a senior cornerback, who has 59 total tackles, 13 knock-downs and seven interceptions.

In last Friday's 24-13 district final win over Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, Eideh came up big with a couple of key breakups.

"Steve is equally adept at coverage and run support, and has now won our weekly 'big hit' award three times," Gabel said. "Additionally, he is a humble, a 'yes sir, no sir' kid who has a 3.9 grade-point average in school."

As a sophomore, Eideh was Stevenson's top sprinter in track and has always been the fastest kid in the current senior class, according to the Spartans' coach.

"He always took great pride in his

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Chargers make regional final

BY TOM MORELLI
CORRESPONDENT



Churchill's Kristen Nalezcz tries to get a hand on Walled Lake Northern's Carissa McKenna during Tuesday's Class A regional semifinal at Lakeland High School.

The wins just keep coming for the Livonia Churchill volleyball squad, which improved its overall record to 47-3 Tuesday night after defeating Walled Lake Northern.

Prior to the Class A regional semifinal at White Lake Lakeland, the teams had competed against each other only once this season, in late September at the Temperance Bedford Invitational.

The victory advances the Chargers to the regional finals, where they will face fellow KLAA member Novi at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lakeland.

The Chargers took the match in three sets, but the Knights put up quite a fight in the opener.

With a 24-19 lead, Churchill began to relax a bit on defense, which allowed Northern (36-11-3 overall) to score on four straight possessions.

With his team's margin beginning to slip away, coach Mark Grenier called two consecutive timeouts to get his team refocused. When play resumed, all of the Chargers' worries were put to rest as junior Sarah Suppelsa delivered the game-winning kill for a 25-23 victory.

Churchill's momentum then carried over into the next two sets, 25-

16 and 25-22.

"It was a good match and the kids played real hard," Grenier said. "Walled Lake Northern played us tough, but it was our defense that kept us in."

Senior Kristen Nalezcz led Churchill's offense with 21 kills, followed by junior Cierra Yetts' 10.

Libero Lindsey Graciak had a team-high 18 digs, while junior Taylor Kerr racked up 10. Senior Katelyn Matz also put together a well-rounded performance, as she was the top scorer in two categories with her seven assists and three aces to go along with six kills and three digs.

One of the tougher tasks for the Chargers was trying to contain Amanda Yerke on the other side of the net.

Yerke, who is headed to the University of Michigan next fall, was the focal point of the Knights' attack with her 12 kills and served up some vicious attacks into the heart of the Chargers' defense.

The competitive fire displayed by Yerke on the court is nothing new, according to Northern coach Rennee Miller.

"She's been our top hitter all year and she hates to lose," Miller said. Also chipping in for the Knights was senior Shelby Miller, who had

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Stevenson finishes as conference runner-up

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

GIRLS SWIMMING

The first-ever KLAA-Kensington Conference girls swim meet Saturday at Salem featured 55 state qualifying cuts and was dominated by one division.

In a who's who of state-ranked teams, Novi led the

way with a team-high 405 points, followed by fellow KLAA-Central Division members Livonia Stevenson (229.5), Northville (237.5), Salem (226.5) and South Lyon Unified (222.5).

KLAA-South Division




champ Canton was sixth with 210.5, followed by Plymouth (183.5), Westland John Glenn (175.5), Livonia Franklin (151.5), Livonia Churchill (81) and Wayne Memorial (42).

"I was pretty sure we could not beat Novi, but I wanted to be second," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "Novi was just a better team than we are

— they're a really good team."

The Spartans, who dominated the old Western Lakes Activities Association with 19 titles, including 16 of the last 17 before moving into the Kensington Lakes this fall, turned in some stellar performances.

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 405 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 299.5; 3. Northville, 237.5; 4. Salem, 226.5; 5. South Lyon Unified, 222.5; 6. Canton, 210.5; 7. Plymouth, 183.5; 8. Westland John Glenn, 175.5; 9. Livonia Franklin, 151.5; 10. Livonia Churchill, 81.11; Wayne Memorial, 42.

FINAL RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Paige Drazga, Jenna Faletti, Julie Kapler, Corinne Caldwell), 1:53.44 (sq); 2. Novi, 1:54.12 (sq); 3. Stevenson (Sara Healy, Ashley Gordon, Ashley Reed, Savannah Hatt), 1:54.74 (sq); 4. Northville, 1:55.93 (sq); 5. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Khiry Sparks, Ashley Sells, Casey Peterson), 1:56.85 (sq); 6. Plymouth (Stephanie Matsui, Ellen Palczynski, Sijia Hao, Lauren Maslyk), 1:57.32 (sq).

200 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (N'ville), 1:55.95 (sq); 2. Hatt (LS), 1:56.13 (sq); 3. Meredith Cote (Novi), 1:58.26 (sq); 4. Whitney Aumiller (Salem), 1:58.96 (sq); 5. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 2:00.83 (sq); 6. Maggie Carlson (Canton), 2:01.48 (sq).

200 individual medley: 1. Lauren Seroka (Salem), 2:10.97 (sq); 2. Gordon (LS), 2:13.59 (sq); 3. Rebecca Berman (Novi), 2:16.06 (sq); 4. Hao (P), 2:17.89; 5. Emily Nelson (Salem), 2:17.97; 6. Sells (WJG), 2:18.74.

50 freestyle: 1. Faletti (SLU), 24.96 (sq); 2. Drazga (SLU), 25.0 (sq); 3. (tie) Karl Schmitt (Canton) and Becca Myers (N'ville), 25.98 each; 5. Faith Miller (N'ville), 26.0; 6. (tie) Burgess (WJG) and Colleen Anthony (LF), 26.78 each.

1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 359.45 points; 2. Katie Koetting (Salem), 375.60; 3. Katina St. Pierre (LC), 348.55; 4. Mallory Hudak (Canton), 332.80; 5. Desiree Cienney (WJG), 330.25; 6. Rachel Eckler (SLU), 314.75.

100 butterfly: 1. Kerry Abel (Novi), 59.34 (sq); 2. (tie) Drazga (SLU) and Seroka (Salem), 1:00.65 each (sq); 4. Sells (WJG), 1:01.96 (sq); 5. Ashley Reed (LS), 1:01.12 (sq); 6. Shannon Lohman (N'ville), 1:02.31 (sq); 7. Faith Miller (N'ville), 1:02.52 (sq); 8. Corinne Caldwell (SLU), 1:02.53 (sq); 9. Douglas (LF), 1:02.57 (sq).

100 freestyle: 1. Weber (N'ville), 53.87 (sq); 2. Kerry Abel (Novi), 55.07 (sq); 3. Cote (Novi), 55.7 (sq); 4. Laura Holtz (LS), 56.56 (sq); 5. Michelle Chang (P), 56.6 (sq); 6. Kayla Eyster (Canton), 57.02 (sq).

500 freestyle: 1. Hatt (LS), 5:09.5 (sq); 2. Berman (Novi), 5:09.73 (sq); 3. Dolinski (LS), 5:16.28 (sq); 4. Aumiller (Salem), 5:22.79 (sq); 5. Hao (P), 5:29.76; 6. Jacque Carless (Novi), 5:36.22.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Abel, Lauren Kalinosky, Cote, Berman), 1:41.78 (sq); 2. South Lyon, 1:42.44 (sq); 3. Northville, 1:43.37 (sq); 4. Franklin (Douglas, Natalie Cote, Anthony, Kaitlyn Kozyn), 1:44.83 (sq); 5. Salem (Aumiller, Nelson, Emily Bair, Seroka), 1:44.91 (sq); 6. Stevenson (Emily Montini, Reed, Dolinski, Kayla Perchall), 1:45.55 (sq); 7. Plymouth (Palczynski, Chantel Cote, Change, Maslyk), 1:45.84 (sq).

100 backstroke: 1. Kalinosky (Novi), 59.52 (sq); 2. Douglas (LF), 1:00.26 (sq); 3. Gordon (LS), 1:01.84 (sq); 4. Nelson (Salem), 1:01.86 (sq); 5. Annalisa Morgan (Novi), 1:03.65; 6. Heather Schramm (Novi), 1:04.81.

100 breaststroke: 1. Kalinosky (Novi),

1:07.97 (sq); 2. Faletti (SLU), 1:09.84 (sq); 3. Palczynski (P), 1:11.25 (sq); 4. Yukie Tamura (Novi), 1:12.12 (sq); 5. Carlson (Canton), 1:12.22 (sq); 6. Peterson (WJG), 1:12.39.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Hatt, Holtz, Dolinski, Gordon), 3:41.11 (sq); 2. Novi, 3:43.45 (sq); 3. Salem (Aumiller, Bair, Nelson, Seroka), 3:47.92 (sq); 4. Canton (K. Schmitt, Eyster, Sara Krebs, Carlson), 3:51.18; 5. Northville, 3:54.68; 6. Plymouth (Chang, Rachel Huhta, Matsui, Hao), 3:54.74.

(sq): state qualifying time.

KLAA-CENTRAL DIVISION GIRLS SWIM MEET
Nov. 6 at South Lyon East H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 622 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 505; 3. South Lyon Unified, 362; 4. Northville, 349; 5. Salem, 315.

FINAL RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Ashley Gordon, Lauren Kalinosky, Mary Anolick, Kerry Abel), 1:52.63; 2. South Lyon, 1:54.97; 3. Stevenson, 1:56.09; 4. Northville, 1:58.37; 5. Salem, 1:59.50; 6. Novi, 2:01.29.

200 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (N'ville), 1:57.36; 2. Savannah Hatt (LS), 1:57.55; 3. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 1:59.19; 4. Meredith Cote (Novi), 1:59.61; 5. Whitney Aumiller (Salem), 1:59.76; 6. Emily Bair (Salem), 2:04.03.

200 individual medley: 1. Ashley Gordon (LS), 2:11.02; 2. Lauren Seroka (Salem), 2:14.09; 3. Rebecca Berman (Novi), 2:16.73; 4. Emily Nelson (Salem), 2:19.62; 5. Amber Cathey (Novi), 2:21.47; 6. Alyssa Kalinosky (Novi), 2:23.81.

50 freestyle: 1. Paige Drazga (SLU), 24.79; 2. Jenna Faletti (SLU), 24.82; 3. Becca Myers (N'ville), 26.18; 4. Julie Kapler (SLU), 26.65; 5. Ashley Reed (Novi), 26.71; 6. Emily Montini (LS), 26.86.

1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 231.00 points; 2. Katie Koetting (Salem), 221.60; 3. Rachel Eckler (SLU), 176.80; 4. Jennifer Jones (N'ville), 175.65; 5. Emily Dempsey (Novi), 161.70; 6. Kelsey Libbe (N'ville), 156.55.

100 butterfly: 1. Abel (Novi), 58.89; 2. Drazga (SLU), 59.93; 3. Seroka (Salem), 1:01.03; 4. Shannon Lohman (N'ville), 1:02.47; 5. Corinne Caldwell (SLU), 1:02.48; 6. Ashley Reed (LS), 1:02.95.

100 freestyle: 1. Weber (N'ville), 54.47; 2. Abel (Novi), 54.91; 3. Meredith Cote (Novi), 56.58; 4. Laura Holtz (LS), 56.79; 5. Becca Myers (N'ville), 57.97; 6. Michelle Zerlich (Novi), 59.06.

500 freestyle: 1. Hatt (LS), 5:10.41; 2. Dolinski (LS), 5:12.52; 3. Berman (Novi), 5:12.62; 4. Aumiller (Salem), 5:23.79; 5. Jacque Carless (Novi), 5:33.19; 6. Cathey (Novi), 5:39.79.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Abel, L. Kalinosky, Cote, Berman), 1:42.41; 2. South Lyon, 1:43.51; 3. Stevenson, 1:45.25; 4. Salem, 1:46.15; 5. Northville, 1:46.44; 6. Stevenson, 1:48.00.

100 backstroke: 1. L. Kalinosky (Novi), 59.67; 2. Gordon (LS), 1:01.06; 3. Nelson (Salem), 1:02.66; 4. Annalisa Morgan (Novi), 1:03.50; 5. Bush (Novi), 1:03.67; 6. Sara Healy (LS), 1:03.91.

100 breaststroke: Faletti (SLU), 1:09.15; 2. L. Kalinosky (Novi), 1:09.44; 3. Yukie Tamura (Novi), 1:12.49; 4. Amy Miner (SLU), 1:13.74; 5. Kayla Perchall (LS), 1:13.96; 6. Kelly Burford (N'ville), 1:14.02.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Holtz, Dolinski, Allison Kellahan, Gordon), 3:47.30; 2. Salem, 3:51.38; 3. Novi, 3:51.53; 4. Northville, 4:01.53; 5. Novi, 4:02.32; 6. South Lyon, 4:02.50.

Samra goal sends SC to NJCAAs

BY ED WRIGHT
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following a regular season that was as satisfying as a four-course meal, the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team gets to enjoy some dessert in the desert.

The Ocelots captured their first National Junior College Athletic Association District title since Rick Larson took over the reins of the program in 2006 with a 1-0 victory over

MEN'S SOCCER

12th-ranked Lincoln Land (Ill.) Community College on Saturday.

The triumph advances the 17-1-4 Ocelots into the NJCAA Division I tournament set to begin Thursday, Nov. 20 in Phoenix, Ariz. The tourney will be hosted by Paradise Valley Community College.

"Honestly, these guys just enjoy playing together," said

Larson, when asked for the key to his team's success. "They have a good time and they're doing what they want to do."

"We have some very special players on this team. We set some lofty goals before the season started and now we're meeting them."

Saturday's game-winning goal was scored by freshman Younan Samra, who ripped the ball into the net after controlling a pass from freshman Andy Adlington.

Sophomore Chris Riley earned the shutout for Schoolcraft.

Larson also praised the play of sophomore Michael Iyoha, who has earned an MVP nod from his coach.

"Michael plays with a lot of emotion and passion for the sport," said Larson. "That, along with the fact that he's extremely talented, makes him a special player."

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Crusaders win in two overtimes, eye finals

MEN'S SOCCER

The win sends MU to the WHAC playoff championship, beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday against Aquinas College (14-5) at Livonia Churchill H.S.

MU got on the board early as Otieno Victor took a long lead pass into the 6-yard box from Eric Kiebert and sent

his shot to the top shelf past Saints keeper George Suidan for a 1-0 Crusader lead in the fourth minute on his eighth goal of the season.

Siena Heights tied it in the 11th minute on Dan Oyer's goal from Joel Parrish, but MU regained the lead, 2-1, on Daniel Amaya's fourth goal of the year from Kiebert.

In the 87th minute, Suidan

stopped Kiebert on a penalty kick and the score remained 2-1 until Ujkic's low header off a cross from the left side to the far right post from Doron Drafi.

Ujkic, who prepped at Novi High, was named WHAC Offensive Player of the Week.

MU goalkeeper Steve Besk made four saves for his ninth win of the season, while Suidan had to make 12.

Schoolcraft women qualify for NJCAA Nationals

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team earned a berth in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Tournament with a 3-0 triumph Saturday over Waubesa Community College in Sugar Grove, Ill.

Salem graduate Kristin Dondzila earned the win between the pipes by stopping all seven shots she faced.

The winners' first and third goals came on penalty kicks from Brittany Pickett and Dena Sana, respectively. The middle goal was scored by Kristin DeClercq off an assist from Salem alum Katie Shull.

"Despite frigid temperatures

and heavy winds, our team worked hard to get a great result against a stubborn team," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shirvram said. "The conditions hampered both teams, but our players were able to stay determined in playing intelligent soccer with controlling the ball and creating good amounts of scoring opportunities."

"We proved that good teams can play good soccer despite the conditions. It was hard enough to just stand there, let alone try to play good

soccer. Our midfielders and forwards worked hard on both sides of the field, attacking as a unit and doing a great job of being the first line of defense."

Schoolcraft, 9-2-3 overall, will now compete with seven other NJCAA district champions in the Division I Nationals, Nov. 20-23, at Chandler-Gilbert CC (Ariz.).

"It is incredibly exciting that we will get the opportunity to represent Michigan in the national tournament," Shrivram said.

To follow the Ocelots play in the nationals, visit <http://schoolcraftsoccer.com>.

10th-ranked Lady Ocelots romp

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team improved to 3-0 Saturday with an 88-56 victory over Grand Rapids Community College in the St. Clair East-West Classic at the Skipper Dome in Port Huron.

The Ocelots are currently ranked No. 10 in the National Junior College Athletic Association polls. Grand Rapids CC slipped to 1-1 with the setback.

Angela Burrell paced the winners' balanced attack with 17 points, four steals and four assists. Also scoring in double-figures for Schoolcraft were Shera Brown (16 points), April Goins (15 points, team-

high 11 rebounds), Tayler Langham (12 points) and Amber Avery (11 points).

Debbie Nikodemski paced GRCC with 17 points.

Schoolcraft's bench outscored GRCC 42-12.

The Ocelots, who led 44-31 at the half, shot 51.4 percent from the floor and 56.5 percent from the free throw line.

SCHOOLCRAFT 95, LANSING CC 57: On Friday in the opening game of the St. Clair East-West Classic, the Ocelots raced to a 45-25 halftime lead and never looked back to spoil Lansing's season opener.

Burrell led Schoolcraft with 17

points, five rebounds and three steals. Also excelling for the winners were Antania Shepherd (14 points, five rebounds, five assists), April Goins (14 points, seven rebounds) and Shannon Collins, who contributed 10 points and four boards.


MADONNA 80, ROCHESTER 44: Four players scored in double figures Saturday as Madonna University (1-4) earned its first win of the season with a non-conference win over visiting Rochester College (1-3).

Alyssa Guerin (Salem) led the way with 14 points, while Christie Carrico and Tabatha Wydryck added 13 and 12, respectively. Kim Olech (Plymouth) added 11 pions and seven rebounds, while Vanessa LaMay contributed eight points and 10 rebounds.

Jessica Crook paced Rochester with a game-high 19 points.

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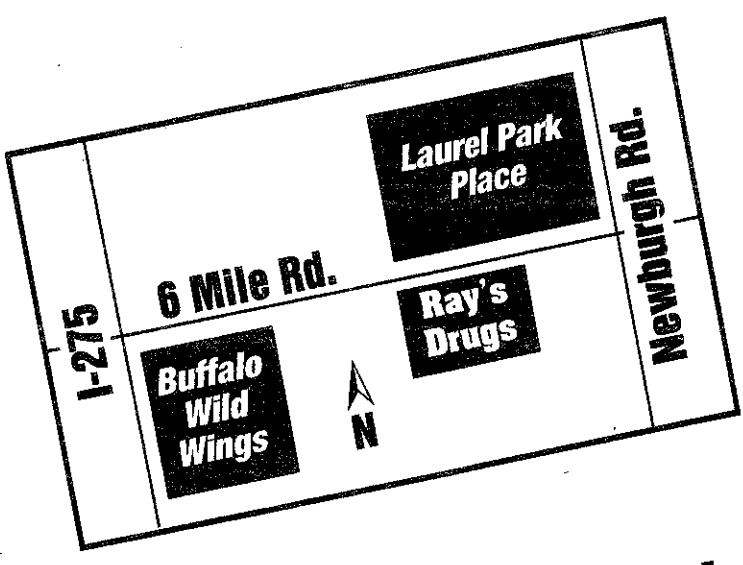
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EIDEH
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God-given speed," Gabel said. "But he has worked relentlessly in the weight room to try to get faster."

Last season as a junior, Eideh played sporadically, but was hampered by a strained ligament in his knee.

According to Gabel, it slowed him down, which took away the physical attributes he'd always relied on. Then, in last year's Division 1 state championship game against Macomb Dakota at Ford Field, Eideh tore the ACL in his other knee making a cut on punt coverage.

"He spent six months doing rehab, and had to watch from the sideline during track — especially our 4 x 100-meter relay that placed fifth in the state," Gabel said. "He really hung in there emotionally, and kept fixed on the fall and football."

Eideh started with a brace this season and struggled early with his mobility. "He had to adapt, and rely

on technical details to be a good player," Gabel said. "But by Week 3, everything started to come together for him."

The Spartans, meanwhile, hope things come together against a Canton team which has become a juggernaut at running the football. The Chiefs, averaging 38.6 points per game, rely on an always strong offensive line.

"They have good size — they're not behemoths — but they're so solid and very athletic," Gabel said. "They get off the ball so hard and they're so low. It's a tribute to how well-schooled technique-wise they are. It's a thing of beauty to watch. How they get off the ball makes them unique."

And that's not the only thing Gabel is concerned with. "Both backs can go and their fullback is quick and can run the inside trap," he said. "They're excellent runners and they also do an adequate job of blocking as well."

"With all the teams running spread, it's made their offense more effective. We really haven't seen many of those kind of teams."

Bound for 'state'

Franklin 200 freestyle relay team makes history

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You had to scour the old high school yearbooks to research the last time a Livonia Franklin girls swim relay team earned a qualifying berth in the state meet.

And not since the Michigan High School Athletic Association began sponsoring meets in 1974 had a relay team from the Patriots qualify.

But that all ended Saturday at the KLAAs-Kensington Conference meet at Salem when Franklin's foursome of Kayla Douglas, Natalie Cote, Colleen Anthony and Kaitlyn Kozyn earned a fourth-place

GIRLS SWIMMING

clocking of 1:44.83 and a state cut in the 200 freestyle relay.

The quartet broke their own school record set in 2007. Seven Kensington Conference 200 freestyle relay teams all earned state cuts in the event.

"We've modified the type of yards at practice — they're rested and hopefully they'll have a little more," Hafner said of the upcoming Division 1 state finals, Nov. 21-22, at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium. "We hope to put the finishing touches on their speed. We'll see if we can drop down and we should be a top-

20 seed for 'state.' These girls have really come together."

Douglas posted a split of 26.32 followed by Cote (26.23), Anthony (26.47) and Kozyn (25.81). The foursome was able to go comfortably under Hafner's projected time of 1:45.

"We knew we should be able to qualify after just missing last year," Hafner said. "And with Kozyn coming in this year we were much closer and had a chance to do it. Anthony's split of 26.4 is what did it. That was the key to the meet."

Douglas also added an individual second in the 100 backstroke (1:00.26). She also has qualified for the state meet in

the 100 butterfly.

The Patriots will swim again beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Northville in a last chance qualifying meet. Both Cote and Kozyn will be taking aim at state cuts in the 100 and 200 freestyle events. Franklin's 400 freestyle relay also hopes to qualify.

Westland John Glenn's top individual finisher was senior Ashley Sells, who took fourth in the 100 butterfly (1:01.96). The Rockets also made a state cut with a fifth in the 200 medley relay (1:56.85).

Churchill's top placer was diver Katina St. Pierre, who garnered third with 348.55 points.

STEVENSON
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Junior Carla McNamara captured the diving title with 395.45 points, while sophomore Savannah Hatt won the 500-yard freestyle (5:09.5) and placed second in the 200 freestyle (1:56.13).

Junior Ashley Gordon also took a second for the Spartans in the 200 individual medley (2:13.59) and added a third in the 100 backstroke (1:01.84). Stevenson's most impressive

performance came in the final event, the 400 freestyle relay (3:41.11), as Gordon posted an anchor split of 54.17 to overhaul Novi. The other three members included Hatt, junior Laura Holtz and sophomore Kaylee Dolinski.

"That anchor was a good one — actually all four swam well," Phill said. "I told them to impress me — and they did."

Stevenson also took runner-up honors to Novi in Thursday's KLAAs-Central Division meet hosted by South Lyon East.

"We swam really well on

Thursday and we came back today, too," Phill said. "A couple were off today, but not by a lot."

Just how strong was this meet?

Nine Kensington Conference swimmers beat the Division 1 cut of 1:02.99 in the 100 butterfly, while the top seven 200 freestyle relay teams eclipsed the state qualifying mark of 1:46.29.

Swimmers were seeded into the Kensington Conference meet by their performances Thursday at their respective divisional meets. The only exception was the top six placers in each division garnering

automatic berths regardless of times. Each individual race featured four heats, while relays events were divided into two heats.

"They need to be the best swimmers — regardless of division," Phill said of the seeding system. "This was different for everybody, but all the teams swam well. A lot of the coaches would like to see just the divisions get together — eliminate the conference meet — with prelims on Friday and finals on Saturday."

"It's a matter of tweaking things."

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a team-high 29 digs and didn't commit a single error on all 13 of her serves.

Junior Carissa McKenna produced four blocks, while senior Kalia Curry tallied 30 assists.

The Churchill coach was pleased to see how his team responded to a strong outside hitter and would like to see his players take that same approach throughout the rest of their run.

"We've got to be aggressive at the net," Grenier said. "We have some kids on this team that can swing with the best of them, jump real well and put up a lot of points."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS
Friday, Nov. 14
(Division 1-Region 2 Final)
Stevenson (9-2) at Canton (10-1), 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL FINALS
DIVISION 1
at WHITE LAKE LAKELAND

Thursday, Nov. 13: Livonia Churchill vs. Novi, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, Nov. 18 at Novi vs. Saline regional champion.)

at AUBURN HILLS OAKLAND CHRISTIAN

Thursday, Nov. 13: Lutheran Westland vs. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, Nov. 18 at Saline Washenaw Christian vs. Wyandotte Mount Carmel regional champion.)

PREP HOCKEY
Saturday, Nov. 15

Ladywood vs. Port Huron at McMorrin Arena, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Nov. 14

(WHAC Final at Greenmead Field)
Madonna vs. Siena Heights, 2 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Nov. 15

(WHAC Final at Churchill H.S.)
Madonna vs. Aquinas College, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Nov. 14

(WHAC Semifinals at Indiana Tech)
Madonna vs. Aquinas, TBA.
Indiana Tech vs. Cornerstone, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Nov. 14

(Clark State, Ohio Classic)
New Creations vs. Columbus State, 5:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft vs. Clark State, 7 p.m.

(Shawnee State, Ohio Tournament)
Coll. of Ozarks (Mo.) vs. Cedarville, 6 p.m.
Madonna vs. Shawnee State, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Nov. 15

(Clark State, Ohio Classic)
Schoolcraft vs. Columbus State, 1 p.m.
Clark State vs. New Creations, 3 p.m.

(Shawnee State, Ohio Tournament)
Madonna vs. Cedarville (Ohio), 1 p.m.
Shawnee St. vs. Coll. of Ozarks (Mo.), 3 p.m.

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people hear from their own doctors that nothing can be done for their eye disease, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "I devise special glasses to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers trying to see. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are."

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the driver vision requirement," Dr. Smith explained. Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Don Liptak, age 74 of Livonia, Michigan saw Dr. Smith last January. Don had macular degeneration and was on strong chemotherapy for leukemia. Don had 20/60 vision and sought help with reading,

driving and the computer. The doctor prescribed a system of three low vision aids that addressed all of Don's objectives.

"These are better for the computer than anything else I've tried," Don said. "Last week I went out in my '66 Mustang convertible and the glasses helped me see things far away. It's hard losing your independence but these glasses make my life easier."

Many activities require their own unique device, such as reading and driving. The extent of each system varies as people have differing visual ability and range of interests. Special reading glasses start at \$600 and most custom telescopes cost from \$1800 to \$2500. Interest free financing is available.

"Each patient has a unique amount of vision and their own goals," says Smith, "so I help patients do what matters most to them. We train patients to use their remaining vision and their devices to meet the challenges of daily living. Also safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further sight loss."

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help improve quality of life. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it.

You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at **1-877-677-2020**.
Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, Warren and Greater Lansing. Visit SuburbanLowVisionofMichigan.com or find out more about the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists at ialvs.com.

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Patriot Pom first

The Livonia Franklin varsity Pompon squad took first in the Large Varsity High Kick category for the second year in a row, along with first in the Varsity Hip Hop category at the 2008 Mid American Pompon Dance and High Kick Championships held Nov. 2 at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center. Members of the Patriots include captains Lindsay Brown and Nikki Kingsbury, along with Alison Armstrong, Tori Barnes, Alanna Byrd, Madelyn Downs, Colby Gill, Brette Gurski, Callie Gurski, Stacey Kuehn, Jennifer Kuzara, Kristy Lindensmith, Stephanie Mastroianni, Shelby Mitchell, Jen Mueller, Melissa Mueller, Amber Prong, Brittany Schulte, Autumn Stahl, Hannah Urbanski, Nickie Walker and Keely Wilson. Coaches included Kyra Boprie, Amy Ring and Stephanie Kenney.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

Emerson harriers excel

Emerson Middle School in Livonia recently finished its first season in the new Kensington Lakes Activities Association with a slew of personal bests for the 2-mile event held recently at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The boys top five included Michael Witt (11:57), Matthew Freed (11:58), Cooper Kean (12:32), Richie Wiczorek (13:01) and Alejandro Castillo (13:07).

Girls finishers included Julie Beattie (13:32), Natalie Desautel (13:36), Alexis McGuire (13:37), Caitlin

Milican and Carolyn McCullen (14:13).

Hole-in-one club

John Gjernes, of Livonia, used an 8-iron to record his second ace in 52 years on the 96-yard, No. 17 hole, Oct. 3, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Gjernes carded a round of 41 for nine holes.

Prep coaches wanted

Westland John Glenn High School has coaching openings for varsity girls soccer, boys diving and girls bowling. Those interested can apply online at www.wwcsd.net.

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Dallas at Washington

Monday, November 17, 2008
Cleveland at Buffalo

RELIGION CALENDAR

To submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

NOVEMBER

Church fair
Christmas shop boutique, home made candy, attic treasures, hand made goods, book store 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Nov. 13-14, at First Congregational Church, 2 Towne Square at Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue. For details, call (734) 729-7550.

Annual book and bake sale
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15, in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Everyone in the community is welcome. The Women of ELCA are donating all proceeds to benefit the Vasculitis Foundation.

Annual bazaar
4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt., 1 block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620. All-you-can eat Turkey Dinner will be served 4:30-7:00 p.m. (serving ends promptly at 7 p.m.). Cost \$7 adults, \$4 children ages 3-12, under age 3 free. Lunch will be available on Saturday. Event includes Christmas Boutique, Krafty Korners, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Cookie Walk, and Grandma's Attic.

Alternative Christmas fair
The fair features gift items from non-profit organizations 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Admission \$1. For more information, call (248) 553-7170.

St. Andrew's Day
Sunday, Nov. 16, begins with 10 a.m. worship service followed by dinner/entertainment downstairs in

Calvin Hall, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Advance tickets \$10 adults, \$5 ages 4-11, free for age 3 and under; At the door \$12 adults, \$6 for children. For reservations, call (313) 534-7730.

All-you-can-eat pancakes
The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its more than 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices: \$5, adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2 adults and all children). Everyone is welcome.

Evenings of Evangelization
With Rev. Alex Kratz, 7 p.m., Friday Nov. 21, and Dec. 12, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The evening begins with a Holy Hour followed by small-group discussions, teaching and fellowship. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Clothing bank
Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of each month (Nov. 22, Dec. 27), at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley. For information, call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

The Brother's Grimm
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School will be performing "The Brother's Grimm: Out of Order" 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, in the gym at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School, 9600 Leverage, Redford. Come enjoy a fun-filled comedy performed by students in grades 5-8.

St. Andrew Day service
10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, 1 block south of Ford Rd. Kris Hunt, of the St. Andrew Society, returns as Piper in full uniform. Refreshments will be served in fellowship hall after service. Adult Bible study is at 8:30 a.m. with youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Handicap accessible with large print order of service and an elevator. Everyone is welcome. For information, call (734) 421-7620.

Thanksgiving Eve service
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church will be having a Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 9600 Leverage, Redford. All are welcome to join in worship and thanksgiving for all with which we have been blessed.

Thanksgiving Day dinner
Don't be alone for the holiday. Come to Our Lady of Loretto Family Center 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, at Six Mile and Beech Day. For reservations, call (313) 534-9000 on or before Monday, Nov. 24.

Special needs class
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia is looking for special needs teens and young adults (up to age 25) interested in participating in a course designed to help them learn about the basics of the Christian faith. The day and time of the course will depend on those interested. To get the most out of the course, students should possess basic communications skills (listening and speaking). Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail at eic-ed@around-trefoil.biz.

Volunteers needed
The Salvation Army invites the community to partner with it this holiday season. Opportunities range from adopting a family or child to bell ringing, Christmas in-take assistance, and many others. Sign up by calling volunteer coordinator Sandy Kollinger at (734) 722-3660 or online at www.ringbell.org and choosing Wayne/Westland. The Salvation Army is at 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer.

Grief workshop
Presented by Karen Jinnett from New Hope Center for Grief Support, began 7-8:45 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27, for eight consecutive weeks at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. No charge. To register, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

Global gifts
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, through Dec. 17, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, at Bates, north of Maple and a block west of Old Woodward. The Fair Trade resource offers foods such as rice, chocolates, coffee, and soup mixes that promote economic justice around the globe. Also offering textiles, jewelry and handmade artisan crafts from around the world. (248) 644-0550.

Prayer hour
Cherry Hill United Methodist Church holds an hour of prayer and inspiration at 7:30 p.m., every Thursday with Rev. Merlin Pratt, at the church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton. Call Pat Beggs at (734) 453-3287 for more information.

Caregiver's support group
St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Advent presentation
Are we ready for the Coming of Christ, that is, His Second Coming? Through Scripture, food and drink, reflect on, and delight in preparing for Christ's arrival 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. No charge, but please RSVP by calling (734) 425-5950. Presenter is David Conrad, M.A. Theology.

Music at St. John's
A Festival of Lessons and Carols, 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, with the parish's music groups; Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2009, and The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, 2009, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

Mid-week Service
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church offers a Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 Leverage, Redford. Communion is offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m.

ENDOW
St. Michael the Archangel Parish is hosting two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women" the Course I groups meet 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays, and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Course V, called "Aquinas for Beginners", is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available locally only at St. Michael's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays. All meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Choral rehearsals
Oakland Choral Society has begun Tuesday evening rehearsals for its Christmas concerts with professional soloists and orchestra. On Dec. 6 the group performs Benjamin Britten's "St. Nicolas," and J.S. Bach's "Cantata Wachet auf," and on Dec. 14 Handel's "Messiah." Registration begins at 7:00 p.m., with rehearsal 7:30-9 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. All singers who can read music are welcome. Membership dues \$55 for fall season (\$30 for students age 30 and under). Music cost additional. For information, call (248) 391-0184.

New worship schedule
Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study
St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are

open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

Time change
Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia, returned to its fall-spring worship schedule. Services are at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

Wednesday activities
Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

Thursday fellowship dinner
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration
St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

Worship schedule
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Sunday worship
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

Reformed Protestant services
The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html. 453-0190.

Sanskrit chanting
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kocczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule
Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry
Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church
Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

Tai Chi and strength classes
Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Tai Chi class
Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Thrift store
Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

New schedule
9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Day of service
A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Worship
Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Worship service
10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

F.I.R.E. ministries
With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis, F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule
Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Sunday worship
11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services
10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 477-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Men's breakfast
Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings
The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverage, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

MOPS groups
Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@

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BETTY ANN LAMPTON
Age 83. Of Orlando, FL. Passed away on Friday, November 7, 2008. She was born in Wayne, MI and moved to Florida in 1982. She is survived by son, Jerry Lampton of Orlando; grandson, Matthew Lampton (Kristy) of Tallahassee, FL; sister, Romona Stearns of Novi, MI; brother-in-law, Everett Lampton of Brighton, MI; step-brother, Jeffery Lampton of Arkadelphia, ARK. and many other family members. She is preceded in death by husband, Carl Lampton and daughter, Linda Ann. Betty Ann will be truly missed by all who knew her. Arrangements under the direction of Fisk Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Cloud, FL (407-892-2155).

PRISCILLA JEAN ROMAN "CINDY"
Of Harrisville, formerly of Rochester Hills, passed away on November 10, 2008 at her home. Born May 16, 1934 to Harry and Margaret (Stone) Hickey in Port Huron, she was raised there. She graduated from Michigan State University in June 1956 with a B.S. in Elementary Education and a strong minor in Art. On August 2, 1958, she married Walter J. Roman. She taught kindergarten and first grade in the Warren, MI. She spent much of her life as a full-time mom and homemaker, caring for her children with great love and devotion. She loved nature, especially Lake Huron, and any kind of animal. A talented artist, she also enjoyed music, playing both the piano and organ in church. A former member of Saint Irenaeus Catholic Church in Rochester Hills, Michigan, she served on the Parish Council. More recently, she was a member of Saint Anne's Catholic Church in Harrisville, Michigan. Cindy is survived by her husband, Walter, five children: Kelly L. (Eric) Krause (Sanford, MI), W. James (Sara) Roman (Troy, MI), Katherine P. (Paul) Hogan (Ridgewood, NJ), Colleen J. (Paul) Morgan (Kalamazoo, MI) and Thomas J. Roman (East Aurora, NY). She was the proud grandmother of twelve grandchildren: Christopher, Brandon, and Dominic Krause, Kelen, Brenden, and Kaitlyn Roman, Caroline and Dylan Hogan, Sean, Erin, Robert, and James (aka Seamus) Morgan. Grandchild number thirteen is scheduled to be born in November 2008. She was predeceased by her brother, Michael Hickey, and sisters, Judy Guertin and Margaret O'Brien. Mrs. Roman is at Gillies Funeral Home, Harrisville where visitation will take place on Thursday, November 13, from 3 until 6 pm, and again on Friday, November 14 from 4 until 8 pm, with a Rosary Service at 7 pm. Funeral Mass will be on Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 11:00 am, at St. Anne Catholic Church. Rev. Lawrence Boks will officiate. Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery, www.gilliesfuneralhomes.com

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GORDON ARROL
Age 81, of Boynton Beach, Florida. Passed away at U of M Hospital on November 8, 2008. Beloved husband of Murielle for 60 years. Loving father of three children: Lawrence (Jackie), Lorraine (James) Bowers and Patricia (Dennis) Martin. Preceded in death by brother, John, and survived by brother, Robert, residing in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Gordon was loved by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. Gordon was a merchant marine during World War II serving on several Liberty ships. Honoring Gordon's request cremation will take place with no funeral service. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

HAZEL WININGER
Age 74. Of Taylor, Michigan. Passed away November 7, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

LILLIAN M. BEDNARK
Age 81. Of Novi, Michigan. Passed away November 8, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

STELLA JANKOWSKI
Age 91, November 6, 2008. Wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Robert (Patricia) Jankowski and Jeanette Winsten. Dear sister of Nellie. Also survived by six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral Service was held Tuesday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rgrharris.com.

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LOGOS Youth Club
Calling all youth grades 4-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Sept. 26. For registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

HeartCry
The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. They use "The Hope of a Homecoming," by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

Women of the word
Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbc-women.

Bible study
Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Focus of study is Romans. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

Fellowship Dinners
6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313)534-7730.

Thrift Shop
9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.

Registration
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

Morning prayers
7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

J.O.Y. meeting
The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe
Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Worship service
10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday worship
10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday services
Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.


Farmington Women Aglow
Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. A Christian women's group.

Worship services
Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and

Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship services
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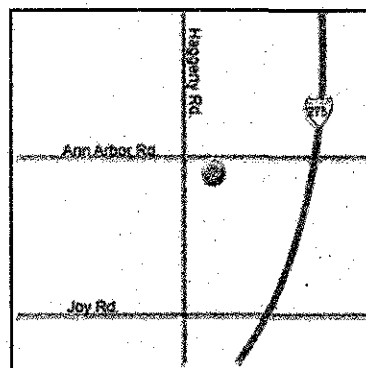
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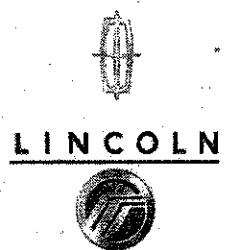
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The ensemble cast dances to "Love to Keep Me Warm" in the musical "White Christmas."



The ensemble cast of "White Christmas."

"White Christmas" is based on the 1954 classic movie.



Redford native joins the ensemble of 'White Christmas'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Just ask Redford-bred performer Jenny Florkowski and she'll tell you she was born to be on stage. "My family was all very involved with the theater," she said, calling in from New York City on Thursday. "I remember being in a playpen and watching my parents performing."

Beginning Nov. 19 her family — parents Fred and Nancy Florkowski and brother Jody Florkowski — will be the ones watching as Jenny takes the stage at the opulent Fox Theater as a member of the ensemble in the musical *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*.

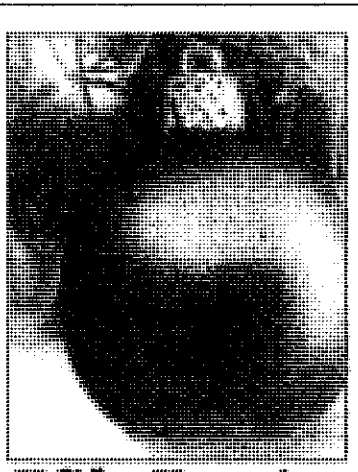
Based on the hit 1954 classic movie and set to the sounds of Berlin's

IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS

What: The musical stage production based on the beloved 1954 film returns for 43 high-energy performances.
When: Shows run Nov. 19 through Dec. 23.
Where: Fox Theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Tickets: \$20-\$100, call (248) 433-1515 or visit www.olympiaentertainment.com



Florkowski



Holiday Happenings

Events
The Big, Bright Light Show: Downtown Rochester will light the night with its dazzling display of more than 500,000 lights coating all the buildings along Main. The free event, Dec. 1 to Jan. 4, 2009 attracts more than 1 million visitors. Expect a traffic jam but it's still a sight to behold.
Wayne County LightFest: Drive through more than four miles of light displays along Hines Drive, beginning at Merriman. Cost is \$5 per car, call (734) 261-1990 for details. The display runs Nov. 20 to Jan. 1, 2009.
Winter Wonderland: A cast of more than 100 performers celebrate the holidays, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 12-13 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$10. Call (313) 833-4005 or visit www.mosaicdetroit.org.
Holiday Nights: Greenfield Village will transform into a living Christmas card with its candle-lit paths, Model T and carriage rides, ice skating and decorated home tours for this seasonal favorite, 6:30-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec 5-6, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 12-14, Friday-Tuesday, Dec. 19-23, and Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 27-28. Tickets \$12.50-\$17, children under 4 enter free. Add dinner at the Eagle Tavern for \$64.50 to \$68.50. Parking costs \$5. The Henry Ford is at 20900 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. Visit www.thehenryford.com.
Christmas Walk: The Friends of Greenmead present their 20th annual event beginning at Hill House with hot chocolate and cookies. Tickets \$9-\$10; wear slip-on shoes. Profits go to restoration and preservation at Livonia's Historic Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 466-3540.
With Music
Holiday Brass: The Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings present this rousing show 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 644-5210 or visit www.detroitchamberwinds.org.
Messiah: The Oakland Choral Society presents this classic Sunday, Dec. 14, 620 Romeo Street, Rochester. Ticket \$15-\$50, call (248) 391-0184.
Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Talk about uplifting and re-inventing holiday songs. Catch one of these two shows on Dec. 21, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Call (248)

Rockin' at the Mayflower Lanes in Redford

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

There will be more than the clattering of pins falling at Mayflower Lanes in Redford this Saturday, Nov. 15.

There's also clatter in a rock and roll way.

The Clatters is a classic rock band, with a huge song list of '60s, '70s and a little '80s music, performing at the bowling alley's lounge.

This is not necessarily your typical classic rock band.

Each of The Clatters' three band members have been professional or semi-professional musicians since the 1970s. They have careers by day, and perform as a hobby by night, but it's a hobby they take very seriously.

"Playing in bands put me through college at MSU in the '70s," said guitarist/vocalist Kim Madeleine of Livonia. Back then he played with the groups Dilemma and The Flexx Band. More recently he's been in the band The Howards.

"I promise that when people come to see us, they will leave saying these

IF YOU GO
What: The Clatters
Genre: Classic rock with three-part harmonies
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.
Where: The bar at the Mayflower Lanes Bowling Alley, 26600 Plymouth Road, Redford, (313) 937-8420.
Admission: Free
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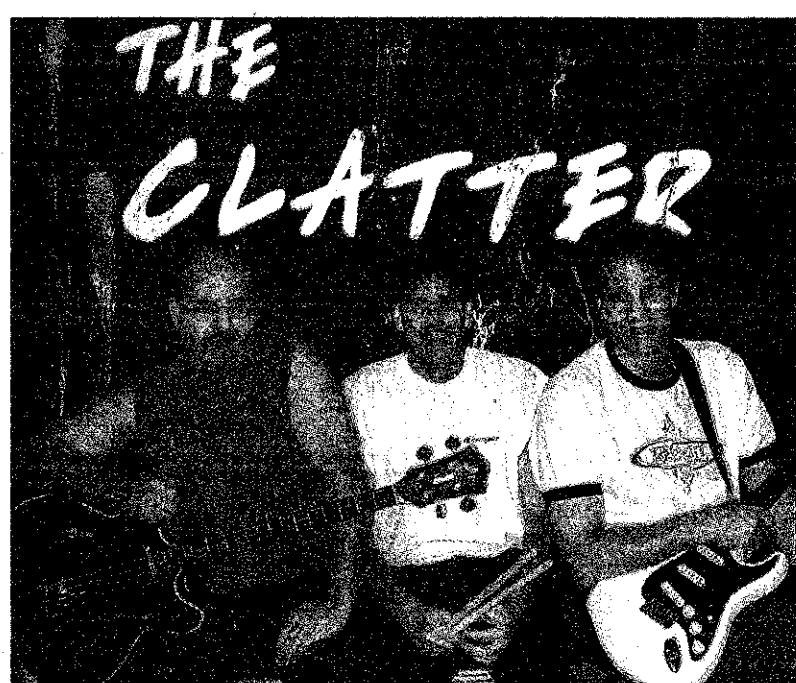
guys are really good," he said about The Clatters. "We have a lot of experience. We love music."

Madeleine has been a musician since he was 10.

Drummer/vocalist Dennis Zavis of Farmington Hills grew up in the music business and most recently was with The Pinch and Mid-Life Crisis.

In the '70s and '80s, bassist/vocalist Lou Wysocki of Detroit toured with

Please see **THE CLATTERS, D6**



Lou Wysocki, (left) of Detroit (bass), Dennis Zavis of Farmington Hills, (drums), Kim Madeleine of Livonia, (guitar). All of the men are singers and make up the classic rock band The Clatters.

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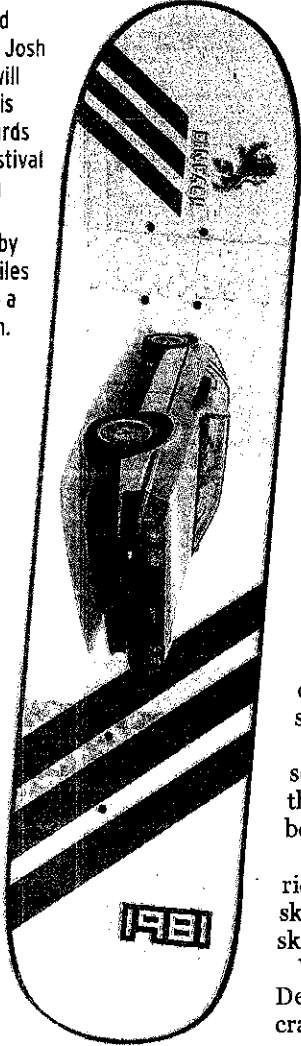
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Artist and Designer Josh Weston will display his skateboards at the festival including this one, inspired by automobiles including a DeLorean.



Plymouth man brings boards to craft fair and says: break'em

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Artist Josh Weston, of Plymouth, wants you to break his art work.

That's right, and the attitude of the skilled artist and designer may sum up the vibe perfectly of the Detroit Urban Craft Fair, an event happening Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Fillmore in Detroit.

First, Weston's artwork is designed on decks, meaning skateboards.

He creates boards at a reasonable rate of \$30-\$50 so that skate athletes can use the boards as they were intended.

"I want them to tear 'em up, ride them to become better skaters," Weston, a surfer and skater himself said.

Weston will bring his Detroit-inspired boards to the craft fair. Don't get confused

when you hear the word "craft." This isn't your grandmother's craft fair — unless of course she's someone who listens to Crud or The Stooges and likes vegan lip gloss, recycled T-shirts and "rock star night-lights."

You won't see duck statues wearing raincoats and blue plaid teddy bears.

The Detroit Urban Craft Fair is comprised of young artisans making today's version of stylish crafts.

Weston's skateboards will include themes like Detroit sports, old Detroit churches and the Detroit skyline — buy three, line them up together for the whole skyline.

"Today's skaters want boards with intelligent, irreverent humor," said Weston.

The name of his company, Ein Fach, is a good example. "It's a German word mean-

IF YOU GO

What: The Detroit Urban Craft Fair is an alternative craft fair featuring independent, do-it-yourself artists and crafters. DUCF exists "around a community market feel, encouraging the interaction of maker and buyer, while showcasing a wealth of handmade talent."

When: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15

Where: The Fillmore Detroit (formerly the State Theatre), 2115 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroiturbancraftfair.com

Interesting: A display of 23 dresses made from paper bags — a contest where one winner will be chosen.

Why is it different from other craft shows: This is an alternative to regular craft shows. No country crafts or as they say "no painted saw or jams and jellies."

At left, Retro video games, like Space Invaders, are mega-popular with skaters, Weston said.



Weston's skateboard design "Girl."

ing 'simple' or 'handmade,'" he said. "But in a way it almost sounds like a little crude, like a word maybe you shouldn't say out loud."

Intelligent humor.

The fair will be filled with vendors peddling smart objects

made from recycled materials and more. Even the food vendors aren't those you would find at a typical art fair.

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This week's Thanksgiving recipes are oh, so sweet

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

This week, readers submitted recipes for Thanksgiving desserts. Although we're still looking for side dishes, we just couldn't pass on these delicious sweets.

To participate in our on-going Thanksgiving Day side dish feature, send us your favorite recipe for an accompaniment to the main course. It could be grandmother's creation, or something you saw on a cooking show that your family adores.

Submit one favorite recipe and include your name and the city in which you reside. We will print it in an upcoming issue.

E-mail: Lmini@hometownlife.com

Subject line: Side Dishes

SWEET POTATO CHEESECAKE

Carrie Crawford, new pastry chef at Bacco Ristorante in Southfield.



combined.

32 ounces cream cheese
1 cup brown sugar
2/3 cup granulated sugar
5 eggs
1/4 cup flour
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 tablespoons brandy
2 cups sweet potato puree (2-3 potatoes)

Bake sweet potatoes in a 350-degree oven until tender. Remove skins. Puree the pulp in a food processor and measure out 2 cups puree. Set aside.

Blend room temperature cream cheese, brown sugar and granulated sugar with the paddle attachment of a stand mixer on low speed until it is smooth and there are no lumps. Scrape the bowl to ensure it is completely mixed. Add the eggs one at a time, scraping the bowl after each addition. Combine the flour and cinnamon and add, mix just until it is combined. Add the brandy and the puree, and again, mix just until the ingredients are

Pour into a prepared crust of graham cracker crumbs or gingersnaps. Tap the pan lightly on the counter to release any air bubbles. If you are using a cheesecake pan with a removable bottom, wrap the pan to the rim with aluminum foil to prevent any water from penetrating the pan. Place the cheesecake in another pan with high sides and place in the middle of the oven. Pour water in the larger pan to an inch deep. Bake at 330 degrees for one hour. Cheesecake is done when it is set and does not jiggle when tapped.

Garnish with maple whipped cream, caramel sauce and sweet potato chips.

Maple Whipped Cream:

2 cups heavy cream
1/4 cup maple syrup
Whip on high speed until stiff peaks form.

PUMPKIN BREAD

by Mary Skyles, founder of Women on Wine, Canton

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake

time: 45-55 minutes

Blend together:
2/3 cup shortening
2 & 2/3 cup sugar
2 cups of pumpkin pie filling
4 Eggs

then add:
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 & 1/2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Blend well.
Stir in 2/3 cup of water and 3 cups of flour
Grease and flour three loaf pans, add dough, and bake. Plastic and wrap it immediately, it keeps the bread moist.

SYMPHONY BROWNIES

Jason Gittinger's wife, Sherry of the Detroit School of Rock and Pop Music. Hershey's Symphony Candy Bars

Ingredients:
1 (17.6-ounce) any package brownie mix (with or without walnuts)
Vegetable oil cooking spray
3 (6-ounce) candy bars with almonds and toffee chips (recommended: Hershey's Symphony brand)

Directions:
Prepare the brownie mix according to package directions.

Line a 13- by 9-inch cake pan with aluminum foil and spray with vegetable oil cooking spray. Spoon in half of the brownie batter and smooth with a spatula or the back of a spoon. Place the candy bars side by side on top of the batter. Cover with the remaining batter.

Bake according to package directions. Let cool completely, then lift from the pan using the edges of the foil. This makes it easy to cut the brownies into squares. Arrange brownie squares onto serving plate and drizzle tops with hot melted caramel.
Enjoy!



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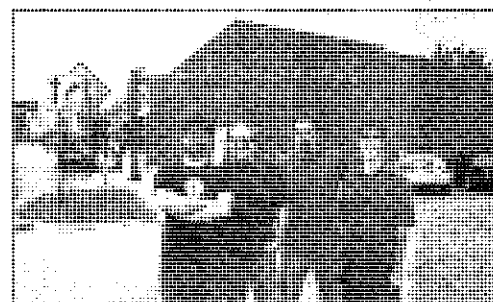
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
OGE STAFF WRITER

Filtering your entertainment best bets for the weekend beginning Nov. 14, 2008:

14 The wait is over to visit the funniest spot in Ferndale. The Go Comedy! Improv Theater opened its doors Wednesday but tonight is the night to experience the *All Star Showdown* premiere. Watch as two teams of the area's best improvisers compete in a game-show format, and promise to get audiences laughing. The show begins at 8 p.m. Later, at 10 p.m. the improv keeps rolling with a free-form show titled *Dark Matter*. Tickets are \$15, call (248) 327-0575. Go Comedy! was founded by PJ Jacokes, Chris DiAngelo and Tommy LeRoy, all of Ferndale, and Gerald Knight of Ann Arbor.

15 The Detroit Windsor Jazz Club hosts live music 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at Shield's, 25101 Telegraph, in Southfield. Today, check out **Eric Mannering** at 1 p.m. Tickets \$10, call (248) 356-2720.

16 The circus is officially in town. Don't miss the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's Bellobration. See the comic daredevil, Bello, and his fantastic friends, like Tabayara the tiger trainer. Watch a five-person tower stretch up to three stories in the air. And experience the human cannon



Go! Comedy is open in Ferndale.

ball feats of Brian and Tina Miser. Showtimes are 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. today, at the Palace of Auburn Hills, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. Tickets \$12.50-\$82, visit www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 645-6666.

17 James Bond is seeking a little respite — but he's in for a high-flying new adventure in the newly-opened blockbuster *Quantum of Solace*. Daniel Craig, the first blond actor to play 007, reprises the role he held in *Casino Royal* for his latest mission, one that hinges on mistaken identity and intrigue on the shores of Austria, Italy and South America. Bond will leave audiences shaken, not stirred in this mysterious drama, directed by Marc Forster. It is in theaters now and rated PG-13.



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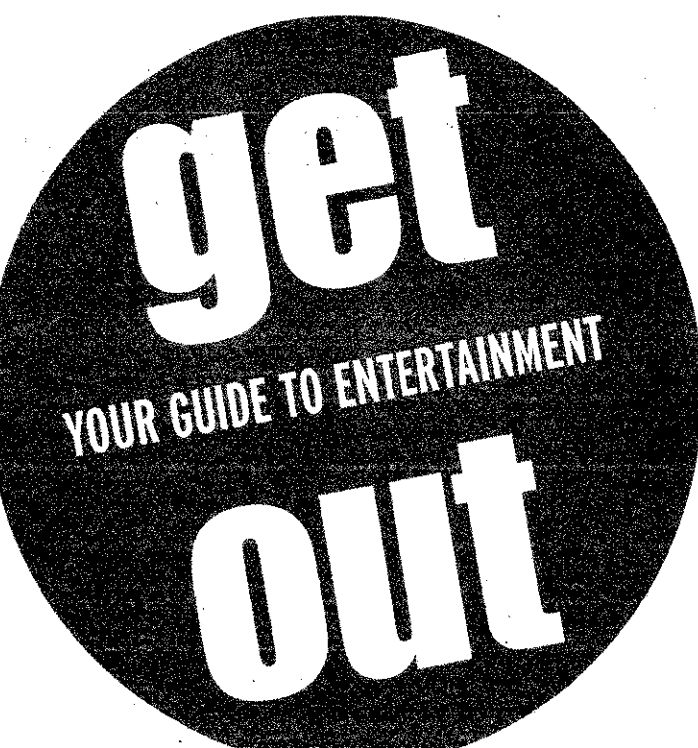
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Art Leaders Gallery: Henry Asencio One Man Show, through Nov. 15, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, www.artleaders.com.
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Biddle Gallery: 2840 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com.
Cale 84: "The Green Show" featuring Detroit Up & Coming Artists Guild, 14084 Lakeside Blvd., Shelby Township, (586) 913-3773.
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBartCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.
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Bohemian National Home Gallery: 2009 Tillman, Detroit, (313) 525-5253, www.jeromium.com/bohouse.htm.
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CPDP: 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com.
Detroit Artist Market: Art for the Holidays, through Dec. 21, 4719 Woodward, Detroit.
DGM Art Studio: Bob Ross-style painting classes, 1-5 p.m. one Sunday per month; free fine art portfolio assessments for college-bound students, 28691 N. Lilley, Canton, (734) 453-3710, www.dmartstudio.com.
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Galeria at Orchard Lake: "Insights" by sculptor Evelyn Bachorski-Bowman, through Nov. 30, Building 8, Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, (248) 683-0345.
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Mind, through Nov. 29; Little Things Mean A Lot! Competition, Dec. 3-24; reception, 6-9 p.m. Dec. 5, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.
Lemberg Gallery: Jane Hammond "People, Places and Things," through November, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.
Livonia Arts Commission: Fine Arts Gallery, second floor; Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, (734) 466-2490; Livonia Arts Commissioners, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, (734) 466-2540.
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Northville Art House: 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.
Oakland University Art Gallery: "Domesticated Angst: Second Reading, new projects by

Chido Johnson," through Nov. 23, at 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005.
Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery: Works in Oil & Pastel by Sharon Will, October, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 538-9021, www.orchardlakeframing.com.
Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Holiday Objects Up and Down, Nov. 22-Jan. 3, 2009, shoppers preview, 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 22, reception and silent auction, 7-10 a.m. Nov. 22, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.
Paul Kotula Projects: Kathleen McShane's "Fifty's Rainbow," through Nov. 26, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.com.
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Susanne Hilberry Gallery: 700 Livernois,

Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com.
Tangent Gallery: "The Last 9 Days of Plan 9 from Washington," artwork by Eric Mesko, through Nov. 15, opening reception 6 p.m. to midnight, 715 E. Milwaukee St., Detroit, (313) 877-4377.
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Birmingham Temple: Pianist Christopher Atzinger, April 4, 2009; Charlie Gabriel Quartet with Vocalist Joan Bow, May 2, 2009; 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 768-9338, www.vivaceseries.org.
Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: "Holiday Brass," 4 p.m. Dec. 7, Christ Church Cranbrook and 7:30 p.m. Christ Church Grosse Pointe; "Fun and Games," 3 p.m. Feb. 22, 2009, Birmingham Unitarian Church and 4 p.m. March 1, 2009, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit; "String Sundae," 3 p.m. March 29, 2009, Birmingham Unitarian Church and 3 p.m. April 5, 2009, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church; "Schubert and Spice," 3 p.m. April 26, 2009, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham; Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, 2009, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.
Hogopian World of Rugs: Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents "Nightnotes," 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 9, 2009, Jan. 30, 2009, March 13, 2009 and May 8, 2009, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.
Seligman Performing Arts Center: Prazak Quartet, Nov. 15; Christian Tetzlaff, violin, Dec. 6; Denyce Graves, mezzo-soprano, Jan. 24, 2009; ATOS Trio, Feb. 7, 2009; Garrick

Orlsson, piano, March 21, 2009; Guarneri String Quartet, April 11, 2009; Pacifica Quartet with Erik Ronmark, saxophone, April 18, 2009; Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with the Miami String Quartet, May 16, 2009; Yefim Bronfman, piano, May 30, 2009. All concerts 8 p.m. Saturdays, Tickets, \$25-\$75, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org.
University Musical Society: Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, Nov. 13, Hill Auditorium, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor; Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Nov. 16, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-2538 or www.ums.org.

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Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 887-8500, www.musicshah.org.
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Farmington Hills Youth Choir: Wexford Hall, Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1859.
First Presbyterian Church: Welcome All Wonders, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19; Psalteries of Psalms, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9, 2009; How Can You Keep From Singing?, 4 p.m. Feb. 8, 2009; Pipedusters w/organist Tom Trenney, 7:30 p.m. April 17, 2009; Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22, 2009, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x 136, trenney@comcast.net.
Oakland Choral Society: "St. Nicholas" and "Wachet auf," Dec. 6; "Messiah," Dec. 14, 620 Romeo Street, Rochester, \$15-\$50, (248) 391-0184, Plymouth Oratorio Society: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-8353.
Rackham Choir: "Too Hot To Handel," Nov. 29-30, Detroit Opera House, "An Affair To Remember," Feb. 14, 2009, Club Venetian, Madison Heights; "Dear Mrs. Parks" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, March 6-8, 2009, Orchestra Hall, Detroit; "The Armed Man: A Concert for Peace" with original film, April 5, 2009, Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Dearborn, www.rackham-choir.org.

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Antioch Lutheran Church: 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.
Orchestra Canton: "Mozart's Birthday Bash," 8 p.m. Jan. 24, 2009, Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5460.

Chamber Music of the Scarab Club: Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Detroit, (248) 474-8930, www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic.
Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070, www.ComeHearCMSD.org.
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Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: "Mendelssohn, Marimba & More," 8 p.m. Feb. 7, 2009; "Fanfare for Freedom," 8 p.m. March 14, 2009, all at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville; "Pops at the Penn, Home for the Holidays," 7 p.m. Dec. 18; Benefit Concert of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, 8 p.m. April 24, 2009, Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.
Schoolcraft College: Pianist James Tocco, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14; Pianist Anton Nel, Feb. 13, 2009; Avalon String Quartet, March 20, 2009; Cellist Robert de Maine, May 15, 2009; \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the ViStech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

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THE CLATTERS

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the rock band, The Lordz. He also leads the long-established band The Howards.

At the Mayflower Lanes, The Clatters will perform songs from musicians such as Marvin Gaye, Tom Petty, R.E.M., The Rolling Stones and more.

"We do three-part harmonies," Madeleine said. "We love

wow-ing people with our vocal parts and spend a lot of our rehearsal time on that — especially with Motown songs."

The band's musical approach is that "rock is good for the soul" and strives to play original and classic tunes.

"Our audience is people in their 30s, 40s and 50s," Madeleine said. "But we get a lot of kids in their 20s come up to us when we play J. Geils. They're into it. They remember their parents playing it in the car when they were kids."

Musing poetry and music cafe offers variety, unique venue

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Musing, a poetry and music cafe, offers something new each month.

"It's extremely varied and eclectic," said Ann Holdreith, host of the cafe gathering of poets and musicians. "At times it offers the unexpected."

In March 2009, for instance, a sitar player, a bass player and a sufi poet will perform together.

Musing runs from 3-5 p.m. the third Sunday of every month, at Pure Concepts Center for Creative Expression, in Farmington. The year-old cafe features a poet, a musician and an open mic.

On Sunday, Nov. 16, singer-songwriter Meghan Tonges, who was a runner-up in the Ferndale Idol contest, will sing and play guitar; poet Mary Jo

Firth Gillet will also perform her work.

Cafe fare such as coffee, tea and muffins are offered.

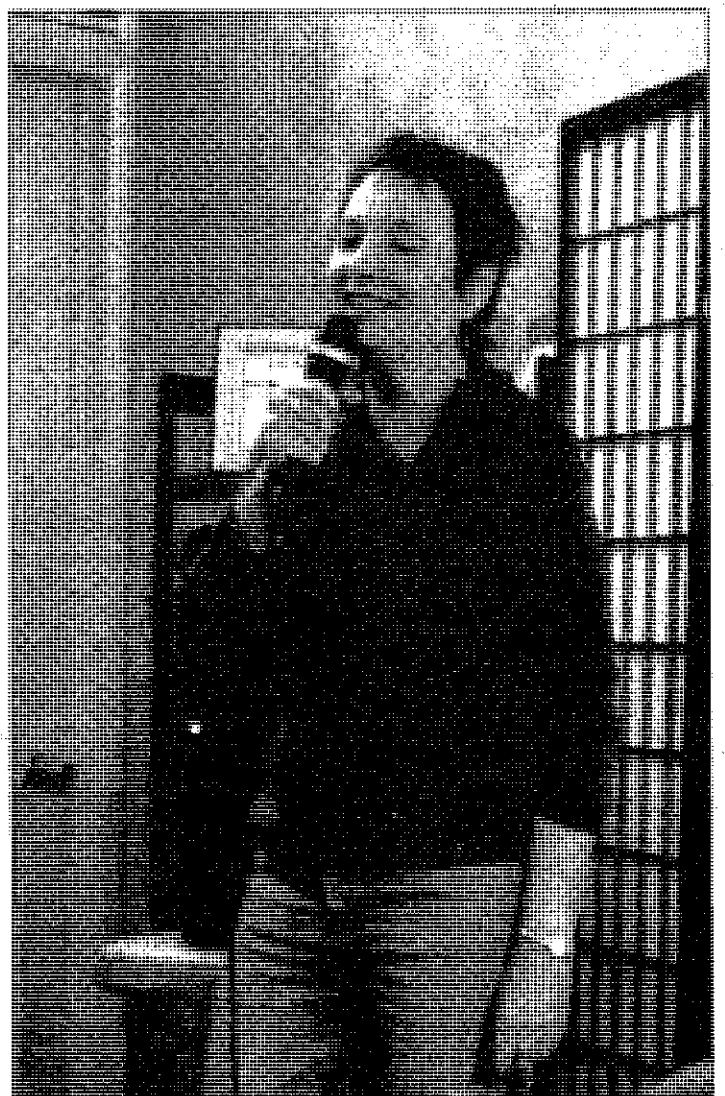
Musing is unique in the area in that it's held in a private center.

Audience members "are coming specifically for the performance as opposed to the coffee houses," said Holdreith, a vocalist, performance poet and teacher who is known for improvisation.

Holdreith had held a creative expression class at Pure Concepts, a holistic center. When she learned that Deb Cauzillo of Pure Concepts wanted to add poetry to the center's offerings, she stepped in to create the cafe.

Said Cauzillo, "She brings in these incredible musicians and poets, each so unique. Ann has just made magic out of it."

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Ann Holdreith is the host of Musing, a music and poetry cafe.

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"It's about being creative, living in the moment and not holding back," she said. "That's why people want to come as an audience and be performers because they feel so much permission and acceptance and creativity. People can really shine there."

The upcoming schedule includes:

Jan. 18 — ML Liebler, a widely published urban performance poet, along with High Strung, unplugged, alternative high energy rock.

Feb. 18 — Ann Holdreith, with musician Dean Western.

Events are free but a \$3 donation is requested to cover expenses.

Pure Concepts Creative Center, 23023 Orchard Lake Road, Bldg. C, Farmington, is just north of Grand River. (248)583-7765

For more information go to: www.annholdreith.com

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Redford Theatre: It's a double dose of holiday cheer at this Old Redford historic theater, beginning with *Miracle on 34th Street*, 8 p.m. Dec. 5-6 and 2 p.m. Dec. 6; tickets \$4. And then sing your heart out to *White Christmas*, 8 p.m. Dec. 19-20 and 2 p.m. Dec. 20, at 17360 Lahser, Detroit; tickets \$4. Visit www.redfordtheatre.com.

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Dec. 7, at Arts Auditorium, 123 Selden Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$33.50. Call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.shophthemax.com.

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Compiled by Stephanie Angelyn Casola

CHRISTMAS

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famous Christmas carol, the story follows Army buddies, Bob Wallace and Phil Davis. They have become a successful show biz duo and are trailing a sister act, Betty and Judy Haynes, to Vermont when they find their now-retired Gen. Henry Waverly has fallen on hard times. The performers plan to save his all-but-empty inn by organizing a Christmas Eve production that will draw the crowds — with or without snow.

In a way Florkowski has come full circle, spotlighting all she's accomplished with *White Christmas*. Her first stage experience, at age 5, was a holiday show titled *A Christmas Wish*. Her mother Nancy recalled: "She was a little doll that talked. I told her her lines and she repeat-

ed them." When Florkowski mentioned that she came from an acting family, she meant it. Nancy Florkowski has taught drama for 30 years and founded Livonia's Motor City Youth Theater. Fred Florkowski teaches drama in Wayne State University's Bonstelle Undergraduate Program and Jenny's brother, Jody, directs plays at Berkley High School and teaches in the district.

Florkowski attended MacGowan Elementary and Hilbert Junior High schools before enrolling at Detroit High School for the Fine and Performing Arts.

In 2000, she moved to New York City to attend the American Music and Dance Academy.

Her parents still live in Redford Township. "We've been waiting for this to happen," said Nancy Florkowski. "We knew if she kept working, she'd eventually show

up in Detroit. We're just really excited we don't have to travel far, and we get to see her for two months."

Florkowski's dedication and growing love of dance became evident during her formative years. Her mother recalled that she would pick Jenny up from school every day and take her to Freedom Danz Expressions, a Detroit-based company, where she'd practice until 10 p.m. The hard work has paid off as Florkowski has appeared in national tours of *42nd Street* and *Cats*, productions of *Show Boat* and *Singin' in the Rain*, and at the Lincoln Center Gala in New York City.

"I think I'm so blessed to be doing this as a career," said Florkowski. She compared singing and dancing nightly on stage to "going to the office every day." Since mid-October, she's been rehearsing along with

the Broadway Company for *White Christmas*. "It's one of my favorite shows to perform and to see performed," said Florkowski.

While in metro Detroit she plans to spend a lot of time with her family, and hopes to attend a few Red Wings games. The show marks a holiday homecoming for Jenny, but it won't be her first time on the Fox Theatre stage. While in high school, she was part of a production of *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Florkowski said she's "ecstatic and overwhelmed" at the idea of returning to the Fox.

Tap dancing is her true love — and *White Christmas* requires plenty of it. Though she and the ensemble spend most of the show singing and dancing on stage, Florkowski's favorite number is *I Love a Piano* for its tap dance-heavy choreography.

It is one of the songs that, like Berlin's *Love and the Weather* and *I've Got Love To Keep Me Warm*, were added in for the live musical. The story of *White Christmas* remains true to the classic film.

"In our time right now,

with concerns with our economy, it's such a beautiful show you can lose yourself in it," said Florkowski. "It really puts you in the Christmas spirit, no matter what your background is."

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Actress Sarah Drew (left) wore designer Cynthia LaMaide's clothes in the movie "Tug," filmed in Michigan this past summer.



Cynthia LaMaide works out of her Rochester home studio, where she crafts elegant designs like the evening gowns pictures above and below.



a passion for the work and a solid work ethic will allow anyone to move forward in the business.

LaMaide's current project, *Intent*, begins filming Nov. 10 around Livonia and Farmington Hills. Director Tim Crockett posted positions on the Michigan Film Office Web site seeking crew members. He said she was perfect for the job. "She was super sweet, very talented, down-to-earth, hardworking," he said. "It was really a no-brainer."

This project, a police drama set in Ohio, allows LaMaide to stretch her creativity once again. "This is more of a dark movie," she said, careful not to reveal too much. "The others were lighter, happier."

She's been collaborating with the production's art department to echo the look and feel of the set. "Color is really important," she said. She's also working with unusual fabrics, like rubber, and the film will have more special effects than her previous projects.

Crockett said "it's pretty wide open" as far as how much influence LaMaide's design will have on the film. "She has so many good ideas," he added. She'll be dressing everyone from a kidnap victim to police officers to a mistress. "It runs the full gamut," Crockett said.

All the while, LaMaide's still designing for her own line. She'll unveil new work Dec. 13 at her Rochester studio.

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pink picks

The third place entry in our PINK Picks competition went to **Carla Cardello**, a longtime resident of Livonia. She works as a business instructor at Schoolcraft College and has two daughters, Nicolette, 14, and Sabrina, 12. A PINK fan, she said: "I always read them and I thought, 'I can do this.'" Cardello was right. Her picks hit home with our judges.



Wear It!

Old Navy "Flirt" jeans with an interesting blouse

Carla Cardello

Accessorize It!

Exposuresonline.com custom photo make-up bag

Read It!

The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath

DON'T Wear It!

Ugg boots with a mini skirt

See It!

Movin' Out at the Fox Theater

Kick It!

Jessica Simpson "Yana" boots if you dare!

DVD It!

All Together Now Beatles Cirque du Soleil documentary

Tote It!

Kathy Van Zeeland "Belt Shopper" Premiere Croco in purple

TIVO It!

Jay Leno while you still can

Face It!

C.O. Bigelow Mentha Lip Shine (like a breath mint)

Drink It!

Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill's Cider Slush

Mane It!

Redken "Spray Starch" with a flat iron

Eat It!

Goodies from Schoolcraft College's Main Street Cafe (11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the school year)

Smell It!

Juicy Couture "Viva La Juicy"

Experience It!

Work as a Detroit feature film extra

Hear It!

DSO's *Home for the Holidays*

Do It!

Schoolcraft College culinary seminars

Use It!

Tweezerman 3 in 1 Pedicure tool

The picks of our Pink Picks' contest honorable mention winner, Mollie Dobersek of Canton, will be featured in next week's PINK.

Fiber artist winds her way into film business

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
OSE STAFF WRITER

Cynthia LaMaide has been making and designing clothing since as far back as she can recall. The Rochester-based fiber artist cinched her love of the art by pursuing her degree in clothing design from Arizona State University. But she couldn't have guessed back then that her work would be worn by rock stars like Lenny Kravitz, supermodels including Kate Moss, and that they would weave their way into the plot lines of major motion pictures - like the one currently filming in metro Detroit, New Line Cinema's *Intent*.

Her connection to the entertainment business began post-college, while she lived in Miami. There, she worked on sets of music videos and films, and styling for fashion shoots. LaMaide has criss-crossed the country ever since. She has been recognized with coveted awards including *Best in Show* from the 2007 Ann Arbor Art Fairs. Her fiber art has been part of an American Craft Council show at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C. And most recently her talents have been tapped by filmmakers as they've been flocking into the Metro Detroit area to take advantage of the recently-passed tax incentives that offer up to a 42 percent cash rebate as long as the production spends \$50,000 in Michigan. Since the state passed those incentives in April, locations from Detroit to Royal Oak to Plymouth have been transformed for movie sets. LaMaide was contacted through her previous union work in Florida.

Her first foray into film was *Married to the Mob*, a 1989 comedy starring Michelle Pfeiffer. It served as a good training ground for what she's doing now. Through word of mouth she's gone from one job to the next, whether it involved styling for photo shoots or handling wardrobe continuity and costume designs on film sets.

She was first contacted here in Michigan for the film *The Job*, on which she served as a wardrobe supervisor. "I was just working on the set," said LaMaide. "I had to get all of the wardrobe ready for the actors." She helped

carry out the vision of the costume designer and made sure the continuity of the film remained intact when it came to the actors' clothing and accessories. The work calls for long days - 14 hours at least. And those days grew longer on her next project.

LaMaide was hired to handle costume design on a film titled *Tug*, which was shot in Holland, Mich. "I created the whole look," she said. Her designs were fully showcased

in the movie as one of its lead characters - Sarah Drew (*Mad Men*) - played a fiber artist named Ariel. "I got to make all the clothes," LaMaide said, estimating at least 20 outfits. Producer Hopwood DePree of TicToc Studios said working with LaMaide was "an absolute joy." "She showed

us her portfolio, the different clothes she designed," he said. "She also read our script and had a lot of really wonderful ideas." Tug Director Abram Makowka said he knew right away he wanted to work with LaMaide, whom he called "magical." He said: "Cynthia designed and created a different dress for every time we see Ariel. Ariel is angelic, she too is magic, so it was only right that she and Cynthia be kindred spirits."

Makowka said he looks forward to working with LaMaide again in the future. He also noted the experience of filmmaking in Michigan was a "phenomenal" one. "People are excited about film here and so they are open and welcoming," he said.

LaMaide described *Tug* as a love story with a bit of comedy tossed in, while *The Job* was more of a mobster film.

In her film experience so far, LaMaide said she truly enjoys working with the actors. She said Drew in particular "looks so beautiful in everything you make."

Her years of experience and ability to create clothing very quickly have served her well in an industry where filming tends to be on a tight deadline. As DePree said, "I don't think she sleeps." LaMaide said the experience of working on films near her hometown has been a positive one. She's consistently been hiring local designers to assist her - and they have used the experience as a springboard to continue on in the industry. She believes

"She was super sweet, very talented, down-to-earth, hardworking. It was really a no-brainer."

TIM CROCKETT, director

TRAILS & RECREATION

Community Day event

Parisian continues its successful Community Day event on Saturday, Nov. 15. Those who have bought a \$5 coupon booklet from a participating non-profit may redeem the coupons inside.

Booklets each contain one \$10 coupon, good on an item of \$10 or more, plus eight additional coupons, each good for up to 20 percent off almost any merchandise purchased. Non-profit groups selling the booklets keep 100 percent of the booklet price. For participating organizations, log onto www.communitydayevent.com. Organizations will continue selling booklets through Saturday, Nov. 15. Area Parisian stores are at Laurel Park Place, Livonia and The Village at Rochester Hills.

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