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Free helmets

Santa Claus arrives at Westland Shopping Center at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. The Jolly Old Elf will take up residence in the East Court outside of Macy's. On hand to welcome him will be the John Glenn High School marching band and members of the Westland police and fire departments.

The police department will be providing 300 free bicycle helmets. Police Explorers, trained by the Detroit Medical Center, will provide proper helmet fittings for the youngsters. The helmets will be distributed on a first come basis.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

Fall festival

Childtime Learning Center in Westland is holding its third annual Fall Festival benefiting Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The festival will take place 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the school at 34203 Ford Road.

The Fall Festival will include a raffle, silent auction and special guest appearance by some of the players from the Plymouth Whalers hockey team. The players will be onsite, signing autographs and taking pictures with families. They also will talk with children about how to reach their goals.

The silent auction includes autographed sports memorabilia from the Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers. The raffle will include gift cards and other great ideas donated by local businesses in the community.

All proceeds will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Memories

The holiday season is upon us and we're asking readers to send us their favorite holiday memories and photos to the *Westland Observer* for the special holiday edition we are planning for Thursday, Dec. 24.

Did you get a favorite gift for Christmas, or do you have a special memory of Hanukkah? Is there a special tradition your family has to make the season merry and bright?

Share those memories with us. Send your items — be sure to include a photo, if you can — to *Westland Observer* Editor Sue Mason at smason@hometownlife.com.

Family feared being killed during break-in

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man testified Thursday in Westland 18th District Court that he was afraid he'd be killed as he and his family were bound and gagged while armed intruders robbed their home.

"Anytime a person holds a gun on me and says they're going to kill me, I believe it," Robert Duzak Sr. said, testifying in the preliminary exami-

nation of two men charged with the Sept. 26 home invasion.

Adam Brent Mastaw, 25, of Westland and Detroit resident Geraud Raymond Austin, 22, are charged with being the masked gunmen who entered the home on Huff at approximately 11:45 p.m. Both are charged with 22 felonies, including home invasion, unlawful imprisonment, receiving and concealing stolen property and a host of gun possession charges. Both are convicted felons.

Duzak testified that he and his wife were asleep when someone turned on a light in their bedroom. A white male armed with a shotgun was in the bedroom, he said, while a black male armed with a handgun was in the hallway just outside the bedroom.

The couple's son, Robert Jr., testified he was in his bedroom playing an online video game with a friend when the intruders arrived. Both Duzaks testified they were placed on the bed in the parents' room face down with

their hands and feet bound with duct tape. All three were also gagged, according to the testimony.

"The white fellow was in the bedroom with us. He had a shotgun pointed at us. He said he could put a bottle over the shotgun, kill us and no one would hear us," the elder Duzak said. "I felt like we were going to be killed. Donna (his wife) was crying and begged them not to kill us. I could

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Kenette Washington does exterior painting as part of the 750 hours of sweat equity she is doing to get her Habitat for Humanity home in Westland.

'I'm so happy to own a house'

Habitat for Humanity turns renter into first-time homeowner

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When you own a home, it helps to be handy, something Kenette Washington didn't need to worry about living in an apartment or more recently a rental home.

Now that she is buying a Westland home through Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, Washington has been learning some new skills.

"Doing the sweat equity, you learn so much. I had painted before, now I've helped with dry-wall. I worked on a new construction home in Wayne," said Washington, a hair stylist who also works part-time as a cashier at a Livonia dollar store.

Currently renting a home in Inkster, Washington is required to put in 250 hours of sweat equity — not necessarily on the home she is buying — and will have an interest-free 20-year mortgage on her new home on Vincent off Newburgh. A single mother of two, Washington had to pay an earnest money down payment and will have to pay property taxes and homeowner's insurance on the home.

"Things are coming along, it looks lovely. They're doing a great job," Washington said. "I'm very excited. I've rented all my life. I had just left an apartment and there were a lot of problems

Please see **HABITAT, A2**



A tri-level home on Vincent Street is being rehabilitated by Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne in partnership with the City of Westland.

Habitat for Humanity provides help, not handout

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

People often have misconceptions about Habitat for Humanity.

"We don't give our clients anything, they work for their home. There is sweat equity, \$700 earnest money and they have to pay the taxes, the water bills and the mortgage," said Alice Dent, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County. "Our motto is 'A Hand Up, Not a Handout.'"

Most of the labor provided on Habitat homes — new construction or rehabilitation projects —

is donated and much of the material is donated by sponsors, Dent said.

"We do have to pay for some contractors like heating and electrical where someone needs to be licensed and pull permits," Dent said.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit housing organization that has built more than 300,000 houses, sheltering more than 1.5 million people in more than 3,000 communities around the world.

Traditionally, Habitat for Humanity had focused on new construction projects. In

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Benefits aid slain woman's daughter

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two more fund-raisers to benefit the daughter of a woman slain in Westland have been scheduled.

On Sunday, five local bar restaurants hosted Musicians for Mariah to raise money for Mariah Neal, daughter of Laura Williams.

Upcoming fund-raisers are:
• A family friendly bowling night will be held Saturday at Westland Bowl, Wayne Road just north of Ford. The cost is \$20 per person, including three games, shoes and one large pizza per lane. Registration starts at 8 p.m. with bowling at 9 p.m.

• Chatters Bar and Grill, where Williams was employed, is hosting a fund-raiser begin-

ning at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. There will be live music, door prizes, 50/50 raffles, grab bags and lunch and dinner specials. Chatters is at 7640 Wayne Road, north of Warren Road.

Laura Williams, 28, was killed in the Chatters parking lot in the early hours of Sept. 27. She had reportedly completed her shift and left the business with her husband, George Williams, who had come to the bar separately.

George Williams, 33, is charged with first-degree murder in the death of his wife, whose cause of death was found to be strangulation and multiple blunt trauma injuries caused by being struck by a vehicle. A relative of George Williams found Laura Williams in the parking

lot and called police. George Williams was later arrested in Toledo.

Held without bond since his arrest, a preliminary examination for George Williams is scheduled in Westland 18th District Court today (Thursday).

The couple had been married for one year and were reported to have been arguing about ending their relationship. George and Laura Williams had no children together. Mariah Neal, 7, is Laura Williams' daughter from a previous relationship.

For more information about the fund-raisers, contact Jennifer Lack at jenlack2@wowway.com or call (734) 812-8195.

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HABITAT

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with the (rental) house and landlord. I'm so happy to own a house."

Using federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds, the home was purchased by the City of Westland which is transferring the title to Habitat for Humanity. The city also allocated \$25,000 in NSP money for rehabilitation of the house.

The criteria for a home to be purchased with NSP money includes being foreclosed, vacant and blighted.

"It doesn't have to be all three, but it happens this home was. It didn't look that bad from the front," Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis said. "It needs to be an eligible family under NSP and the home has to be brought up to code. Any appliances that have to be replaced must be Energy Star to be more ener-

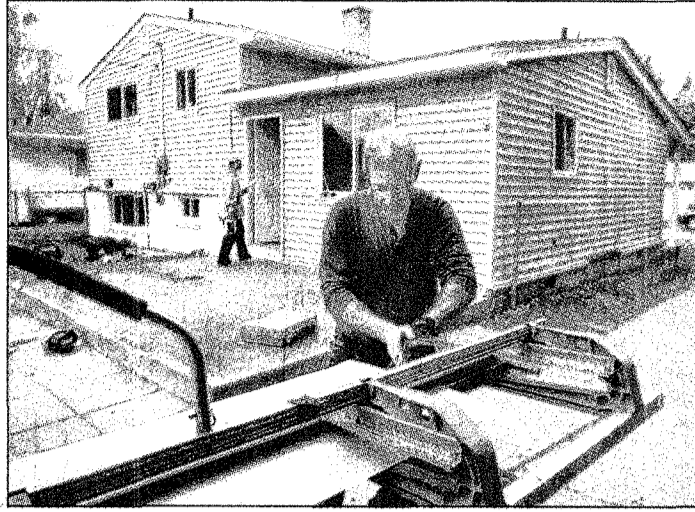
gy efficient."

The home on Vincent had 64 code violations when the rehabilitation work got underway, said Bruce Whittle, the construction site supervisor. A major violation was a room — moldy due to leaking roof — that the previous owner had added to the rear of the home without permits.

"We removed the addition and put in a new wall. We put on a new roof. We had to redo the kitchen and lower bathroom," said Whittle, a retired Ford engineer. "I'm guessing the house was vacant a couple of years. The house has been rewired by an electrician and the ducts are cleaned."

Having 64 code violations may sound like a lot, but the project's general contractor, Hilliard Hampton II, said the home on Vincent was actually in better condition than other homes Habitat has rehabilitated.

"The beauty of Habitat for Humanity is that they stay with the home (through the mortgage). They are inclined



Bruce Whittle, a retired Ford engineer, is the construction site supervisor for Habitat's Vincent Street project.

to work with a homeowner who may have challenges. It's not tied to a bank or mortgage company — people won't be breathing down their necks," said Hampton, the mayor of Inkster.

Although making time in her schedule for the sweat equity hours has been hard, Washington said she was

looking forward to moving into her home. Whittle has promised her family will be moved in time for Thanksgiving.

"I think it would be very hard for me to get into a house without this program," Washington said.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Camp times

Parents can give their kids something to do while they go shopping the day after Thanksgiving. The Westland Parks and Recreation department is holding a One on One Multi-Sport Mini-Camp 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, for children age 5-13 or in kindergarten through the sixth-grade.

Kids can keep their skills sharp and have fun participating in sports like basketball, soccer, volleyball, dodgeball, and even kickball. The camp is designed to provide a fun and positive environment for students on the school holiday. Campers need to bring their own lunch.

The cost is \$55 for Westland residents and \$60 for non-residents. For more information, call 734 418-3190 or check out the Web site at www.loni1basketball.com/michigan. The focus of the basketball camp will be on drills that improve skills in the areas of dribbling, passing, shooting, defense and teamwork. Sportsmanship and confidence also will be emphasized.

There will be two sessions: Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 21-23, 2009, pre-register by Dec. 17, and Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 28-30, pre-register by Dec. 23. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each camper will receive a T-shirt and an award. Participants will need to bring water and lunch each day. Campers will be divided into two-three groups, depending on age and skill level.

The cost is \$75 for Westland residents and \$82 for non-residents. For more information, call (734) 418-3190 or check out the Web site at www.loni1basketball.com/michigan.

Holiday Bazaar

AMVETS Post 171 Auxiliary will host a Holiday Bazaar 9

a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the post hall, 1217 Merriman, south of Avondale, Westland. Lunch also will be available — \$3 for a sloppy joe, can of pop, and a bag of chips. Proceeds will benefit the hospital program for veterans.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for \$6.

The center also has pinochle and euchre games at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Wrestling Club

Westland Bottle Rockets will hold registration 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, in Gym 4 at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland. The wrestling club is for ages 4-14 and meets December through March. The club fee is \$25. For questions or more information, contact Judy at judyawl1122@yahoo.com or by calling 734-634-4595. Information also is available online at www.glennwrestling.com, select the Bottle Rockets Wrestling Club link.

Bowling fund-raiser

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its first annual Bowling Fund-raiser Sunday, Nov. 22, at Vision Lanes on Ford Road in Westland. The cost is \$20 for three games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. For further information or to register on-line, visit the Web site at glennwrestling.com. For more information, call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

HELP

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Westland, Habitat for Humanity is working on six projects — four new construction and two rehabilitation of vacant foreclosed homes utilizing federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program dollars in partnership with the city.

"With new construction, there are people who like to raise walls. It's an awesome experience," Dent said. "The reason we are doing rehabilitations — recycling a lot of houses — is that we want

to address blighted areas that need a little TLC."

Relying largely on volunteers, Dent particularly noted the efforts of Bruce Whittle, who has been working with Habitat for Humanity projects for two years.

"The volunteers are essential and they need to know how much they are appreciated. I cherish a volunteer like Bruce, he has donated a tremendous amount of hours to make sure people have safe, affordable housing," said Dent.

In the case of a home on Donnelly that has been turned over to Habitat for Humanity,

Dent said an existing blighted home — it doesn't currently have plumbing — will be demolished. Since the house sits in the middle of three separate lots, three new homes will be constructed.

"A lot of our volunteers still like to build and we didn't want to take that away from them," Dent said. "With new construction, we can tailor homes to the family's needs. Older, smaller houses can't be made handicapped accessible."

Other homes like one on Vincent that is being purchased by Kenette Washington, are being reno-

vated.

"In the past, we haven't done a lot of rehabilitation houses in western Wayne, there was a lot of vacant land," Dent said. "It's faster to get into houses and less expensive for our sponsors, if houses are rehabilitated. This is such a great partnership with the city."

Dent praised the efforts of Westland Mayor William Wild and Community Development Director Joanne Inglis. "They have been great to work with, I can't say enough," Dent said. "I get calls asking me if I need help — that's awesome."

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TESTIMONY

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feel Robbie shaking."

After more than two hours, the white male demanded the keys to the family's Dodge Durango and told the family not to move for 30 minutes, Duzak said. Within a few minutes, Duzak said he managed to free himself and ran

to a neighbor's to call police. Items stolen from the home included about 60 guns which Duzak had collected, electronics, jewelry, containers of coins and credit cards.

Since the home invasion, Duzak said the family has been staying at the home of a relative; they've been too frightened to return to their home.

The victims haven't been able to positively identify the

intruders — their faces were at least partially covered with masks and hoods.

Both Mastaw and Austin made oral and hand-written statements about their involvement in the crime, testified Westland police Sgt. Kevin Wojcik.

In his statement, Austin told police that he, Mastaw and a third defendant, Robert Kirby, were the men who robbed the Duzaks, Wojcik testified. According to his statement, Austin drove the other two men to the Westland home and waited nearby while they robbed the house.

However, additional charges of home invasion were added to the complaint against Austin based on the

witness testimony that one of the intruders was a black male — Mastaw and Kirby are both white, while Austin is African American.

In his statement, Mastaw admitted to being involved in planning and carrying out the home invasion, Wojcik testified, including helping bind the family with duct tape and taking the Dodge Durango, which he later burned in Detroit.

Kirby, 24, has been charged in 36th District Court in Detroit on charges including three counts of receiving and concealing stolen firearms, being a felon in possession of a firearm and felony firearm. Three guns identified as having been stolen from the Westland home

were located at Kirby's home in Detroit.

Having waived his preliminary examination in Detroit, Kirby is being held in lieu of \$1 million cash bond on charges of armed robbery in an unrelated incident in Westland. Kirby also is being held as a parole violator.

A fourth man, Leonard Joseph Hren, 47, of Detroit, had earlier waived his preliminary examination and was ordered bound over for trial on charges of home invasion, 38 counts of receiving and concealing firearms, felony firearm and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Police recovered 38 guns identified as stolen from the Westland home in an Inkster storage locker

leased by Hren.

Identified as a cousin of Donna Duzak, police had said Hren had knowledge of Robert Duzak's gun collection. It was displayed in the home's basement, which could only be accessed through a steel security door.

Following unsuccessful defense challenges to witnesses' credibility and admissibility of the defendant's statements, Judge Mark McConnell ordered both Mastaw and Austin bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court for trial. Like Hren, Mastaw and Austin are being held in lieu of \$2 million cash bond. Circuit court arraignment is set for Nov. 12.

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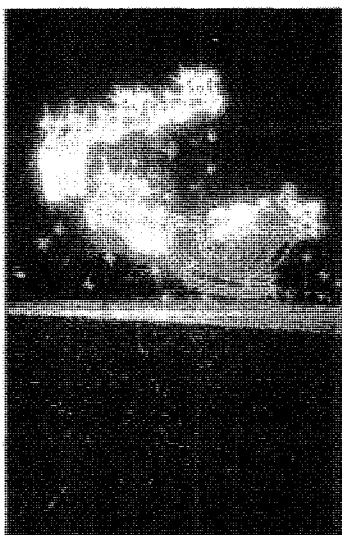
Wayne County Parks will host the Lightfest opening ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Merriman Hollow Area along Hines Drive in Westland.

The ceremony will include fireworks, music and light refreshments.

Lightfest features more than 35 giant animated displays and more than one million lights. It's the midwest's largest and longest light show. The complete Lightfest route is over four miles of Hines Drive. The holiday light display is open 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Nov. 19 through Dec. 31. It will be closed Christmas Day. There is a \$5 donation per car.

Dec. 1, 8 and 15 will be Toy Nights. Wayne County will be lending a hand to provide toys to disadvantaged children in Wayne County. On those three nights, the community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the suggested \$5 donation fee. Visitors also can make the donation. Wayne County considers the donations an opportunity for the people of the community to partner with the county in an effort to make a difference in children's lives.

At the walk-through display area, visitors can stop by Santa's Workshop at the Warrendale Area for refresh-



Santa Claus will be at the Wayne County Lightfest both in person and in lights. The annual Hines Park display opens Nov. 19.

ments and gift shopping. Santa will be there from Thanksgiving until Dec. 23. Don't forget to bring your letters to Santa. Outside of Santa's workshop there will be a giant mailbox where kids of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa.

Although Lightfest begins at 7 p.m., Hines Drive will be closed to traffic beginning at 5:45 p.m. nightly. Visitors enter Wayne County Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman in Westland.

Lightfest is provided in

partnership with Fox 2 News, the Friends of Wayne County Parks, DTE Energy, DBT Marketing and Promotional Group, Garden City Hospital, ITC Holdings, McDonald Modular, Entertainment Express Luxury Limousine, Michigan Mountain Biking Association, Beathetrain.com and Trails Edge store.

People also can sign up or the 13th Annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17. Participants will have an opportunity to travel the Lightfest display route on foot. For bike enthusiasts, there's the Bike Through the Lights at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18.

There will be post race food for both events, along with free long sleeve T-shirts and glow necklaces. Registration is \$20 in advance for adults and \$25 on race day. High school students and younger pay \$12. Both events will take place in Hines Park-Merriman Hollow area.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the parks' Web site at www.waynecountyparks.org or picked up at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland or Total Runner store in Southgate.

For more information on Wayne County Lightfest, call (734) 261-1990.

Gong Show is a winner for community

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The gong sounded more than once, but not for Garden City School Superintendent Michelle Cline who snuck in her act between acts at Saturday's Garden City Staff Has Talent show.

"The Gong Show was just awesome," said Cline who was the emcee for the show, which ran concurrent with a Holiday Farmers/Gift Mart. "It was a fun time, the people had a great time. It was something we needed to do as a community."

Cline played music on little straw instruments. She admitted that he performance was "a bit obnoxious."

"I probably would have been gong, if I'd been and act," she said.

The show raised more than \$1,900 for the district's Foundation for Educational Excellence. The vast majority of the money came from the Bribe Bucket in which the audience used money to vote for their favorite act. An additional \$2,400 was raised for the high school soccer and wrestling teams through test drive of Ford vehicles, sponsored by North Bros. Ford.

The senior class officers served as judges for the show and gave the gong to half of the 12 acts. Their pick for the winner was Burger teacher Stan Kowalczyk who sang and played the piano.

However, the Dancing Cow (Shirley Zaetta and Elaine Daksiewicz) took the honor with Bribe Bucket total of \$177, due in part to a check for \$150.

Discounting the check, it was the Memorial teachers - Patti Stanchina, LuAnn

Englehart and Beth Loritz - who lip synced and danced to *Dancing Queen* that won the popular vote with a Bribe Bucket total of \$98, Cline said. "There's was change and dollar bills," she added.

The show was so popular, it may be back in a spring installment.

"I think they liked it, people are already talking about their acts for next year," Cline said. "I'm happy with the results. It's another way to acknowledge and appreciate the talent in this community."

It also was a way to put back the spirit that has paled with the economic conditions.

"It was a way to laugh and build spirit in the community," she added.

The show also featured the presentation of the Hometown Spirit Awards. The awards recognized the efforts of everyone from teachers to students to members of the community. Receiving the honors were:

- Educator - "Teaching with the Head and Heart" - Mary Morrison and James Bohnwagner
- Coach - "Coaching with Courage and Compassion" - Natalie O'Brien
- Support Staff - "Going That Extra Mile" - Mary Landers
- Administrator - "Leading with Integrity" - Alex McNeece
- Parent - "Parenting with Pride" - Judy Nichols and Darlene Jablonowski
- Student - "Giving Graciously" - Jillian White
- Student - "Learning with Passion" - Brad King and Melissa Green
- Student - "Mental Attitude and Outstanding Sportsmanship" - Moises Cruz
- Individual, Class or Group

- "Leading with Positive Spirit" - Dalton "DJ" Brown
- Individual, Class or Group
- "Global Awareness and Outreach" - Model United Nations Team
- Non-Profit Organization
- "Lending a Helping Hand" - Rotary Club
- Business Award - "Reaching Out to Education" - Dearborn Federal Credit Union Financial
- Community Member
- "Lifelong Learner" - John Fleming

There will be a second installment of the Hometown Holiday Farmers/Gift Mart 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Garden City High School. It will feature a Brain Booster Learning Conference from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A the half-hour classes include Beginning Origami, Beginner Baton and Creating a Resume and Cover Letter, all at 11-11:30 a.m., Batik Eggs 12:45-1:45 p.m., Cultural Awareness: Understanding Your Neighbor noon-2 p.m., Successful Family Storytelling 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Using Computers - the basics 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., Job Search/Interview Tips 12:30-1 p.m., Internet Safety 1:15-2 p.m., 5K to Marathon, Training for Your First Road Race 11-11:45 a.m. and 12:45-1:30 p.m., Beginning Scrapbooking 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30-2 p.m. (bring five photos/pictures), Knitting for Beginners 11 a.m. 2 p.m. (materials provided for \$8 or bring your own), Knitting Preemie Hats - basic knitting skills needed- 11 a.m. to noon (need own needles and yarn), Riddle Writing 101 1:15-2 p.m. and Understanding Your Child's Behavior 12:15-1:15 p.m.

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Woman ticketed in hit-and-run accident

WESTLAND

Hit and Run
 1. Police were called to the area of Joy and Eckles Nov. 8 when a Canton woman reported that her vehicle had been hit by another driver who didn't stop. The woman said she was driving east on Joy when a vehicle pulled off Armstrong, attempting to make a left turn onto westbound Joy. The woman's vehicle had been struck on the passenger side front corner and bumper. The officer noted that part of the other vehicle's bumper was embedded in the victim's car.

Since the fleeing driver was a woman wearing scrubs, the Canton woman surmised she worked at the nearby American House located on Armstrong. The officer obtained the name of an employee who had just left the senior housing, but was unable to find out where she lived or the type of vehicle she was driving.

The suspect vehicle had last been seen westbound on Joy heading over the I-275 overpass. Canton police had stopped the suspect, also a Canton woman, for driving with a suspended license.

The officer reported locating the suspect vehicle at the woman's home with damage consistent with the accident reported by the victim. Despite knocking numerous times, the officer said no one answered the door at the home. The vehicle was impounded.

About six hours later, the suspect came to the Westland police department to report being involved in an hit-and-run accident. She told the officer she fled because she was frightened and panicked when the other driver called police. She was cited for leav-

ing the scene of an accident, driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance and failure to use due care.

Larceny from a vehicle

2. A resident of an apartment in the 7600 block of W. Woodbridge told police Nov. 4 that someone had stolen a pistol from her vehicle. She said she had placed the gun in the vehicle because she needed to take it for repairs. There was no sign of forced entry to the vehicle. The gun was described as a two-shot derringer with a 2.25 inch barrel with a chrome/stainless steel finish. It was valued at \$100.

Break-in

3. A resident of an apartment in the 200 block of East Tami Circle told police Nov. 9 that someone had kicked in the door to her apartment. She said that \$350 in cash had been stolen from two places along with \$800 in change kept in a jar.

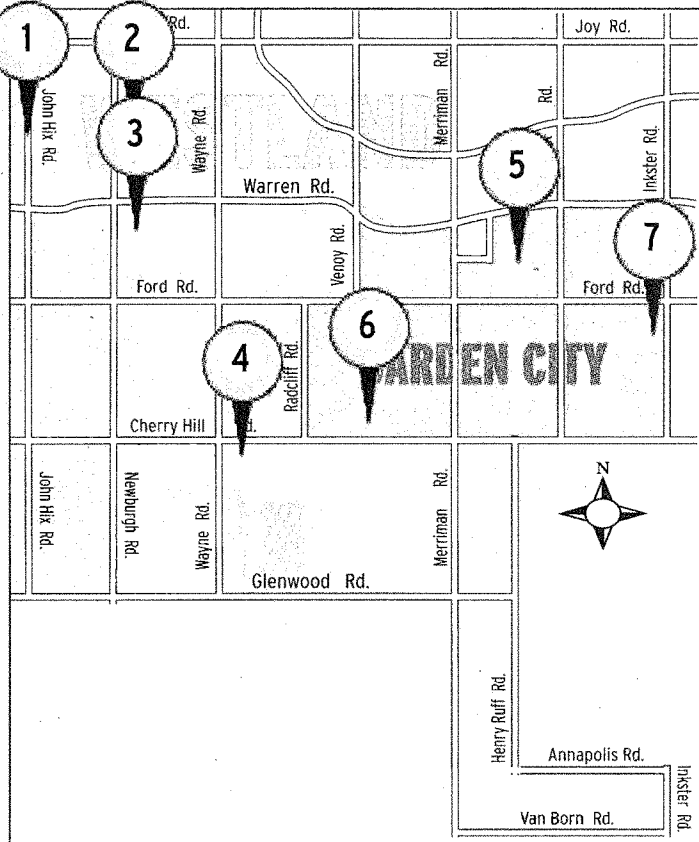
Larceny from a vehicle

4. On Nov. 8, an Ypsilanti man told police that someone had stolen a portable DVD player, iPod, tools and CDs valued at \$850 from his unlocked pickup truck while it was parked in the 2600 block of Eardman Court.

Retail fraud

A Westland woman was told not to return to Meijer, 37201 Warren Road, Nov. 8 after being stopped for shoplifting items valued at \$68, including tea, honey, air freshener, bandages and a shirt.

Store employees told police that they recognized the woman, who was with her adult son, from prior visits



Resident finds gun missing from home

GARDEN CITY

Home invasion

5. A Garden City resident who lives in the 6500 block of Elizabeth Drive came to the police station to report that his gun, a Colt Defender, was either stolen or missing Nov. 5. He said that he typically keeps the gun concealed on his bedroom floor.

About 10 months ago, his wife took the gun but returned it with no explanation, he said. When the police called his wife, she said that she didn't take the gun this time and said that "he didn't need the gun anyway," according to the report.

The police could find no evidence of forced entry at his home.

Marijuana possession

6. Inkster and Garden City Police became concerned about 1:15 a.m. Nov. 8 after they heard about shots on Fernwood in Inkster.

Garden City Police stopped a driver on Cherry Hill near Venoy. K9 Deuce tracked marijuana to the car.

They arrested a 17-year-old Canton Township man after they found 1.7 grams of marijuana in his 2000 Jeep Cherokee.

He and his passengers said that they left the party on Fernwood because "it wasn't their type of crowd."

Vandalism

7. An apartment dweller in the 5800 block of Inkster said that someone broke two of her windows with a BB gun. She discovered the damage Nov. 7. The police traced the suspects to a home in the 5800 block of Arcola.

The mother who lives there became upset when she heard about the damage caused by her

children. She retrieved the gun and threw it into the garbage. She told police she would go over to the apartment and apologize for her children's actions.

Retail fraud

The police were called to Kmart, 29600 Ford, about 10 p.m. Nov. 6 when loss prevention officers spotted a 43-year-old Inkster man attempting to leave the store without paying for items concealed on his body.

The stolen items included underwear, socks and personal items.

When the man was in a Kmart office waiting for police to arrive and arrest him, he threw a crack pipe into the trash.

The police described the pipe as burnt and containing steel wool. The police report said that steel wool is commonly found in consumption of crack cocaine.

The man also had a failure to appear warrant out of 20th District Court in Dearborn Heights on another retail fraud case.

Break-in

A resident in the 6600 block of Sunset Drive reported items taken from his garage before 4 p.m. Nov. 6.

The thieves gained entry through an unlocked door.

A witness said that she observed two white men arrive earlier in an older, well kept white Ford Econoline van about 8 a.m.. They backed up into the driveway and took items. Among the items stolen were a lawn mower, leaf blower, a cordless drill, dealer butchery equipment and a hunting ground blind.

when they suspected she was stealing.

The employees told police they watched the woman hide some items in her purse and change tags on a shirt. As she left through a self-serve checkout lane, the employees said the woman paid for a few items from the cart but not all of them. After being detained by store employees, police were called. The items were recovered and the woman released with the warning not to return.

• Police were called to JC Penney, 35000 Warren Road, Nov. 8 after store employees detained a Detroit woman for shoplifting. The woman told the officer she had taken several items of clothing, valued at \$176. She was also cited for possessing a crack pipe.

• On Nov. 5, a Belleville man was arrested for shoplift-

ing iPod accessories valued at \$60 from Kmart, 165 S. Wayne Road. An employee told police the suspect, a senior at Belleville High School, was spotted prying the items from a locking peg, removing the security device and hiding it in his clothing.

A senior at Inkster High School was arrested for shoplifting a cell phone, valued at \$100, from Kmart Nov. 8. A store employee told police he saw the 18-year remove the phone from its packaging and conceal it in his pocket before leaving the store.

Larceny

A Canton resident told police Nov. 3 that someone has stolen a utility trailer, valued at \$550, from a home in the 35000 block of Avondale. He said he has been renovating the home.

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Parents to lawmakers: 'Do your job'

Protesters want cuts restored, school funding reformed

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

James Ureel took a half day off from his job as a project manager for a computer software company Tuesday to protest cuts in per-pupil funding at the state Capitol in Lansing.

The father of a fifth-grader and seventh-grader is concerned the cuts will put the programs and support available to Livonia students at risk, impacting them for the rest of their lives.

He also worries the cuts will affect the quality of education in Livonia, causing home values to fall.

Jill Lampinen took a vacation day from her job at Ford Motor Co. to attend the state-wide rally organized by SOS (Save Our Students, Schools and State).

Lampinen bought a home in Livonia because of its reputation for good schools. She also helped to start a robotics program at Stevenson High School, where her daughter is a sophomore.

"I want to see those things continue," she said. "Quality of life for children is important to me."

Livonia schools will lose \$600 per student, or \$10 million, this school year as a result of combined cuts in state funding to K-12 education announced last month.

Ureel and Lampinen were among about 15 Livonia parents, community members and school officials who attended the rally, which drew approximately 1,000 protestors from districts across the state.

The protestors called on legislators to restore cuts in K-12 funding for this school year and begin a serious discussion on reforming the way schools are funded in the future.



Parent Shelly Ludtke pins an SOS button on her jacket during a rally to save school funding in Lansing Tuesday.

"Lansing, do your job!" they yelled.

The Livonia parents also presented a petition with 4,000 signatures to Gov. Jennifer Granholm and key lawmakers asking for the \$10 million to be restored to their district.

State Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia) and state Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) encouraged the Livonia parents to keep the pressure on state lawmakers, saying lawmakers are influenced by what constituents have to say.

"I believe something will start moving as a result of all of you coming up here," Anderson said.

Last week, the House passed a bill that would restore \$127 per pupil in cuts to all districts and another half in cuts to districts like Livonia and Clarenceville that receive 20(j) funding. The bill calls for using remaining federal stimulus money to make up the \$127 per pupil.



State Sen. Glenn Anderson meets with Administrator of Communications Donna McDowell, Superintendent Randy Liepa and others from the Livonia school district.

Lawmakers would have to raise \$25 million to restore half the 20(j) funding, about \$150 per student each for Livonia and Clarenceville. Under consideration are freezing an increase in the earned income tax credit available to the working poor and freezing the personal income tax exemption, both of which were scheduled to increase for 2009. The bill now goes to the state Senate.

Clarenceville School District Supt. Pamela Swert also met Tuesday with state Sen. Glenn Anderson while in Lansing. She said though it's still wait and see, she was encouraged.

"I felt pretty uplifted," she said. Livonia Supt. Randy Liepa said he thinks Livonia parents and community members made an impact Tuesday. "I see this as a huge, huge day," he said. But, he said, "We've got to keep it going."

On Monday, the Livonia school board looked at where it might be able to cut \$10 million. Out of its approximate \$155 million general fund budget, about \$120 million covers expenditures mandated by the state and federal governments, Liepa said.

That \$120 million does not include salaries for principals or custodians or maintaining class sizes below 30. "That was an eye-opener for a lot of people,"

Liepa said.

School board member Colleen Burton said breaking the budget down into the \$35 million in "discretionary" spending and \$120 million in mandatory spending put the cuts in perspective. "That's why the \$10 million is so significant," she said.

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Granholm calls on Senate to fix school funding

BY BRAD KADRICH
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She may have been preaching to the choir when Gov. Jennifer Granholm sat with a roundtable of Plymouth-Canton school board members, local leaders and parents to talk about funding public education.

But that doesn't mean she wasn't speaking words they wanted to hear.

Granholm, who in the last few weeks has announced potential cuts totaling \$292 to the per-pupil foundation grant for public schools, was in Plymouth Monday calling for the state Legislature — with a particular eye on the state Senate — to fix what she called "the gaping wound" the cuts would leave in school districts.

And she echoed a call already being made by administrators, asking people to contact their state Legislators to express their displeasure at the way schools are being funded.

"The cuts ... are unacceptable," Granholm said. "I'm asking the Senate to take action. The cuts equal hundreds of teachers, which means larger class sizes. It's critical ... the way to fix this isn't painful."

Among suggestions Granholm said she's heard for fixing the funding

problem in the school aid fund were using Recovery Act dollars, the idea of a graduated state income tax and the possibility of spreading the state's 6-percent sales tax across services.

She also said Proposal A, the 1994 act that shifted funding of schools from local to state control, "isn't working" and a new formula is necessary.

"The patient (school funding) is in the emergency room, and we need to fix it now," Granholm said. "Ultimately ... we need a long-term fix."

School officials have been clamoring for changes to the formula for months, all while trimming their budget and staring down the most recent cuts.

Among suggestions suggested was the idea of shifting local control to funding for individual aspects of education — such as athletics or transportation. Taking those out of the general fund and funding them separately — assuming voters would approve such levies — would be "a substantial help" to local districts, according to Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel.

And, although Granholm didn't address such suggestions directly, Fiegel said he was happy to see



Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Wayne RESA superintendent Chris Wigent, and State Rep Marc Corriveau took part in a roundtable discussion on funding public schools at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board offices Monday.

Granholm recognized the differences in the way districts are funded.

"It's always good to hear them say they don't like making cuts," said Fiegel. "But if you hold (cuts) off, what do you do next year? We need a long-term fix. (Granholm) recognized those inequities ... but I haven't heard anyone talk about how (to fix them)."

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-

Northville, said closing tax loopholes and spreading the sales tax to include some services were "reasonable" alternatives to relying solely on sales tax revenue.

"Relying on sales tax to fund schools is so volatile," said Corriveau, whose district includes Plymouth, Northville and a slice of Canton. "We saw how it works when times are

good. But now we've seen the converse of that.

"Yanking (school funding) out in the middle of the school year is a tragedy," Corriveau added. "You're going to have to come up with a formula that stabilizes it, and proportionately funds everyone equally."

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Witnesses testify against former funeral home operators

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The owners of a now-closed funeral home who are accused of embezzlement waived their rights to preliminary examinations Tuesday in 16th District Court, but witnesses testified against them anyway.

Christopher and Nancy Ziomek of Canton, former owners of the Ziomek Funeral Home, face charges of two counts of embezzlement greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, three counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee greater than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000, and funeral contracts-conversion. A pretrial court hearing is

scheduled for Nov. 24 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Some of the witnesses are elderly and some have health issues so they testified anyway Tuesday to get their comments on the court record without further delay.

Nine witnesses testified that they signed prepaid contracts with Chris and Nancy Ziomek for funeral arrangements. Payments ranged between \$1,600 to \$13,000, according to testimony.

A 90-year-old woman told prosecutor Tom Wenzel that she wrote a check for \$5,070 in 2004. She was Up North when she heard the funeral home had a new name and that Ziomek was not in business any longer. She



Nancy Ziomek signs her acknowledgment of rights during her arraignment on felony charges. Her husband Christopher Ziomek, seated, was arraigned on the same charges.

spoke with police about it. Upon questioning from

defense attorney Theodore Empson, who asked the woman

if she had asked for her money back, she replied: "No, I didn't know anything about it until eight months ago."

An 83-year-old woman testified that she paid Chris Ziomek \$8,200 in 2004. She didn't try to get a refund because she didn't believe she needed to at the time, she said.

An 89-year-old woman made her arrangements in 2004, paying \$7,820.

"I gave them a check, and the rest I gave cash," she said. She also testified that she sent two letters asking for a refund in 2008. She filed a police report in December 2008.

A 72-year-old man purchased a cremation agreement for

\$1,636, giving a check to Chris Ziomek. He saw a sign at the funeral home that indicated that another funeral home would be in business at the site. He contacted Ziomek and requested a refund in May 2008.

He testified that he handed Ziomek a letter and that Ziomek said he would give money back to him, but that it took six months to pull the money from the trust. The man received \$816 back, but not the remaining \$800, he testified.

Another man testified that his wife wrote a check for \$13,000. He told the court that he didn't contact Ziomek because he felt it would serve no purpose.



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SAVE ROOM FOR SIDES

Side dish recipes from Chef Dawn Bause



While roast turkey is the star of the Thanksgiving feast, the side dishes play a strong supporting role. These dishes are so impressive they just may steal the show.

Commerce Township resident Dawn Bause is co-author of the cookbook "Romance Begins in the Kitchen," owner of the company "Cooking with Dawn" and host of culinary tours of Italy.

She recently hosted a cooking class at the Birmingham Community House

featuring her fabulous side dish recipes, some of which are featured below.

Reach Bause at askdawnnow@aol.com or visit her Web site at www.cookingwithdawn.com.

CRANBERRY SALSA

Recipe By: Dawn Bause

Serving Size: 6

Categories: Side Dish or Appetizer

- 1 12 oz. bag fresh cranberries
- 6 tbsp. brown sugar (granulated)
- 2 tbsp. Grand Marnier Liquor
- 1/2 medium red onion, chopped fine
- 2 small jalapeno chile peppers, seeded and minced
- 2 tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1/2 apple, cored and cut in half
- 1 tbsp. cilantro, chopped fine
- 1 medium orange (zest of)

Combine cranberries and apple in food processor and pulse until coarsely shredded (about 10 short pulses).

Combine shredded cranberries with Grand Marnier and orange zest, onions, chiles, and sugar. Let sit about 15 minutes for cranberries to macerate.

Then add cilantro, lime-juice, and salt.

Refrigerate for at least one hour.

Serve as a side dish to turkey or chicken, or an appetizer with tortilla chips.

PARMESAN ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Recipe By: Dawn Bause

Serving Size: 6

Categories: Side Dish

- 2 lbs. butternut squash, peeled and cubed
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 6 fresh sage leaves, coarsely chopped
- 2/3 cup parmigiano reggiano, freshly grated
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. fresh ground pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees with rack in the middle of oven.

Peel and cut squash into 1" cubes. In a bowl, toss with cream, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 tsp. freshly ground pepper, 1/2 of the chopped sage leaves and place in a two-quart shallow baking dish. Bake covered for about 30 minutes.

Remove from oven and stir in half the cheese, and sprinkle the remainder on top.

Return to the oven and roast uncovered for another 15-20 minutes until the squash is tender and lightly browned.

Remove from oven and let sit 5 minutes before serving the cream will thicken. Garnish is remainder of sage leaves.

SPINACH SOUFFLÉ

Recipe By: Dawn Bause

Serving Size: 6

Categories: Side Dish

- 1 12 oz. package Stouffer's Frozen Spinach Soufflé Side Dish
- 1 small white onion, chopped fine
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Thaw Stouffer's Spinach Soufflé package.

In a sauté pan add olive oil, onions and heat over medium heat until onions are translucent.

Then add mushrooms all at once, toss quickly in oil and onions, then let sit for 2-4 minutes until the mushrooms start to brown on one side, then toss. Repeat. Remove from heat and toss with salt.

In a soufflé dish or casserole dish, mix thawed spinach soufflé, sautéed mushrooms and onions, and grated mozzarella cheese. Wipe sides of dish with a wet paper towel.

Place in oven and bake for 50-60 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

A TWIST ON TRADITION

Serve up smoked turkey for a healthier approach

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

A local parade, the Detroit Lions game and family dinner are familiar traditions each year for many Oakland and Wayne county residents on Thanksgiving Day.

Many families have grown to expect a few staple menu items: A turkey, stuffing, assorted casseroles, cranberry sauce and a scrumptious pumpkin pie.

While these traditions never fail, it's always OK to try something new.

Jim Moschini, Chef Instructor at the Culinary Arts Institute at the Art Institute of Novi, teaches classes on classical cuisine, garde manger and basic skills, and is also the executive chef of the school's student-run restaurant, Great Lakes Bistro. Moschini recently taught a class on how to smoke a turkey, an ingredient used in the restaurant for cold sandwiches.

"A lot of folks are buying smokers, and it's becoming more and more common," Moschini said. "A smoked turkey is not exactly a traditional bird, but it's a healthier option. They come out just delicious, and they're so juicy."

Moschini was happy to share his method with those interested in smoking a turkey for this year's Thanksgiving feast.

Preparation

Purchase a smoker, or prepare to use a grill with a lid that keeps a consistent cooking temperature. There are several different smokers to buy, including charcoal, electric, portable propane meat smokers.

"Smokers are available at Lowe's, Home Depot and even sporting good shops," Moschini said.

Purchase a bird and make sure it is completely defrosted. Rinse the turkey inside and out with cold water. Reserve the turkey neck and giblets for stock or gravy if you choose. Next prepare the brine. Completely submerge the bird in the brine in a large container, such as a picnic cooler,



paint bucket or brining bag, for about six days.

Remove the bird from the brine, gently rinse off and refrigerate for 24 hours.

"A sticky pellicle will form on the skin of the bird as the sugars and salt draw moisture out of the protein in the bird," Moschini said. "Leave that on there because it helps trap in the smoke."

On Thanksgiving Day

Make sure smoker can achieve and maintain 186 degrees, and select your choice of smoking chips.

"I prefer applewood, but you can use hickory, mesquite or whatever your flavor," Moschini said.

Place bird in smoker for several hours until it achieves an internal temperature of 163-65 degrees. Moschini recommends pulling the bird at 163 degrees to allow for "carry over" cooking that happens a few minutes after the bird is removed from heat.

When preparing to cut the bird, cut against the grain of the meat, Moschini advises.

"This gives you nice uniform cuts and keeps the meat from looking like pulled pork or shredded," he said. "Your bird will be very juicy, so the meat will basically fall off."

Contact Moschini at jmoschini@aui.edu with questions, or visit him at the school's Great Lakes Bistro on Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RECIPE FOR BRINE

Ingredients

- One gallon cold water
- One pound kosher salt
- One pound brown sugar
- Gallon of ice
- A couple garlic cloves, one bay leaf and some peppercorns

Directions

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Seniors need to do homework for Medicare enrollment

It's that time of year when seniors will make a decision about health care benefits. This has nothing to do with the health care reform taking place in Washington. This decision is about Medicare Part D.

Beginning Nov. 15 and ending Dec. 31, seniors who have participated in the Medicare Prescription Drug Program will have the opportunity to change their drug coverage.

It is important for seniors to do a Medicare Prescription Program review and determine whether they should maintain their existing plan or switch to a new company.

The Medicare Prescription Drug Program has been around for a number of years and is quite popular with seniors. Although the plan has many critics and drawbacks (you can't change coverage whenever you choose), it works.

If you have a Medicare D Prescription Drug Program, it is important you have the proper plan. Health situations change and so do prescriptions you take. Both have an impact on choosing the right prescription program. In addition, premiums change and there may be a policy that better suits your situation and that is more cost-effective. This

year, the average premium is approximately \$35 a month. It is anticipated that in 2010 the average premium will be \$39 a month. Therefore, in re-examining your situation, remember that cost is an issue.

Whenever people talk about changing insurance coverage, there is obvious concern that there will either be a gap in coverage or, by ensuring there is no gap in coverage, one will end up having double coverage. This is not the case when you switch your prescription drug plan. All the plans have been standardized. They begin Jan. 1 and end Dec. 31. Therefore, if you change your policy during open enrollment, your new plan will become effective Jan. 1, 2010, while the old plan will terminate Dec. 31, 2009.

CHOICES

Another issue when it comes to the prescription drug plan is there is a wide variety of policies available. There is no one plan that fits all. You must look at your individual situation. In that regard, it is important to recognize that husband and wife do not necessarily need to have the same Prescription D Plan. In many cases, it makes sense for the spouses to be under different programs.

In researching your individual need, key elements to consider are the drugs you take, the quantity of drugs and the dosage. These factors will help you determine what policy you should choose.

Another important issue is whether generic drugs are available for your prescription.

I have found that the government's Web site, www.medicare.gov, is an excellent place to do research. It has a wealth of information with regards to the prescription drug plan and allows a comparison of different Medicare plans. The Prescription Drug Plan finder on the Medicare site is an excellent tool in doing your research with regards to the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. I know this may be surprising to hear, but the Medicare site is easy to use and to navigate.

For those seniors who aren't comfortable using the internet, contact Medicare at (800) MEDICARE (800-633-4227).

One mistake that many seniors make is they assume that since they're happy with their Prescription D coverage, there is no reason to make a change. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Policies change, health situations change and, in fact, everything over time changes.

Don't assume that your present coverage is the best coverage. Take your time, do the research and then make a decision.

Good luck!

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Operation ABLE wins Corp! honor

Operation ABLE of Michigan, an employment assistance and career training organization, has been selected as a 2009 Diversity Champion by Corp! Magazine.

The award was recently presented during the third annual Michigan Salute to Diversity Event at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. According to Corp! Magazine, honorees were selected based on "a demonstrated commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion, and contributions to diversity issues in business and the community."

Established in 1986, Operation ABLE of Michigan, an affiliated company of Westland-based Spectrum Human Services Inc., is the premier provider of computer and job training for mature individuals, ages 40 and older, in southeastern Michigan.

The agency promotes lifelong learning and assists employers with developing a competent workforce. The organization offers a full range of computer and career development classes at its downtown Detroit office.

"Operation ABLE of Michigan and Spectrum Human Services Inc. are pleased to be acknowledged for our commitment to diversity in the workplace," said Roger Swanger, president and CEO of Spectrum Human Services. "We know a diverse workforce is an essential component for effective business operations."



Arnold L. Budin, board chairperson of Spectrum Human Services Inc. (from left); Mary McDougall, executive director of Operation ABLE of Michigan, and John Drew, board vice-chairperson of Operation ABLE of Michigan, show off the 2009 Diversity Champion the program received Corp! Magazine.

Through its training programs, Operation ABLE strives to provide employers with a mature, well trained and diverse workforce that is equipped to meet the challenges of today.

"We are honored to be selected as a 2009 Diversity Champion," added Mary McDougall, executive director of Operation ABLE of Michigan. "Operation ABLE is dedicated to seeing that the talent, experience and skills of older workers are embraced in the workplace. Although ability is ageless, we would like to see a time when no one experiences discrimination for any reason, including age."

Operation ABLE of Michigan is an affiliated company of Spectrum Human Services, Inc. Founded in 1976, Spectrum offers programs and services for children, youth, teens and adults with mental, physical, emotional and/or behavioral disabilities. For more information, visit www.spectrumhuman.org.

Operation ABLE of Michigan is a Michigan Works! affiliate, funded in part by the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, the Detroit Workforce Development Department, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, private foundations, corporations, and individuals.

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 Orangeo, 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 11/30/2009 at: 1:00pm. 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:

1082	Psontia Fowler	boxes, bags, totes
1122	Andrae Finerson	lawn mower, grill, refrigerator
1138	Yancy Davis	boxes, bags, totes
1164	Djuana Pearson	boxes, bags, totes
1214	Dawn Turner	bags, bike, tv
1252	Gregory Marvin	totes, tv, sofa
1260	James McClellan	boxes, bags, tv
1298	Christie Williams	boxes, dresser, tool box
1410	Donna Camper	boxes, bags, totes
1572	Julie Ulveling	boxes, totes, dresser
2222	Silas Crosby	boxes, bags, stove
2254	Keli Brown	boxes, bags, dresser
2388	Sheila Alcini	boxes, bike, dresser
2448	Wafa Alsoraimi	boxes, totes, vacuum
2490	Dennis Cohen	table, chairs

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104	Tom Finley	1991 Ford Tempo
		VIN 2FAPP36U7NB104843
105	Steven Dale Trimble	boxes, totes, tv
642	Samuel Zavaleta Jr	boxes, bags, toys
943	Larry Cooper	boxes, bags, dresser

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING November 30th, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, November 30, 2009 at 6:58 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed resolution which will vacate Donnelly Court right of way, Folkers Garden City Acres Subdivision as follows:

WHEREAS, a platted subdivision was created between Middlebelt and Harrison Roads and Marquette and Ford Roads named the Folkers Garden City Acres Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Folkers Garden City Acres Subdivision is located at the NW 1/4 Section 13, City of Garden City, T2S, R9E, Wayne County, Michigan. The Plat was recorded with the appropriate entities as required by the laws in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Folkers Garden City Acres Subdivision described above contains a right-of-way described on the Plat as Donnelly Court; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Plat is attached as Exhibit "A" and

WHEREAS, the platted Donnelly Court right-of-way is no longer being used by the general public and serves no useful purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Land Division Act, Public Act 288 of the Public Acts of 1967, and specifically Section 257 of same, it is the finding of the City Council of the City of Garden City that it is necessary for the health, welfare, comfort, and safety of the people of the City of Garden City vacate Donnelly Court; and

WHEREAS, Section 275 of Public Act 288 of 1967 goes on to state that the City Council of the City of Garden City may reserve a utility easement in the right-of-way of any street, alley, or public land vacated; and

WHEREAS, the vacating of Donnelly Court and the reservation of a public utility easement can all be accomplished through a resolution adopted by the City Council pursuant to Section 257 of Act 288 of the Public Acts of 1967; and

WHEREAS, Section 277a(2) of Public Act 288 of the Public Acts of 1967 provides that "If the lots on opposite sides of the vacated street or alley (court) belong to different proprietors, title up to the center line of the vacated street or alley (court) shall vest in the prospective proprietors of the abutting lots on each side."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garden City that whether the Donnelly Court right-of-way shall be vacated is hereby set for a Public Hearing on November 30th, 2009 at 6:58 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is advisable that Donnelly Court be vacated and that the City of Garden City retain a utility easement in the vacated Donnelly Court; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if Donnelly Court is vacated the legal descriptions for Lots 50 and 51 (the adjoining properties) be amended to reflect that each of their property lines are extended to the center line of the vacated Donnelly Court and that a copy of this Resolution and the Resolution vacating Donnelly Court and the appropriate documents will be recorded with the Wayne County Register of Deeds to so reflect the above action.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and provide comments. Copies of the complete resolution are available at the Clerk's Office of the City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, during regular business hours.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, November 19, various items of the City Westland, Department of Public Works will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
5954491	1996	GMC Sierra		1GTEC14W9T2503446
5954527	1996	GMC Sierra		1GTEC14W6T2503419
5954507	1995	GMC Sierra		1GTHK34K8SE505512
5954537	1997	Pontiac Grand AM		1G2NE52T5V776775
5954567	1995	GMC Sierra		1GTHK34K8SE506241
5954578	1999	Pontiac Grand Prix		1G2WJ52M5XF336291

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.
The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold. Registration fees apply.

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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 Orangeo, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 9300 Pelham Rd., Taylor, MI 48180 (313) 292-9730 11/30/2009 at: 11:00 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:

2051	Talis Dugas	boxes, totes, sofa
3003	Sandy Long	boxes, bags, tv
3034	Courtney Garcia	boxes, bags, dresser
3042	Erma Austin	boxes, dresser, chair
3068	Brianne Ibbetson	boxes, sofa, chair
3084	Derrick Adams	boxes, bags, totes
4051	Antoine Murry	boxes, totes, speakers
4065	Dwayne Cooksey	boxes, bike, totes
4082	Jacqueline Jackson	boxes, bags, sofa
5020	Calvin Williams	bags, dresser, tv
5023	Gary Scott Giraud	boxes, totes, toys
5106	George Bojarski	boxes, totes, bike
6028	Ebony Boatman	tv, bike, grill
6037	Tracie Breuer	Honda motorcycle
		VIN HM319HM0B4501
6040	Lisa Arnold	boxes, dresser, tv
6080	Donald Daigle	boxes, totes, tv
7032	Matthew Oates	boxes, totes, tv
7054	Nicole Blanchard	sofa, table, mattress
7086	Pamala Tucker	boxes, bags, totes
9056	Janice Weycker	boxes, totes, monitors

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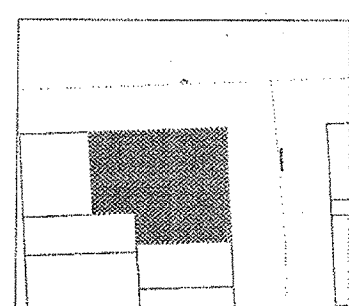
CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1932D, Site Plan Approval for Canopy Addition, 8755 N. Middlebelt Road, Parcel #005-01-1260-000, Southwest Corner of Middlebelt and Joy Road, Mike Saad (Jim Safiedine).

and

Case #1932C, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed 24 Hour Convenience Store Use, 8755 N. Middlebelt Road, Parcel #005-01-1260-000, Southwest corner of Middlebelt Road and Joy Road, Mike Saad (Jim Safiedine).



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., December 1, 2009.

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

Adam Hammons, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On November 17, 2009, 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 with following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
2004	Chrysler	Sebring/Conv	Silver	1C3EL55R74N157751
1992	Mazda	626/4 Dr	Green	1YVGD22B5N5206609
1992	Chevrolet	S-10/Pickup	Black	1GCCS14R1N0128020
1998	Dodge	Caravan/SW	Green	2B4FP25B2WR824914
1998	Cadillac	STS/4 Dr	Black	1G6KY5494WU908009
1998	Ford	Taurus/4 Dr	Light Blue	1FAFP52U6WG109927
1995	Ford	Mustang/2 Dr	Red	1FALP4043SF232696
1998	Dodge	Durango/SW	Green	1B4HS28Y8WF174338

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 12, 2009 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1989	Ford	Probe/2 Dr	Red	1ZVBT21C8K5211809

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 21 11/02/09

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrler, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer
183: Apr. minutes of 10/19/09.
-Bid for 2010 City Calendar from Ulitho; amt \$25,384.00.
-Bid for pick-up truck to North Bros. Ford; amt. \$34,999.00.
-Appr. NSP Rehab/Resale contract to Guy Construction & Home Renewal Systems; amt. \$400,000 each with 18% developer's fee.
-Introduced EECBG Strategy.
-Waived procedure, declared emergency to introduce & adopt EECBG Strategy in the same meeting.
-Adopted EECBG Strategy.
-Adopted Board Up fees on 2009 Winter Tax Bills.
-Approved 2010 City Council Schedule of Meetings.
185: App't'd. D. Jackson to ZBA for 3 yr. term to exp. 10/2/2012.
187: App't'd. J. Lezotte to ZBA for 3 yr. term to exp. 10/2/2012.
188: Appr. checklist excluding line item of early termination of lease vehicle for 18th District Court: \$1,031,240.25 & Prepaid: \$1,215,205.84
Mtg. adj. at 8:00 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

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OUR VIEWS

Give often, help Salvation Army

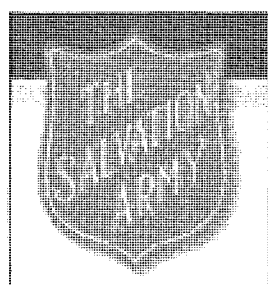
On Friday, a familiar sound will be heard as the Salvation Army kicks off its annual Red Kettle campaign at selected locations around the area.

This is the 118th year the Salvation Army has used the red kettles to raise money. In fact, the holiday campaign is a major fund-raiser for the organization. The money raised has helped the Salvation Army provide vital services to the needy in communities like Westland and Garden City.

The Salvation Army has seen dramatic increases in requests for its services over the past few years and with good reason. Michigan has the highest unemployment rate in the nation; its poverty rate rose to 19.4 percent this year with no end in sight. And an estimated one in three Detroiters lives in poverty, making the city the poorest large city in the country.

People can help the Salvation Army meet its goals in many ways:

- Donate often at one of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle locations.
 - Volunteer to be a bell ringer. The shifts are short, just two hours. Sign up online by visiting www.ringbell.org to pick your time and location.
 - Donate online by using the Salvation Army's secure servers at www.salvationarmymich.org and typing in your Zip Code to find your local Salvation Army Corps.
 - Donate by phone by calling (877) SAL-MICH.
 - Host an Online Red Kettle and invite your family and friends to donate. Go to OnlineRedKettle.org for more information.
 - Participate in the online Angel Giving Tree. The Salvation Army and the J.C. Penney Co. have joined forces this Christmas season to offer an online Angel Giving Tree program. Now until Dec. 14, people can adopt and shop online for Angels at www.jcp.com/angel and provide children and seniors facing hardship with Christmas gifts.
 - Donate money, toys and non-perishable food at the Salvation Army buildings in Westland at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, or at the Dearborn Heights Citadel, which serves Garden City, at 26700 W. Warren Road, east of Inkster Road.
 - Drop off new and unused socks at the at Westland City Hall, 36606 Ford, during business hours now through Friday, Dec. 4. All socks collected will be donated to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, which will distribute them to local families in need.
 - For other ways of helping, call the Dearborn Heights Citadel at (313) 563-4457 or the Wayne-Westland Corps at (734) 722-3660.
- We urge our readers to remember the less fortunate this holiday season and help make it merry and bright for those less fortunate. Michigan will one day rebound from its economic woes but, until then, it is those of us who have who must help take care of those who don't have.



COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you plan to get a swine flu shot?

We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.



"I really don't know. I probably should because I work with little kids, but I'm leery of it. I don't want to get sick from the shot."
Lenise Smith
Garden City



"Last time I got the flu shot, I got the flu. I've decided not to get to this time."
Bernadine Phillips
Belleville



"I'm still considering the swine flu shot. I'll probably get it because I'm going to have surgery."
Mary Shanahan
Garden City



"I don't know. I've already had my flu shot and I hurt for three days, but the swine flu shot, I'm not sure. I'm not in the high risk group."
Judy Rady
Garden City

LETTERS

Thanks for fun event

I would like to thank the Parkside Dental Team for a great Halloween, Trick-or-Teeth event Tuesday, Oct. 27. They decorated their office, there was a Haunted Hallway, trick-or-treating, a photo contest for best costume and refreshments that included a yummy frozen custard treat from Culver's. This is a yearly event I have been going to for years at their old office and am happy they have moved, so all of Westland can experience a professional, skilled and kind staff.

Rosemarie Rembisz
Westland

A successful party

Volunteerism is alive and well in Garden City! This is what made Garden City Library's Halloween Party a success. The Friends of the Library paid for the entertainment, treats and prizes. The Maplewood Thrift Shop provided all of the ghastly decorations and Maplewood volunteers arranged them to great effect. It is kind of spooky, how working together we can bring so much joy to the children of the city. Thank you.

James B. Lenze
director, Garden City Public Library

Disappointed in McCotter

I cannot begin to express my disappointment with Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's nay vote on the health care/insurance system reform bill. My own personal story exemplifies why such reform is necessary. My health began to deteriorate about 25 years ago. At the time, I had insurance, and thus went to doctors who mostly practiced according to "the accepted standard of care." Over the next 15 years, what with the testing (much of it duplicated several times, or even outright unnecessary) and hospitalizations, more than \$2.5 million was spent trying to get me healthy. At that point, my insurance coverage was exhausted and my policy was canceled. Left to my own devices, I became a much more savvy consumer of health care services. Since eating vegetarian seemed to make me feel better, I became one, for the most part. I quit smoking, lost weight and integrated 30-60 minutes of aerobic exercise into my daily regimen. Since the health insurance I had had throughout the 1980s and 1990s had no provisions for preventative care, none of the many doctors I was treated by ever suggested I follow such a course of action — after all, the sicker I was, the more they got paid. I am now healthier than anytime in the past 25 years. I am at a loss to explain how Mr. McCotter's vote can fly in the face of the wishes of his constituents who voted for change.

Janice L. Messer
Westland

The correct vote

I'd like to personally thank Rep. Thad McCotter for standing his ground and voting no against this latest health care bill. This 2,000 plus-page bill is filled with tax increases, decreases in health care services and cuts for the handicapped and elderly.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Web: www.hometownlife.com E-mail: smason@hometownlife.com Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

where near that advertisement. Many U.S. military servicemen and women lost their lives in the face of freedom in defeating the enemy at the time (Japan).

To have that Toyota Tundra sitting on a perch above the flag is, in my mind, a slap in the face of all of those servicemen and women. Is this any way to celebrate Veterans Day?

What in the world were they thinking? If you feel this is offensive or even just in poor taste, send your thoughts to Qwest Field at customerservice@qwestfield.com

Jim Drozdowski
Canton

Insulated position

It was disappointing to read of Attorney General Mike Cox's supportive response to the drastic Lansing cuts to Michigan programs and schools this past week, with no support for tax increases or other solutions to our dilemma.

It must be nice to sit in such an insulated position, with a comfortable job, generous public-paid income and retirement. Do his children attend public schools like mine do, or might they attend private schools, protected from the devastating cuts the public schools will soon suffer?

This could be the future governor who will understand and represent the average, struggling Michigan resident? I hope not.

Dave Robison
Livonia

Cuts are fair

I resent the recent angst-driven educational pleas which seek more funding for our schools instead of appropriate budget cuts in our state's educational budget. This type of guilt-driven advocacy and cheerleading on the backs of children is offensive.

Extortion-driven lobbying and posturing never works. It only reveals the hollow depth of those invoking such cheap parlor tricks.

Truth is, our educational system in Michigan and the nation has failed too many for too long. More funding has not improved any substantive educational outcomes or educational quality, even in rich school districts where GPA inflation is the norm. Recently many universities are reporting how the majority of incoming freshmen need remedial classwork and extra tutoring just to handle the basic entry-level college courses. The majority of these students are not from urban districts and venues.

Hollow threats by political balloon blowers are nothing more than the usual noise and lore of political brokers whenever their fiscal footing is in play.

Our state does not need to toss more money at schools. We need to toss more integrity and educational competence at our kids. We need a statewide uniform plan based upon the focus and mastery on the core subjects. Districts need less labs, PCs and the latest cutting-edge sports turf. Billions already spent on education are more than enough.

Greg Thrasher
director, PLANE IDEAS

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

GC Schools' sinking fund request

They break this thing down to just pennies a day, to try and fool you. How many DOLLARS a DAY are they already getting, that adds to this that they have no clue where it's going? CUT MY TAXES! This is what we want!!!!

spreadthegrief

Police staffing in Westland

Everyone blames that officers that are on the street, but they are not to blame. Ask any officer out there how many of them are out patrolling, they will tell you that there are very few ... I talked to an officer who told me that on a Saturday night, there were only 4 cars working the entire city. Ask the Mayor how that is safe for the citizens!!!! We can not complain about their response when they are doing all they can with the amount of man power they have!!!

CitizenJohn123

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'80s hair is back: Local stylist talks trends

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Leggings, skinny jeans and off-the-shoulder shirts have been back in style for a few seasons, and according to stylist Christopher Klaft of Number Six Salon in Farmington Hills, the '80s are now influencing hair trends as well as fashion.

FRENCH BRAIDS

As Art Director for TIGI International of Dallas, Klaft designed hair for models at New York Fashion Week in October. Among the looks he sent down the runway were French braids, not often seen since the prepster days of the '80s.

"Braids in lots of different techniques are definitely 'in' this season," Klaft said.

Klaft used French braids across the top of the head to mimic headbands, and along the sides of the head to create the illusion of an "undercut," the practice of shaving portions of hair that became popular in the '80s.

Today's stylists are using modern technology to master the art of the French braid, looking up instructions on the Internet.

BIGGER IS BETTER

The '80s was definitely the decade of the "Dynasty" do, with ratted bangs, gelled sides and hair out to there.

These days, Klaft said, big hair is back.

"In everyday life what we're seeing for fall and going into spring is bigger hair, which is the influence of the '80s. It's not the big mall hair, but we're really going to pump up the volume," Klaft said. "The straight flat iron look we've had the past five years is coming to an end."

To achieve a modern take on big hair, Klaft suggested hot rollers.

"It's time to pull them back out," he said.

On the weekend, you can go glam with lots of fullness and curl, but for the workday, tone it down by using large rollers with large sections of hair.

"You don't have to put a ton of hot rollers in," he said.

PRODUCT PLACEMENT

TIGI, known for its Bedhead, Hardcore and Rockaholic products, recently revamped its Catwalk line to support super-sized styles. The Your Highness Volume Collection, available at Number Six Salon, includes Elevating Shampoo, Nourishing Conditioner, Root Boost Spray, Thickening Gel Creme and Firm Hold Hairspray, all designed to create maximum volume.

Another product that's making a comeback, Klaft said, is the permanent wave.

Today's perms use bigger rods, he said, but some things remain the same as the '80s.

"They still haven't changed the smell," Klaft said.

FASHION WEEK

Klaft formerly owned Number Six Salon, and though



Christopher Klaft, a stylist at Number Six Salon in Farmington Hills, styles a model during New York Fashion Week in October.

he still works there, he sold his stake in May to free up more time for teaching and editorial work. New York Fashion Week

was a great opportunity, he said.

"It was amazing," he said. As part of the Toni & Guy Art Team, he helped deliver fully prepped models for 10 shows, including the Susan G. Komen Show featuring pink gowns by 35 different designers.

Klaft said Avril Lavigne's show featuring her "Abbey Road" line for Kohl's was a highlight.

"We got to do 10-year-old models to 21-year-old models. The diversity was great. Every model had a different hair-style," Klaft said.

Number Six Salon is located at 37640 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills. The salon is open Monday through Saturday. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 489-9510.

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Detroit (Dearborn)
5801 Southfield
Detroit, MI 48228

November 18, 2009
Crowne Plaza Hotel-Airport
5700 E. 28th St., S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

November 19, 2009
Genesys Banquet Center
805 Health Park Blvd.
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

November 23, 2009
Lexington Lansing Hotel
925 S. Creyts Road
Lansing, MI 48917

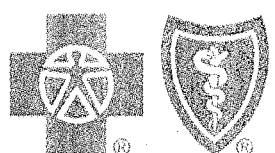
December 2, 2009
Edsel & Eleanor Ford House
1100 Lake Shore Road
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236

December 3, 2009
Troy Community Center
3179 Livernois Road
Troy, MI 48063-5029

December 8, 2009
Kalamazoo Holiday Inn
2747 S. 11th St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

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Jan Larente (from left), Betty Berryman and Courtney Boistick rehearse a scene from "Crimes of the Heart."



Westlander stars in 'Crimes of Heart'

Westland resident Jan Larente is playing Meg in the play Crimes of the Heart being presented Friday, Nov. 13, through Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The play is being staged by the Spotlight Players who perform the Pulitzer Prize winning drama in the Biltmore Studio Theater. The Biltmore features a thrust stage, allowing for an intimate "in your

lap" experience for theatergoers.

"We were excited about the challenge of trying a 'black box' production with greater focus on the actors and less focus on sets and scenery in a smaller, more intimate venue," said Director Lisa Brawley. "We are using a 'thrust stage.' The audience will be small and intimate, seated very close to the stage. The set and scenery will be minimal, in

keeping with the black Box concept, which will focus more attention on the actors themselves."

"Crimes of the Heart" tells the story of the three Magrath sisters, Meg, Babe, and Lenny, who reunite at Old Granddaddy's home in Hazlehurst, Mississippi after Babe shoots her abusive husband. Past resentments bubble to the surface as they're forced to deal with assorted

relatives and various relationships and cope with the latest incident that has disrupted their lives. Each sister is forced to face the consequences of the "crime of the heart" she has committed.

"Crimes of the Heart" show dates are 8 p.m. Nov. 13 and 20, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Nov. 14 and 21 and 2 p.m. Nov. 15 and 22. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$14 for seniors and students under age 19. They available by calling The Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460, online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater, at The Summit on the Park or at the door. The box office opens one hour prior to show time.

The show features Pat McKane of Canton as Doc, Betty Berryman of Canton as Lenny, Cindy Gontko of Canton as Chick, Larente as Meg, Courtney Bostick of Ypsilanti as Babe and Nicholas Craig of Ann Arbor as Barnette.

Spotlight Players is the resident adult theater group at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The theater is at

50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. For more information, call at (734) 480-4945 or go online to www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

MacGuffin celebrates 25th anniversary

A special celebration event will be held this evening (Nov. 12) in honor of the 25th anniversary of the MacGuffin, the national literary magazine of Schoolcraft College.

The anniversary celebration will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Sutherland Room of the VisTaTech Center on the college's Livonia campus on Haggerty north of Six Mile.

The evening's festivities will include readings from several featured writers including Thomas Lynch, Josie Kearns, Mary Jo Firth Gillett and Christine Rhein. The Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble also will perform. In addition members of the college's Jazz Improvisation Class will perform.

The MacGuffin, established in 1984, is published three times a year. Each 160-page issue features a collection of the best poetry, short fiction, and creative non-fiction received by the college. Each issue also includes a variety of black and white photos, prints and drawings. For more information about the MacGuffin, go online to www.schoolcraft.edu/macguffin/.

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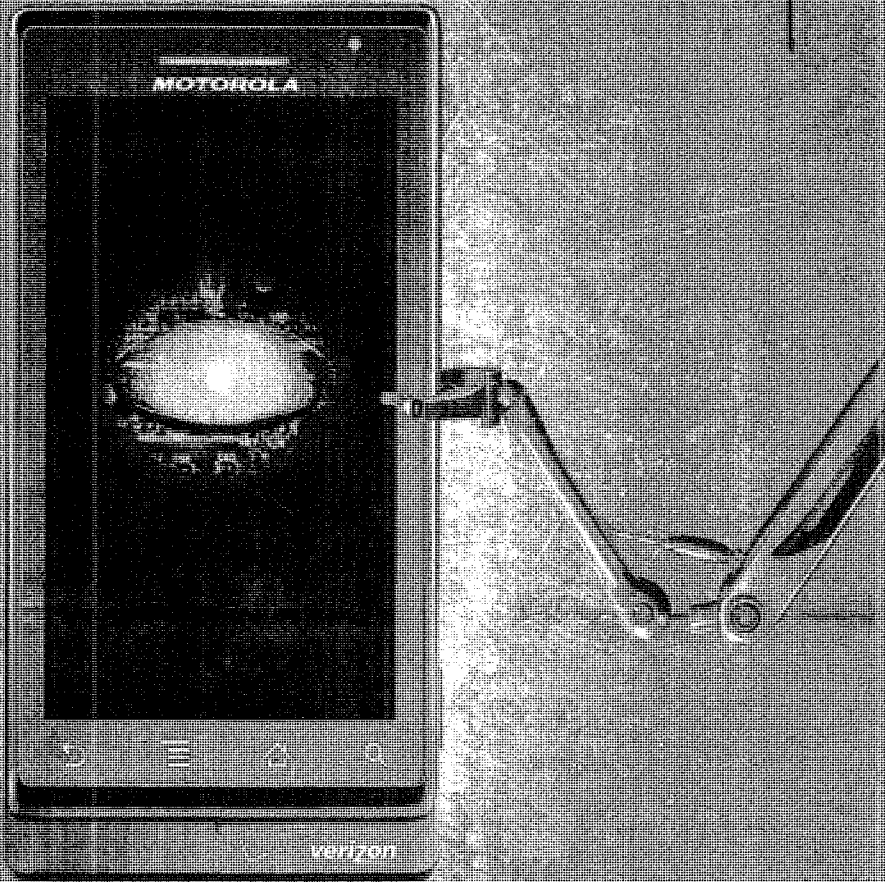
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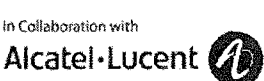
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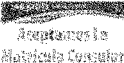
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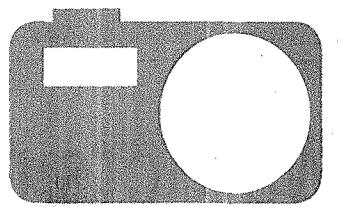


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Ladywood cashes in, eyes final

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood punched its ticket to the volleyball Class B regional final for the first time since the winter 2007 season with a 25-15, 25-23, 25-11 semifinal win Tuesday night at Livonia Clarenceville over Catholic League rival Dearborn Divine Child.

The Blazers, 38-22 overall, will face Riverview (39-10) for the title beginning at 7 tonight (also at Clarenceville). The Pirates advanced Tuesday with

PREP VOLLEYBALL a 25-14, 25-18, 23-25, 25-23 victory over Monroe Jefferson.

"We have not played them at all, but we hope to bring the same intensity we had against Divine Child," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said of the regional final opponent. "They (Riverview) have some big attackers. They do a lot of quick things in the middle, so we'll have to prepare for them."

Ladywood beat Divine Child for the third time this season. The Blazers won the first and third games comfortably, but struggled throughout the second game before rallying after trailing 23-22 late.

Ladywood used a balanced hitting attack, with senior Claire Dezelski leading the way with nine kills. Sophomore McKenzie Kettner added eight kills, while junior Katy Rooney and sophomore Cheyenne Woodall contributed four each. Rooney also had three blocks, while sophomore setter Alex Hines finished with 31 assist-to-kills.

Kettner had four kills in the pivotal second game.

"She (Kettner) is a strong kid who doesn't get fazed by a lot," Craggs said. "At the beginning of the season, she didn't get a lot of playing time, but gradually she worked her way into the lineup. She's been a great addition for us late in the year and we can't keep her off the floor."

"I also thought Kristine Aurand did a great job serving to get us going the first game."

Defensively, senior Ashley Hines led the way with 10 digs.

"Ladywood plays awesome defense and they threw a lot of balls back at us," DC coach Mike Vakerics said. "They were able to dig ball after ball."

Please see **LADYWOOD, B2**



PHOTOS BY RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Ian McDonald-Wilkins was the man of the hour as he made two saves in the shootout to lead the Ocelots to a thrilling 2-1 victory over Illinois Central CC in the NJCAA Division 1 Central District final.

Ocelots celebrate

Goalkeeper McDonald stars in shootout win over Illinois Central

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Playing on a makeshift field that was lined the night before, the host Schoolcraft College men's soccer team was ready for anything in Saturday's NJCAA Division I District D final.

With a trip to the national tournament on the line, the Ocelots would have played in a parking lot as long as they had the home-field advantage.

After 90 minutes of regulation tied at 1-1, followed by a pair of 10-minute sudden death overtimes, the No. 4-ranked Ocelots emerged the victors in a shootout, 2-1, to stun No. 3-ranked Illinois Central Community College.

Schoolcraft, 17-1-1 overall, now advances to the NJCAA Division I Tournament, Nov. 19-22, at Mercer County (N.J.) CC.

Schoolcraft freshman goalkeeper Ian McDonald-Wilkins, who hails from Ann Arbor Pioneer, was the hero. After giving up a goal on his first two penalty shot attempts,

McDonald-Wilkins stopped attempts by Torn Jennings and Alex Vargas to seal the victory.

"In the past I've been in a few (shootouts), a couple of state semifinals with the Ann Arbor Arsenal (club team)," McDonald-Wilkins said. "I just knew it was my day from the beginning. I just tried to look the way they strike it. I look at the hip position and the way they opened up. I could just tell where they were going."

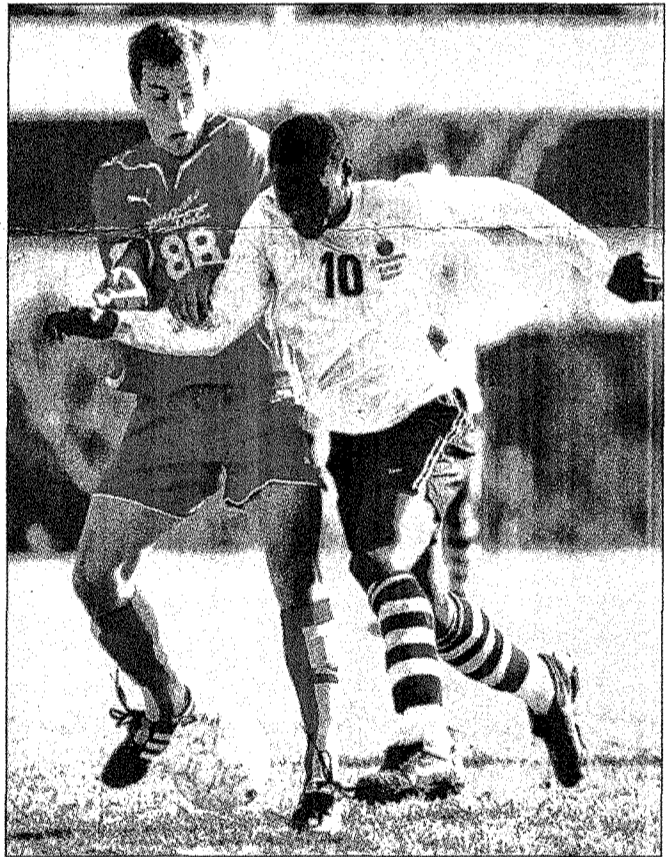
"But I owe so much to my defense. And the whole team made this happen."

The Ocelots, meanwhile, went four-for-four on PKs as Kenny Vasquez, George Chomakov, Bim Ogunyemi and James Cho (the match clincher) found the back of the net against ICC goalkeeper Joe Gamba.

"Games are not supposed to end like that," Schoolcraft coach Rick Larson said.

"That's a good team we played with a lot of resiliency and a great skill level. We haven't played a player like number 44

Please see **OCELOTS, B2**



Schoolcraft's Bim Ogunyemi (10) maneuvers around Andro Krkak (88) of Illinois Central during Saturday's NJCAA Division 1 District final.

SIDELINES

Saints boot MU

An early first-half goal held up as No. 21-ranked Siena Heights ended the Madonna University women's soccer season Saturday, 2-0, in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference semifinals at Zollar Field.

In a series of events eerily similar to the last time these two teams met just over two weeks ago, host Siena Heights (14-2-3) got on the board early as Susie Palushaj scored in the fourth minute on a goal set up by Gemma Cowperthwaite and Allison Septer.

Palushaj then scored her second goal of the match on an unassisted effort in the 82nd minute for the 2-0 final.

Hayley Mancini made three saves to post the shutout.

The Crusaders, who end the season at 6-13 overall under first-year coach Jen Barker, bid good-bye to seven seniors, including Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin), Lauren Hess (Livonia Ladywood), Gina Leone, Lia Melasi, Kaila Moore, Rachel Thompson (Livonia Stevenson) and Jaclyn Ventimiglia.

Sherwood qualifies

Madonna University junior Sarah Sherwood (Salem) is headed to her second straight trip to the NAIA National Championships after placing fourth in Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championships at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids.

The Plymouth native covered the 5-kilometer course in 19 minutes, 25 seconds, to advance to the nationals, Saturday, Nov. 21, in Vancouver, Wash.

Aquinas, led by individual winner Carly Plank (18:52), captured the WHAC team title with 35 points, followed by Siena Heights (55), Cornerstone (59), MU (98), Indiana Tech (105) and Davenport (167).

Other MU finishers included Cassie Yarnall, 19th (20:26); Kari Saarela (Livonia Franklin), 26th (20:56); Emma Czaplicki (Farmington), 35th (21:27); Daven Walley (Franklin), 43rd (23:08).

Cornerstone, paced by individual winner Zach Ripley's 8-kilometer time of 25:52, took the men's team title.

MU, which did not figure in the scoring, was led by Dan Pratt, 46th (30:10); Luke Mion, 54th (32:43); Mitch Cieslak, 55th (32:51); and Bryant George, 59th (35:51).

Ocelot spikers fall

On Friday, third-seed Owen Community College (Ohio) ousted sixth-seeded Schoolcraft College, 25-12, 25-25, 25-19, 21-25, 15-9, in the quarterfinal round of the NJCAA Division II District E volleyball tournament hosted by Grand Rapids CC at Ford Fieldhouse.

The Lady Ocelots, who finished the season at 23-17 overall, beat Henry Ford CC (25-12, 23-25, 25-19, 25-18) before losing to Oakland CC (25-20, 25-20, 25-22) in Saturday's consolation round.

Columbus State (Ohio) beat Owens in the title match, 25-21, 25-13, 25-21.

Hatt, diver lift runner-up Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Records fell by the wayside — in 11 of 12 events, to be exact — at Saturday's KLAAs Kensington Conference girls swimming and diving championships held at South Lyon East High School.

Novi repeated as team champion with 819 points, with Livonia Stevenson placing runner-up again with 707. Northville placed third with 572.5.

"It might have been the best conference meet we've ever had," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "It was a very fast meet, very competitive."

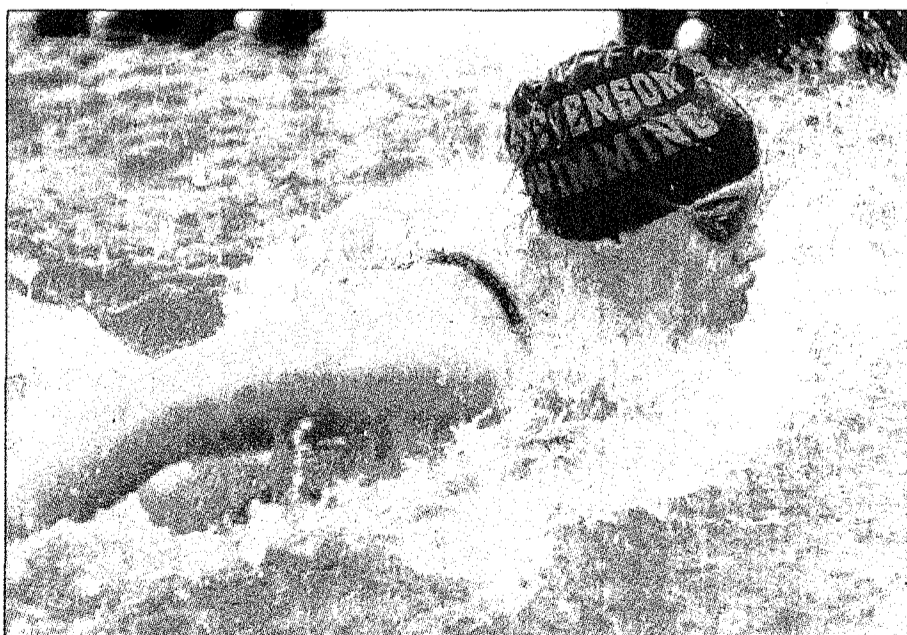
It was an impressive showing for the Spartans despite a disqualification for a false start on the butterfly leg of the 200-yard medley relay.

"I was happy with all our swims," Phill said. "We can't be disappointed at all. Our girls wanted to win, of course, but they can be satisfied. Novi's got some good swimmers, too. They swam very well."

Nobody had a better day for the Spartans than junior Savannah Hatt, who figured in three first places, setting three new conference records in the process.

Hatt captured the 200 freestyle in 1:55.7, eclipsing the mark of 1:55.95 set by Northville's Jessica Weber in 2008.

Hatt also broke her own record of



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Stevenson's Catherine Moeller swims the 100-yard butterfly during Friday's prelims at the Kensington Conference meet hosted by South Lyon East.

5:09.5 in the 500 freestyle with a clocking of 5:05.78.

The foursome of Ashley Gordon, Sarah Cauzillo, Kaylee Dolinski and Hatt then shattered the 400 freestyle relay record of 1:41.78, set by Northville last year, with 1:40.9.

Stevenson senior Carla McNamara

also repeated as the 1-meter diving champion with a total of 418.35 points, besting her own mark of 395.45 set in 2008.

McNamara established a new Stevenson school record earlier this

Please see **STEVENSON, B3**

Easy win: Churchill rips Cody

It was smooth sailing Tuesday night as Livonia Churchill romped to a 25-3, 25-3, 25-7 volleyball Class A regional semifinal victory over Detroit Cody in a match played at Hazel Park.

The Chargers, 51-5 overall, move into Thursday's regional championship to face Public School League runner-up Detroit Cass Tech in a match that starts at 7 p.m. at Hazel Park.

Among the contributors to the Churchill win were Kaylie Secord (seven kills, four digs); Megan Miller (14 assist-to-kills); Nicole Kempinski (six ace serves, three digs); Marissa Pomaville (five aces); Whitney Blanchard (seven kills); and Christine Maleske (two digs, one ace).

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Warriors reach 'D' regional final

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's late in the season and the Lutheran High Westland girls volleyball team finds itself in familiar territory playing against a familiar foe.

The Warriors earned a fourth straight Class D regional finals appearance by coming up with a dominating performance Tuesday night over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian in a semi-final matchup contested at Birmingham Roeper.

Led by the efforts of Lauren Switzer, Rachel Storck, Emilie

Freeman and Emily Wilson, coach Kevin Wade's club hammered Parkway in three straight - 25-9, 25-10, 25-13 - to advance onto tonight's regional title game opposite Oakland Christian. The two finalists, who split their two regular season matchups, will tip off at 6 p.m. at Roeper.

"We played well tonight," said Wade, whose team is 32-10-1 overall. "Parkway had problems with ball-handling and basically all we had to do was get the ball in play."

Switzer, who in addition to handing out a team-leading 17 assist-to-kills, finished 20-of-

21 serving for 18 points to go along with three aces.

Freeman went 15-of-16 serving with six aces and nine kills, while Storck totaled six blocks, six kills and six aces.

Wilson added six kills to the winning effort, while Nicole Zehel and Taylor Wiemer came up with 10 and eight digs, respectively.

"This time of year it's the team making the least amount of mistakes moving on," Wade said. "I think that's the same thing you're going to see against Oakland Christian - the team making the least mistakes moving on."

CHURCHILL

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Jets buzz by Glenn

Carleton Airport, led by Miss Volleyball candidate Jessica Nagy, upped its overall record to 47-5-1 with a 25-13, 25-15, 25-15 Class A regional semifinal victory over Westland John Glenn in match played at Gibraltar Carlson.

Nagy, a 6-foot-2 senior, proved to be too much in the middle for the Jets.

"Airport is probably the big-

gest team that we had to face all season," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "They had four players across the net at six foot or better."

"We stayed with them through the first couple of rotations, but before you knew it, we were down by five. Their blockers touched a lot of balls and our attackers couldn't get the ball through. And when we did, Airport brought it right back at us. We weren't intimidated, but I think that we got frustrated a couple of times."

Halie Baker led Glenn (28-

18-1) with nine kills and five blocks. Brittani Robinson added five kills and two blocks, while Briana Domen contributed four kills.

Defensively, Brooke Zywick finished with 57 digs, while Katie Down added 19 for the Rockets, who were coming off their first regional appearance in school history.

"I do have to hand it my 'players,'" Wargo said. "They never hung their heads down and battled for every point. This has been a great season for us - it just wasn't our night."

LADYWOOD

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Their defense has progressed throughout the season and they'll be tough to beat."

Divine Child, which bowed out at 26-20-3 overall, got

seven kills and two aces from senior Megan Cremona.

"I'm sure they (Divine Child) studied a lot of film and we knew they'd be gunning for us," Craggs said. "They tried to tip balls and attack us short, so we had to come prepared for it with our defense."

The Falcons had five costly ser-

vice errors in the second game.

"We're usually a solid serving team, but tonight we had some untimely misses," Vakerics said. "We had to give back the momentum swing. There were a few unforced errors we'd like to have back."

Charger girls harriers take 11th at state meet

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Kroll

(20:32.5); and freshman Sydney Anderson, 101st (20:42.7). Churchill's non-scorers were junior Alexis

in place, she'll do some physical therapy, and be O.K."

Maynard gains All-State

In Saturday's Division 4 state girls finals at MIS, Lutheran High Westland finished 16th overall with 405 points.

Harbor Springs won the team title with 66 followed by Manton and Saugatuck with 96 and 188, respectively.

Individually, junior Sarah Maynard earned All-State honors with a 26th-place finish in 21:11.6.

Other finishers for the Warriors included Erin Lyle, 47th (21:49.7); Jessica Drife, 80th (22:38.7); Brittany Maynard, 113th (23:30.0); Ashley Pniwski, 139th (24:54.4); and Carly Girolamo, 158th (25:51.6).

Despite an individual third-place finish from senior Sara Kroll, Livonia Churchill's streak of five consecutive top-10 finishes came to an end Saturday in the Division 1 state girls cross country finals held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Saline captured the team title with 141 followed by Rockford (192) and Grosse Pointe South (212). Salem was eighth (317).

The Chargers wound up 11th overall with 334 points led by Kroll, who capped a stellar cross country career clocking an 18:10.7 on the 5,000-meter course.

Rochester's Megan Goethals repeated as state champion becoming the first runner to break 17 minutes in finals history with a time of 16:54.8.

Hartland freshman Avery Evenson was runner-up in 18:10.3.

Other Churchill scorers included junior Katie Rash, 65th (20:10.1); senior Amanda Southwell, 72nd (20:13.9); sophomore Bethany Pilat, 93rd

Hickson, 132nd (21:10.6), and freshman Kerigan Riley, 138th (21:16.9).

Willow Metropark regional champion Megan McPherson of Livonia Franklin was forced to pull out of the race at the 3,000-meter mark.

"Megan pulled her hip-flexor during the race at the regional," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We did our best this week to take it easy and let it heal, but the pain was too much and she had to drop out. It was a summer ending to a terrific season."

McPherson, however, is expected to return running soon.

"She went to the doctor Monday, and they told her that her pelvic bone had rotated out of place, possibly from stepping wrong at the regional," Bjorklund said. "At any rate, they will set it back

Blazer places 91st

Livonia Ladywood senior Meredith Houska finished 91st overall in the Division 2 state finals Saturday at MIS with a time of 20:36.4.

Taylor Pougue, a senior, from Goodrich, placed first in 18:11.0.

East Grand Rapids captured the team title with 96 points.

OCELOTS

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(Tomislav Zadro). That kid is unreal.

"We had some personnel issues, but it's in here (the heart) and what's inside that counts."

With Schoolcraft's muddy and ruddy home field unplayable, and not up to NJCAA field dimensions, ICC coach Oz Bakirdan made an issue of the playing surface, which was moved to an adjacent field high above the traffic noise of I-275.

"Their game field was only 60 yards wide," Bakirdan said. "It's

got to be 70, so I protested."

Schoolcraft, playing with a stiff wind behind its back, controlled much of the first half and got a goal with 24:35 left by YaYa Toure after the ball was served in by Ogunyemi.

But Illinois Central (17-1-1) got the equalizer on a wicked shot by Stipe-Darko Medic from 30 yards out on a ball that handcuffed McDoanld-Wilkins with 1:24 remaining until intermission to even the score at 1-1.

In the second half, Illinois Central had the upper hand in possession, but could not take advantage of the wind.

McDonald-Wilkins then

made a spectacular one-handed save on a shot that was directed just under the crossbar with only 22:17 to go in regulation to preserve the tie.

And after 110 minutes, it came down to a shootout.

As his players celebrated the win, Larson had tears in his eyes following the dramatic finish.

"This is my second year and these guys have really enjoyed themselves," Larson said. "It's a part-time job, but I do it because I love it. My recruiting class the first year - second-year guys - have really embraced this new class. They just love being together."

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PREP GRID PICKS

Regionals
Saturday, Nov. 14
Canton (10-1) at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (11-0), 1 p.m.
Last week
Overall

Table with 4 columns: Brad Emons, Dan O'Meara, Tim Smith, Jim Toth. Rows show team names and scores.

Shamrocks' run game chews up Spartans

BY SCOTT SHEPHERD
CORRESPONDENT

There had been wins like this one before for Tom Mach - 299 to be exact.

But that doesn't mean that this one was any less special.

The Novi-Detroit Catholic Central coach notched his 300th career victory on Saturday night as his undefeated Shamrocks beat visiting Livonia Stevenson, 38-0, in the Division I-District 2 final.

CC, now 11-0 overall, will face Canton, 10-1, in the Region final beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday at CC.

In typical Mach fashion, it was once again the running game that propelled the Shamrocks to the victory and ended the Spartans' season at 8-3.

Senior Anthony Capatina led the Shamrocks 155 yards rushing on 18 carries and a touchdown, while fellow senior Niko Palazeti added 145 yards on 29 carries.

The bruising, 6-foot-2, 245 pounder did most of the dirty work for CC offensively, punching in four TDs, all of them from inside the 5-yard line.

"Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside," Tom Mach jokingly referred to his star running backs after the game. "They're a great one-two punch.

Capatina has great drive and great heart. Niko, too. They carried us once again tonight."

After fall to the Spartans last year's district final, CC made sure that history would not repeat itself Saturday night.

The Shamrocks wasted no time getting on the score-



DENNIS BARNES

Stevenson running back Austin White looks for space with the help of blocker Anthony Sharp during Saturday's district final at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

board, getting the ball first and marching 70 yards on just eight plays, capped off by a Palazeti 4-yard touchdown run.

After a Stevenson three-and-out, the Shamrocks took the ball straight down the field again, this time going 58 yards on just seven plays, with Palazeti finishing the drive with a 2-yard score that gave CC a 14-0 lead with 3:39 left to play in the opening quarter.

"We definitely remembered what happened last year," said Palazeti after the game. "We wanted to come out and beat them in devastating fashion tonight."

After the Spartans failed to convert a fourth down deep in CC territory, Capatina took the first play of the ensuing drive 67 yards down the right side-line that led to a CC field goal to push the lead to 17-0.

After Stevenson failed on

another fourth down conversion attempt in Shamrocks territory, CC answered right back with a 14-play, 69-yard drive that was once again capped off by a Niko Palazeti 2-yard touchdown run, giving CC a 24-0 lead at halftime.

While Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside seemed unstoppable for the Shamrocks, Stevenson's star running back was never able to get it going.

Senior Austin White, who has committed to play at the University of Michigan next season, finished the game with 75 yards on 10 carries for the Spartans, but was unable to use his speed to break a big run against the very solid Shamrocks defense.

"He's a great back," Mach said. "We know that he likes to cut back, but we played with great technique on defense, played with great discipline, and never let him get to the

outside."

A fake punt helped the Spartans advance the ball to the Shamrocks' 49 on the opening series of the second half, but senior quarterback Brendan O'Hara fumbled the next snap and the Shamrocks recovered.

The Spartan turnover led to a Capatina 12-yard TD run to make the score 31-0 halfway through the third quarter.

Palazeti added a 5-yard score late in the game, leading to the 38-0 final count.

The fumble early in the third quarter served as the only play that the Spartans would run in Shamrocks territory in the second half.

"They were just better than us," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "They won in every phase. They chewed up so much time the scant offense we had never got into any rhythm."

CC's shutout victory marks the seventh time they've won in such a fashion this season. In 11 games, they've allowed just 30 points.

"We pride ourselves on shut-outs," said Palazeti, who also plays on the defensive line. "Last week we gave up seven points, but it was a defensive touchdown on a fumble, so really it's like our defense has two shutouts in the playoffs."

When asked after the game what Tom Mach's 300 wins meant to him, Palazeti said, "He's a legend. What else can you say?"

Mach, however, had a much different take. "It means I'm really old," he said.

STEVENSON

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season at the Salem Rock Invitational (444.95 for 11 dives) and also owns the Spartan pool record for six dives (247.35 vs. Salem).

"Carla's just a very talented diver who works very hard, even when it's out of season," Phill said.

McNamara, who began her diving career as a seventh-grader when she said "swimming became boring," is coming off a pair of 10th-place finishes in the 2008 and 2007 Division I state finals. She hopes to improve upon those places in two weeks (Nov. 20-21) at the state finals hosted by Holland Aquatics.

"Hopefully, I'm better," McNamara said. "This year I trained harder. Want to try and get top six and I want to get a better score."

McNamara is under the tutelage of former Stevenson diver Matt Breen and also spends Tuesdays training under Buck Smith at Eastern Michigan University.

"At EMU, I do dry land and trampoline work," said McNamara, who is entertaining offers from Akron and Toledo, as she plans to study kinesiology. "Sometimes I use the board with a mat. I've had the same dives all season, I'm just going to try and make them better."

McNamara will be part of Stevenson's nine-member contingent, including all three relay teams, at the Division I state finals.

The Spartans got additional state cuts at the conference meet from freshman Sarah Cauzillo, who took fourth in the 100 freestyle (56.03); Shaelyn Dolinski, ninth, 100 backstroke (1:03.54); and Kayla Perchall, fourth, 100 breaststroke (1:11.96).

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS SWIM MEET RESULTS
Nov. 6-7 at South Lyon East H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 819 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 707; 3. Northville, 572.5; 4. Plymouth, 462; 5. South Lyon, 460; 6. Salem, 424; 7. Canton, 408; 8. Westland John Glenn, 225; 9. Livonia Franklin, 228.5; 10. Livonia Churchill, 126; 11. Wayne Memorial, 102.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Andrea VanderMey, Meredith Cote, Kelsey Shurmur, Madalyn Buha), 1:52.1 (meet record); 2. Northville, 1:53.3; 3. Salem, 1:56.45; 4. Plymouth, 1:57.89; 5. Canton, 2:00.55; 6. John Glenn, 2:01.5; 7. South Lyon, 2:01.73; 8. Wayne, 2:20.69.

50 freestyle: 1. Savannah Hatt (LS), 1:55.71 (meet record); 2. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 1:57.13; 3. Rachel Green (SL), 1:58.74; 4. Faith Miller (Nville), 1:59.16; 5. Abby Aumiller (Salem), 2:01.87; 6. Kelsey Shurmur (Novi), 2:03.04; 7. Kaitlyn Kozym (LF), 2:03.15; 8. Jacque Carless (Novi), 2:03.98.

100 individual medley: 1. VanderMey (Novi), 2:10.75 (meet record); 2. Cote (Novi), 2:10.89; 3. Ashley Gordon (LS), 2:13.89; 4. Lauren Seroka (Salem), 2:14.86; 5. Natalie Cole (LF), 2:16.94; 6. Emily Nelson (Salem), 2:18.31; 7. Sijia Hao (PLY), 2:18.87; 8. Linda Erickson (PLY), 2:19.22.

50 freestyle: 1. Paige Drazga (SL), 24.34 (meet record); 2. Maranda Buha (Novi), 24.91; 3. Madalyn Buha (Novi), 25.51; 4. Kari Schmitt (Canton), 25.55; 5. Corinne Caldwell (SL), 25.87; 6. Michelle Chang (PLY), 25.94; 7. Abby Hall (Novi), 25.99; 8. Kara Berg (Novi), 26.11.

1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 418.35 points (meet record); 2. Monica Gironza (SL), 401.75; 3. Rachel Eckler (SL), 368.35; 4. Kayla Nunez (SL), 337.15; 5. Katina St. Pierre (LC), 332.90; 6. Desiree Glenney (WJG), 325.15; 7. Rachel Aepelbacher (Novi), 307.50; 8. Kelsey

Libbe (Nville), 303.30.
100 butterfly: 1. Maranda Buha (Novi), 59.18 (meet record); 2. Becca Berman (Novi), 59.26; 3. Drazga (SL), 1:00.83; 4. Miller (Nville), 1:00.84; 5. Kayla Douglas (LF), 1:01.39; 6. Seroka (Salem), 1:01.46; 7. Shannon Lohman (Nville), 1:01.58; 8. Briana Schoenek (Nville), 1:02.43.

500 freestyle: 1. Green (SL), 53.8 (meet record); 2. K. Schmitt (Canton), 55.34; 3. Stephanie Matsui (PLY), 55.86; 4. Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 55.89; 5. Michelle Chang (PLY), 56.03; 6. Kayla Perchall (LS), 56.86; 7. Nelson (Salem), 56.89; 8. Kozym (LF), 57.6.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Gordon, Cauzillo, K. Dolinski, Hatt), 1:40.9 (meet record); 2. Novi, 1:41.01; 3. South Lyon, 1:41.44; 4. Plymouth, 1:43.15; 5. Franklin, 1:43.76; 6. Northville, 1:45.01; 7. Canton, 1:47.88; 8. Salem, 1:52.01.

100 breaststroke: 1. VanderMey (Novi), 59.33 (meet record); 2. Douglas (LF), 59.43; 3. Aumiller (Salem), 1:01.71; 4. Lohman (Nville), 1:02.53; 5. Leah Erlandson (Nville), 1:02.59; 6. Sarah Garrity (Nville), 1:03.99; 7. Erickson (PLY), 1:04.89; 8. Rachel Brown (Nville), 1:04.92.

100 breaststroke: 1. Cote (Novi), 1:09.53; 2. Gordon (LS), 1:09.77; 3. Catherine Cui (Nville), 1:11.94; 4. Perchall (LS), 1:11.96; 5. Kelly Burford (Nville), 1:12.2; 6. Sara Krebs (Canton), 1:12.6; 7. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 1:13.14; 8. Casey Peterson (WJG), 1:13.15.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Maranda Buha, Cote, Berman, VanderMey), 3:38.49 (meet record); 2. Stevenson, 3:38.79; 3. South Lyon, 3:45.23; 4. Plymouth, 3:47.79; 5. Salem, 3:48.04; 6. Franklin, 3:50.88; 7. Northville, 3:52.8; 8. Canton, 3:56.1.

Lady Ocelots bound for NJCAA tourney

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team finds itself bound for the NJCAA Division National Championships later this month courtesy of a 6-2 pasting Saturday of Elgin Community College (Ill.) in the NJCAA District D title game held in Chicago.

With the win, the Ocelots will square off against Tyler Junior College (Texas) in the last of four games scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 19, in Texas.

"A look at their roster and they have a lot of international players," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman said of his team's upcoming opponent.

"They weren't expected to make it, so the fact that they did and are hosting puts us in an interesting situation."

The difference against Elgin came in the second half as the Ocelots broke a tight game open with three consecutive goals.

Leading 3-2, Brittany Pickett gave her teammates some breathing room when she took a pass from Maddie Evans and made no mistake finding the back of the Elgin goal.

Ten minutes later Katie Shull (Salem), with an assist from Nicole Trivax, upped the margin to 5-2, and Alex Harbowy (Livonia Stevenson) provided the margin of victory when she tallied her first goal

of the game at the 89:00 mark. Jenny Giegler drew an assist on the play.

"It was a well-contested first half, but I think the depth of our team and level of fitness really kicked in and we were able to overpower them in the second half," Shivraman said.

Schoolcraft opened the scoring at the 14:00 mark of the first half when constant pressure resulted in Lindsey Lowe cashing in a perfect cross by Shull.

Elgin tied up the game nine minutes later only to have Schoolcraft move back in front on a shot by Dena Sana, assisted by Stephanie Gutkowski (Stevenson).

Elgin came back to knot the game up one more time before

Giegler scored what would prove to be the game-winner right before halftime on a blast from 25 yards out.

The Ocelots will take a 14-3-0 ledger into their contest with Tyler. Elgin finished its season 10-5-2 overall.

"We're coming down to the finish line and I think we're playing pretty well," Shivraman said. "We faced our set of bumps early in the season and made our necessary adjustments and moved forward. The nice thing is I don't think we're like a lot of other teams where we have one or two players to rely on. We have everyone out there playing as a team."

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Crusader men's cagers 0-4 to start season

Adrian Schaffer II poured in a game-high 29 points Tuesday night as host Rochester College downed the Madonna University men's basketball team, 82-76.

Rochester, playing in its season opener at Rochester High, also got 12 points apiece from Torey Throop and Michael Graham, while Dramell Hogan added 12.

The 0-4 Crusaders, who shot a season-best 51 percent from the floor (24-of-47), were led by the guard trio of Bryant Slaughter (22 points), Kevin Henry (20) and Josh Gay (20).

Rochester converted 20 MU turnovers in 28 points.

Ocelots drop pair

Schoolcraft College dropped to 1-3 on the year with losses over the weekend to Seneca College (Ontario) and host Erie Community College (N.Y.).

In Sunday's 83-73 defeat at the hands of Seneca, the Ocelots let a 39-32 halftime lead slip away as Seneca exploded for 51 second-half points and the victory.

Felix Adjei topped Seneca in the scoring column with 24 points and grabbed a team-leading 13 rebounds. Vadim Halimov followed with 20 points for the winners.

Schoolcraft was paced by Aaron Felsner who bagged 10-of-20 field goal attempts on his way to a 26-point performance. Felsner also snared 14 rebounds and had three steals.

John Acuff followed with 16 points and Trevor Zacny was the third Ocelot player to reach double figures with 13 points.

Three-point shooting played a role in the outcome as Seneca drained 7-of-13 attempts while Schoolcraft

nailed just 5-of-15 tries.

On Saturday, host Erie CC, which entered play sporting a perfect 2-0 ledger, broke away from a tight 48-46 halftime advantage by blistering the nets for 71 second-half points in the 119-92 victory over the Ocelots.

The Kats shot 67 percent from the floor in the second half and 58 percent for the game.

Tola Lawal led five Erie players in double figures with 30 points. Jeffrey Arzu followed with 17, Eion Lewis bagged 15 and Freddy Appiah and God's Gift Achiuwa netted 14 apiece.

Gregory Morgan II topped Schoolcraft (1-3) with 24 points while Felsner and Marcel Steward had 15 each.

Foresters stop MU

Five players scored in double figures Saturday night as

visiting Huntington College (Ind.) spoiled the 2009-10 season opener for Madonna University, 67-56.

Tyler Shively led the Foresters with 16 points, while Kellen Zawadzki, Luke Smith and Kevin Kyle each added 13. Caleb Kennedy contributed 12.

Kyle also grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds as Huntington improved to 2-0 overall.

Freshman Kevin Henry paced the Crusaders (0-3) with 13 points. Senior Leroy Allen added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

MU shot just 38.8 percent from the field (19-of-49), including 7-of-20 from three-point range. The Crusaders also struggled at the foul line (11-of-21 for 52.4 percent).

The Crusaders also committed 19 turnovers to Huntington's 10.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL FINAL PAIRINGS
CLASS A
at HAZEL PARK
Thursday, Nov. 12: Livonia Churchill vs. Detroit Cass Tech, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, Tuesday, Nov. 17, at Brownstown Woodhaven vs. Gibraltar Carlson regional champion.)

Riverview, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, Tuesday, Nov. 17 at Williamston vs. Jackson Northwest regional champion.)
CLASS D
at BIRMINGHAM ROEPER
Thursday, Nov. 12: Lutheran High Westland vs. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, Tuesday, Nov. 17 at Fenton vs. Kinde-North Huron regional champion.)

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Friday, Nov. 13
Catholic League Meet prelims at Livonia Comm. Rec. Ctr., 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 14
Catholic League Meet finals at Livonia Comm. Rec. Ctr., 8 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Nov. 13 (WHAC Semifinals at Indiana Tech)
Madonna vs. Aquinas College, TBA, Saturday, Nov. 14

WHAC finals at Indiana Tech, noon.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Nov. 14
Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Nov. 12
Madonna at Moody Bible (Ill.), 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 13
Schoolcraft at Columbus St., 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 14
Schoolcraft at Cincinnati St., 3 p.m.
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By John Whitehead, Media Services

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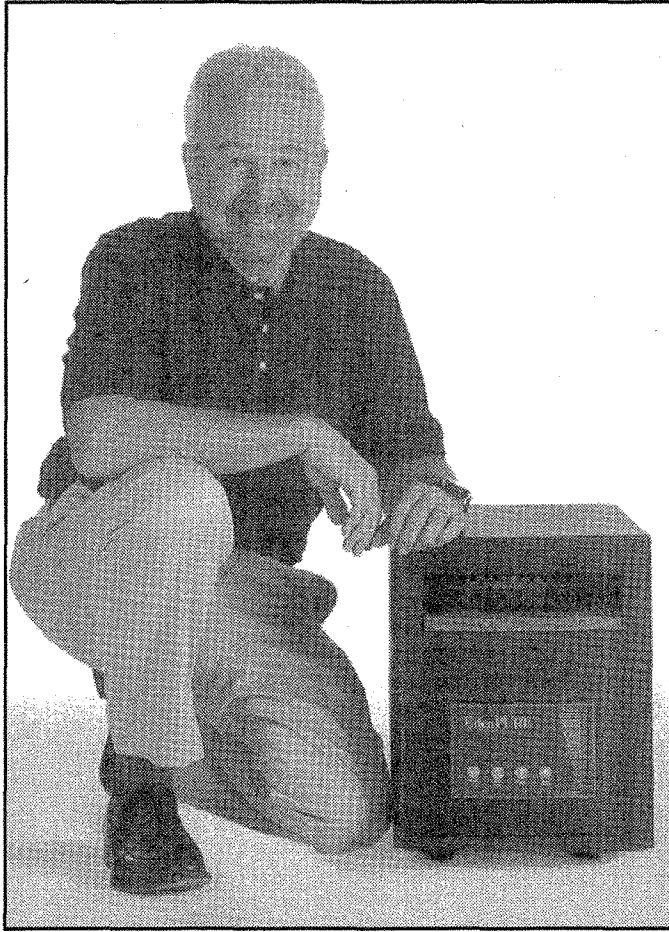
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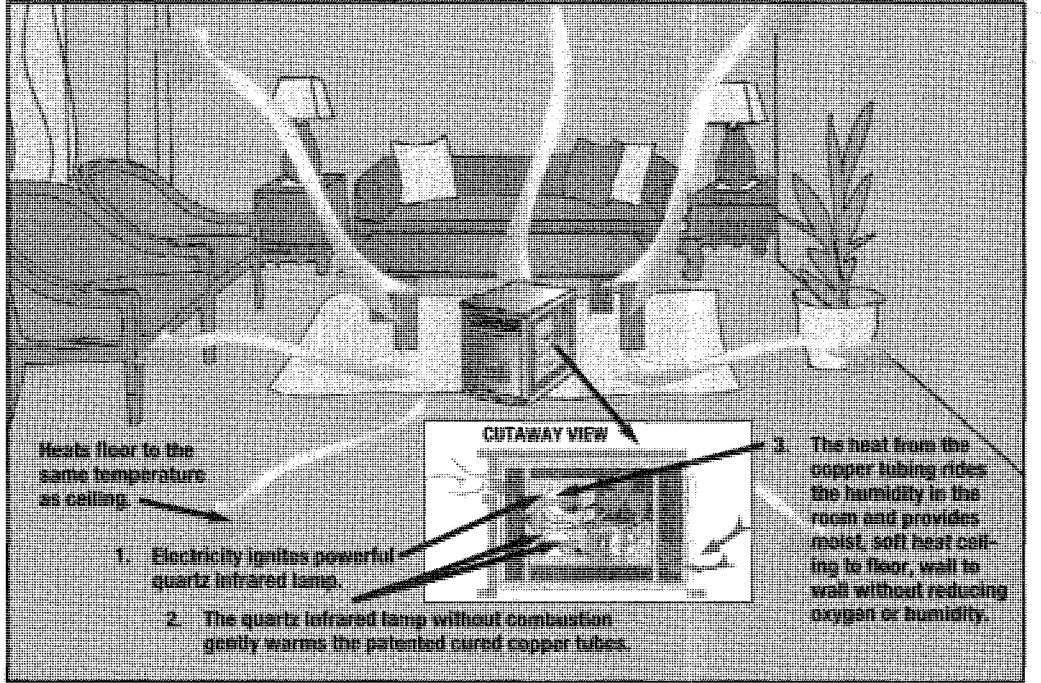
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The EdenPURE® really puts out the heat like a little solar furnace. It's below freezing outside and cozy warm in the rather over large living room area where I'm using it. I have already noticed a 40 to 60% drop in the cost of my heating bills. *George B., Triangle, N.Y.*

I turned my thermostat down to 60. I have 2 dogs and 3 cats and all 5 laid down in front of it and were fast asleep. My chair is 1 foot away and it is like being in front of a fireplace. *Carl Cormier, Jerome, ID*

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Linda Richert (front row, from left), Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, Jill Rymnsa, Barb Nessel, Char Sherman, Cathy Walker (back row, from left), Don Nicholson, Dan Wright, Karen Collareno and John Zeck help cut the ribbon at the new SVS Vision Optical Center in Wayne.

SVS Vision: Focus on great service

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

SVS Vision is headquartered in Mt. Clemens and has over 30 locations in Michigan, 53 locations in 10 states. We offer comprehensive eye exams by doctors of optometry, a large selection of designer and fashion frames, the thinnest and lightest lens designs and contact lenses.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

SVS wants our offices to be convenient to customers in the Metro Detroit area. Wayne is a great city and we feel the perfect place to round out our office mix. We're excited to be able service people in the Wayne area.

Observer: Why did you choose Wayne?

We have a location in Garden City and wanted offer convenience to our customers in Wayne. **Observer:** What makes your business unique?

We are the largest Michigan based retail optical in the state of Michigan and have the one of the largest optical manufacturing laboratories in the country. We're proud of heritage here in Michigan. We offer the latest styles from designers like Coach, Kenneth Cole, Michael Kors, Versace and many more.

And our doctors care about more than just your eyes – when they do your eye exam they're checking your overall health as well. Looking for signs from

SVS VISION OPTICAL CENTER

Business name and address: SVS Vision Optical Center, 38110 Michigan Ave., Wayne

Your name and title: Cathy Walker, vice president of marketing and advertising

Your hometown: Mt. Clemens (company headquarters)

Business opened when: SVS Vision was founded in 1974 in Sterling Heights. We opened our office in Wayne Michigan in October 2008.

Number of Employees: At our Wayne location, we have four employees

Hours of operation: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday

Your business specialty: We're a full service optical offering eye exams and eyewear.

Business phone and/or Web site: (734) 728-5940 or www.svsvision.com

diabetes, hypertension and more, they are truly looking through the window of your health.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Since SVS originally opened in 1974, the business has changed. Our doctors now check for more than just whether you're seeing clearly, they can see the beginning stages of diabetes, cataracts,

macular degeneration, hypertension and much more. When it comes to eyewear, eyeglasses have become much more fashionable and lenses have become much thinner and lighter. No more "Coke-bottle" lenses. And the frames can change the way you look – from business to play. We have styles for every "style."

Contact lenses are much more comfortable today than years ago. And they're easier to put in and take out. They are now just one more way to see clearly and enhance your style.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

As with all businesses in Michigan we are keeping a close eye on the economy. We are staying focused on our goals and working diligently to provide great customer service and products that fit every budget. We're here for the long term and want to service and help our communities in any way we can.

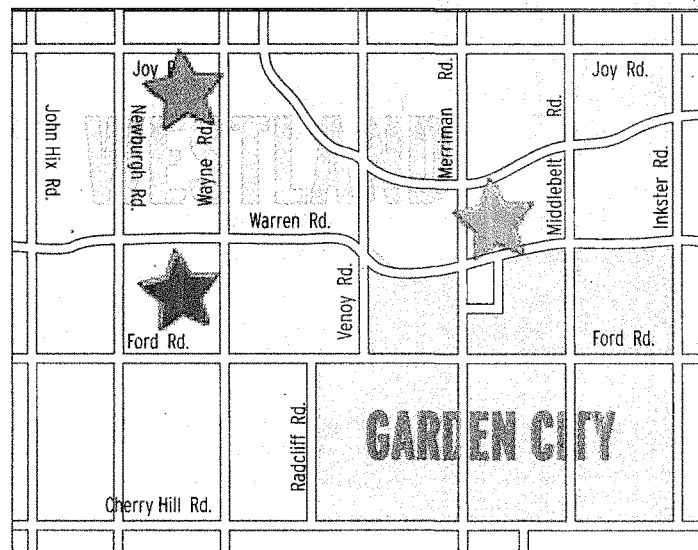
Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Stay focused on the long term by providing what your customers want.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

SVS is excited to stay focused on our business in Michigan. We have thousands of great patients and customers here and we'll continue to provide the service, care and products at affordable prices. Again, we're very happy to be here in Wayne.

BUSINESS MILESTONES



SPECIAL EVENTS

Thanksgiving buffet

Time/date: Thursday, Nov. 26

Location: Marvaso's Italian Grille, 6569 N. Wayne Road, north of Hunter, Westland

Details: Marvaso's will be serving an all-you-can-eat Thanksgiving buffet, featuring such entrees as turkey, smoked ham, whitefish scallopini and cherry chicken farfalle, with side dishes like stuffing, garlic mashed potatoes, fresh garden salad, cranberry sauce apple/cherry cobbler, chocolate mousse cheese cake and pumpkin pie. The price is \$18.99 for adults and \$9.99 for children age 4-11. Children under age 4 eat free.

Contact: (734) 405-5222

Holiday Taste Fest

Time/date: 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1

Location: Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, east of Newburgh, Westland, 8300 N. Wayne Road, north of Cowan, Westland

Details: Enjoy fresh turkey (white and dark meat), scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browned potatoes, french toast sticks and syrup, sweet rolls and orange juice, carved top round of beef, baked chicken, baked Brickmann's ham, Cod Fish, Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut, Valley Meatballs, Mostaccioli, Whipped & Sweet Potatoes, Mixed vegetables, assorted cold salads and fresh fruits and sweet table. Cost is \$16.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children age 10 and under and free for children age 3 and under.

Contact: (734) 326-7222

Thanksgiving Brunch

Time/date: noon-2 p.m. for breakfast and noon-5 p.m. for dinner Thursday, Nov. 26

Location: Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman,

north of Warren Road, Westland

Details: Join Art Van Furniture and WXYZ-

Channel 7 to help feed the hungry this holiday season by collecting food for Gleaners Community Food Bank and St. Vincent de Paul community food depots. Drop off your nonperishable food donations at the Art Van Furniture store.

Contact: (734) 422-3440

Thanksgiving contest

Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22

Location: 1511 Sutton, Westland, Westland

Details: Real Estate agent Connie Hitch is giving away a Thanksgiving dinner that includes a 14-pound smoked fresh turkey and the trimmings. The only thing people have to do is come to one of her open house and fill out an entry. Hitch wants to show people that there are great homes that are that are reasonable priced in the area. The winner will be drawn will be Sunday, Nov. 22, at the open-house at 1511 Sutton, Westland, Westland. There is no requirement to buy anything.

Contact: (734) 502-8501

ONGOING

Food collection

Time/date: Monday, Nov. 9, through Sunday, Dec. 13

Location: Art Van Furniture, 8300 N. Wayne Road, north of Cowan, Westland

Details: Join Art Van Furniture and WXYZ-Channel 7 to help feed the hungry this holiday season by collecting food for Gleaners Community Food Bank and St. Vincent de Paul community food depots. Drop off your nonperishable food donations at the Art Van Furniture store.

Contact: (734) 425-9600

Indoor yard sale/expo

Time/date: Every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: World of Fitness & Dance Studios, 32669 Warren Road, Suite 6, Garden City

Details: Sell your new & gently used items. Table space is \$10, bring your own 6-8-foot table. All items must be clean and presentable. Set-up is 3-5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday. Doors open at 9 a.m. Space currently is limited to 15 vendors. Admission is free.

Contact: (734) 306-0909 for more details.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Receives Crain's award

Marisa Farinacci Nicely, director of Clinical Services for Starfish Family Services, recently received the Crain's Detroit Business 40 under 40 Award. For 19 years, Crain's has honored the best and brightest individuals in southeast Michigan who have made their marks in business before age 40.



Nicely

Nicely oversees the operations of Lifespan Clinical Services, the mental health division of Starfish Family Services. She joined the agency in 1998 and held several clinical positions before taking over the supervisory role to oversee the possible orderly shutdown of its clinical services division which the division was losing about \$50,000 a month and Starfish had laid off most of the 50 full-time employees and

hired them back on a fee-for-service basis.

Nicely was given the chance to save the division, which encompassed independent living, early childhood and parenting programs. Under her direction, the division streamlined its spending and began intensive rehiring of staff. Nicely implemented quality initiatives to make sure that Lifespan was showing positive outcomes, meeting contractual requirements and using the most effective clinical practices. Today, she oversees 82 employees, up from 50 in 2003, and a \$6 million budget.

Nicely earned a bachelor's degree in behavioral science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a Master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She resides in Lincoln Park.

Last year, the division opened a second Lifespan Clinical Services center in Westland to provide mental health treatment for children and families. It also launched

a child welfare treatment program to serve children in foster care in Wayne County. During the past two years, the division has increased the number of children and families it serves by 20 percent, bringing its total client numbers to 1,575 at the end of last year.

Starfish Family Services, headquartered in Inkster, offers programs to help educate and empower vulnerable families and children in western Wayne County. These include free preschool and other early childhood development programs, parenting programs, a crisis shelter for teens, after-school and summer programming and a comprehensive array of family mental health services. Last year the agency provided services to nearly 9,000 children and their families at its numerous service sites throughout western Wayne County.

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Ward Presbyterian welcomes new creative staffer



Chris Freeman, the new director of contemporary worship and creative ministries at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, plays the sitar at an Oct. 4 contemporary service.

BY PAM FLEMING
HOMETOWN STAFF WRITER

Walk into a contemporary service at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville and you'll immediately notice the soft candlelight and sitar sounds.

Chris Freeman, the church's director of contemporary worship and creative ministries since July, created the non-traditional setting so Ward can be even more effective at sharing the message of the Bible with emerging generations.

"Honestly, I'm as surprised as anyone to be here at Ward — a church so well-known by the community for its traditions," said Freeman, an Iron Mountain native. "But, here I am, the rough around the edges rock and roller. It's obvious this is God's doing, and I'm excited to run with it — to be part of creating a safe place for people to learn about God and the ways of Jesus. Ward is a special church, and I think it's just going to grow in its uniqueness as we expand the types of experiences offered here."

Freeman was raised as a Baptist, but he found God in a monastery, which he said was no accident. And, he believes there is a message behind the music that he and his fellow musicians produce. He is a recent cum laud graduate of Central Michigan University with a double major in religion and philosophy, with an emphasis on Eastern religions.

IF YOU VISIT WARD PRESBYTERIAN

Services are held each Sunday at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, in Northville. Traditional services are at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Contemporary service times are at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. For more information, visit www.wardchurch.org or call (248) 374-7400. Chris Freeman's new sitar instructor, Parthada Chatterjee, was taught by Nikhil Banerjee, who was the disciple of the infamous Allauddin Khan, who also taught Ravi Shankar. Visit www.myspace.com/christopherlee-freeman to sample some of the fusion selections he is exploring and intending to incorporate into Ward's worship services.

two children, Josiah, 8, and Israel, 5.

"He's a great guy, and he's very dynamic," said Jeff Mitchell, Ward's new communications manager. "I think he can reach a lot of people who normally wouldn't come to church." The Rev. Scott McKee, lead pastor said Freeman is perfect for the job.

"Chris doesn't fit the mold so much as break it. And, that's exactly what Ward needs for this time and place. By making this hire we've made a major commitment to extend our congregation's reach to younger generations. In the short time he's been here, Chris has already inspired a renewed sense of energy and purpose at Ward. Without question, we are excited to see where all of this goes."

Only a few months into the job, Freeman has already confirmed what led him to Ward. He said he appreciates that at this church contemporary and traditional don't compete with each other; they complete each other.

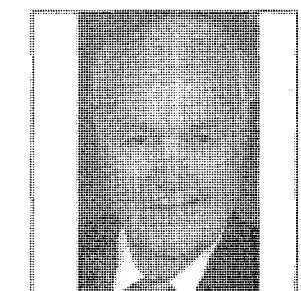
"We want worship at Ward to be about expressing joy and longing directly to God. We believe that God is listening, ready to receive it," he said. "And God doesn't care if we use an organ or a choir or a stratocaster to express what's in our hearts. What God does care about is that our expressions are real, passionate and aimed at making Him known."

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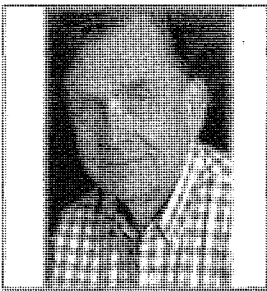
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KAREN L. MAGI
November 8, 2009, age 67. Beloved wife of Vincent. Dear mother of Lisa (Jason) Davis. Grandmother of Sydney and Hunter. Visitation Thursday from 2 p.m.-8 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. until time of funeral service at 10 a.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com



CHESTER T. 'CHET' SOLOWIEJ

Age 85, long-time resident of Plymouth, passed away November 8, 2009 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital with his family at his bedside. Beloved husband of 65 years to Irene. Loving father of Richard A. (Cheryl), Glenn E. (Cheryl) and the late Daniel C. Proud grandfather of Thomas, Benjamin and Lucia. Chet will always be remembered for his friendly spirit, his charming and gregarious nature, and his instantly recognizable baritone voice. Chet was a benevolent and trusted member of his family, his community and his neighborhood. Active for many years as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America, long-time volunteer at the Plymouth Library, and decades long member of the Plymouth Lions Club. Chet believed in and practiced "community service" and helping those in need. Son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, student, veteran, humanitarian, friend, colleague, mentor and advisor, are all worthy titles earned by this lovable man of honor. Services were held on November 11, 2009 from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Lions Foundation P.O. Box 701159, Plymouth, MI 48170 or to the Charity of your choice. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

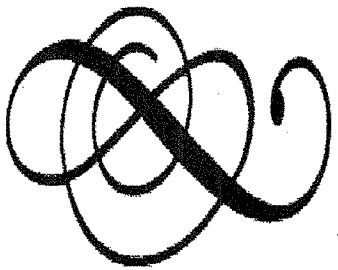
JOHN K. "JACK" COTTON

Age 86 of Birmingham, and formerly of Farmington, passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2009. He died at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo from injuries suffered in a car crash on October 24th. Cotton was riding to the Wayne State University football game in Hillsdale when an approaching pickup truck crossed the centerline. The drivers of his car and the truck survived. Jack was born on October 17, 1923 in Penzance, Cornwall, England to John Kingsley Cotton, Sr. and Clara Cotton (nee Rowe). Jack came to Detroit as an infant and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1941, starting there in football and baseball. At Northwestern he met his future wife, Lois Urquhart. After spending two years enrolled at Wayne State, he joined the U.S. Army during WW II and saw action in the battles of Saipan and Okinawa in the central Pacific. He was wounded twice and received two Purple Hearts. While overseas Jack corresponded almost daily with Lois. In recent years he assembled those letters, which were solicited by, and recently accepted for, a Library of Congress project about WW II veterans. Following his service to his country, he returned to his education and graduated from Wayne State University. He was a football standout at Wayne before and after his army service and captain in 1946. He was named by Michigan State University to its all-opponent team. Jack and Lois married on September 21, 1946. Their wedding pictures show Jack with a swollen lip and black eye from that day's game. Following graduation from Wayne State he stayed on and was hired as a teacher and coach. He remained a lifelong supporter of Wayne State University. In 1956, Jack became the first athletic director for Farmington Public Schools until he retired in 1983. He and his family resided in Farmington for more than 50 years. During his tenure at Farmington, Jack was a statewide leader in interscholastic athletics and physical education. He was proud he established one of the first physical education programs in the state for elementary grades and was an early proponent and leader in establishing girls' interscholastic competitive athletics. Along the way he received every state award in his field and many national honors. After retirement Jack and Lois remained extremely active, acquiring a private business and serving in numerous capacities for their church, civic organizations and Wayne State activities. Jack was also elected twice and served eight years on the Board of Education for Farmington Public Schools. Along with his wife, he is survived by their four children, Kingsley (Beverly), Leslie Helwig (Rick), Mary Anne Cotton (Alan Koles), and Laurie Dalin (Mike). He was also a very special uncle to Kathleen Gallagher Lewis. He was a proud grandfather of seven: Anne Drolet (Michael Petruzzi), Jack Drolet (Kavita), Lauren Allswede (Rusty), Alexander Cotton, Kate Larcom (Chris), Elizabeth Cotton, and Chase Dalin, and great-grandfather of Sophie Drolet and Madeleine Petruzzi. He is also survived by two cousins in England, Jack Searle and Carlotta Fiskin. He was preceded in death by a brother, Alex Cotton and a sister, Megan Gallagher. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Ave. (between 13-14 Mile) Wednesday, November 11, 2009 from 2-8pm. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, 10:00 am on November 12, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to either the church or to Wayne State University Athletic Department 5101 John C. Lodge, Detroit, MI 48202.

WILLIAM L. MULLEN

Died peacefully on the evening of November 7th at the Jupiter Medical Center. "Bill" was born on August 7, 1915. He was raised in the southwest and educated at the University of Wichita. During World War II he was production manager of Woodward Company who manufactured precision airplane parts for fighter planes. After the war, Bill founded and was president of Industrial Fuel Corporation. Upon retirement he began a cattle breeding venture at "Sherwood", a farm near Charlottesville, Virginia. After a second retirement, he and "Win" elected to spend their senior years at Lost Tree Village in North Palm Beach, Florida. There he became interested in community activities at the Lost Tree Club and served a term as president. Bill Loved golf and played at every opportunity. Sailing was another activity he truly enjoyed, first racing then cruising with his wife "Win" on their boat "The Wilwin". He is survived by his wife Winifred Teare Mullen, and daughters Christine, Amy and Wendy. He will be sorely missed as a great contributor to the betterment of life for those around him and his beloved country. He was a man of great intelligence, integrity, and wit, much loved by all.

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JOSEPH ROHATYNSKI

November 8, 2009, age 88. Member of the Company I, 123rd Infantry, 33rd Division of the U.S. Army, serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Beloved husband of the late Gladys. Dear father of Linda J. Scussel, Joanne (Kurt) Seifert, Therese Eaves, Karen Ward and Joseph (Tammy) Rohatynski Jr. Also leaves 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Visitation was held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday morning at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Plymouth.

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NOV. 12-18

Concert
The premiere of a new work, "Wild a Dream" is scheduled for 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The music is by local composer Carmen Cavallero. The concert includes songs by Stephen Forster and other American composers. It is presented by the Birmingham-First Chamber Choir directed by Tom Trenney. There is no admission charge and child care is provided through age 4. For more information call Lillian Mobley at (248) 374-5928.

Craft show
9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia; admission \$2. For more information call Michelle at (734) 516-2912.

Food drive
Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, is taking reservations for its Thanksgiving food distribution. Interested parties should call the church (248) 476-8222 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through

Please see CALENDAR, B7

In Loving Memory

...at the Holidays

Remember the loved ones you've lost by placing a special holiday remembrance tribute.

The Observer and Eccentric/Hometown Weekly newspapers will be publishing a special "In Remembrance" page for the holidays. Here's the perfect opportunity to honor the memory and celebrate the life of loved ones who hold a special place in your heart.

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CALENDAR

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Thursday to set up a reservation and time to pick up food on Nov. 21. The church is collecting food items from members and the community through Nov. 15. Items include instant potatoes, noodles, canned corn, peas, green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, biscuit mix, jello, and boxed cookie mix. Community members can leave items at any time in the donation box under the canopy at the church's front entrance.

Holiday bazaar
4-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 13 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at Garden City Presbyterian, located on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road in

Garden City. On Friday pick from a large selection of goodies at the cookie walk, visit the can't-pass-it-by-bake sale, and a fairland of wreaths, angels, bows, lights and much more. The boutique will charm with many handmade items and distinctive gifts of all kinds. All-you-can-eat turkey dinner will be served 5-7 p.m.; adults \$7, children 4-12, \$4, children under 4 free. Saturday promises the same great experiences. Lunch will be available. (734) 421-7620

Holiday shop
9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Shoppers can choose gifts from a variety of artists and vendors. The day is designed as a family event with games for children and food for purchase. There will be raffles throughout the day and a grand prize drawing at the end

of the day. \$2 admission. Proceeds benefit The Haven, Oakland County's domestic abuse shelter. For more information call Melissa Bunker at (313) 886-9074.

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Widowed Friends invites widowed men and women to celebrate Mass together and stay for refreshments and fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 15, at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton. Check in by 2:15 p.m.; Mass at 2:30 p.m. Meet new friends in a safe, friendly setting. Call Pat at (734) 459-5508 or Justine at (734) 455-6939 with any questions.

Praying moms
Moms In Touch International hosts a free event for praying moms, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 14, at Community Bible Church, 7372 Grand River, Brighton. Registration and light refreshments start at 8:15 a.m. Register at www.MomsInTouch.org.

Contact Nancy Lantz at (810) 227-2255 or nancy@communitybible.net for more information.

St. Andrews Day
Worship service is at 10 a.m., with dinner and bagpipe entertainment after in the church hall, Sunday, Nov. 15, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile. Pre-sale ticket prices for the dinner are \$10 for adults; and \$5 for ages 4-11. At the door price is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. No charge for children, 3 and under. Call (313) 534-7730 for reservations.

Woman's conference
8:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at St. Genevieve, 95015 Jamison, Livonia; doors open 7:15 a.m. Admission is \$35. Guest speakers include Mary Haly, associate professor for Sacred Heart Seminary; Socorro Truican, secretary for Bishop Daniel Flores of the Archdiocese of Detroit; and Paloma Cabetas, director for Focolare Community. (313) 237-5806

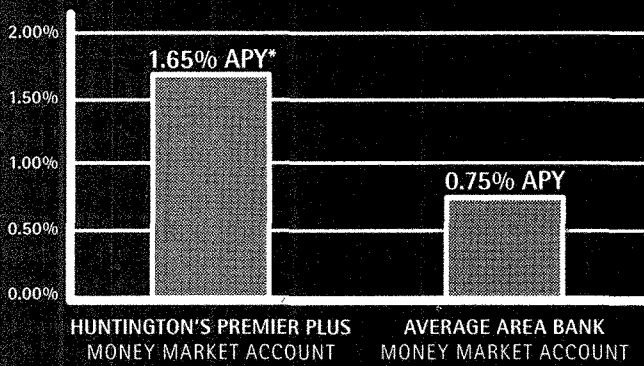
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FILTER

Livonia couple makes directing debut in 'black box' production

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

When Rick Holland heard that Spotlight Players in Canton needed a director for its first ever "black box" production, he jumped at the chance — and then recruited his significant other, Lisa Brawley, to join him.

The Livonia couple is co-directing the upcoming Players' production of *Crimes of the Heart*, Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about three sisters in 1974 Mississippi.

"We come as a pair. It gives us something to do as a couple," Holland said, explaining that they have always auditioned and appeared on stage together.

Brawley, a family physician, has been involved in acting for 12 years. Holland is retired from self-employment and started acting in community theatre with Brawley after helping her rehearse a few years ago.

"I was running lines with her and I said, 'I can do this.' Oddly enough, all the plays we've been in together, we only had one with dialogue together. We played a married couple," he said.

They've been involved with Spotlight Players since 2006. *Crimes of the Heart* is their first directing experience.

"I'd never heard of the play before. Lisa was familiar with



Lisa Brawley and Richard Holland are directing "Crimes of the Heart" for the Spotlight Players.

it. The idea of doing it with a small cast in a black box certainly was an attraction," Holland said. "With the black box concept you can't rely on elaborate stage and setting to catch the theatre goers' attention. It seemed like such an opportunity to take a small cast and bring out their best."

The play will be set in the 80-seat Biltmore room at the theater. Black box theaters use minimal set. The *Crimes* production will include a "thrust" stage, which allows the audience to sit close to the action on three sides of the performance space.



Jan Larente (left) of Westland is Meg, Betty Berryman of Canton is Lenny and Courteney Bostick of Ypsilanti plays Babe in the Spotlight Players production of "Crimes of the Heart."

CHALLENGES

"You have to maintain a lot of movement so that no one is consistently blocked," Holland explained the challenge of working with a thrust stage. "We're trying to insure that the actors can maintain focus when they are so close to the audience."

The smaller venue also challenged the sound effects designers to make footsteps, phone ringers and coffee percolating sound natural. They opted to produce the sounds on or near stage rather than piping the effects over a sound system.

CRIMES OF THE HEART

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14 and 20-21; and 2 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 14-15 and 21-22

Where: The Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Tickets: \$18.00/adults; \$16.00/seniors, \$16.00/students under 19. Buy them at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300, at (734) 394-5460, online at www.canton-mi.org/village theater, in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens an hour prior to show-time.

Details: Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about three sisters in Mississippi in 1974 who have become estranged from each other and from themselves. As they face a family crisis and reunite as sisters they find renewed inner strength.

Contact: (734) 480-4945, www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

"In such a small area it sounded like it was coming over a speaker. We had to have the sound of coming through a door or a phone ringing on stage," Holland explained.

CLOSE UP

Audience members who enjoy watching actors on television or movie theater screens likely will appreciate the intimate feel of black box theater. Holland said they'll be able to see facial expressions that normally would be difficult to discern in a larger setting.

"When the sister who contemplates killing herself, falls

to her knees with an expression of agony on her face, the front row will see it."

Holland said the play, which includes mature subject matter, such as suicide, attempted homicide and pedophilia, also offers instances of dark humor. The mix will take audience members through "a roller coaster of emotions."

But in the end, Holland hopes viewers will leave feeling uplifted. "At the end of the play, everyone will feel good about themselves and about the outcome and how the sisters resolved it."

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The Treger Family, Marleigh (left), Elizabeth, Daryl, and Jordan perform together in the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre production "The Music Man Jr." Tickets are available by calling (734) 634-4678.

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Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjmmullen@yahoo.com

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FOOD

Don't want to cook? Eat out on Thanksgiving Day

If you've eaten at home every Thanksgiving Day, it's time for a change of pace. Doff that apron, tell the family it's someone else's turn to do the cooking and head for one of the many local restaurants serving the big bird and all the trimmings — or other favorite foods — on Nov. 26.

Here's a sampling of locations serving buffet or dinner:

BEAVER CREEK TACKLE AND BEER

Serves Thanksgiving turkey dinner — turkey, stuffing, mashed potato, fresh vegetables, bread, cranberries — from noon to 9 p.m. Turkey dinner is \$12.99 for adults and \$4.99 for children. Dessert is extra. The restaurant, at 1609 N. Wayne, Westland, is open and serving other menu items as well, from noon-midnight. The Detroit Lions game will be shown in the restaurant and import drafts will be half off from 8 p.m.-midnight. Reservations not needed but recommended at (734) 722-5330.

CLADDAGH IRISH PUB

Full menu and happy hour pricing. Restaurant opens at 4 p.m. and is located at 17800 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 542-8141

DEADWOOD BAR AND GRILL

Roasted turkey dinner, with mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, vegetable and bread will be served from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is \$14.99 for adults and \$4.99 for children. A full menu including fresh fish, pasta and other specials will be available. The restaurant is located at 18730 Northville Road, Northville.

Reservations recommended at ((248) 347-4353).

ERNESTO'S ITALIAN GARDEN

Thanksgiving Day buffet, with first seating at noon and last seating at 6 p.m.. Adults, \$24.95, children 6-10, \$9.95 and children 5-under, free; 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. (734) 453-2002

GINOPOLIS ON THE GRILL

The Farmington Hills restaurant will serve personal turkey dinners with cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberries and pumpkin pie for \$17.95 from noon to 8 p.m. The restaurant is at 27815 Middlebelt. Call (248) 851-8222.

G. SUBU'S LEATHER BOTTLE

Special Thanksgiving Day dinner includes turkey, ham, yams, cornbread stuffing, cranberry, apple and pumpkin pie served family style at 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The restaurant is located at 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia. Reservations at (248) 474-2420

GIULIO'S CUCINA ITALIANA

Giulio's will serve Thanksgiving Day family-style turkey dinners and personal turkey dinners 1-7 p.m. The restaurant is at 31735 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-9500.

THE GOLDEN FOX

Buffet from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the restaurant located at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Adults, \$29.95, children, 3-12, \$11.95. Reservations at (734) 453-7272.

HAWTHORNE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

Thanksgiving Day brunch with breakfast served noon-2 p.m. and dinner served noon-5 p.m. Adults pay \$16.95, children 10 and under, \$9.95, kids 3 and under, free. The club is located at 7300 N. Merriman, Westland. Call (734) 422-3440 for more information.

LEON'S

Turkey dinner and various other specials are on the menu at the Garden City restaurant, 30149 Ford Road. Leon's is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

MAMA MIA!

Mama Mia!, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia will serve a Thanksgiving feast from noon to 9 p.m. for 6-8 people (includes a 12-14 lb. turkey, yams, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade stuffing, peas and corn, house salad, freshly baked Italian bread and butter, choice of pumpkin or apple pie. Refills given. Cost is \$110.00 plus tax and gratuity. Served family style, carve your own turkey and take home all leftovers. Call (734) 427-1000 for reservations.

MERIWETHER'S

Meriwether's and other Muer's restaurants, such as Charley's Crab in Troy, Big Fish in Madison Heights, and Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor all offer a Thanksgiving turkey entree and sides. Meriwether's, at 25485 Telegraph, Southfield, offers the traditional dinner — with roasted turkey, acorn squash, cranberry sauce, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes and pie — for \$20.99 for adults and \$9.99 for children under 12. Serving time is 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Reservations aren't necessary but are highly recommended at (248) 358-1310.

ONE UNDER

One Under, 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia (just east of Levan) offers three seatings (11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.) for its Thanksgiving buffet feast. Assorted salads and sides along with turkey and ham carving stations along with cornbread stuffing, gnocchi, sliced pork tenderloin and more are on the menu. Cost is \$17.99 for adults, \$7.99 for children and \$13.99 for senior citizens (tax and gratuity not included). Space is limited. For reservations, call (734) 464-5555. Kids ages 6 and under eat free.

RAM'S HORN (FARMINGTON)

Serving turkey dinner from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$10.99 plus tax for roasted turkey with soup, salad, vegetable, potato or yams, roll and butter and pumpkin pie. No senior discount applies. The restaurant is at 32435 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Call (248) 471-5511.

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

Epoch Catering and Rock Financial Showplace Diamond Center offer a Thanksgiving Day Buffet, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Cash Bar Available, complimentary Parking, watch the

Lions game. Adults, \$22.95, seniors, \$18.95, children (5-12), \$12.05 and kids, 4 and under, free. Call (248) 348.5600 ext. 200 for reservations.

THOMAS' FAMILY DINING

Thomas' Family Dining, at 33971 Plymouth Road (between Farmington and Stark roads) will serve a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings (including dessert) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$11.99 per person for the homemade holiday fixings. Call (734) 525-5610 for more information.

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