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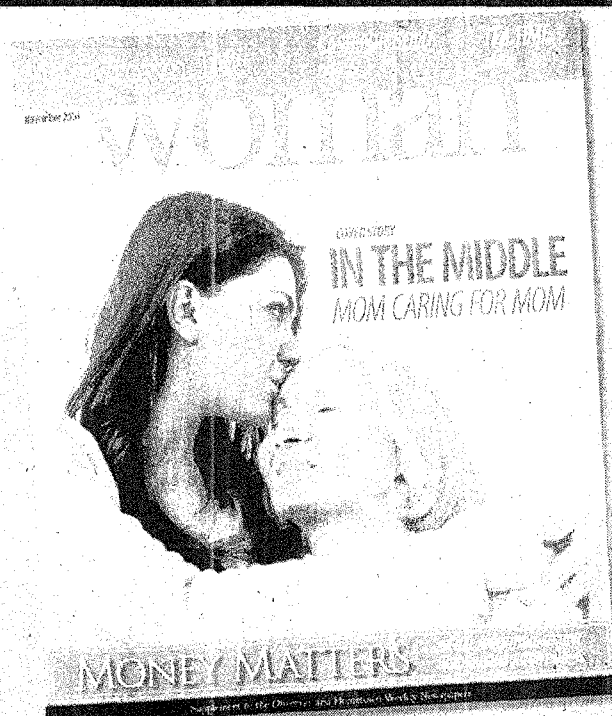
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IN BRIEF

Norwayne meeting

The organizing committee of the Norwayne Citizens Council will hold a meeting 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey.

The topics for discussion will include governance of community group, Norwayne community garden, community cleanup program, community watch program, winterization programs and utility support programs, food pantries and other available social service programs.

All Norwayne residents are invited to attend. For more information, call Hank at (734) 444-8344.

Mike Modano Day

Detroit Red Wing and Westland native Mike Modano will be receiving the key to the city 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Mike Modano Arena. The festivities were rescheduled from Nov. 1, and everyone is invited to attend.

Food, toy drive

The city of Westland now has boxes in city buildings to collect toys and non-perishable foods to benefit the Westland Goodfellows.

"The city of Westland has a long-standing relationship with the Westland Goodfellows and we are dedicated to assisting them in their needs, as they benefit our residents," Mayor William Wild said.

The collection boxes will be out through Friday, Dec. 3, at the Westland City Hall, Westland Fire Station 1, Westland Police Department and Bailey Recreation Center in the civic center complex on Ford at Carlson; the William P. Faust Public Library at 6123 Central City Parkway; Westland Friendship Center at 1119 N. Newburgh; and Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

For additional collection box locations or for more information about the Westland Goodfellows, visit their website at www.westlandgoodfellows.org.

Contest deadline

Westland youngsters have until 10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, to turn in their essays for the city's annual "What Christmas Means to Me" contest.

Entrants must be Westland residents who are in kindergarten through the fifth grade. Their essays must include their name, address, age, home phone number, the name of their school and their grade.

Essays can be dropped off at the mayor's office in Westland City Hall between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and at the Bailey Recreation Center between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily. They also can be mailed to Christmas Essay Contest, Westland Parks and Recreation Department, 36651 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185.

The winner will be invited to read their essay at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, and then help Santa and Mayor William R. Wild light the city's Christmas trees.

Westland voters stay true to Democratic roots

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland voters went against state and national trends Tuesday casting ballots reflecting their traditionally Democrat leanings.

Democrats carried the day with Westland voters — 62.6 percent of local voters cast straight Democratic Party ballots with 35.8 percent

checking straight Republican ballots. Even Democrat Virg Bernero managed to squeak by Republican governor-elect Rick Snyder in Westland.

Westland saw a 40.3 percent voter turnout as 22,739 ballots were cast — that's from among 56,339 registered voters in the city.

Local incumbent legislators easily won re-election. State Sen. Glenn Anderson, a Westland Democrat,

was re-elected in the 6th District with 46,471 votes or 56 percent of the vote defeating Republican John Pastor, a Livonia councilman, who received 37,001 votes for 44 percent of vote in the district which includes Westland, Garden City, Redford and Livonia.

Anderson's totals were greater in Westland where he took over 65 percent of the vote, nearly double the 34

percent support received by Pastor.

In the 18th Michigan House race, incumbent Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, easily defeated Republican challenger Floyd Collins by receiving 67.4 percent of the vote or 14,792 votes. Collins, a first-time candidate, received 6,646 votes or 30.31 percent.

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LeBlanc optimistic about third term in office



State Rep Richard LeBlanc (center), D-Westland talks to Jim Amar and Richard Thomas of Livonia while waiting for election returns at the Quality Inn in Livonia Tuesday evening.

Editor's Note: See Page A6 for reports on the re-election of U.S. Rep Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland.

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite no longer being part of the majority, Richard LeBlanc is optimistic about his upcoming third term in the state legislature.

"I have a lot of optimism although I certainly would prefer to remain in the majority in the House," said the Westland Democrat. "I'm optimistic that the people there will share the goals of making the state a better place. I hope there isn't a return to the very divisive partisanship that was there prior to my service. We have to move the state forward although sometimes that might look like taking a step backward."

A former Westland councilman, LeBlanc received 14,792 votes or more

STATE HOUSE'S 18TH DISTRICT

Richard LeBlanc (D) ... 14,792
Floyd Collins (R) ... 6,645
Hal Dunn (UST) ... 471

than 67 percent of the votes cast, defeating first-time candidate Floyd Collins, a truck driver. More than 40 percent of Westland's 56,339 registered voters turned out to vote in the election.

"I'm humbled. I truly appreciate that my hometown of 51 years has again selected me to represent them in Lansing, it's a great feeling," said LeBlanc. "I'm looking forward to driving home from Lansing each night."

While he doesn't anticipate keeping committee chairmanships under the incoming Republican majority, LeBlanc said he has worked well with Republican colleagues while the Democrats had a majority — some-

thing he thinks will continue during the next two years.

"It depends on if you are a confrontational or bombastic personality. I still want to get things done, regardless of minority status," said LeBlanc. "Over the years, I've developed relationships with those who will be in power positions now. I'm far more optimistic than you might expect."

With foreclosures and high unemployment, LeBlanc said it's easy to see how what has been happening in Michigan has caused people to be cynical.

"They will take their frustrations out on those in decision making positions. That's why I'm so pleased that 68 percent of the town supported me," said LeBlanc. "Despite things not going the way they wish, people know I'm working hard for them and the same for (state Sen.) Glenn Anderson."

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After election, Gebhardt looks to resolve county issues

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joan Gebhardt knows how Harry Truman felt when he won the presidential election. That's how the Livonia Democrat felt Wednesday morning, knowing that it was the voters in Westland who gave her the margin of victory to win a second term on the Wayne County Commission.

"I wanted to grab a paper and hold it over my head and have someone take a picture," said Gebhardt, who received 23,466 votes to Republican challenger Michael Case's 12,320 votes in Tuesday's general election.

Gebhardt took 92.09 percent of the vote in Inkster and 62.86 percent of the vote in Westland, enough to offset her loss in Livonia,

12TH COUNTY DISTRICT

Joan Gebhardt (D) ... 23,466
Michael Case (R) ... 12,320

where Case, a Westland resident, beat her by 49 votes.

"I'm thankful, especially to the voters in the city of Westland and the city of Inkster, they were the ones who carried me," said Gebhardt. "I appreciate all the work of my volunteers and my financial supporters. I couldn't have done it without them."

Gebhardt spent Wednesday morning retrieving campaign signs before heading to Detroit

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2010 RESULTS

City of Westland

How your community voted.

The results below only include vote totals for your community. Overall winners are denoted with a ✓.

GOVERNOR

✓ Rick Snyder (R) 10,866
Virg Bernero (D) 11,238

SECRETARY OF STATE

✓ Ruth Johnson (R) 8,816
Jocelyn Michelle Benson (D) 12,392

ATTORNEY GENERAL

✓ Bill Schuette (R) 9,304
David Leyton (D) 11,488

STATE PROPOSALS

PROP 1 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
Yes 7,713
✓ No 12,327
PROP 2 BAN SOME FELONS FROM PUBLIC OFFICE
✓ Yes 16,079
No 4,680

11TH U.S. HOUSE

✓ Thaddeus G. McCotter (R) (i) ... 10,272
Natalie Mosher (D) (i) 11,327

6TH STATE SENATE

John R. Pastor (R) 7,593
✓ Glenn S. Anderson (D) (i) 14,590

18TH STATE HOUSE

Floyd S. Collins (R) 6,645
✓ Richard LeBlanc (D) (i) 14,792

WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Mario Nesr Fundarski (R) 6,820
✓ Robert A. Ficano (D) (i) 15,025

WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF

Shelly L. Milton (R) 7,751
✓ Benny N. Napoleon (D) (i) 13,903

12TH COUNTY COMMISSION

Michael W. Case (R) 7,784
✓ Joan Gebhardt (D) (i) 13,313

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COUNTY PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL
Yes 15,184
No 5,333



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Westland voters find things to like, dislike in candidates

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As she walked into Westland's Schweitzer Elementary School to vote Tuesday afternoon, Kathy Ritter still hadn't decided who she was going to vote for in the gubernatorial race between Republican Rick Snyder and Democrat Virg Bernero.

"I've been doing a lot of reading. There are things about both candidates that I'm not happy about and things that I like," said Ritter, a former Wayne-Westland Community Schools paraprofessional. "Yesterday I thought I had my mind made up — now I don't know. I thought I was for Snyder, but I read more and maybe it will be Bernero."

It was an unusual situation for Ritter, who said that she has always had her mind made up before heading to the polls. She was voting with her daughter Amy Ritter, a teacher who has been working as a substitute for Wayne-Westland and Garden City school districts.

"I think I will vote for Bernero. I don't like things with both of them," said Amy Ritter.

Kathy Ritter liked Bernero's support for higher education for all students but also had some concerns about that idea.

"I've seen kids milk the system, they have no disci-



Election workers Sally Baker and Juanita Malaski check in a voter in Precinct 19 at Schweitzer Elementary School in Westland.

pline and blow all over," she said. "I don't want to pay for that person, so I have mixed feelings."

Like many voters, Kathy Ritter said fixing Michigan's economy was a primary issue for her in the election.

"The ways things are going — you see all the houses in foreclosure and people out of work. We need to bring Michigan back to the way it was," she said. "We've felt the (recession) for a long time, we never bounced back. I want someone to think about the people and be for the people."

Chrysler retiree Leslie Holsey and her daughter, Anita, caught a ride with the Ritters, their neighbors, to the polls.

"I haven't missed an election in my 56 years. I want whoever has our best interests at heart. I don't believe in oppressing the poor," said Leslie Holsey, who was supporting Bernero. "We elect people to serve us, not oppress us. That's what is in my heart. All things are connected."

Anita Holsey agreed, adding that she is looking for a candidate who will be concerned with the well-being of people. "There are too many families struggling with foreclosure and to feed themselves," she said.

There was a steady flow of voters coming into Schweitzer, which since the closing of Madison Elementary School now



Tara Wojewski with husband Ron and son Konner stop outside Schweitzer Elementary School Tuesday afternoon to talk with State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, before casting their votes.

houses four city voting precincts — 1, 13, 18 and 19.

Challenged by Republican Floyd Collins, state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, was at Schweitzer, now his home precinct, handing out information about the two ballot proposals — whether to have a state constitutional convention and to restrict felons from holding office for 20 years.

"I didn't ask a single volunteer to work the polls. I got plenty of offers. This morning, I got an offer for 40 at large precincts," said LeBlanc, who is seeking a third term. "I just think this election is a little different. People want to vote. They have their minds made up. I'm just here to offer information on the ballot ques-

tions and say hello."

Kimberly Hill was handing out literature for Democrat Jocelyn Benson, running for Secretary of State against Republican Ruth Johnson.

"People have been receptive. I'm shocked by the constant flow of people at the precinct. It looks like it will be a record turnout," said Hill, who attended a political leadership program with Benson. "She is a personal friend and very well-qualified. I'm honored to be helping her."

Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof predicted about a 27 percent turnout of nearly 60,000 voters in the city with nearly 7,000 absentee ballots returned.

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2010 RESULTS City of Westland

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SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

✓ Alton Thomas Davis ... 6,091
✓ Mary Beth Kelly ... 5,522
Denise Langford Morris ... 6,239
Bob Roddis ... 1,969
✓ Bob Young ... 7,993

APPEALS COURT

✓ Cynthia Diane Stephens ... 6,091
✓ Kurtis T. Wilder ... 9,183

3RD CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE INCUMBENT

✓ Margie R. Braxton ... 5,927
✓ James A. Callahan ... 6,935
✓ Eric William Cholak ... 5,594
✓ James R. Chylinski ... 6,225
✓ Gershwin Allen Drain ... 5,568
Wanda Evans ... 4,399
✓ Patricia Susan Fresard ... 6,645
✓ David Alan Groner ... 6,512
✓ Cynthia Gray Hathaway ... 7,190
✓ Michael Hathaway ... 6,315
✓ Muriel Diane Hughes ... 6,032
✓ Timothy M. Kenny ... 6,092
✓ Kathleen Macdonald ... 6,252
✓ Sheila Gibson Manning ... 5,546
✓ Bruce U. Morrow ... 5,401
✓ John A. Murphy ... 5,987
✓ Lita Helene Popke ... 5,978
✓ Mark Slavens ... 6,124
✓ Jeanne Stempien ... 5,528
✓ Brian R. Sullivan ... 6,620

3RD CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE NON-INCUMBENT

✓ Susan L. Hubbard ... 7,608
John L. Sullivan ... 6,073

3RD CIRCUIT JUDGE

✓ Linda V. Parker ... 10,930

PROBATE JUDGE

✓ Milton L. Mack ... 8,649
✓ Cathie B. Maher ... 10,185

GEBHARDT

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for commission meetings. On the agenda will be resolving issues involving the Wayne County sheriff and the county court system. The issue most likely will be resolved with the issuing of \$300 million in bonds to build a new Wayne County Jail.

"I sit on the Jail Task Force and one of the recommendations was a new jail," said Gebhardt. "The sheriff would be able to save money by administering a new jail."

There also is another resolution for a \$400 million bond to build a new county courthouse. However, its passage is tied to the court living within its budget. That hasn't happened yet, Gebhardt said.

"It's not a case of the courts

reining in their budget, we've already done that. We've done our job, but they haven't done theirs of living with that budget."

Gebhardt had spent much of Tuesday evening at the Quality Inn with fellow Democrats watching returns. While she was confident she would retain her seat, there was room concern for concern, especially for Westland Democrat Glenn Anderson hanging on to his seat in the state Senate. Early returns had Republican John Pastor of Livonia leading Anderson who was seeking a second four-year term.

"This is unbelievable," said Gebhardt at the gathering. "Everyone from (County Executive) Bob Ficano on down said don't worry, you've done a great job. It's incredible, I brought back the bacon for my district and look at this. Thank God I didn't listen to them."

Gebhardt said the voting was a "clear indication of Republicans vs. Democrats."



Incumbent Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt (right) gets an update on election results from Pam Dobrowski at the Quality Inn in Livonia Tuesday night.

"It's a clear indication that people are dissatisfied with their government," she said. "A lot of people who voted didn't know who I am. If they had known the money I've brought

back to Livonia and Westland." With the election out of the way, Gebhardt also is planning on taking a trip to the West Coast.

"I'm getting on a plane and

going out to L.A. to visit my son for a week for some R and R (rest and relaxation)," said Gebhardt.

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On Thursday, November 18th, various items of the City Westland, PD, Special Investigations Unit, will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at approx. 10:00 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.
The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

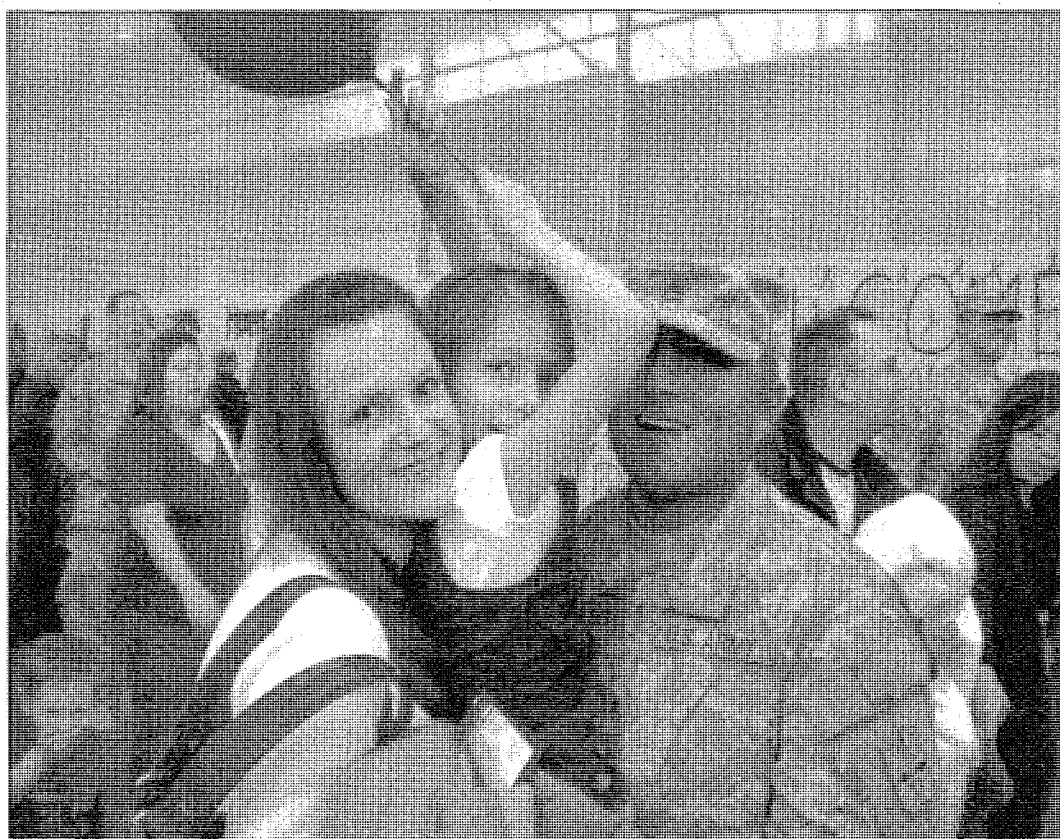
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Home again. Army Staff Sgt. Alexander Morales was reunited with loved ones who planned a party for him Oct. 23 at the VFW Post in Garden City. Pictured with Morales is his wife, Jamie and daughter, Isabella, 8.

Local soldier gets warm reception in Garden City

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Back from three tours of duty in Iraq during the last six years, Army Staff Sgt. Alexander Morales is excited about being reunited with his family and friends — about 100 of them.

That's the turnout that was expected to gather at VFW Post 7575 in Garden City to welcome back a soldier and friend.

"I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to serve the American people for as long as I have and I wish to continue serving until Uncle Sam gets tired of me and tells me it's time to go," Morales said. "I am extremely proud of what I do and will forever support all of my deployed brothers and sisters and work to ensure they receive only the best welcome home that they can."

Morales, 31, enlisted in the Army Sept. 17, 1998. He is currently being reassigned as an Army recruiter and will be working out of the Westland Armed Forces Recruiting Center on Ford Road in Westland where he grew up.

While planning the party, his dad, Leonard, a Garden City resident, realized that his home wasn't large enough to hold everyone who wanted to welcome his son home. His brother, Andrew, also lives in Garden City, while his mother, Maria, resides in Fenton.

Garden City Mayor Randy Walker, also a veteran, learned of the celebration and planned to deliver a special letter of recognition and appreciation for Morales at the party.

"I'm patriotic and I'm a veteran," Walker said. "With Veterans Day approaching, this is a fitting tribute."

Walker also expected to invite Morales to the annual Veterans Day celebration Nov. 11 in front of city hall.



Iraqi school children got a chance to meet a United States soldier, Staff Sgt. Alexander Morales during his tour of duty. One youngster waves to the photographer.



Staff Sgt. Alexander Morales poses with Iraqi children at a school in Suwayrah, a village in Wasit Province in southeastern Iraq.

Morales has served in the United States Field Artillery 13B as a Cannon Crew member with a Military Occupational Specialty. He was stationed in Korea from January 1999 to January 2000 and stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, from February 2000 to September 2002.

He was next stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany, from October 2002 to October

2010 and was deployed to Iraq three times. They were: February 2004 to February 2005 in Tikrit, Iraq; March 2006 to November 2007 in Baghdad, Iraq; and November 2008 to November 2009 in Wasit Province, Iraq. He married Jamie in June 2001. They have a daughter, Isabella, 8.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Quilt show

Ladies United Voice of Westland Christian Union Church will hold their annual quilt show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the church at 1046 N. Wayne Road at Marquette, Westland.

There will be door prizes, vendors, a bake sale, make and take and lunch available. Everyone is welcome. A \$3 donation is appreciated. For more information, call Mary Surbrook at (734) 721-6871.

Appraisal Clinic

The Westland Historic Village Park will benefit from an Appraisal Clinic, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, behind City Hall. DuMouchelle Galleries will do the verbal appraisals, which cost \$10 per item with a maximum of three items per person. All appraisal items must be able to be carried inside the Bailey Center. Proceeds will benefit the village.

Call (734) 522-3918 to sign up for an appraisal, indicating how many items will be brought and receive an estimated time slot. Walk-ins will be accepted at the end of the scheduled appraisals.

Time to laugh

Looking for a way to ease a little pre-holiday season stress? You don't have to look far.

The Edison PTO is inviting residents to attend A Comedy Night Out Friday, Nov. 12, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman, Westland.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Professional comedic troupe Project 2 Improv will headline at 8 p.m. There will be door prizes, raffles and a cash bar. Appetizers will be available for purchase.

Seating is limited and the show is for adults only. To purchase tickets contact Mary Biber at (734) 458-2239 or by e-mail at or ambiber1@att.net.

Coffee Hours
State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at the at the

William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford on Monday, Nov. 8. Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone toll-free at (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Wrestling Club

Westland Bottle Rockets is a wrestling club for ages 4-14. The club meets 5:30-6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School, beginning Nov. 18, 2010 through March.

Registration is 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, in Gym 4 of the high school, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan. Membership for the season is \$50.

More information and/or a copy of the registration form can be obtained by visiting the club link at www.glennwrestling.com. Questions may be directed to Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Annual church fair

The First Congregational Church of Wayne will host its 64th annual holiday fair Nov. 4-5. This year's event, with a theme of "Sleigh Ride", will feature numerous booths with interesting items for sale. Some

of the booths include Christmas Shop, Country Store, Attic Treasures, Homemade Candy, Boutique, Aprons, Bookstore, Coffee Shop, and Specialty Shop.

The fair will run from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Lunch will be served both days from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. And a turkey dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m.

The church is located at 2 Towne Square in downtown Wayne. For more information, contact the church at (734) 729-7550.

Food distribution

The City of Westland has established the day, times and locations that residents may obtain surplus federal food for the month of November.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Dorsey Community Center, at 32715 Dorsey Road, south of Palmer.

Residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The phone number is (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

For the month of November, grape juice, Corn Flakes cereal, pears, frozen blueberries, creamed corn, Great Northern beans, vegetarian beans, shredded cheddar cheese, sweet potatoes, frozen beef and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

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4 men arrested in gas station holdup

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Four men — a Westland resident and three from Dearborn — have been arrested in connection with an armed robbery in which the clerk was immobilized by a Taser.

The robbery was reported about 8:30 a.m. Monday at the Marathon gas station at Joy and Newburgh in Westland. The clerk told police that two men he described as being of Middle Eastern descent in their 20s came into the store wearing masks.

"They made contact with the clerk and without warning fired a Taser," said Westland police Lt. Michael

Match.

The Taser fired darts that hit the man in the body and one hand. Match said one suspect kept the electrical charge continuing into the man while the second man came behind the counter to take about \$600 in cash and four-five cartons of cigarettes.

"The clerk fell back into the office which saved him from further Tasing," said Match.

The suspects were wearing masks and fled on foot. Police were able to develop information about the suspects and after some surveillance one man was arrested later Monday in Redford.

Three other men were

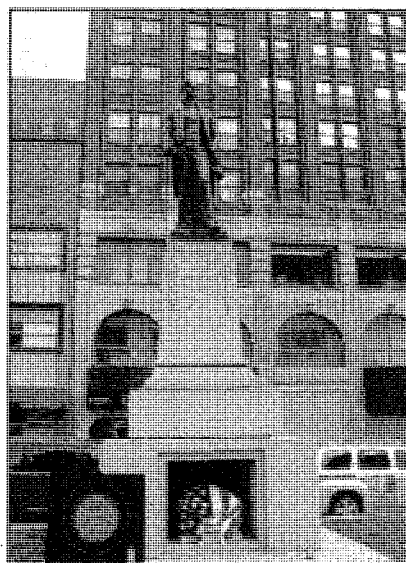
arrested early Tuesday. Charges are still pending against the men, one of whom bought the Taser in Ohio, then drove a second man to pick up the Taser and gave it to him, Match said. That second man and a third man then are believed to have robbed the gas station, Match said.

Possession of a Taser is a felony in Michigan, although they can be purchased legally in other states, Match said.

"The fourth man may be an accessory after the fact. The charges are up to the prosecutor," said Match, who expected charges to be brought Wednesday.

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Harris funeral home assists in reburial of 'Boy Governor'



The remains of Michigan's first governor now rest in an above-ground concrete vault underneath a life-sized bronze statue of him as he appeared in 1836.

R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes of Livonia, Garden City and Detroit were involved in the recent reinterment Michigan's first governor, Stephens T. Mason.

Mason's remains were reburied in Detroit's Capitol Park, site of Michigan's first capitol. They were exhumed this summer during Capitol Park's renovation.

The funeral homes' involvement consisted of supervising the disinterment, storing the casket and transporting it to and from Lansing, where the former governor lay in state. The funeral home provided the service free of charge, said David G. Kowalewski, manager of the Detroit location.

It was historically fitting for R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes to be involved, according to Thomas Rost, president of the family-owned business, which is celebrating its



Attendees of the reinterment included (from left) Clarence Rost, owner of Harris Funeral Home when the governor was originally moved from New York to Capitol Park; Thomas Rost, president of Harris Funeral Home; and David Kowalewski and David Cash, managers of Harris Funeral Home.

100th year of service. The funeral homes also assisted in the relocation of the governor's remains in 1955 when they were brought from New York, where he was originally laid to rest, Rost said.

Rost attended the reinterment services along with his father, Casey Rost, and uncle, Thomas Harris, who were also in atten-

dance for the original reinterment in 1955.

Mason, known as the Boy Governor, became acting territorial governor in 1834 at age 22. He was elected governor in 1835, serving until 1839 during which time Michigan became a state. He left Michigan to practice law in New York, where he died in 1843.

His remains were returned to Detroit in 1905 and buried in Capitol Park. He was re-interred in 1955 for another construction project.

Mason remained in his original casket and his newly erected statue and base serve as his final resting place of honor for his service to the state of Michigan.

Program honors veterans, raises funds for memorial

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A program honoring veterans and raising funds for the Westland Veterans Memorial Garden is scheduled for Veterans Day Thursday, Nov. 11.

Sponsored by the Westland Veterans Association, the event will be held 4-9 p.m. at UAW Local 163 on Merriman south of Cherry Hill. A \$5 donation is being requested for pizza, beer, music, raffles and silent auctions. But there will also be a chance to honor veterans.

"There is to be a Veterans Day ceremony, there hasn't been one done in Westland — only the VFWs do something," said Ken Mehl, who chairs the Westland Veterans Association. "We'll have former POWs there and Tuskegee Airmen. It will be a true Veterans Day ceremony."

Following the ceremony, the final drawing for the planned Westland Veterans Memorial Garden will be unveiled by Alyssa Shirkey, the Lutheran West High School student whose design was selected for the memorial garden.

As planned, the memorial garden would be constructed around the pond in Central City Park with 10 panels containing information on wars fought by Americans, flags and brick pavers. Fund-raising efforts are approaching the \$50,000 mark although Mehl estimates the cost will be about \$300,000 total.

"That will become the place for all events like Veterans Day to take place. It will have electric and speakers," said Mehl. "We're working to get businesses to finance the panels."

No reservations are needed for the Veterans Day event. It's \$5 at the door. Guests are asked to bring items for military care packages. For more information, contact Mehl at (734) 335-7943 or westlandveteransassoc@yahoo.com.

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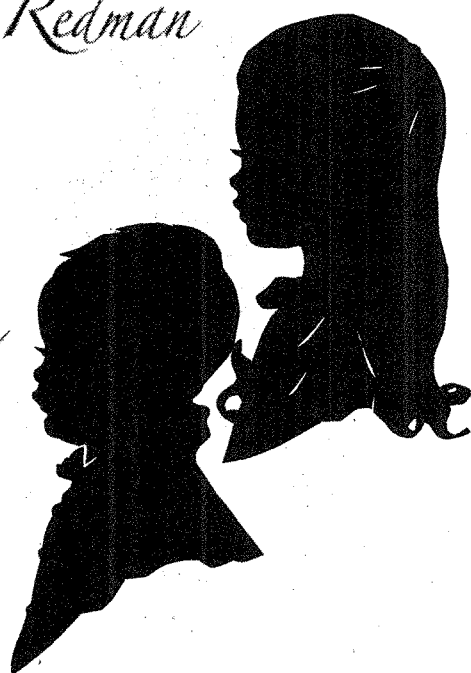
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Owner finds truck vandalized

Vandalism

A resident in the 6600 block of Cardwell feared that he might have been "tricked" Halloween night after admitting that he scared some trick-or-treaters earlier.

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But, he couldn't exactly prove who damaged his truck.

He reported finding his 2008 Ford pickup which was parked in the street "keyed" on all four sides about 9 a.m. Nov. 1. It had been parked there overnight.

Someone also wrote an obscenity on the vehicle.

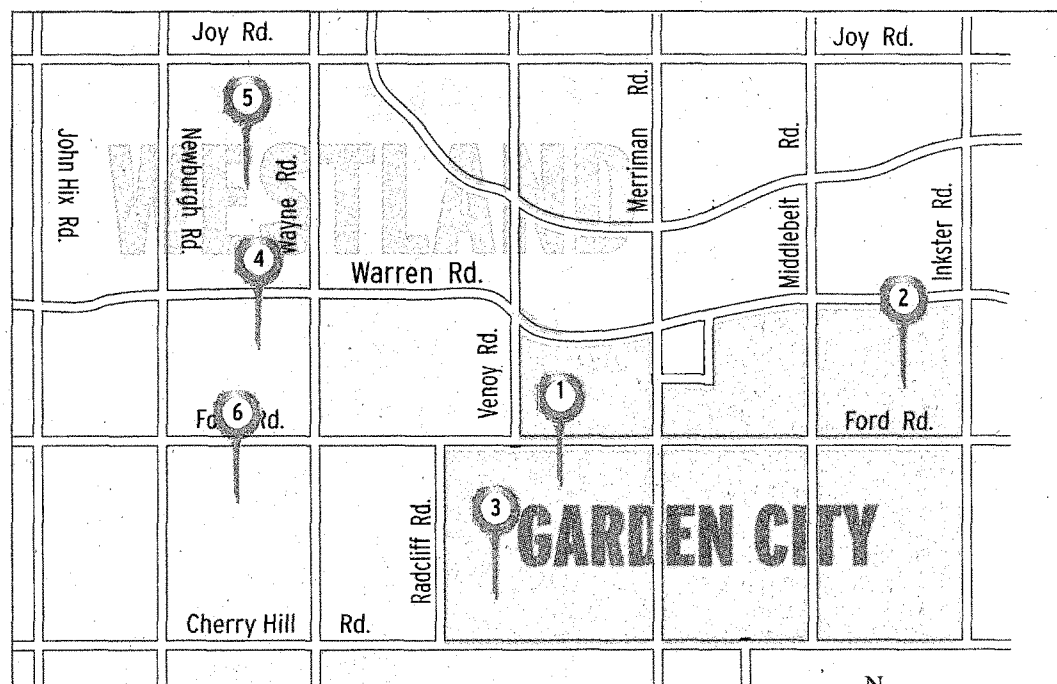
The owner of a Jeep Wrangler parked in the 32400 block of Marquette found an obscenity written on his vehicle Nov. 1. The obscenity appeared to be written with "shoe polish material," according to the police report.

His rear passenger tire also was flattened.

Break-in

The owner of Pat's Sewer Repair, 32515 Ford, found his front door shattered Oct. 31 and items stolen.

He reported a \$1,500



Hewlett Packard computer and a \$17,000 tractor camera had been taken. The camera was used to detect clogs in large pipes.

Theft

A homeowner in the 32400 block of Leona reported that someone stole a 26-inch Huffy women's bike from his unattached garage sometime before 10 a.m. Oct. 30. The police believe that the thief entered through the unlocked service door.

Resisting and obstructing

The Garden City police arrested a 23-year-old Dearborn man for resisting and obstructing about 2 a.m. Oct. 30. The police were on patrol near Albert's on the alley at Middlebelt and Ford when they noticed the man

running through the lot.

After the officer told the man to take a seat in the man's Saturn, the man took off running instead.

The man said that he came to the area to wait for his girlfriend who works at Albert's on the Alley so they could get some alcohol, he said.

Using the man's cell phone which he left in his car, he contacted the woman's mother who said that she dropped off her daughter's boyfriend back at Albert's.

When the police again spotted the man, he was running on Middlebelt.

Theft

A woman who lives in the 28900 block of Block reported Oct. 29 that someone stole her aluminum extension ladder from behind her garage. She

checked with her son and he said that he didn't have the ladder.

There are no suspects or witnesses.

A resident in the 250 block of Helen reported that someone stole her checkbook and \$1,500 diamond ring sometime Oct. 29 from her unlocked 2010 Dodge. She wasn't sure if the theft occurred when the car was parked at home or at her work at St. Joseph Hospital.

In the 15 minutes that it took a 20-year-old Livonia woman to run into the Hollywood Sound store located at 39254 Ford at 6 p.m. Oct. 29, she said that someone stole her \$1,000 Chanel handbag, her Gucci wallet and \$100 cash that she left in her unlocked car.

- By Sue Buck

Calling cell phone leads woman to missing purse

Larceny

A ringing cell phone was used to track down a purse reported stolen at Burlington Coat Factory, 35555 Warren Road, Oct. 27. A Wayne woman told police she was making a purchase when she found that her purse, which she had set down, was missing.

The clerk suggested that the woman call her cell phone, which was inside the missing purse. The woman followed the sound of her ring tone to the dressing room at the rear of the store. The woman said she opened the door to find that a Westland woman had her purse. The Westland woman commented that she needed to make a call which was why she took the purse, the Wayne woman told police.

The woman followed the suspect into the parking lot and was able to give police her license plate number. Officers located the Westland woman pulling into the driveway at the address listed for the registered vehicle owner. The Westland

woman told officers that she had found the purse unattended and planned to ask store employees to page the owner.

The Wayne woman told police that the purse was within an arm's length of her until it was taken. The purse was recovered with nothing missing.

The Westland woman is facing charges of larceny and driving with a suspended license.

Break-in

A computer and stereo equipment valued at \$300 were reported stolen Oct. 27 from an apartment at 8464 Woodcrest. The door had been pried open and the officer noted there had been a thorough search, including through closets and under beds and mattresses.

Break-in

On Oct. 27, a resident in the 2000 block of North Walton told police that someone had forced open the front door, damaging it. The home had been searched but nothing was reported missing.

- By LeAnne Rogers

Judge jails driver charged in fatal crash, resets bond at \$1 million

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man charged with killing a motorist while driving drunk has been jailed in lieu of \$1 million after violating his bond conditions and waiving his preliminary examination in 18th District Court.

Due to health issues stemming from the June 9 accident, Judge Sandra Cicirelli had changed

her initial bond of \$1 million cash bond and allowed Thomas Rada, 55, to be released on a tether. Part of the bond conditions were that Rada was not to leave his home except for doctor or other medical appointments and he was not to consume alcohol or illegal drugs.

On Oct. 27, Rada appeared at court a day early for his preliminary examination and was found to have consumed alco-

hol. As a result, Cicirelli reset the bond at \$1 million cash and Rada was jailed.

The following day, Rada waived his preliminary examination and was ordered bound over on charges of homicide-manslaughter, operating under the influence of alcohol causing a death and drunken driving. The prosecution dismissed an additional charge of driving with a suspended license caus-

ing a death. Rada was scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment today (Thursday).

Stanislaus "Stan" Zielinski, 69, of Waterford was killed in the June 9 accident on Cherry Hill near Wildwood. Zielinski was driving a Chevrolet Metro Cab minivan eastbound on

Cherry Hill when he was struck head on by a westbound Ford Explorer driven by Rada.

The arraignment and preliminary examination for Rada had been delayed several times due to Rada's health issues which his attorney had said included bleeding in his brain and a pulmonary embolism.

Since Rada had prior drunken driving convictions — 1992 in Redford, 1997 in Dearborn Heights and 2003 in Taylor — Cicirelli noted that a drunken driving conviction in this case would become a felony with enhanced penalties.

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McCotter: Congress' focus will be jobs



Ava Halliday give the thumbs-up to Thaddeus McCotter, who beat Democratic challenger Natalie Mosher.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

HOW LIVONIA VOTED

Thaddeus McCotter: 24,530
Natalie Mosher: 13,089
John Tatar: 926

Thaddeus McCotter expects the first order of business for him and the now Republican-controlled U.S. Congress will be "jobs, jobs, jobs" and an extension of the Bush tax cuts.

The Republican from Livonia was re-elected to Congress for his fifth term Tuesday.

"We'll see what happens with a lame-duck session," McCotter said about the remaining weeks of Congressional terms through the end of the year.

The GOP won at least 43 seats in the U.S. House and led in 24 others, giving the Republicans a majority again.

Unofficial vote tallies in the 11th Congressional District were McCotter, 141,221; Democrat Natalie Mosher, 91,708; and Libertarian John Tatar, 5,363.

In Livonia, McCotter received 24,530 votes, Mosher 13,089 and Tatar 926.

McCotter coasted to the win, enjoying it with supporters at Laurel Manor in Livonia, even playing "Johnny B. Goode" on guitar for the audience.

GOP'S 'BIG NIGHT'

McCotter called Tuesday night's election a big night for Republicans in the 11th District and nationally, but he also remembers that the political pendulum swung to the Democrats two years ago.

"We learned that the American people are still sovereign over their servant government," McCotter said.

McCotter hoped that the Republican lawmakers now elected will remember that this election wasn't necessarily about the Republicans, but about the country facing challenging economic times. "It is a country going through dif-

icult times with globalization," McCotter said. "It is wreaking havoc with people's lives."

Michigan residents saw first-hand what globalization did to manufacturing and the auto industry, but are making it through with "heads held high," McCotter said.

Michigan residents had to make powerful decisions with family budgets, McCotter said. "Those are the same decisions that they (lawmakers) will make with budgets because it is your tax dollars," he said.

McCotter said in a consumer-driven world with instantaneous communication with cell phones and computers that the world is getting smaller and government needs to respond to consumers "whether government likes it or not."

"We have a consumer-driven government and a citizen-governed government to match it," McCotter said. That government can be left for "our children and the greatest nation on Earth."

McCotter believes Democrats went too far to the left since President Barack Obama's election two years ago and that independents vote straight tickets when they aren't happy with the majority party. In Livonia, 10,685 of the 39,516 who cast ballots voted a straight-party ticket on Tuesday for Republicans.

McCotter believes the Bush tax cuts should be continued. "I still don't understand why they didn't at least extend it," McCotter said. "It will be the largest issue in the lame duck."



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U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and brother Dennis McCotter perform in what has become an election night tradition.



Natalie Mosher supporters Anthony Richards (from left), Kevin Bohon and Carolyn Norris-Deyell look over results online at a Democratic gathering at the Quality Inn in Livonia Tuesday evening.

MOSHER APPRECIATES SUPPORT

Mosher thanked her supporters and campaign workers who have volunteered for the past 18 months.

Mosher of Canton said she would not have changed any strategy in her campaign nor her approach in running for Congress.

"I think (the results) were the mood of the country and

the mood of Michigan, and there's not much we can do to change that," she said. "We have a greater challenge now with the outcome. I see a lot of extremes here. We need to keep our priorities moving forward."

I'm interested to see how they will govern.

"We ran a professional campaign. We had an incredible campaign."

Mosher was asked what she learned about residents in the 11th District. "What I took away was that people are really looking for representation and leadership and they want someone to be accessible. I don't think it will be there for two more years, and it hasn't been there for eight years. People were hungry for this."

Mosher added that McCotter and Republicans can't continue to vote no on "what's in the best interest of the American people."

But Mosher appreciated the work from her campaign volunteers. "I met a lot of terrific people and forged a lot of friendships," she said. "That's what motivated me to get up, go out and keep working hard."

"I feel good about the campaign. I gave it my absolute best."

Tatar could not be reached for comment Wednesday on the results.

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Anderson hopes Lansing finds 'common ground'

STATE SENATE'S 6TH DISTRICT

Glenn Anderson (I) (D) ... 46,471
John R. Pastor (R) ... 37,001

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even before Westland's votes total gave him an strong re-election win in the 6th State Senate District, Glenn Anderson was looking ahead.

"I think (governor-elect) Rick Snyder's biggest problem is going to be that you can't just tell people what to do," said Anderson. "There are other people who were elected and you've got to reach a common ground."

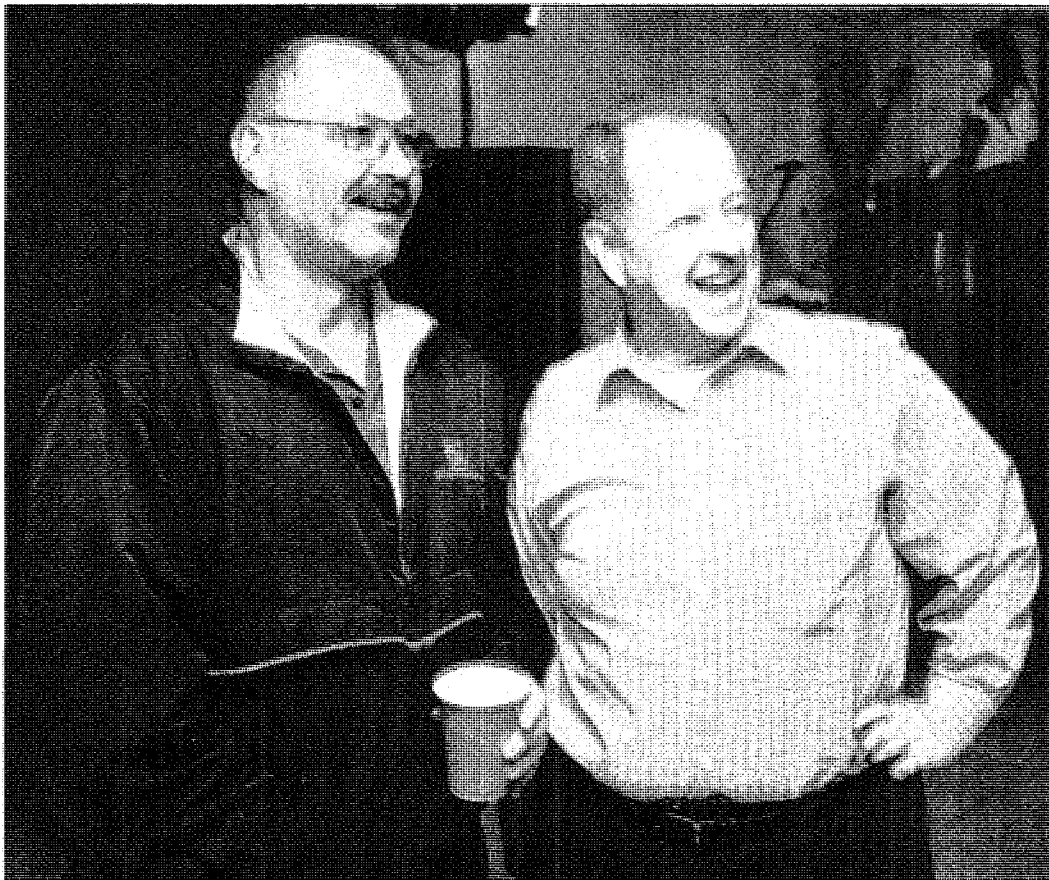
The Westland Democrat received 46,471 votes for a 56 percent margin in the race against Republican John Pastor, a Livonia councilman.

The district includes Westland, Garden City, Livonia and part of Redford.

Waiting for results at the Quality Inn on Plymouth Road in Livonia with fellow 11th congressional District Democrats, Anderson said he expected to see a big impact from state party voting.

"I think a lot of people just voted for Snyder," said Anderson, a former state representative and Westland city councilman.

As it turned, over half of Westland voters voted straight



Former Garden City school board member George Kordie (left) talks to State Sen. Glenn Anderson as results started coming at a gathering of 11th District Democrats at the Quality Inn Tuesday evening.

party — nearly 63 percent Democratic and almost 36 percent Republican.

Pastor, a former state representative, said that he was actually surprised by the election results.

"The reason why is the

people that we called and the doors we were hitting, we got a great response," said Pastor. "It's a shame that they listened to the wrong negative ads. I don't own my father's company, it doesn't owe taxes, I'm not a multimillionaire and

I didn't vote to raise taxes."

The much better-funded Anderson campaign had ads that were very effective, Pastor said.

"I'm at peace. I'm happy with what we did. I'll go on to the next function. I'm with



Mackenzie Compton greets her grandfather, State Sen. Glenn Anderson, as he arrives at a post-election gathering in Livonia. Also there to welcome him was Candy Bear.

those who voted for me and those who worked for me," said Pastor, who wasn't surprised that he didn't have more of a coattail effect from the Republican ticket.

Among those watching the results come in with the 11th District Democrats Tuesday night was former Livonia Mayor Robert Bennett.

"If the numbers are right, Anderson is ahead,

so I'm happy. It's touch-and-go with the Livonia vote," said Bennett before the total numbers were in. "I'll be very happy, if Anderson wins. (Wayne County Commissioner) Joan Gebhardt lost Livonia by 15 votes. You could see the effect of all the straight party voting."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Hospital reunion

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

Contact: Call Kay Shafi at (734) 427-3437 or by e-mail chknit@wideopenwest.com, Dennis Abraham at (734) 721-2917 or by e-mail atflightingr316@scbglobal.net, or Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or e-mail pibbotso@aol.com for further information or to make a reservation.

Holiday Vendor Show

Time/Date: 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6
Location: Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago Road, Livonia
Details: Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the Holiday Vendor Show which will feature Pampered Chef, Simply Soy Candles by Nikki, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, Thirty-One, Avon, Jazzy Lady Jewelry, Dove Chocolate and many more.
Contact: For more information, call Sue Bergman at (734) 458-1136.

Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11
Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS support Group will hear guest speakers Walter Garff with Genworth Financial and Esther McCormick discuss "12 Drug Free Pain Release Points." The group meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month.
Contact: For more information, contact Ruthann at (734) 981-2519 or online www.MetroFibroGroup.com

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Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28
Location: SS. Simon and Jude Church Hall, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland
Details: The SS. Simon and Jude Church's Ushers Club is sponsoring sponsor a Toys and Train Show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10. Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m. the day of the show.
Contact: To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides



Wish You Were Here

Mike and Carol Garrett of Garden City made sure they took their Observer along on a trip to Smyrna, Tennessee, to visit daughter and son-in-law Lisa and Gabe Kleinert. Carol (center) joined the Kleinerts for a Wish You Were Here pose at the sightings of the Tennessee legend, The Bell Witch, in Adams, Tennessee. Mike served a photographer. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

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

Crafters Wanted

Time/Date: Saturday, Nov. 20
Location: Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights
Details: Crafters are wanted for the church's 22nd annual arts and crafts show.

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

Earth Angels

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

Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.
Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.
Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.
Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

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

the Alcoholics for Christ program.
Contact: Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

Adult Day Services

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays
Location: 570 S Main St., Plymouth MI

Detail: A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

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

Metro Fibromyalgia

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

Contact: Lucy at (734) 462-1768, www.MetroFibroGroup.com

Menopause & More

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month
Location: Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.
Contact: (734) 655-1100

Counterpoint

Details: Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.
Contact: (734) 563-5005

Toughlove

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

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

LifeCare

Time/Date: 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday
Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

YWCA Preschool

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.
Contact: (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)
Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.
Contact: Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

Westland Rotary

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays
Location: Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland
Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome.
Contact: Mary at (734) 729-5401

Writing Group

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

Toastmasters

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

Newburgh.

Details: Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.
Contact: For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

TOPS 869

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

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

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

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

Legion Post 251

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

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

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

Contact: www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607

TOPS M128

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

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

Garden City Dems

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

Location: Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Contact: Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344

Citizens for Peace

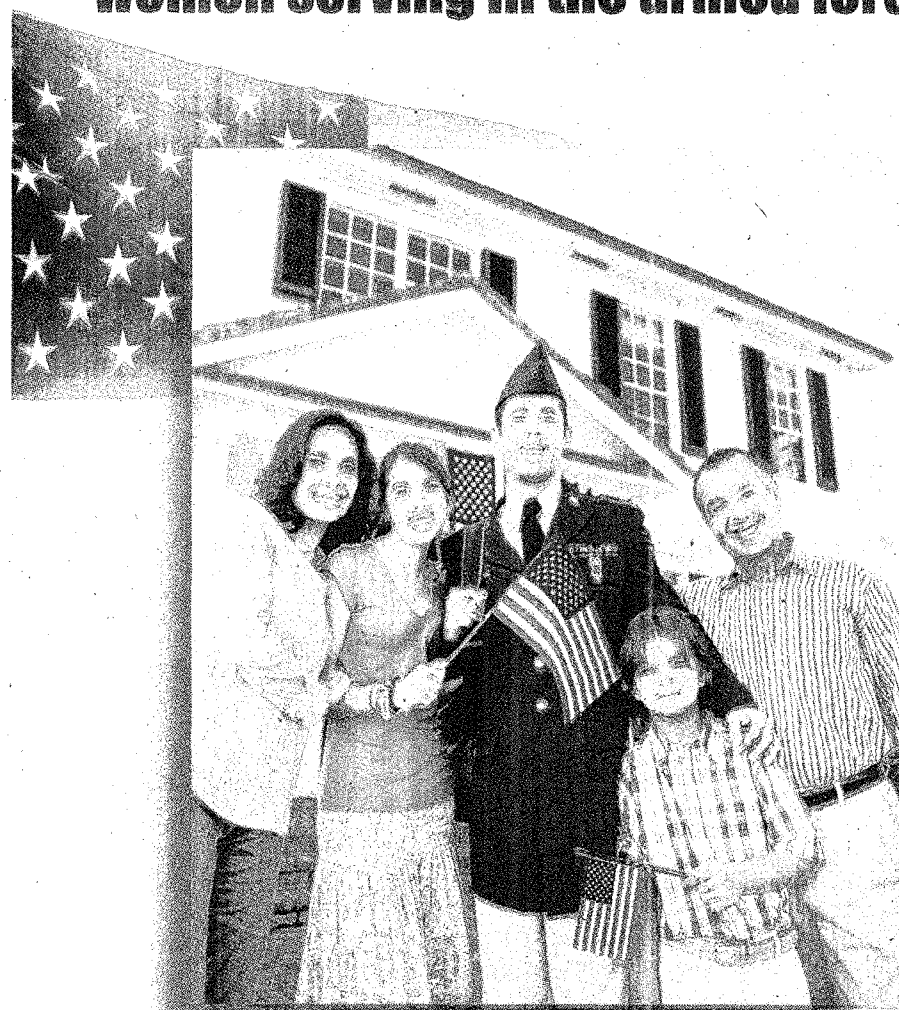
Time/Date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month

Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

Contact: Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

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OUR VIEWS

Be alert

Change smoke alarm batteries when changing clocks

It's that time of year again – firefighters are reminding residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks on Sunday, Nov. 7.

We'd like to reinforce this concept and urge residents to make this a seasonal habit. It takes just a few minutes and a couple of dollars to switch out the batteries to ensure the detectors – smoke and carbon monoxide – are operable. We don't have to remind people of the importance of detectors – they obviously save lives.

Yet, there are still homes that remain unprotected in our community and throughout the country.

According to the fire officials, an average of three children per day die in home fires and 80 percent of those occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Nonworking smoke alarms rob residents of the protective benefits that home fire safety devices were designed to provide. The most commonly cited cause of nonworking smoke alarms is worn or missing batteries.

The fire department has teamed up with Energizer Batteries and the International Association of Fire Chiefs for their annual "Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries" campaign. We agree that this message needs to get out, be repeated and reinforced.

The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when most families are sleeping. Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths. Children and senior citizens are most at risk, and a working smoke alarm can give them extra seconds needed to get outside safely.

While changing the batteries, make sure the detectors are working. Replace detectors that are 10 years old.

The fire department also encourages families to plan two ways out of every room in the house and to practice those escape routes with all members of the family. Preparing a fire safety kit is another suggestion, which would include items such as working flashlights and fresh batteries.

We applaud firefighters for continuing to raise awareness on this important issue. We're happy to help spread the message that smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors save lives.

But, only if those detectors are in proper working order. Make it part of your family's seasonal routine to change the batteries in your detectors when you change your clocks on Nov. 7.

COMMUNITY VOICE

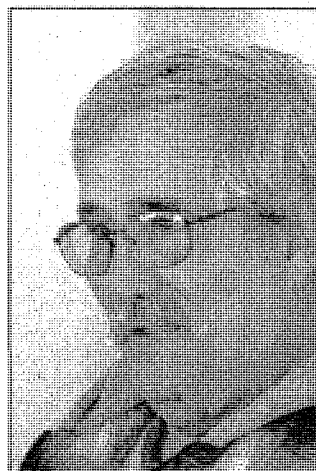
What is the first thing the new governor needs to do when he takes office in January?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



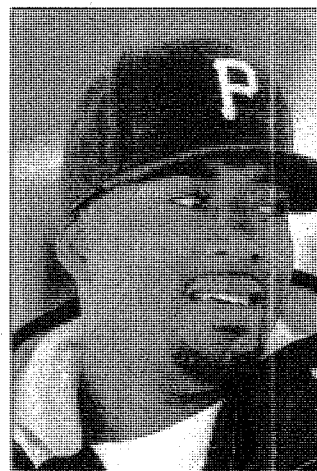
"He needs to look at what the community really needs. I think it would be nice if the governor interacted with people and helped them."

Kelley Alcala
Canton



"The governor needs to create a lot of jobs and put Michigan back to where it used to be."

Rudy Santana
Westland



"He needs to try and get more jobs for Michigan rather than say he's going to."

Antonio McKinney
Westland



"He needs to just focus on jobs. Everything has fallen apart, and most families don't have jobs."

Stephanie Combs
Garden City

LETTERS

Bill protects motorists

The Engine Repower Council strongly supports the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (S 3181/HR 2057) to protect each motorist's right to patronize the auto repair facility of their choice.

The Right to Repair Act simply ensures that vehicle owners and their trusted repair shops have access to all the information necessary to accurately repair, repower or reprogram today's modern vehicles. Without complete access to critical safety and repair information, motorists will be forced back to the dealer for service, which may not be convenient or easily accessible to the car owner.

Right to Repair would not require car manufacturers to disclose their trade secrets and would not affect the dealer's warranty agreement.

Engine repowering is an excellent option for many motorists because it extends the life of a vehicle and is good for the environment and the pocketbook. The Right to Repair Act fosters a competitive automotive repair industry where car owners, not car companies, decide who repowers or repairs their vehicles.

The Right to Repair Act has growing bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. Please send a letter urging your members of Congress to support the Right to Repair Act by visiting www.righttorepair.org.

Ken Carter
chairman, Engine Repower Council

Raise not a done deal

Let's not forget that nothing is final from a school board until the minutes have been ratified.

On Nov. 15, the Board of Education will have to ratify the minutes from the last regular meeting, the one in which it voted to give Randy his raise.

The difference is now members know what the public thinks about it.

Let the Board of Education members know that you expect them to not ratify the minutes.

Call them, write them and show up at the Nov. 15 meeting.

Call the city, and ask City Council and the mayor to add their voices to ours.

And ask the Board of Education members just which districts were "courting" Randy. To date they refuse to tell us the names, even though Ms. Scheel went on the Paul W. Smith show and declared they had to give Randy the raise because of this "courting."

This raise is not a done deal unless we allow it.

Lloyd Romick
Livonia

Don't ratify raise

Since the beginning of the school year, both my children have come home from school to say there are so many students on their bus that the students are sitting three to a seat and crouching in the aisle. I find this to be very unsafe.

It appears our superintendent is only concerned for his own position and salary. I think he forgot this is our school district. We pay your salary to keep our schools running smoothly. We own this district.

The five members of our school board who voted for this raise should not ratify the minutes of the last regular meeting. You were elected to serve in the best interest of the residents of this city. Have the courage to stand up and say no Nov. 15 to this outrageous request. Thank you to Greg Oak and Patrice Mang for saying no.

Kim Naccashian
Livonia

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.

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Deadline: Letters must be received by 10 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

End cyber bullying

As being a part of a generation brought up on technology, I have to take issue with the use of computers as a weapon. I personally did not learn what cyber bullying was, or the consequences of it, until my sophomore year of high school. People do not realize that a computer can be just as much of a weapon as a hatchet or gun. Someone dear to me has still not recovered from a cyber bullying attack that occurred two years ago. People are taking this too lightly; each day that goes by, more people's lives are lost, others' dignity taken because the public refuses to believe that technology can cause harm.

Recently, an assistant attorney general of the state of Michigan, Andrew Shirvell, created an Internet blog to attack an openly gay student council president at the University of Michigan.

A grown man, a political icon, attacking a college student purely out of hatred is revolting. The fact that he is only to receive a "disciplinary hearing" when he returns from his leave gives cyber bullies the impression that they can continue to ruthlessly ridicule others at no penalty. No person should be ridiculed because of their gender, class distinction, race or sexual preference, especially not by a person who was a potential role model to others.

This issue needs not be taken lightly any longer. Harsher consequences are needed to be inflicted upon the offenders, in turn spreading awareness the affects of cyber bullying.

Educating the youth about the consequences is a necessity as technology will only grow more prevalent in society in the years to come. As for the victims of cyber bullying, they need justice and support.

Alexandra Bahling
Farmington Hills

Legalize marijuana

In Michigan, you must be prescribed by a doctor to legally smoke marijuana.

There is no legitimate reason why it should be illegal, especially since it's one of the least harmful drugs today. The sole reason marijuana is illegal today is due to an uninformed knowledge of the drug, which has been given a bad reputation. Throughout the course of history, no one has ever overdosed on marijuana. The known uses go back further than 7000 B.C. and was last legal when Ronald Reagan was a boy. In total, it has been illegal for less than 1 percent of the time it's been in use.

Marijuana also doesn't affect your decision making abilities anywhere near as much as alcohol, which intoxicates the user nearly twice as much as marijuana. People are also less dependent on marijuana than they are on alcohol, even less dependent than

those who drink caffeine.

The marijuana plant, also known as hemp, has many different uses, such as cloths, plastics and bio-fuel, that come with numerous benefits. One of these examples is how one acre of hemp will produce about 1,000 gallons of biodiesel or methanol in comparison to the approximate 300 gallons per acre of corn.

I believe that marijuana should be legalized. It would have many uses and benefits for everyone. There are many ways to do this, including starting clubs, petitions for legalizing the use of marijuana, education classes about the whole truth of marijuana and by voting "yes" to marijuana legalization.

Erik Rikonen
Farmington Hills

Keep Bush tax cuts

The mid-term elections are over, but the congressional Democrats will still be in control for another two months. They could use this lame-duck session to legislate Obama's agenda, such as ending the Bush tax cuts. President Obama has argued that increasing taxes would reduce the federal deficit and help the economy recover. When President Clinton raised taxes, the economy grew creating a record budget surplus. This is true, but it is not the entire story.

According to Woodward, Greenspan and others, Clinton's economy was due to the Federal Reserve reducing the unemployment-inflation tradeoff, the dot-com bubble taking off during the 1990s and the Republican takeover of Congress in 1994. The historical budget surplus was not until 1998, well into the influence of factors outside of Clinton's control.

If Clinton's tax increase was effective, then a dynamic comparison between President Reagan's economic ascent to Clinton's would show Clinton's numbers to be at least on par with Reagan's. Sources used are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. House Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Department of the Treasury, PriceWaterhouseCoopers and others.

Reagan's GDP growth rate was three times greater than Clinton's, and Reagan added 15 times more new jobs than Clinton. Reagan's accelerated rate of income increase was four times greater than Clinton's. Adjusted for inflation, Reagan added \$2,683.33 to the pockets of Americans, while Clinton decreased income by \$2,127.

Obama contends that reducing taxes decreases federal revenues and increases the deficit. Dynamic comparison, however, says otherwise. Starting off, Reagan's accelerated rate of federal revenue increase was 9.5 times more than Clinton's. Entirely, Reagan's rate was three times as much as Clinton's.

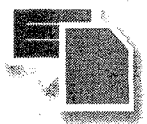
The 1994 Republican Congress' initial economy was stronger than Clinton's by 60 percent. Overall, the Republican Congress' average economic strength was better by 50 percent. The acceleration of Americans' incomes averaged 6,000 times greater as a result of the Congressional Republican's tax cuts than under Clinton's tax increases. The Republican Congress beat Clinton's average real GDP growth rate by 30 percent and real wage growth by ten-fold. Capitalization was greater under the Republican Congress by 30 percent.

The Reagan numbers are starker considering that he was reviving the economy just after President Carter's failed economy. The dynamics from the Reagan and the 1994 Republican Congress illustrate that reducing taxes and spending is key to a flourishing economy.

Congress must extend the Bush tax cuts.

Ed Lee
Novi

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

The issue: Fire department loan closet

Great job! The loan closet began many years ago thanks to Sgt. Bob Stottlemeyer (former councilman) and Battalion Chief Ed Ferguson. It is hoped that this new version will serve the citizens of Westland well! As always the firefighters are there when citizens are in need.

twshpresident

The issue: Campaigns signs

This is the first time I ever heard anyone complain about too few signs cluttering our right of ways or empty lots. Just because a lot of signs are not up, doesn't mean that people are not going to vote. Candidates have told me that they put out 2-3000 signs and yet less people than that actually voted on election day (excluding absentee ballots). Absentee ballots are mailed out whether any signs are up at all.

I do worry about our apathy towards voting and elections like the letter writer, but I don't think it correlates to how many signs are all over the place.

50yrsinWestland

Issue: Response to William G. Cole Letter

You forgot that on April 15, 2010, there was a House vote to extend unemployment benefits. At that time, Michigan had the highest unemployment rate in the nation. McCotter didn't vote. Why you ask? He was busy performing at the tea party circuit that day instead of doing the job we pay him to do. I guess not one tea bagger was unemployed last April.

JN7854

Issue: No for McCotter

Thanks for making the case not to vote for McCotter. What you described for Senator Anderson, holds too true for the party of No. No negotiating and no to representing the citizens in his district. We hire representatives to represent us not be the water boy for their party. I'm still waiting to see one single thing that Thaddeus McCotter has done for us, other than lip service.

dwinston2

Consider the present when making investments

After 84 years in business and millions of cars sold, Pontiac is history. I imagine there'll be books and articles written about the demise of Pontiac. Whether neglect, General Motors bankruptcy or other, I am sure there are many theories to explain the demise of Pontiac. However, the issue is what investors can learn.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

At one time Pontiac was one of the hottest car brands. In fact, for years Pontiac outsold Toyota in the United States. However, it hasn't been that way for many years.

When the powers that be at General Motors made the decision to close Pontiac, they didn't look to the distant past. They looked at today and the future. Consumers need to do the same with investments. Too many investors are holding on to mutual funds and other financial vehicles that may have been good a decade or so ago, but are no longer good today.

Employees are judged regularly on job performance, investments should be held to the same standard. Remember, your investments don't love you and you shouldn't love them.

When it comes to making an investment decision, there is no room for emotion. Just because an investment was good in the past doesn't mean it is still good today. Investors should never be afraid of dumping an investment when it is no longer performing. Focus on today.

Obviously, track records are important when it comes to judging an investment. When reviewing investments I recommend examining three, five and 10-year track records. I like investments that have a solid long-term track record and at the same time continue to perform.

I can't tell you the number of mutual funds I recommended back in the 1990s that I no longer recommend. The reason — they are no longer performing.

Sports teams consistently have to make decisions regarding players to keep and who to trade. If teams focus too much

on the past performance of a player as opposed to their current and future performance, they will have a team of aging players who are not competitive. As investors we can't let that happen to our portfolios.

Many experts claim that Pontiac's demise was due to neglect. Neglect is definitely one of the things that can kill a portfolio. Buy and hold does not mean buy and ignore. The consequence of neglecting your portfolio will be a failure to achieve financial goals and objectives, which is somewhat similar to Pontiac closing its doors.

Investors should never forget that their portfolio needs to be maintained. It is more than selling investments that are no longer performing, it is also making sure that your portfolio always reflects what you're trying to achieve as an investor. Just like a car needs an oil-change and tune-up every so

often, so does your portfolio.

Who would have thought that an American icon like Pontiac would ever cease to exist? Over the last few years, metro Detroit residents have learned that no matter how great or powerful a company is today that doesn't mean the future is assured. The same thing can be said about a financial portfolios. Just because a portfolio has worked in the past doesn't mean it works today. Therefore, when it comes to your portfolio, don't neglect it, work it. And remember, if you only concentrate on what's in your rearview mirror you could be driving off a cliff and not even know it.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Pub Crawl

Tickets are now on sale for the Garden City St. Practice Day Pub Crawl Saturday Nov. 20. The crawl starts at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and includes a bus to take you to six local pubs, T-shirts to keep and wear, a kickoff buffet at the Sports Venue and drink specials at each pub. The six participating pubs are Sports Venue, Albert's on the Alley, Joe D's, M's Gathering Place, American Legion and Rogala's.

For ticket information, call Betty at (734) 334-0334.

Spaghetti dinner

It's more than six months away, but the Fast Pace Fitness Relay For Life Team is already starting its fund-raising with a spaghetti dinner 5-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, east of Middlebelt in Garden City.

The dinner will be catered by Joe's Deli and Catering. The price is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and children age 5 and under free.

There will also be a bake sale and one-pound bag auction, all benefiting the Fast Pace Fitness Relay For Life Team.

For more information, call Marianne at (734) 524-9502.

Comedy fund-raiser

A comedy show fund-raiser will be held 7:30-9 p.m. Sunday Nov. 21, at Albert's on the Alley, 5653 Middlebelt to support the Garden City Gladiators in their quest to go to the Cooperstown Dream Park.

The show is for those age 18 and older. Ben Creed hosted by comedian Kevin Kramis, and there also will be 50/50 and raffles. Tickets are \$20 and are on sale now. Purchase them from any Gladiator or at Albert's.

For more information about the park, go online to cooperstowndreamspark.com.

Holiday craft show

Garden City Middle School will be hosting a Holiday craft and vendor show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. There will be more than 50 tables of your favorite home vendors, such as Tupperware, Avon

and Tastefully Simple, as well as home made crafts. There also will be door prize raffles, 50/50 drawing, bake sale and concessions.

Admission is \$1, which includes a free raffle ticket. Garden City Middle School is at 1851 Radcliff, south of Ford. For more information or table availability, e-mail Sheryll at vendorshow@gmail.com. All proceeds will benefit the middle school's PBS program.

Museum fund-raising

The Friends of the Museum are continuing their fund-raising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlour for social and business occasions.

The bricks are \$50 for the 4-inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

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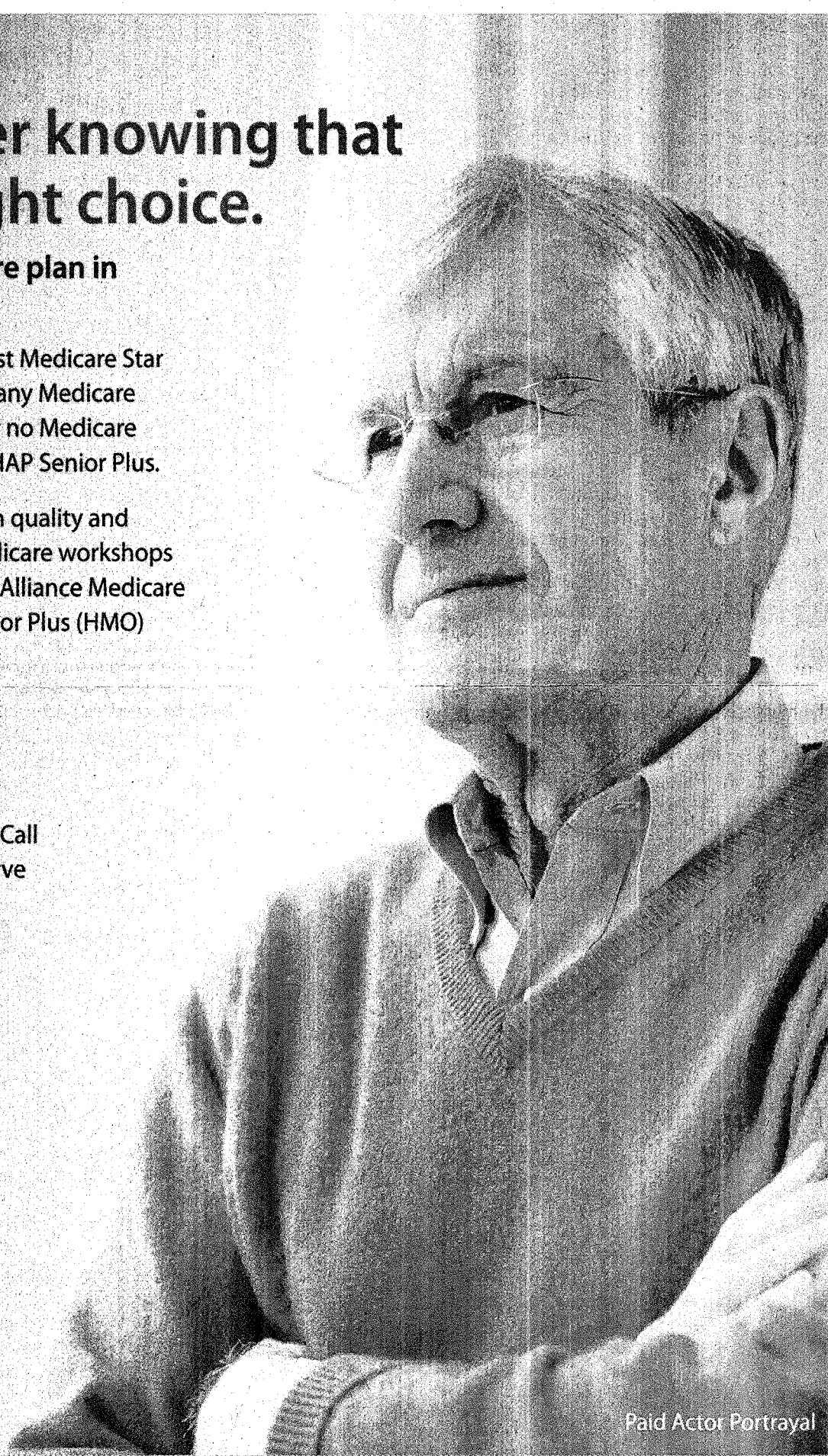
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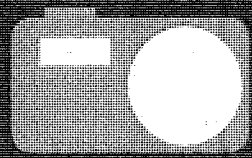
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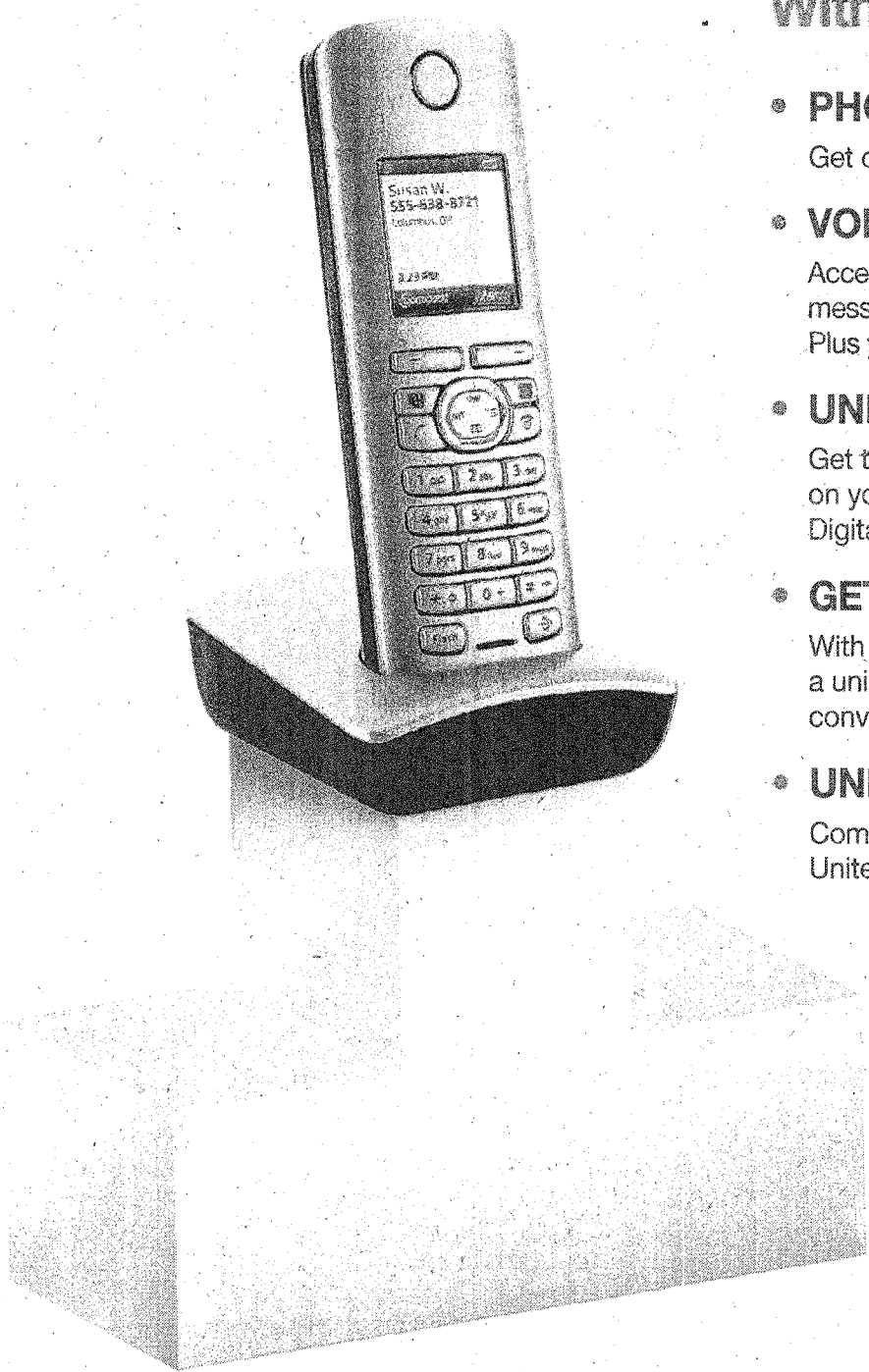
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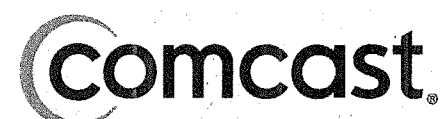
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Rockets stave off Wayne sister act

BY BRAD EMONS
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It was the day after Halloween.

And Westland John Glenn girls volleyball coach Sharon Hubbard was still haunted by a previous encounter with Wayne Memorial's sister tandem of 6-foot-2 sophomore Katie Horton and 6-1 Keri Horton.

The Rockets didn't completely shut down the pair in Monday's Class A district opener at Taylor Truman, but they prevented a repeat of an Oct. 19 meeting when Wayne pulled out a 3-2 upset win.

This time Glenn was up to the task posting a 25-20, 25-23, 25-17 win over the rival Zebras and earn a spot in Wednesday's district semifinal against Belleville. (Game time is 7 p.m. at Truman).

"We're very well aware of the

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Horton sisters," Hubbard said. "The whole league is aware. They're definitely scary."

Middle hitter Katie Horton, one of the best kept secrets in the state, finished with team-high 15 kills and four solo blocks to go along with 12 digs, while Keri added five kills and three solo blocks.

In the opening set, Glenn jumped out to a 10-2 lead only to have the Zebras pull within two, 21-19. That's when Hubbard called a timeout. And in that set, Glenn made five serving errors.

"We had to refocus the girls," the first-year Glenn coach said. "We had to remind them to where (assistant coach Chris) DePoy is coaching them to

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ADAN GOMEZ | PHOTO

Livonia Franklin's cross country team proudly display the first-place trophy after winning the Division 1 girls regional Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Patriots stun regional field

McPherson's 1st catapults Franklin to crown

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



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After a third-place showing Oct. 21 in the Kensington Conference meet, Franklin's Megan McPherson rebounded to win Saturday's Division 1 regional title at Willow Metropark with a 5,000-meter time 18:21.3.

It was a breakthrough performance and one for the memory books Saturday for the Livonia Franklin girls cross country team.

The Patriots not only qualified for the Division 1 state finals, but also captured their first regional girls championship in school history at Willow Metropark in New Boston by edging Salem for the team title, 79-81.

Dexter, scoring 90 points, also qualified for a trip to the MHSAA finals this Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Ann Arbor Huron was a close fourth with 94 followed by Livonia Churchill (111) and Canton (116) rounding out the top five in Region 5.

"I don't believe we've ever qualified," Franklin 10th-year coach Dave Bjorklund said. "The records we have, I don't see any indication of that, so this is the most exciting day in Franklin cross country history for me. Definitely the most exciting day in my coaching career."

Senior Megan McPherson led Franklin by finishing first on the 5,000-meter course with a time of 18 minutes, 21.3 seconds, which matched her personal best.

Foreign exchange student Pia Klein and Leslie Gomez, a pair of seniors, placed 10th and 13th, respectively, with clockings of

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Neighborhood battle: Warriors pay back HVL

BY BRAD EMONS
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The old adage "Turnabout is fair play" held true Monday night as host Lutheran Westland avenged a setback last week to rival Westland Huron Valley Lutheran in the opening round of the Class D district girls volleyball tournament.

Junior Amanda Terranella recorded 10 kills as the Warriors made amends for a 25-14-25-22 setback to neighbor HVL just six days earlier in the Lutheran Westland Quad.

Junior Erica Killian served 18 points, including four aces, to go along with nine assist-to-kills as Lutheran Westland scored a convincing 25-17, 25-16, 25-14 state tournament triumph.

The Warriors, who improved to 17-24-4 overall, move into Thursday's district championship match where they will face Plymouth Christian Academy. (Game time is 7 p.m.)

"We've had some battles with them," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said of PCA.

"We lost to them the only time we saw them this year in three, but they were close. We lost by a total of 12 points maybe, so we were right there. That was a match where we made a lot of mistakes, so maybe they think they can take it easy on us.

"But we have to give them everything we've got. We're the underdog, so we'll just go at them and see what we can do."

Against HVL, other contributions for the Warriors came from freshman Leah Refenes (eight assists) and junior Taylor Wiemer (10 digs).

"Our only adjustment was to play better," Wade said of the rematch. "They played well last Tuesday and we played the worst day of volleyball we've had in my five years coaching. We lost to Clarenceville, and played poorly. We lost to (Westland) John Glenn, we played poorly. It just kind of carried over. And they came out and played as hard as they possibly could. We were down in the dumps and they took advantage of

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Cincinnati State denies Schoolcraft in Region 12

There will be no return trip to the NJCAA Division 1 men's soccer tournament this season for Schoolcraft College.

The Ocelots were eliminated in Sunday's Region XII championship final by Cincinnati State, 2-1, in a battle of the NJCAA's **COLLEGE SOCCER** third- and fourth-ranked teams at Delta Community College.

Schoolcraft, which bowed out at 17-4-1 overall, took a 1-0 half-time lead thanks to a rebound off a Nate Hicklin shot that was headed in by Marco Lobo.

Cincinnati State (19-2) answered in the 51st minute on a goal by Carl Peers to knot the count at 1-1 and Ashton Bennett added the game-winner with only nine minutes remaining.

The Surge now advance to the NJCAA North Central District final, Nov. 6, at home against 12-5-3 Community College Baltimore County-Essex (Md.).

In Saturday's semifinal, Schoolcraft ousted Ancilla (Ind.) CC, 4-1, as Livonia Stevenson High grad Nate Sergison notched a pair of goals to seal the victory.

Lobo scored in the opening

half to give the Ocelots a 1-0 lead before Ancilla (7-10-1) answered early in the second half.

Brent McIntosh then scored what proved to be the game-winner.

SIENA HEIGHTS 3, MADONNA 2: A second half comeback effort by the Madonna University men's soccer team was thwarted by two late Siena Heights University goals Saturday in a Senior Day setback at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The Saints (9-7-1, 2-3-1) scored first in the 31st minute when Joe Deneweth beat Parker Laabs (Canton) to the right on a penalty for a 1-0 lead.

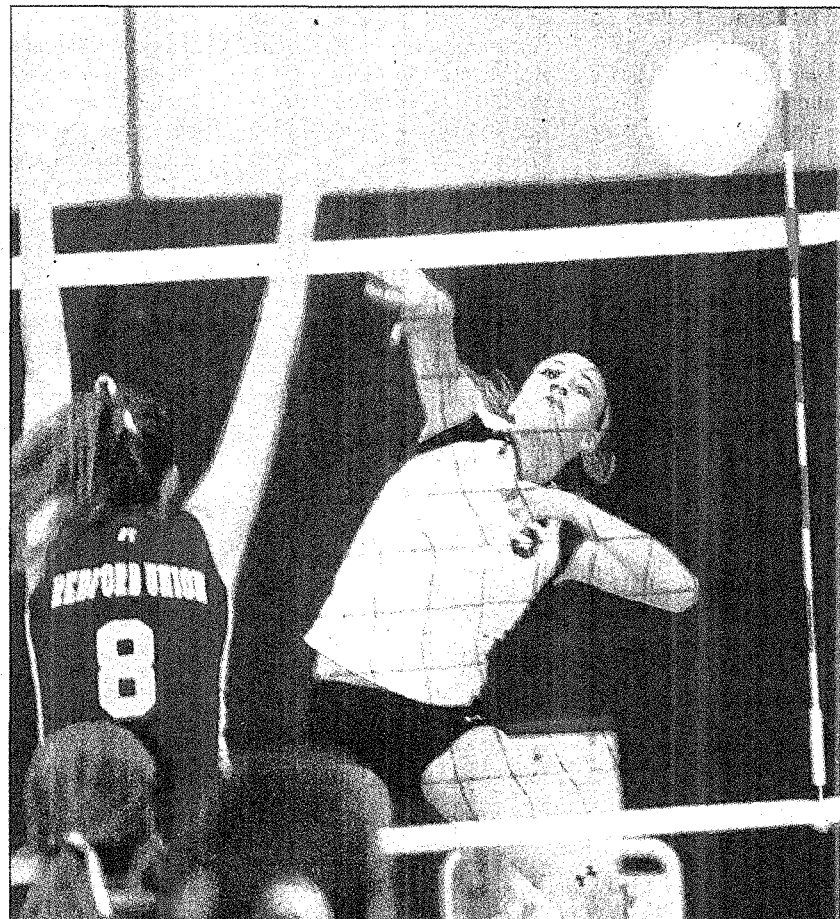
In the 53rd minute, MU freshman Mustapha Olorunnimbe got Saints goalkeeper Lucas Sagaert to come off of his line with his own rebound shot for his ninth goal of the season.

MU made it 2-1 in the 78th minute when freshman Max Washko (Livonia Churchill) grabbed a David Ujkic rebound and beat Sagaert for his second goal of the year.

But just one minute later, Siena Heights tied it at 2-2 on a 35-yard free kick by Lindon Ivezić.

Josh Pascarella (Salem) then notched the game-winning goal in the 87th minute as he dribbled in and beat Laabs.

The Crusaders now head into the WHAC quarterfinals as the No. 4 seed beginning at noon Saturday at Canton's Independence Park, where they will face Aquinas College.



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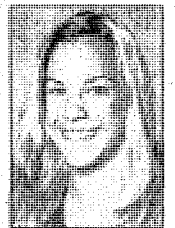
Tourney time

Stevenson's Reina Tyl goes on the attack during Monday's Class A district volleyball opener against Redford Union. The Spartans won in three straight sets to earn a spot in Wednesday's semifinal at Garden City. For more on the match, see page B2, or for the latest results, visit www.hometownlife.com.

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Calka All-MAC

Eastern Michigan University sophomore Courtney Calka (Livonia Stevenson) placed fifth



Calka

overall in Saturday's Mid-American Conference women's cross country championship held in Three Rivers.

Calka's time in the 6,000-meter race was 21 minutes, 3.9 seconds as she earned first-team All-MAC honors for the second straight year.

"Courtney did not have the kind of race that she hoped for," said EMU coach Sue Parks, whose team finished fifth overall. "But she is a tough competitor and she will be very motivated to come back strong for NCAA Regionals."

"Even on a slightly off day, she still improved her finish from last year. To finish sixth and fifth and be first-team All-MAC in your first two conference cross country meets is pretty amazing."

Crusaders upset

The Madonna University women's volleyball team fell out of a tie for first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tuesday in Grand Rapids as host Aquinas College upset the Crusaders in four sets, 25-17, 25-17, 17-25, 25-21.

MU, ranked 21st in the latest NAIA Coaches Poll, falls to 28-8 overall and 13-2 in the WHAC (one match behind Indiana Tech).

Chelsea Phillips led the Saints (26-11, 11-4) with 14 kills, while Mollie Lounds and Jessica Curtis added 10 apiece.

Setter Katie Vander Meer finished with 44 assist-to-kills, while Sarah LeClair paced the defense with 24 digs.

Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) and Karie Altman each record 12 kills for the Crusaders. Megan Fricke chipped in with 11, while setter Evia Prieditis contributed 47 assists. Dempsey and Fricke each had 16 digs, while Amanda Koszela added 13.

MU travels again Thursday to Grand Rapids to face Cornerstone in the WHAC regular season final.

MU women tie, 0-0

Goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth) made nine saves Saturday as host Madonna University battled Siena Heights University to a scoreless draw at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The Crusaders end the regular season at 3-6-6 overall and 2-1-3 in the WHAC, while Siena Heights is 9-6-3 overall and 4-1-1.

Saints goalkeeper Haley Mancini made seven saves in the double-overtime match that lasted 110 minutes.

MU will open the WHAC playoffs at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Canton's Independence Park as the fourth seed against Aquinas College.

Ferrick saluted

For the first time in her career, Madonna University freshman midfielder Amanda Ferrick (Warren Cousino) was selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's Offensive Player of the Week (ending Oct. 31) in women's soccer.

Ferrick tallied three points in MU's 3-2 win Oct. 26 over Marygrove College as the Crusaders finished the week 1-0-1.

Chargers zap Pats in district

Livonia Churchill opened the Class A girls district volleyball tournament play Monday with a 25-15, 25-13, 25-10 triumph over Livonia Franklin in a match played at Garden City.

The Chargers, 43-7-2 overall, will face Redford Thurston in the district semifinals beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday at GC.

Churchill received contributions from Nicole Kempinski (11 digs, two kills); Audrey Durocher (two kills, six digs);

Jackie Tolles (five digs, two aces); Meghan Miller (five digs, three aces); Ashley Pedrotte (two digs).

Senior Chelsea Williams paced the Patriots (10-30-2) with 13 kills, while libero Nicole Williamson added 20 digs. Amanda Borieo chipped in with five kills.

Spartans whip RU

On Monday, Livonia Stevenson crushed Redford Union, 25-17, 25-12, 25-7, to

move into Class A district semi-final against host Garden City.

Senior Reina Tyl led a balanced hitting attack for the Spartans (19-17-4) with seven kills and three blocks. She also added seven digs.

Freshman Katie Tomasic added five kills, five aces and eight digs, while Catherine Licata finished with three kills, three blocks and four assists.

Game time for the Stevenson-Garden City matchup is 7 p.m. Wednesday.



EARL LYLE | PHOTO

Lutheran High Westland's Erin Lyle was a runaway winner in the Division 4 girls regional Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

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MHSAA CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL RESULTS DIVISION 1-REGION 5

Oct. 30 at Willow Metropark
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals): 1. Livonia Franklin, 19 points; 2. Salem, 81; 3. Dexter, 90; 4. Ann Arbor Huron, 94; 5. Livonia Churchill, 111; 6. Canton, 116; 7. Plymouth, 156; 8. Ann Arbor Skyline, 194; 9. Dearborn, 212; 10. Westland John Glenn, 305; 11. Detroit Cass Tech, 340; 12. Dearborn Fordson, 353; 13. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 391.

Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 18:13.3 (5,000 meters).

Other Franklin finishers: 10. Pia Klein, 19:30.3; 13. Leslie Gomez, 19:38.7; 26. Megan Wickens, 20:18.9; 31. Tiffany Lamble, 20:32.0; 41. Madeline Herman, 21:00.5; 52. Kelly Walby, 21:35.9.

Salem finishers: 3. Kayla Kavulich, 18:34.6; 14. Adrianna Beltran, 19:45.0; 19. Shannon Flynn, 20:05.6; 23. Emily Bizon, 20:12.0; 24. Victoria Tripp, 20:18.0; 32. Alejandra Beltran, 20:35.9; 49. Kara Boos, 20:56.1.

Churchill finishers: 7. Kerigan Riley, 19:01.0 (sq); 9. Bethany Pilat, 19:16.4; 27. Megan McFarlane, 20:19.3; 35. Vivien Okechukwu, 20:40.6; 36. Sydney Anderson, 20:43.3; 45. Julia Twigg, 21:09.7; 47. Katie Rash, 21:13.2.

Canton finishers: 4. Bianca Kubicki, 18:51.6 (sq); 15. Rachel Rohrbach, 19:45.3; 29. Anna Gorzalski, 20:26.1; 33. Katie Grimes, 20:36.2; 38. Abigail Gorzalski, 21:22.9; 43. Hannah Feree, 21:04.2; 50. Jessica Siegler, 21:28.8.

Plymouth finishers: 11. Nicole Traitses, 19:34.4 (sq); 18. Brianna Lax, 20:00.9; 37. Britta Swanson, 20:43.89; 44. Sophie Roberts, 21:08.1; 49. Marina DeBasi, 21:22.9; 53. Julie Hahn, 21:42.5; 55. Costadina Manettas, 21:47.3.

John Glenn finishers: 39. Abbey Wright, 20:54.3; 61. Alex Hamlett, 22:33.4; 63. Casey Butler, 23:02.6; 74. Courtney MacQuarrie, 24:06.5; 75. Audra Flores, 24:12.7; 81. Rheana Allen, 25:39.2; 85. Madysyn Gehr, 26:39.7.

Garden City finishers: 22. Mariah Carver, 20:11.7; 67. Alyse Madel, 23:24.2; 83. Alayna Smith, 26:21.6; 88. Brianna Chambo, 28:07.8.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals): 1. Dexter, 19 points; 2. Plymouth, 75; 3. Ann Arbor Huron, 85; 4. Canton, 88; 5. Salem, 162; 6. Dearborn, 163; 7. Livonia Churchill, 197; 8. Dearborn

Fordson, 225; 9. Westland John Glenn, 276; 10. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 276; 11. Ann Arbor Skyline, 299; 12. Livonia Franklin, 331; 13. Detroit Cass Tech, 319; 14. Detroit Western International, 440.

Individual winner: Taylor Neeley (Dexter), 15:58.7 (5,000 meters).

Plymouth finishers: 2. Joseph Porcari, 15:59.2; 10. Derek Gielarowski, 16:32.5; 20. Brandon Dalton, 17:06.4; 21. James Maciag, 17:07.2; 22. Laim Cardenas, 17:09.2; 33. Zane Berlanga, 17:30.9; 42. Nicholas Eiben, 17:46.2.

Canton finishers: 8. Miles Felton, 16:28.1 (sq); 15. Mitch Clinton, 16:50.3 (sq); 16. Bradon Conley, 16:53.8; 24. Jeff Molchen, 17:33; 25. Keegan Sullivan, 17:17.2; 37. Tom Walkinshaw, 17:40.1; 56. Kurt Kowalski, 18:21.7.

Salem finishers: 9. Steve McEvilly, 16:29.6 (sq); 23. Michael Karziat, 17:12.3; 30. Andy Rabe, 17:28.5; 47. Jimmy Daniels, 18:02.1; 53. Jeremy Drouillard, 18:08.3; 57. Evan Bruyere, 18:08.3; 62. Mason Mills, 18:50.4.

Churchill finishers: 32. Tom Windle, 17:29.9; 38. Cody Rossier, 17:42.5; 40. Ryan Wise, 17:43.4; 43. Ben Yates, 17:46.7; 44. George Bowles, 17:51.7; 46. Stephen Charney, 17:56.3; 49. Robert Howard, 18:03.3.

John Glenn finishers: 34. Jason Suarez, 17:32.1; 36. Ruben Maya, 17:38.3; 59. Jewell Jones, 18:33.3; 69. Ryan Boes, 19:09.1; 78. Keven Wacker, 19:41.4; 79. Michael Dalton, 19:50.7; 87. Chris Codd, 21:22.2.

Franklin finishers: 39. Austin Jones, 17:42.9; 66. Bobby Wilson, 19:02.6; 71. Mike Witt, 19:10.0; 75. Preston Elliott, 19:24.4; 80. Gabe Martinez, 19:51.7; 81. Justin Wizinsky, 20:04.7; 88. Chad Walters, 21:27.4.

Garden City finishers: 85. Erich Hinkle, 20:59.4; 89. Jordan Buck, 21:44.2; 92. Derek Hackett, 22:28.9; 93. Robert Doane, 22:38.9.

DIVISION 1-REGION 6
Oct. 29 at Huron Meadows Metropark
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals): 1. Pinckney, 50 points; 2. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 52; 2. Brighton, 80; 4. Harland, 104; 5. Northville, 136; 6. Farmington, 177; 7. University of Detroit Jesuit, 184; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 192; 9. Novi, 230; 10. South Lyon, 266; 11. Howell, 323; 12. North Farmington, 398; 13. Farmington Hills Harrison, 409; 14. Walled Lake Western, 415; 15. Redford Union, 424.

Individual winner: Andrew Garcia-Garrison (CC), 15:35.3 (5,000 meters).

Stevenson finishers: 30. Matt Williams, 16:40.9; 33. Adam Chludzinski, 16:42.8; 37. Joe Urso, 16:45.5; 43. John Lynch, 16:55.4; 49. Stephen Fenech, 17:01.1.

58. Ryan Petru, 17:12.5; 73. Andrew Longhi, 17:36.8.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals): 1. Pinckney, 60; 2. Northville, 70; 3. Brighton, 89; 4. Walled Lake Western, 114; 5. Novi, 143; 6. Harland, 150; 7. North Farmington, 199; 8. South Lyon, 219; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 222; 10. Farmington, 237; 11. Howell, 267; 12. Farmington Hills Mercy, 286; 12. Farmington Hills Harrison, 398; 14. Redford Union, 447; 15. Detroit Mumford, 474.

Individual winner: Lindsay Clark (W.L. Western), 17:25.9 (5,000 meters).

Stevenson finishers: 26. Karlie Gallagher, 19:41; 35. Barbara Scuphoin, 20:06; 50. Meghan Gilson, 20:23; 54. Michelle Krawczyk, 20:33; 57. Allison Gudeman, 20:40; 66. Samantha Hamill, 20:54; 86. Taylor Ciesiak, 21:51.

DIVISION 2-REGION 18
Oct. 30 at Lake Erie Metropark
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals): 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 40 points; 2. Milan, 114; 3. Carleton Airport, 128; 4. Grosse Ile, 137; 5. Monroe Jefferson, 136; 7. Riverview, 164; 8. New Boston Huron, 174; 9. Livonia Ladywood, 182; 10. Tecumseh, 183; 11. Adrian, 285; 12. Gibraltar Carlson, 373.

Individual winner: Lindsey Brewis (Divine Child), 19:38.8 (5,000 meters).

Ladywood finishers: 19. Emma McClory, 20:54.23; 33. Katherine Taylor, 21:40.0; 41. DeYana Walker, 21:58.5; 44. Alexandra Darr, 22:06.36; 45. Becky Babon, 22:09.17; 49. Sinead Cox, 22:16.02; 55. Meaghan Mulcahy, 22:46.44.

DIVISION 3-REGION 26
Oct. 30 at Linden
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals): 1. Lansing Catholic, 51; 2. Perry, 60; 3. Whitmore Lake, 84; 4. Stockbridge, 113; 5. Byron, 129; 6. Bath, 170; 7. Leslie, 173; 8. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 185; 9. Grass Lake, 185; 10. Livonia Clarenceville, 332; 11. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 335; 12. Ferndale University, 339.

Individual winner: John Bell (Perry), 16:23.1 (5,000 meters).

Clarenceville boys finishers: 55. David Gibson, 19:54.35; 65. Alex Molnar, 20:47.06; 77. Guy Colbert, 22:26.01; 81. Eric Into, 22:48.79; 85. Lee Sloan, 25:09.68.

Clarenceville girls finishers: 76. Nikita Mungarwadi, 27:19.32; 79. Haley Devos-Roy, 28:36.99.

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19:30.3 and 19:38.7, respectively. Rounding out Franklin's scoring contingent was senior Megan Wickens, 26th (20:18.9) and junior Tiffany Lamble, 31st (20:32.0).

"I told the girls we had to do two things," Bjorklund said. "Our goal was just to qualify as a team. We had to have three in the top 15 and five in the top 30. Our fifth runner was 31st, so that's pretty darn good. They did everything I asked them to do."

Franklin was coming off a fifth-place showing in the KLAA Kensington Conference meet Oct. 21 held at Huron Meadows Metropark in Brighton.

"They were all pretty nervous this week," Bjorklund said.

"They tried not to talk about it (the regional) too much. Yesterday at practice I laid it on the line for them. I was showing them — 'here's the teams, here's the people, this is how we've got to get it done. We got to face this up.'"

"They've been a tight-knit group all year. It's a veteran team other than our exchange student Pia (Klein). They've been working hard and working all year for this. We were just trying to qualify as a team. To run that well today and win

it was really exciting."

McPherson was coming off a third-place finish, Oct. 21, in the Kensington Conference.

In that meet, McPherson placed behind Canton senior Bianca Kubicki (first) and Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich (runner-up). But this time McPherson finished nearly nine seconds ahead of Huron's Annie-Norah Beveridge, the runner-up; 13.3 seconds ahead of third-place finisher Kavulich; and 30.3 seconds ahead of fourth-place finisher Kubicki.

"McPherson really redeemed herself after being disappointed on how she did last week," Bjorklund said. "She just hammered this course today. Being regional champion two years in a row and being a regional (team) qualifier to get medals is just really exciting."

McPherson, who was declared the winner of last year's regional after Churchill's Sara Kroll was disqualified, was stunned when she and her teammates learned the Patriots won the meet.

"I was so surprised and so proud of my team," McPherson said. "We just wanted this so bad and we all worked so hard for it. I'm proud for everyone."

"I was very nervous and very determined. I knew for my team every point would count because I really wanted this for us."

"I knew it would be close because a lot of teams ran really well today, but I was hoping we could pull through today. I knew it would be really close."

"That matches my P.R. (time). That was a very good surprise."

Salem, the pre-meet favorite, was led by Kavulich (18:34.6) followed by Adrianna Beltran, 14th (19:45.0); Shannon Flynn, 19th (20:05.6); Emily Bizon, 23rd (20:12.0); and Victoria Tripp, 24th (20:18.0).

"We dodged a bullet today," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said.

"It was kind of like the Matrix with Keanu Reeves. We didn't run very well collectively as a team today. Don't really know why, but in the end it played out and we got into the state finals. That's most important thing."

Churchill, which had its streak of 10 consecutive state finals appearances snapped, boasted two individual state qualifiers (top 15) in sophomore Kerigan Riley (seventh, 19:01.0) and junior Bethany Pilat (ninth, 19:16.4).

Plymouth junior Nicole Traitses also qualified in 11th (19:34.4), while senior Rachel Rohrbach of Canton garnered the 15th and final individual qualifying spot with a time of 19:45.3 to join teammate Kubicki.

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Warriors bring home 2 trophies

Lyle captures girls race at Division 4 regional

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Alli Unger hit the perfect on Saturday.

The first-year cross country coach from Lutheran High Westland took home a pair of first-place trophies as the Warriors captured both the boys and girls Division 4-Region 35 team titles Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Lutheran Westland's girls, led by individual winner Erin Lyle, scored 27 points to beat out Ottawa Lake Whiteford (42) and Ann Arbor Greenhills (81) for the crown.

Lyle, a junior, captured the 5,000-meter race in 20 minutes, 25.1 seconds.

She was followed by senior Sarah Maynard, third (21:02.1); junior Jessica Rice, fifth (21:42.4); sophomore Erin Hardin, 10th (22:14.7); and sophomore Angela Morrison, 12th (22:55.7).

Rounding out the Lutheran Westland girls contingent was freshman Elizabeth Mathews, 16th (23:11.4), and sophomore Jessica Drife, 27th (24:38.5).

"It was a good day today," Unger said. "I was looking at the results and the seedings, and we were seeded first, so I thought we could pull it through, and have everybody run the way they've been running all season long — and they did it. I'm very pleased."

Lyle, a top 10 regional placer a year ago, finished a comfortable 17 seconds ahead of runner-up Rachel Fisher of Whiteford.

"I was just hoping for second," said Lyle, who topped her previous personal best by 12 seconds. "There was a big gap between me and the first girl. I was really trying to get second and it was a total surprise to get first."

"I felt really strong actually. It was cold outside, but I felt very warm, very well rested from last night, very strong."

Unger came away impressed by Lyle's showing.

"She's been running strong this whole year," the Lutheran Westland coach said. "She's a very aggressive runner. She went out. She was second place at first, took the girl and she was regional champion today. Very exciting."

In the boys regional, the Warriors defeated Sand Creek for the team title, 38-61. Newport Lutheran South also earned a trip (Nov. 6) to Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn with 103 points.

Dansville's Nick Moon and Daniel Pepper finished one-two in 17:13.3 and 17:42.5, respectively.

The Warriors were led by junior Jake Fairbairn, who placed third in 17:53.5.

Other finishers for the Warriors included sophomore Eric Smith, fifth (18:04.2); junior Caleb Kempf, 12th (18:50.4); sophomore Daniel Bunge, 17th (19:34.6); and junior Joshua Kirk, 19th (19:38.1).

Non-scorers for Lutheran Westland were junior Philip Welte, 37th (21:00.6) and senior Matt Erickson, 46th (21:38.6).

"They all ran very well," Unger said. "My top five were all in the top 20, which was great. They weren't seeded that high. They placed higher than I thought they would."

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Wildcats secure state meet spot

BY BRAD EMONS
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Mission accomplished Saturday for the Plymouth High boys cross country team.

The Wildcats, led by senior Joe Porcari's runner-up finish, earned their third straight Division 1 state finals qualifying berth by taking second in Saturday's Region 5 meet held at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Dexter turned in a dominant performance by taking five of the first six places in the meet led by individual winner Taylor Neeley, who covered the 5,000-meter course in 15 minutes, 58.7 seconds.

Porcari was a close second with a time of 15:59.2, while other Plymouth finishers included junior Derek Gielarowski,

10th (16:32.5); sophomore Brandon Dalton, 20th (17:06.4); junior James Maciag, 20th (17:07.2); and freshman Liam Cardenas, 22nd (17:09.2).

"We tried to get as many guys 20th or above, as many as possible, that was our goal today," Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said. "Joe ran pretty smart."

Normally he likes to get out, but we talked to him about staying in the pack today, and he stayed in the pack. We let them break the wind a little bit. He ran a smart race. He had enough at the end. He broke 16 (minutes) today — that's what he wanted to do. We accomplished all our goals we needed to."

Host Ann Arbor Huron edged Canton for the third team state finals qualifying spot, 85-88.

But Canton had two qualify individually by placing in the

top 15 as juniors Miles Felton (16:28.1) and Mitch Clinton (16:50.3) took eighth and 15th, respectively. Another junior Bradon Conley just missed in 16th (16:53.8).

Meanwhile, Salem sophomore Steve McEvilly garnered a spot in ninth with a clocking of 16:29.6.

Last year, Plymouth took 11th in the team standings at the MHSAA finals held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. In 2008, the Wildcats placed 12th.

"We're hoping for a top 15 finish, so we have a little bit of work to do in this last little week," Mikosz said. "We just have to make sure there are guys who need where they need to be, and I think we have a chance to do it."

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Veteran cast

Crusader men's hoop team eyes improved year

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nowhere to go but up. That's the outlook for the 2010-11 men's basketball season for Madonna University and second-year coach Noel Emenhiser.

The Crusaders return 12 players off a team that finished 7-23 overall, but MU is still picked tied for seventh in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference preseason coaches poll.

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Two of the team's building blocks are 6-4 sophomore redshirt Kevin Henry, who averaged 13.1 points per game, along with 5-10 sophomore guard Bryant Slaughter, who averaged 12.1.

But the two All-WHAC preseason selections must cut down on their turnovers as they recorded a team-high 120 and 76, respectively.

The key to the team's fortunes may rest with incoming 5-10 freshman Bobby Naubert, a true point-guard who averaged 21 points as a senior at Livonia Stevenson High.

"Naubert can start for us at the point, but he also brings a change of tempo off the bench," MU coach Noel Emenhiser said. "He does a nice job because he makes the other players around him better."

Emenhiser has expanded his rotation as they prepare for Friday's season opener against Asbury (Ky.) College

"We'll use quite a few guys. We have some depth that we haven't had in the past. We'll go with five post players and six or seven guards."

NOEL EMEHISER, MU coach

in the Spring Arbor Tip-Off Tournament.

Among the key returnees include 6-foot junior guard Josh Gay, 6-8 senior center Geoff Gaylor (6.6 ppg, 5.5 rpg) and 6-7 senior forward Ryan Waidmann of Canton (6.3 ppg, 5.3 rpg).

"We'll use quite a few guys," Emenhiser said. "We have some depth that we haven't had in the past. We'll go with five post players and six or seven guards."

"We'll do more defensively as well. We'll pressure the ball harder and use our players in shorter spurts in four or five minute pieces. We want to turn the opposing point guard the other way so teams won't walk comfortably into their offense."

Other returnees for the Crusaders include 6-4 junior forward Tyler Coker, who has been battling foot and ankle injuries; 6-4 junior guard Mitch Cieslak; 6-0 junior guard Mike Clark; 6-5 sophomore guard Dragan Bjelic; 6-6 sophomore forward Fred Williams; 6-5 sophomore forward Connor Leidal (Livonia Franklin); and 6-9 junior center Gordon Hyde.

"We'll get more into transition, push the ball and score quicker to put pressure on the

defense," Emenhiser said. "We averaged 63 points per game last year, but we worked too hard on each and every possession."

Derek Lennan, a promising 6-6 freshman from Schoolcraft (High School), will get an ample opportunity to play up front for the Crusaders.

Other newcomers include Matt Jenkins (Plymouth/Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard), Antoine Trapp (Inkster/Robichaud/Southwestern Academy) and Travis Schuba (Rapid City/Kalkaska).

"Our non-conference schedule is a challenge, but not quite as daunting as last year," Emenhiser said. "We play Eastern Michigan (Nov. 17), open with Asbury (Ky.) and played teams that have also received (NAIA) votes like Spring Arbor and Huntington College (Ind.). We'll be tested, but if we play to our potential, those games should be a good prep for the conference."

Emenhiser believes his squad has the potential to move up in the WHAC standings.

"We just have better bodies and I'm optimistic we'll do better than we're picked," he said.

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS
CLASS A
at GARDEN CITY
Friday, Nov. 5: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 at Livonia Churchill vs. Detroit Cass Tech district champion.)
at TAYLOR TRUMAN
Friday, Nov. 5: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Wyandotte Roosevelt vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford district champion.)
CLASS B
at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Friday, Nov. 5: Championship final, 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Tuesday, Nov. 9, at New Boston Huron vs. Detroit Central district champion.)
CLASS D
at LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Thursday, Nov. 4: Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Lutheran Westland, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7:30

p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes vs. Birmingham Roeper district champion.)
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Nov. 6
(MHSAA Finals at Brooklyn, MIS)
Division 4 Boys, 10 a.m.; Division 3 Boys, 10:30 a.m.; Division 4 Girls, 11 a.m.; Division 3 Girls, 11:30 a.m.; Division 2 Boys, 1:30 p.m.; Division 1 Boys, 2 p.m.; Division 2 Girls, 2:30 p.m.; Division 1 Girls, 3 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Friday, Nov. 5
Kensington Prelims at S.L. East, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6
Kensington Conf. Meet at S.L. East, noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Nov. 4
Madonna at Cornerstone, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 5
(NJCAA-Division II District E Tourney at Grand Rapids CC Ford Fieldhouse)
Schoolcraft vs. Columbus St. (Ohio), 6 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Nov. 6
(WHAC Playoffs Quarterfinal)
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Canton's Independence Park, noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Nov. 6
(NJCAA Division I District Final)
Schoolcraft at Waubensee (Ill.), 1 p.m.
(WHAC Playoffs Quarterfinal)
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Canton's Independence Park, 2:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Nov. 5
(Spring Arbor Tip-Off Tournament)
Madonna vs. Asbury College (Ky.), 6 p.m.
Spring Arbor vs. Lourdes (Ohio), 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6
(Erie, N.Y. CC Tournament)
Schoolcraft vs. Lakeland (Ohio), 3 p.m.
Erie CC (N.Y.) vs. Niagara (N.Y.), 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 7
Erie CC (N.Y.) Tourney, noon & 2 p.m.

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serve so the Horton girls don't get the set. It's really a matter of refocusing and a couple of reminders."

The Rockets closed out the first set and then found themselves in a dogfight during the second as Wayne took a 22-20 lead.

But Glenn rallied by outscoring the Zebras, who made five service errors of their own, 5-1 down the stretch to take a 2-0 lead.

The Rockets then owned set three and took command when sophomore setter Clarie Truskowski served four straight aces for a 19-13 advantage.

"Serving has been key for us all year," Wayne coach Deb Mills said. "I don't know why what happened this time."

"When we get in a slump with our serve receive, we just sometimes have a hard time pulling out. That happens."

Glenn's hitting attack got a boost from junior Jordyn

Coniam, who finished with a team-best 10 kills. Senior outside hitter Hallie Baker added nine.

"She's usually up there," Hubbard said of Coniam. "Halie Baker is our kill leader, but Jordan definitely took charge tonight and we really needed it. We needed somebody to take charge, and she was definitely up to the task."

Truskowski finished with six aces and teamed up with junior Sarah Headrick for 33 assist-to-kills. Katelyn McNally also chipped in with six kills.

Meanwhile, senior libero Brooke Zywick was all over the floor defensively and finished with 46 digs.

"I'm going to be so sad when she graduates," Hubbard said. "She's come a long way in the last couple of years. I'm so proud of her. I'm so proud to have her in my backcourt. She digs everything. She's amazing."

Keri Horton added 10 digs for Wayne, while senior Alyssa Florn and junior Shelby Hooper contributed seven

apiece.

"Our Horton girls are great at the net," Mills said. "They're both being looked at by Big Ten universities. They're front row. We base our whole team around them. Passing and setting, then comes the hits — name of the game."

Mills is already looking forward to the future.

"We're only losing three seniors," said Mills, whose team finishes 21-31-4 overall. "All three of them played, so we'll hurt a little bit from it. But we have a strong freshman team we're going to pull from, and great coaching on the lower levels, so we should be better than we were this year."

"We've improved so much even though our record doesn't show it. We're in our second year of rebuilding and making great progress in our program. I'm looking forward to see what next year brings."

And with another year of seasoning for the Horton sisters, Wayne could be more of a factor next year.

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Wydryck key to MU fortunes

BY BRAD EMONS
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Despite being picked fourth in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's preseason coaches poll, optimism is running high for the Madonna University women's basketball team.

Led by honorable mention All-American and first-team All-WHAC selection Tabatha Wydryck, the Crusaders return a veteran cast from last year's 14-15 squad which reached the WHAC playoff final before losing to Davenport.

Wydryck, a 6-foot-1 senior guard from Wyandotte, led MU in scoring a year ago with 11.1 points per game while pulling in a team-leading 8.2

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rebounds. She also handed out 114 assists, had 89 steals and 32 blocks.

The Riverview Gabriel Richard grad needs just 34 points to become the ninth member of the 1,000-point club at MU.

Also returning for the Crusaders is 6-1 sophomore center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson), who averaged 10.3 points and 5.8 rebounds per game; Shantelle Herring, a 5-8 sophomore guard (9.7 ppg); 5-4 junior guard Erin Bentley; 5-7 sophomore guard Heather Pratt; 5-9 sophomore guard Kristie Porada; 5-6 junior guard

Stacey Szerlag; and 5-2 junior guard Katie Martin.

Newcomers include two transfers from Oakland Community College — 6-2 junior center Becca Wojcinski and 5-9 junior guard Megan Murphy.

Also in the mix is 5-9 freshman guard Rachel Melcher (Birmingham Marian); 5-10 freshman forward Kayleigh McCollum (Muskegon Catholic Central); 5-9 freshman guard Susan Matthews-Dragich (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central); and 5-10 freshman forward Carrie Kloster (Ida).

MU opened its 2010-11 season Wednesday night at home against Marygrove College.

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it. They've got a good team. I'm not going to call them the Huron Valley of old so-to-speak — and it's kind of a mean comment — but they've gotten a lot better. They have some girls that can hit and they played well."

On Saturday, the Warriors went 0-4 in the Bloomfield Hills Andover Tournament losing to Bay City Central (16-25, 22-25), host Andover (20-25, 21-25), Waterford Mott (18-25, 14-25) and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (21-25, 25-18, 13-15).

And in the MIAC Blue Division Tournament Thursday at Michigan Elite Sports Center in Warren, the Warriors finished 2-1 losing to Allen Park Inter-City (20-25, 22-25), while defeating Southfield Christian (25-23, 25-23) and Lutheran

Northwest (25-18, 23-25, 26-24).

Playing mistake-free was Wade's main goal going into the Huron Valley rematch.

"Coming in we've just got to make the adjustment of making less errors — we had a ton of errors," he said. "So it was get the ball in, make a play, and if they turn around on us and kill us, there's nothing you can do about that."

The Hawks, who bowed out at 17-15-3 overall, got six kills from Paige Sharrow and four kills and 11 digs from senior Leah Miller.

Junior setter Paige Schmidt finished with 13 assists, while freshman Lexus Medina added six blocks. Meghan Kubinski, a junior, also recorded five kills.

"We played a little too nervous, a little too tentative," HVL coach Mike Dest said. "We weren't aggressive like we've been all year. We got down every game — 6-0 and 7-0. It's hard to come back

from that.

"They played good, but we made it way too easy on them. We didn't hit any balls at them. I wish we could have given them more of a fight for sure. They played better than they did the other night. That's for sure. Again, we just had an off night. It happens."

The Hawks were coming off not only beating Lutheran Westland and Clarenceville, but also capturing the MIAC's Red Division crown on Thursday.

"It was a long week last week," Dest said. "We had a lot of big games. But give them (Lutheran Westland) credit. Hats off to them. They took advantage of the mistakes we made for sure."

"We had a good season — up and down. We have a couple of freshman. We definitely started to pull together at the end, but came up a little short at the end."

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KLAA SOUTH DIVISION GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET Oct. 30 at Salem (hosted by Plymouth)
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 672.50 points; 2. Plymouth, 580.50; 3. Livonia Franklin, 343.4; Livonia Churchill, 302.5; Westland John Glenn, 270; 6. Wayne Memorial, 82.
FINAL MEET RESULTS
200 medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Linda Erickson, Emily Toro, Rachel Huhta, Abbey Kelly), 1:55.73 seconds; 2. Canton (Kaitlyn Orr, Sara Krebs, Delaney Adams, Destinee Barmore-Hicks), 1:57.74; 3. John Glenn (Kali Aloisi, Khiry Sparks, Rachael Alholinna, Jennie Humbach), 2:02.94; 4. Churchill (Christina Fox, Amanda Washko, Brittany Gates, Allison Mayer), 2:03.41; 5. Plymouth (Celeste Alexander, Lydia Matson, Lydia Plencner, Casey Wing), 2:03.56; 6. Canton (Kaitlyn Dugas, Kelly Bedro, Catherine Irwin, Sara Schmitt), 2:03.98.
200 freestyle: 1. Stephanie Matsui (P), 2:01.96; 2. Kaitlyn Kozyn (LF), 2:02.11; 3. Madeline Madison (C), 2:03.30; 4. Emily Weiner (P), 2:07.47; 5. Kayla Eyster (C), 2:07.65; 6. Orr (C), 2:08.93; 7. Carolyn Stoddard (P), 2:10.19; 8. Catherine Studzinski (LF), 2:10.61.
200 IM: 1. Erickson (P), 2:18.49; 2. Adams (C), 2:19.61; 3. Toro (P), 2:19.64; 4. Natalie M. Cote (LF), 2:21.66; 5. Irwin (C), 2:24.25; 6. Hannah Jenkins (C), 2:25.72; 7. Aloisi (WJG), 2:32.16; 8. Bedro (C), 2:32.78.
50 freestyle: 1. Barmore-Hicks (C), 25.47; 2. Washko (LC), 25.86; 3. Huhta (P), 25.87; 4. Kelly (P), 26.43; 5. Lexi Ethier (P), 26.73; 6. S. Schmitt (C), 27.15; 7. Allison Mayer (LC), 27.19; 8. Maddy McLean (C), 27.43.
1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Clemeney (WJG), 353.80 points; 2. Robyn Piowar (C), 301.65; 3. Jennie Humbach (WJG), 252.50; 4. Yumi Nozawa (LC), 232.30; 5. Kaitlyn Gluth (C), 223.30; 6. Brooke C. Graham (WJG), 218.90; 7. Kennhra Burke (WJG), 211.45; 8. Katy Telega (P), 183.80.

100 butterfly: 1. Kayla Douglas (LF), 1:00.72; 2. Adams (C), 1:03.03; 3. Alholinna (WJG), 1:05.95; 4. Mayer (LC), 1:06.68; 5. Dugas (C), 1:08.03; 6. Plencner (P), 1:08.11; 7. Gates (LC), 1:08.50; 8. Rachel Barszcz (C), 1:09.91.
100 freestyle: 1. Barmore-Hicks (C), 55.56; 2. Cote (LF), 56.38; 3. Matsui (P), 56.58; 4. Washko (LC), 56.64; 5. Huhta (P), 58.13; 6. Kelly (P), 58.64; 7. S. Schmitt (C), 58.96; 8. Eyster (C), 59.54.
500 freestyle: 1. Kozyn (LF), 5:26.73; 2. M. Madison (C), 5:33.19; 3. Jenkins (C), 5:35.09; 4. Studzinski (F), 5:46.66; 5. Weiner (P), 5:53.44; 6. Christine Pray (C), 5:54.59; 7. Alholinna (WJG), 5:55.35; 8. Jenna Michniewicz (F), 6:02.90.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Matsui, Huhta, Kelly, Toro), 1:43.55; 2. Churchill (Washko, Gates, Fox, Mayer), 1:48.46; 3. Plymouth (Wing, Ethier, Stoddard, Weiner), 1:48.46; 4. Franklin (Douglas, Clarissa Roberts, Kozyn, Colleen Anthony), 1:48.56; 5. Canton (S. Schmitt, Eyster, Abby Madison, M. Madison), 1:51.05; 6. Canton (McLean, Bedro, Paige Goodwin, Jenkins), 1:51.20.
100 backstroke: 1. Douglas (LF), 58.10; 2. Erickson (P), 1:03.12; 3. Orr (C), 1:04.57; 4. Ethier (P), 1:08.80; 5. Irwin (C), 1:09.75; 6. Dugas (C), 1:10.01; 7. Michniewicz (LF), 1:11.31; 8. Plencner (P), 1:12.15.
100 breaststroke: 1. Krebs (C), 1:14.32; 2. Sparks (WJG), 1:14.44; 3. Toro (P), 1:15.48; 4. Matson (P), 1:16.42; 5. Bedro (C), 1:17.55; 6. Aloisi (WJG), 1:17.72; 7. A. Madison (C), 1:18.55; 8. Samidha Visai (P), 1:18.65.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Kozyn, Studzinski, Cote, Douglas), 3:47.97; 2. Plymouth (Matsui, Weiner, Stoddard, Erickson), 3:51.86; 3. Canton (Adams, M. Madison, Eyster, Barmore-Hicks), 3:51.86; 4. Canton (Orr, McLean, Krebs, Jenkins), 4:02.92; 5. Plymouth (Ethier, Kourtney Barber, Matson, Plencner), 4:08.97; 6. John Glenn (Aloisi, Humbach, Alholinna, Sparks), 4:13.44.

KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION MEET Oct. 30 at Novi
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. South Lyon; 535.5 points; 2. Northville, 507.5; 3. Novi, 484; 4. Salem, 353; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 303.
FINAL MEET RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Kacie VanBuskirk, Erin McCurry, Chanel Bonin, Paige Drazga), 1:51.87; 2. Northville (Sarah Garrity, Sarah Lohman, Shannon Lohman, Faith Miller), 1:54.29; 3. Novi (Andrea VanderMey, Sarah Sultana, Becca Berman, Madalyn Buha), 1:56.4; 4. Stevenson (Brenna Gabrielson, Julia Hurley, Ashley Reed, Savannah Hatt), 1:57.66; 5. Salem (Emily Nelson, Ashley Micek, Claire Amin, Abby Aumiller), 1:58.59; 6. Northville (Maddy Kipke, Catherine Cui, Riley Bruen, Leah Erlandson), 1:59.16.
200 freestyle: 1. Miller (N'ville), 1:59.99; 2.

Cui (N'ville), 2:01.45; 3. Kipke (N'ville), 2:01.74; 4. Lauren Seroka (Salem), 2:01.76; 5. Lia Nagata (N'ville), 2:02.3; 6. Briana Schoenek (N'ville), 2:02.48.
200 individual medley: 1. VanderMey (Novi), 2:15.17; 2. Bonin (SL), 2:17.81; 3. Amin (Salem), 2:19.47; 4. Julia Suriano (Salem), 2:20.70; 5. Sultana (Novi), 2:20.73; 6. Aumiller (Salem), 2:22.16.
50 freestyle: 1. Rachel Ecker (SL), 24.70; 2. Drazga (SL), 24.71; 3. Maranda Buha (Novi), 25.32; 4. Abby Hall (Novi), 25.82; 5. Madalyn Buha (Novi), 25.93; 6. Kara Berg (Novi), 26.13.
1-meter diving: 1. Rachel Eckler (SL), 400.00 points; 2. Andrea Meister (N'ville), 346.95; 3. Kayla Nunez (SL), 331.80; 4. Jennifer Jones (N'ville), 319.45; 5. Autumn Smith (SL), 317.65; 6. Kayla Marquardt (SL), 314.45.
100 butterfly: 1. Van Buskirk (SL), 59.6; 2. Hatt (LS), 1:00.39; 3. Berman (Novi), 1:00.86;

4. Bonin (SL), 1:01.39; 5. Maranda Buha (Novi), 1:01.92; 6. Sara Siemen (SL), 1:02.81.
100 freestyle: 1. Drazga (SL), 55.68; 2. Emilee Montini (LS), 56.88; 3. Hall (Novi), 57.26; 4. Suriano (Salem), 57.81; 5. Emily Butler (N'ville), 58.21; 6. Nelson (Salem), 58.49.
500 freestyle: 1. Berman (Novi), 5:14.92; 2. Green (SL), 5:20.86; 3. Schoenek (N'ville), 5:29.25; 4. Maddie Gorman (Salem), 5:29.58; 5. Aumiller (Salem), 5:29.84; 6. Jacques Carless (Novi), 5:33.24.
200 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Corinne Caldwell, Stormy Malarik, Green, Drazga), 1:40.88; 2. Stevenson (Hatt, Kaylee Dolinski, Montini, Kayla Perchall), 1:44.69; 3. Novi (Berg, Madalyn, Hall, Maranda Buha), 1:44.94; 4. Northville (Susan Morris, Butler, Nagata, Miller), 1:46.39; 5. Salem (Seroka, Amin, Gorman, Suriano), 1:47.32; 6. Northville (Lauren Jarzembowski, Lohman, Tori Hilmer), 1:47.32.

2:50.27.
100 backstroke: 1. VanBuskirk (SL), 1:01.33; 2. Kipke (N'ville), 1:03.18; 3. Nelson (Salem), 1:03.30; 4. Dana Morgan (Novi), 1:03.68; 5. Shaelyn Dolinski (LS), 1:03.86; 6. Lohman (N'ville), 1:04.02.
100 breaststroke: 1. Cui (N'ville), 1:10.30; 2. Lohman (N'ville), 1:11.57; 3. Allie Tschirhart (Novi), 1:12.45; 4. McCurry (SL), 1:12.84; 5. VanderMey (Novi), 1:13.06; 6. Kallie Krueger (SL), 1:14.42.
400 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Bonine, Caldwell, Green, VanBuskirk), 3:40.43; 2. Stevenson (Hatt, K. Dolinski, Perchall, Sarah Cauzillo), 3:44.73; 3. Novi (Maranda Buha, Berman, Berg, VanderMey), 3:48.43; 4. Northville (Cui, Nagata, Kipke, Miller), 3:48.47; 5. Salem (Aumiller, Suriano, Seroka, Nelson), 3:52.69; 6. Northville (Lohman, Schoenek, Erlandson, Morris), 3:55.82.

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Westland church celebrates anniversary with special service

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westland will mark its 75th anniversary with a special service of thanksgiving and hope on Sunday, Nov. 7. The celebration's theme is "Faithful, Faithful, Faithful," three words that members say have defined the church since it was founded on Nov. 10, 1935 in Garden City.

The special service, at 10 a.m., is designed to thank God for blessing the congregation. It will be the only service on Nov. 7.

Many past and current members, including former pastors and teachers, are expected to attend the celebration. The service will include special vocal music. Past choir members may join the current choir in singing familiar anthems. A short rehearsal will be held prior to the service for the "alumni choir."

The event is open to the public. St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at 5885 Venoy; (734) 425-0260.



Alex Fadoir of Redford takes a break from slinging potato sacks in the truck that delivered them to Newburg United Methodist Church on Saturday, Oct. 30 in Livonia. Alex also was in the driver's seat for the food distribution project that brought together volunteers from the Society of St. Andrew and Detroit West District United Methodist Men.

Youth organizes potato project to reach out to the hungry

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Alex Fadoir "flipped out" a little when the tractor-trailer truck carrying 45,000 pounds of potatoes pulled into the parking lot last week at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

"I was afraid I wouldn't have enough volunteers," he said, adding with a laugh, "do you have another semi-truck full of helpers?"

But there was no need for worry. The 12-year-old Redford youth had rounded up approximately 30 volunteers to help unload the vegetables and distribute them to waiting cars, vans and trucks from local hunger programs.

The "Potato Drop" went "surprisingly fast" and everyone involved in the community service project "had a very good time," Alex said.

The Society of Saint Andrew, a grassroots, faith-based hunger relief nonprofit organization, works with churches and volunteers to salvage and distribute vegetables through its Potato and Produce Project. Farmers, volunteers and donors glean excess produce from farm fields after harvest and deliver it to feeding programs nationwide. Retailers reject the food because of slight imperfections in size, shape, sugar content or blemishes. The Society prevents the potatoes from ending up in landfills.

"Billions of dollars are wasted every year because a lot of food that could feed every homeless person is not pretty enough to go in the (supermarket) stand," Alex said, adding that it was his dad, Ronald, who made him aware of the Society's mission.

"He brought home a pamphlet and said, 'hey, this is up your alley. I've heard of picking up dinner scraps because you don't want it to go to waste, but not dumping out an entire field of food.'

"I didn't know that much food was wasted or I would have done this when I was 6. When I do hear about things like wasted food I act on it."

Alex is part of a youth group at his church that has helped fix houses and rake yards. He said he enjoys community service and that the potato project that he organized at Newburg United Methodist Church — along with his dad's help — will count toward community service hours for the Junior Honor Society at Pierce Middle School in Redford.

Volunteers came from his church, The Society of Saint Andrew, Detroit West District United Methodist Men, St. James United Methodist Church in Westland, Boy Scout Troop 1539 in Plymouth where he's a member, Cub Scout Pack 743, among others.

Potatoes went to such destinations as Garden City United Methodist Church, Bethel Baptist Food Pantry in Southgate, Wayne Soup Kitchen in Wyandotte and St. Patrick Senior Center and Food Pantry.

When he's not slinging potato sacks for charity, Alex plays percussion in the prep band at school and is an avid "Trekkie," a fan of the Star Trek television and movie series.



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JEAN ANN BAUMGARTNER

Age 72 of Manistee, passed away Tuesday morning, November 2, 2010 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was born January 31, 1938 in Detroit the daughter of the late Charles and Blanche (Vanderhill) Mendrea. Jean married William Martin Baumgartner on July 20, 1957 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City, MI. Jean was a homemaker who raised 5 children and loved cooking for them and spending time with them. In her spare time, she loved to read. She is survived by her husband William M. Baumgartner; children, Catherine Horning, William Jr. (Donna) Baumgartner, Judith Lockard, Cheryl Lynn Baumgartner, Charles Dwight Baumgartner; 8 grandchildren; 2 brothers, Charles (Karen) Mendrea, Dave (Jeannie) Mendrea; and sister, Carol (Mike) Kuehl. Cremation has taken place at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee. A memorial service will be held next summer in Garden City. Memorial contributions in Jean's name may be directed to the American Heart Association. The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to Oak Grove Cremation Center.



PHYLLIS JUNE PORTA

Heaven bound: June, 82, of Dearborn Heights, MI, went home to be with the Lord. Born in Altoona, PA to Kenneth and Geraldine McIntire on November 26, 1927. Beloved wife of the late Robert Richard Porta and loving mother of Gerry Wiatr, Robert Porta, Penny (Angelo) Carlisi, Cindy (Conrad) Wald, Tammy Ellis and Tracy (Michael) Wacławski. Grandmother of twelve and great-grandmother of nine. Sister of Kenneth McIntire. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010 at Warren Road Free Methodist Church, Westland, MI. In lieu of flowers please send donations to International Childcare Ministries (childcareministries.org).

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DONNA JUNE MULLINS NEE KEATING

Born in Detroit July 12, 1929, went to God Nov. 1, 2010. Formerly of Westland, lately of South Lyon. Wife of the late Cecil H. Mullins. Mother of Laura Moore (John), Richard Mullins (deceased), & Robert J. Mullins, Sr. (Ann) Grandmother to Sean Wallace, Sr (Sally), John Moore (Caroline), Melissa Turner (Kevin); Robert, Kelly, Richard, Danny & Matt Mullins. Great Grandmother of Sean, Jr. Valeri & William Wallace; Curtis & Cecilia Moore; Connor Mullins & Jayden Morales. At her request, there will be no services.

BARBARA JEAN RIFFLE

Age 67, of Livonia, passed away on October 28, 2010. Loving wife of the late Barry Edward Riffle. Beloved mother of Chris (Pamela) Riffle, Catherine Coker and Elizabeth Riffle. Proud grandmother of Corinne Riffle, Lauren Coker, Savannah Coker and Sydney Coker. Great grandmother of Jordan and Jaden. Dear sister of Judith Borsig and Joyce (Tom) Hollen. A memorial service will be held on Friday 2:00pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. A memorial gathering will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 4-9pm. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

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Doctor takes pain out of bunion surgery

For decades, the thought of bunion surgery was synonymous with painful and long recovery. Many felt that bunion pain was preferable to undergoing surgery because it is commonly referred to as being the most painful surgery out there.

Today, breakthroughs in bunion surgery, either the



Watson

Keller or Tri-Correctional Bunionection SM, have set a new standard in painless surgery with significantly faster recovery. Dr. W. Steven Watson

of Canton Foot Specialists is one of only five physicians in Michigan who is trained, and experienced, in performing the Tri-Correctional surgery. Operating out of Garden City Hospital and the Oakwood Hospital System, he and his staff have not only mastered the new technique, but they understand the importance of treating the psychological aspects of pain.

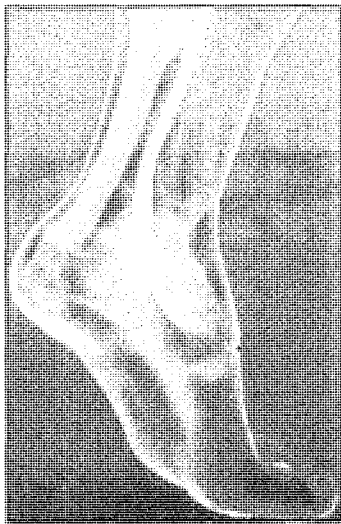
The initial office visit includes a review of the options for which is the appropriate surgery for that patient, and every visit thereafter includes a review of the Wong-Baker pain gauge, and effective pain management, if pain exists. The staff knows the importance of listening, looking for clues for the cause of pain and offering solutions.

The absence of pain is a major factor in faster healing, but the functional differences in these surgeries are also critical to recovery. Making the incision on the side of the toe, not the top, minimizes pain and scarring. Repositioning the bone, not just removing the bunion, fixes the cause of the bunion, so recurrence is rare. Being able to walk in street shoes so soon after surgery accelerates the return to work and normal activities.

A bunion is the result of a misaligned toe joint, usually involving the big toe, and is one of the most common complaints of the foot. It results in an enlarged and painful big toe joint. Heredity plays a large part, but wearing ill-fitting dress shoes or sports shoes can accelerate the bunion's growth.

Because the big toe bears most of your body's weight every time your foot pushes off the ground, a bunion can make every step a painful event and finding shoes to accommodate the swollen joint can be nearly impossible.

The old method of surgery allows no weight-bearing activity for weeks, requiring the use of crutches or a walk-



From bunions to hammer toes and flat feet, Canton Foot Specialists have been providing relief for the foot and ankle conditions of patients for more than 30 years.

er. It results in a long scar on top of the toe, and this, only after as much as six months of recovery before returning to normal activities.

The Tri-Correctional surgery is radically different in several very important ways:

- Limited weight-bearing activity is allowed as soon as four days post-surgery.
- The patient can wear normal shoes in as little as 2-3 weeks.
- The scarring is limited to a minimal scar on the side of the toe.
- The return to normal activities is usually three-six weeks.
- Pain after surgery is minimal.

However, the Tri-Correctional Bunionection is not suitable for every patient. At older ages, that big toe joint is the most common site of arthritis in the foot and the joint can be unstable, lack sufficient bone mass or have degenerated from gout or osteoporosis.

In cases where the patient's condition or other factors such as age or lack of mobility would prohibit a more complex foot surgery, the Keller Bunionection can be used for a severely arthritic toe joint. This technique also surgically removes the bunion, but in this case soft tissue is repositioned between the bones in the big toe joint to cushion it as it replaces the damaged bone that was removed. As in the Tri-Correctional method, recovery is minimal and post-operative pain is nearly nonexistent when the surgery is performed in this method.

Lee Boslooper, of Grosse Ile said someone told her years ago to never let anyone mess with your feet. However, she had a bunion and arthritis in her toe, and everything hurt her feet.

Watson performed a Keller Bunionection in August. "From the initial consulta-

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Location: Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, Suite 307, 6255 N. Inkster Road, Garden City, and 43050 Ford Road, Suite 150, Canton

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tion, to the surgery and the follow-up appointments, everything was wonderful," Lee said. "His staff is so kind and caring and Dr. Watson knew exactly what I needed." After only three weeks, Lee was back in a regular shoe and she's walking a mile a day now.

Inherent in the Tri-Correctional or Keller Bunionection, as performed by Watson is pain management, and specifically, the prevention of pain. During surgery, anti-inflammatory medications as well as anesthetics are injected into the surgical site, thereby rendering the post-surgery experience to be virtually pain-free, often without the need for narcotic pain medicines.

As one of five surgeons in Michigan who are trained in the Tri-Correctional surgery, Watson said that "many physicians stay within the training they received as a resident physician, I've always wanted to know more than just the book knowledge and to find what works best," he said.

Bunions have been the silent cause of chronic pain, limiting daily activities and a search in catalogs for elusive relief. Watson is bringing a solution that offers freedom from pain, and a speedy return to a full and active life.

Lee's advice: "Don't put off having the bunions removed. Don't live a life of misery because you don't have to anymore; it's fixable. It's a wonderful opportunity to get yourself back on your feet, pain-free."

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Elements of Exercise

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9-Dec. 14

Location: Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City

Details: Elements of Exercise will be offering a six-week Butts and Guts class at the community center. The cost is \$36 per person. A Zumba class is available

6-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4-Dec. 16, also for \$36. Take two days for the price of \$60.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 793-1850 or go online to www.elementsofexercise.com.

Free meals for veterans

Time/Date: noon to 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11

Location: Texas Roadhouse, 36750 Ford, Westland

Details: The Texas Roadhouse restaurant is inviting veterans and current military from across the area to enjoy free meals

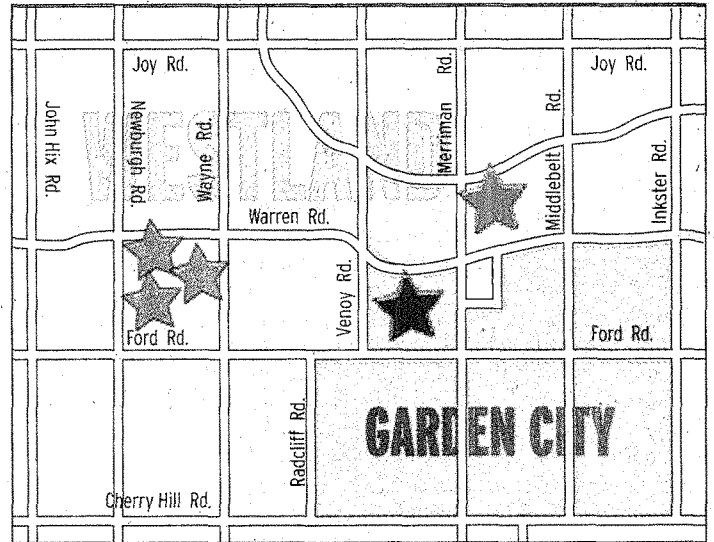
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Contact: For information, call (734) 729-4570.

Time/Date: 3-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11

Location: Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road north of Ford, Westland

Details: Mr. Mike's is serving a free turkey dinner for all veterans in recognition of your service to



our country.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 729-6453.

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to midnight Thursday, Nov. 11

Location: Applebee's, 36475 Warren Road, Westland

Details: Applebee's is participating in a Veterans Day free meal program. You must be for service personnel who are on active duty military or are a veteran. Wear your uniform, show a military ID, bring an earnings statement or any membership card from a veterans organization to prove eligibility. Choose from six meal choices, including a chicken dish, steak, hamburger, vegetarian or pasta.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 467-7215.

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Time/Date: 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5

Location: Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, north of Warren Road, Westland

Details: Join to Salute to the Superstars and the Hawthorne Valley Country Club

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Contact: For more information, call (734) 422-3440.

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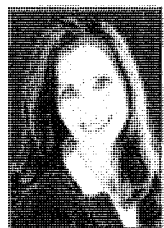
Details: Attention CPAP and BiPAP users. Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the, any Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. **Contact:** (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

Game on: Brush up to stay competitive

We've probably all heard some version of the concept that it's insane to repeat the same behavior and expect different results. This, of course, implies that repeating the same behavior will in fact produce the same results. However, these days we can only wish that doing the same thing would produce the same results. Instead, in the business world the reality is this.

Doing the same things we've always done WILL NOT produce the same results we've always gotten.

Today's fast-moving business environment demands that we tune up our game and learn new plays if we want to achieve the same results in the current economy that we used to achieve during better economic times. This is even more critical if we want to



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achieve superior results.

Today, companies are at risk if they assume that the same old marketing or customer service techniques from past years will continue to produce the same results. Likewise, employees are at risk if they think the skills they had when they got the job are the same skills that will be required keep the job. We absolutely must continually "brush up" to improve our competitiveness or risk becoming irrelevant.

Just look around. Many college students graduating today have great new skills. Many veteran employees getting laid off have great professional experience. For those of us with a job who want to stay at the front of our field, it's game on. People who are unemployed already know how competitive the marketplace is. It's those of us who are currently employed that need to wake up and smell the

new economy - or risk getting benched.

So today, let's ask ourselves what enhancements we can make to our skills - or what improvements we can make to our businesses - to ensure that we remain the top choice for our employers and customers.

Let's stay in the game and have a sunny day!

Clarity Patton Newhouse

P.S. "Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Albert Einstein, according to some Internet sources. This quote has been attributed to other people as well after Einstein.

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Animation festival looks at history of cartoons

BY SHARON DARGAY
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Steve Stanchfield guarantees the audience at Redford Theatre will be surprised when it meets Koko, Droopy, Cubby and other seldom-seen cartoon characters on Nov. 13.

Stanchfield, an animated film collector, Ann Arbor studio owner and cartoon creator and a teacher at College for Creative Studies (CCS) in Detroit, will present a dozen rare classic cartoons, including two silent cartoons, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the theater, located at the northeast corner of Grand River Ave. and Lahser, in Detroit's Old Redford neighborhood. Admission is \$5 and includes free parking.

"Most are fairly rare. I love showing people things they haven't seen. There's one called *Pickled Puss* that I bet hasn't been shown in the theater in 50 years," Stanchfield said.

"Animation Rarities Festival," will include cartoons from the 1920s-50s, all from Stanchfield's private collection, which he started as a teenager.

"There used to be film magazines that were like a flea market of film," he said. "There's always been a collector's market. Those people are more responsible for collecting and preservation more than any one."

Stanchfield also has worked on several projects that compiled classic cartoons into DVD sets. He appears on camera with commentary for a three-DVD set of Popeye the Sailor cartoons. He's currently compiling a set of animated shorts, *Private Snafu*, that were created by Warner Brothers Studios during World War II for the military. The set will be available through Amazon.com next month.

Through his Thunderbean studio in Ann Arbor, he has worked as an animator on films for clients, including portions of the *Ambiguously Gay Duo* series of cartoon shorts for *Saturday Night Live*.

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"The great thing about animation is that I get to work with great people. I think I've been fortunate

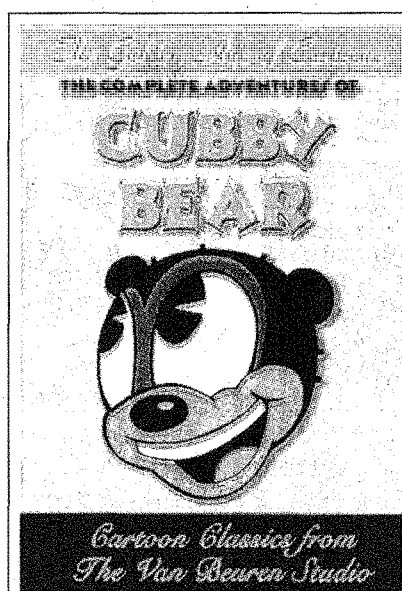
because I've been able to run a little thing out here in Michigan and I've been able to find CCS and help new animators. I enjoy working in animation and watching the old films. There is a sort of magic to it."

Stanchfield said early 20th century animated short films evolved from comic strips published in newspapers. The cartoons were designed like three- or four-panel comic strips, without much thought given to personality, character and individual movement.

"If you look at the early Popeye or Betty Boop, they all move almost the same. The Golden Age of cartoons starts with Felix the Cat because of the animator's abil-

ity to put personality into the character," he said. "Disney expands that further with *Three Little Pigs* and *Snow White*."

Cartoons initially were shown in movie theaters, along with travel film shorts and a feature film. They often reflected the realities of life in the time and place were produced. During the Great Depression, for example, fine artists and illustrators in New York found jobs in cartoon studios. Stanchfield said many of the cartoons that came out of the city during that era were "urban nightmares," showing the gritty, dirty streets of the city. By contrast, cartoons that came from California-based studios were drawn by animators who originally worked with Disney in Kansas City, Mo. Their animated shorts often were set on the Mississippi River, where farms and barnyards populated the scenery.



Cubby Bear was one of many Mickey Mouse look-alikes featured in cartoons of the early 1930s.

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Cubby Bear, which Stanchfield will screen at the Redford Theatre, focuses on a house repossession in the early 1930s. In

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Koko the Clown interacts with cartoon and live-action toys in a 1925 silent film that will be screened Nov. 13, along with 11 other animated shorts at the Redford Theatre.

FESTIVAL

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the cartoon, Cubby, a Mickey Mouse look-alike, calls in barking dogs to save the day, take back his girlfriend's repossessed house and offer a "strange idea of justice."

"The dogs beat the hell out of the landlord, take over the house and strip his skin off" which is worn as a fur coat, Stanchfield said.

"Through 1933 cartoons had a rubbery, anything can happen loose feel. Then two things in 1934 changed that forever. Disney made cartoons with more character" and the Legion of Decency Production

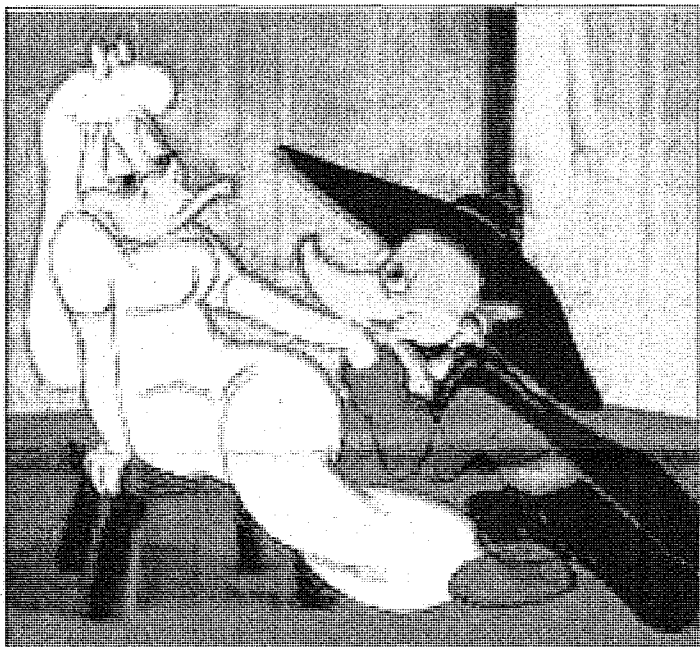
Code also was created.

When television emerged in the early 1950s, cartoons began to disappear from movie screens, eventually making their way into homes by the early 1960s.

Stanchfield said better writing by "new blood" in the animation field emerged in the 1980s with such cartoons as *The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse* and *The Simpsons*.

"The challenge to the next generation is to make better stuff, like Pixar did, like the classic animators at Disney did."

For more information about the Redford Theatre, e-mail to Janice McNiel at GoodTimes@RedfordTheatre.com.



Daisy and Daffy Duck tell a wacky swashbuckling tale in the "Scarlet Pumpernickel."

ART

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Through Nov. 14

Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: "Diverse Forms, Diverse Meanings," with works by Schoolcraft College Art Faculty, Robert Bielat, Sarah Olson and Ellen Moucoulis

Contact: (734) 420-0775

City Gallery

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, through Nov. 16

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Paintings and prints by Munazza Naeem, an instructor at the Windsor, Ontario Printmaker's Forum, where she teaches drawing, painting, and printmaking, are on exhibit

Contact: (248) 473-1856

Downtown Milford

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6

Location: Downtown Milford's art galleries and studios, including The Joyce Cantalini Studio, Janice Dumas, Heiner Hertling, Pam O'Neil, Blackberry Mountain, Aubergine Studio, Main Street Art, and Wind River Gallery

Details: Finding Mona: Gallery and Studio Tour, sponsored by the Milford Downtown Development Authority and Huron Valley Council for the Arts. Music and artist demonstrations, including spinning, knitting and portraiture, are featured at selected galleries and studios. Guests will have the chance to meet many of the artists whose work is displayed. Buy tickets at HVCA, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland and Main Street Art, 432 N. Main, in Milford. Tour maps will be available at both ticket sites

Contact: (248) 889-8660 for Huron Valley Council for the Arts or (248) 684-1004 for Main Street Art

First Friday Art Walk

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m., Nov. 5

Location: Downtown Northville

Details: Participants will enjoy a night filled with art exhibits, art demonstrations and related events. Many of the businesses along the walk offer complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages for their guests as they browse or shop

Contact: www.downtownnorthville.org

Northville Art House

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5, reception and market kickoff. Market continues through Dec. 3

Location: 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

Details: 6th Annual Northville Holiday Art market with hand-crafted work in pottery, fiber, jewelry and painting for sale by local artists

Contact: (248) 344-0497

The Gallery@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 29; artist reception, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Acrylic works by Brian Zupanick

Contact: (734) 394-5300

GET OUT



"Stroll in Central Park" is among the acrylic paintings by Brian Zpanick on display through Nov. 29 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton.



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Blue Steel Jazz Band

Time/Date: Originally scheduled for Nov. 8

Location: Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth

Details: Will be rescheduled in spring 2011

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m.

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Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Willie Barcana, through Nov. 6; Phil Palisaul, Nov. 10-13; Daniel Dugar, Nov. 17-20; Chrissy Burns, Nov. 24-27;

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Dave Attell, Nov. 4-6; Mike Lukas, Nov. 11-13; Lisa Landry, Nov. 18-20; Dave Landau, Nov. 26-27; Paul Mecurio, Dec. 2-4; O'Brien & Valdez, Dec. 9-11; David Dyer, Dec. 16-18; Dan Grueter, Dec. 30-31

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Jake Shimabukuro, Nov. 4; Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas, Nov. 5; De Temps Antan, Dec. 6; Railroad Earth, Dec. 7; The Autumn Defense, Nov. 8; Will Kimbrough, Nov. 9; open mic night, Nov. 10; Mindy Smith, Nov. 11; Enter the Haggis, Nov. 12; Frog Island Festival Revival - Ark 14th Annual Fall Fund-raiser, Nov. 13; The Flatlanders, Nov. 14; Melissa Manchester, Nov. 16; Danielle Ate The Sandwich, Nov. 17; Graham Colton, Nov. 18; The RFD Boys, Nov. 19; Gandalf Murphy & The Slambobian Circus of Dreams, Nov. 20; Shawn Colvin, Nov. 21; To Katzman, Nov. 23; Matt Watroba, Nov. 26; Mr. B presents Steve Nardella Band Reunion featuring George Bedard, Nov. 27; Gemini, Nov. 28; The Belleville Outfit, Nov. 28; Matt White, Nov. 30; JJ Grey & Mofro, Dec. 1; Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials, Dec. 2; Orpheum Bell, Dec. 3; The Gibson Brothers, Dec. 4; Over the Rhine, Dec. 5; John Berry, Dec. 6; Lee Murdock; No. 7; Greensky Bluegrass, Dec. 8; 9th Annual Concert for Peace, Dec. 9; Lucy Kaplansky, Dec. 10; The Electric Guitar Summit, Dec. 11; Cairn to Cairn, Dec. 12; Decembersongs, Dec. 14; Delbert McClinton, Dec. 15; Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band, Dec. 16; Crossroads Ceili, Dec. 17-18; Riders in the Sky, Dec. 19; Fred Eaglesmith, Dec. 31

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- **Hummus** — Set out several flavors of hummus and some pita bread and flatbreads for a savory, protein-rich appetizer.

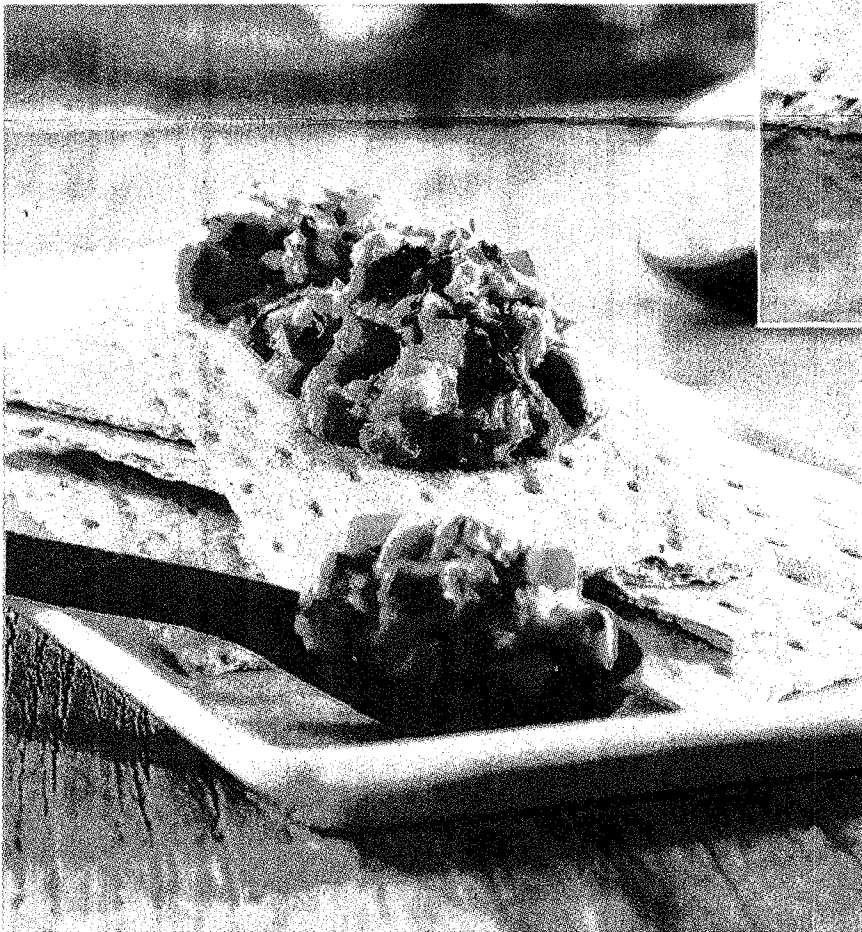
- **Caprese salad** — This Italian delight made of sliced low-fat mozzarella cheese, sliced tomatoes and fresh basil, drizzled with a little olive oil, will satisfy your guests as they enjoy this delicious snack that's also good for them.

- **Spiced nuts** — Nuts have good fats, protein, vitamins and minerals. Set out bowls of roasted nuts flavored with chili and lime, wasabi, garlic or — as a sweet surprise — cocoa.

- **Create your own original dips and spreads** — like a delicious avocado spread or a flavored, low-fat cream cheese dip — to serve alongside whole grain flatbreads.

- **Mini sweets** — Instead of huge pieces of fattening cheesecake or carrot cake, make lighter versions and bake them up mini-sized. A few bites of deliciousness are all your happy guests will need.

These recipes from Wasa are perfect for entertaining a large crowd — or even if you're just looking for some new snack ideas — and feature new Wasa Thin & Crispy Flatbreads. The thin whole grain crackers have a delicious taste and are the perfect healthier alternative to buttery crackers that provide a satisfying crunch. Plus, the topping possibilities are endless — think of them as a blank canvas for creating countless varieties of party appetizers and every day meals that are uniquely your own. For more information and recipe ideas, visit www.wasa-usa.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wasa.

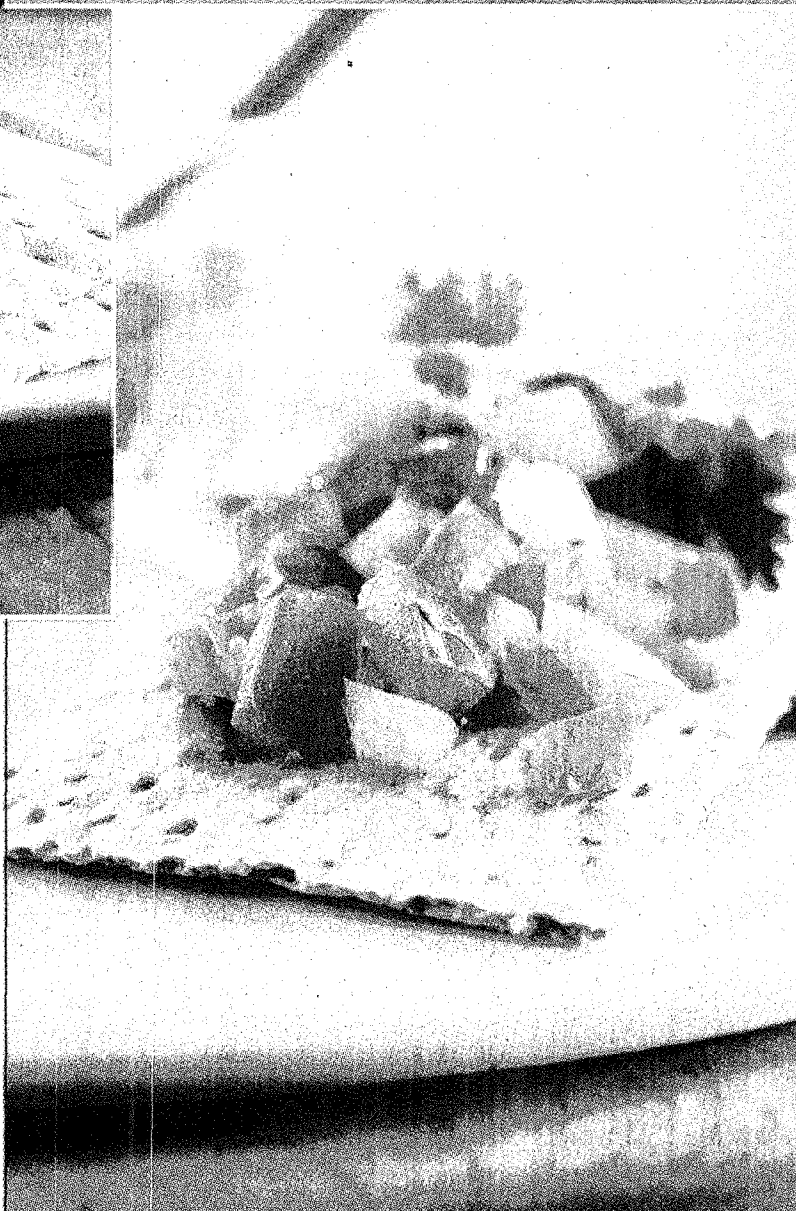


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Dice avocado and mash with red peppers, olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper.
Spread mixture onto flatbreads and sprinkle with chopped parsley.



FLATBREAD WITH TOMATO, FETA AND CUCUMBER

Serves 6

6 Wasa Thin & Crispy Rosemary Flatbreads
1 cup low-fat feta cheese
1 pint cherry tomatoes, quartered
1 teaspoon parsley, chopped
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon olive oil
Salt, to taste
Black pepper, to taste
1 cucumber, thinly sliced

Crumble feta cheese into small pieces.
Combine tomato and feta cheese with parsley, lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper.

Top each flatbread with cucumber slices.
Place tomato and feta mixture over the top of the cucumber slices.

FLATBREAD WITH TOMATO SALSA

Serves 6

6 Wasa Thin & Crispy Sesame Flatbreads
2 heirloom tomatoes, your favorite variety
½ teaspoon fresh jalapeño, chopped
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 teaspoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon cilantro, chopped
Salt, to taste
Black pepper, to taste

Dice tomatoes into small pieces. Chop jalapeño and cilantro.
Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Mix well. Drain extra liquid.
Top flatbreads with salsa.

— Courtesy Family Features

Clown cupcakes

Livonia — Just Baked will donate \$1 to The Parade Company for every "Clownie" cupcake sold through Nov. 14 at its Livonia, Royal Oak, Novi and Ann Arbor locations.

Every customer who buys a Clownie cupcake will be entered into a drawing to win four grandstand tickets for the 84th America's Thanksgiving Parade on Thursday, Nov. 25. There

will be a four-pack of tickets given away at each Just Baked location.

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Rare truffles

Southfield — Now through December, Bacco Ristorante will enhance four dishes — Asparagi e Uova, Gnocchi al Tarufo Bianco, Taglierini Bianchi and Vitello all'Albese — with white truffles,

which are shaved paper thin and used as a raw garnish.

A majority of white truffles come from around the town of Alba, in the Piedmont region of Italy. Truffle hunters often use trained dogs to find the "white diamonds" which are buried near tree roots.

Bacco Ristorante is open Monday-Saturday for lunch and dinner. It's located at 29410 Northwestern Highway; (248) 647-1289.

Veterans meals

Westland — Veterans and current military members and their families can eat for free on Veteran's Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, at Texas Roadhouse. All veterans or active military members who wear their uniforms or show military identification will be honored guests from noon to 10 p.m. at the restaurant, 36750 Ford Road; (734) 729-4570.

Wine and dinner

Farmington Hills — Chef Anne-Marie will prepare a Wine Harvest Dinner and demonstrate how to pair wines with food, Nov. 19 at the Longacre House, located on Farmington Road south of 11 Mile. "The Longacre House Cooking Show" will run 6:30-8:30 p.m. and include Chef Anne-Marie's three-course meal, along with wine sampling. Cost is \$30; (248) 473-1800.

CITY BITES

Dinner is a time to reconnect, instill values, enjoy each other

Do frequent family dinners make a difference?

Paul and Doreen Sharp of Plymouth, Allison Pascalo of Canton and Lois Saxe of Farmington Hills say they do.

They submitted photos of themselves with their families around the dinner table, along with essays explaining the importance of meal time together for the *Observer & Eccentric's* family dinner contest.

The Sharps and Saxe have won gift certificates from Kroger. Allison, 12, earned tickets to the Emagine Theatre, a signed copy of *Let's Fix Dinner* by

award-winning author and illustrator Todd Parr and coupons for free Buddy's pizza.

More than a decade of research by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University has consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs. Statistics show that eating

dinner together every night keeps the doors of communication open.

The Center launched a national movement, "Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children," to remind parents that frequent family dinners make a difference.

Read what the Sharps, Saxe and Allison say about the experience in their winning essays.



Members of the extended Saxe family of Farmington Hills eat dinner together on a cruise. They are Ann Calvo (left) with Isabela Calvo, Megan Saxe, and Ken Saxe. Louis Saxe is on the right side of the table in the background, seated next to Matt Saxe, Dorothy Saxe and Isabelle Hanrahan.

Farmington Hills resident recalls past family dinners

I have two grown children for whom daily family dinners were a part of their lives.

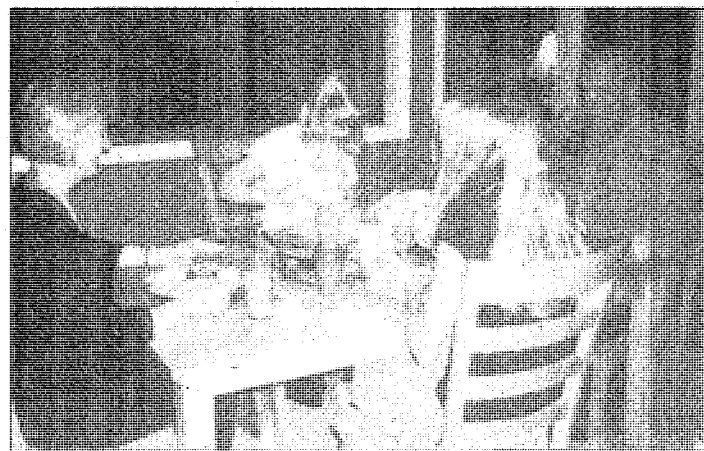
It wasn't just a time to sit at the table and eat the food. It was our time to be together, to share our day and to talk about a universe of topics. I put the dinner together; the kids set the table and dad kept the conversation moving. He loved to have discussions that were lively, reflective, challenging. And he loved to see his children grow by being a part of those discussions.

Now that they are grown, I can see how they benefited from those family dinners. Not just the fact that they have the proper "table manners," or that they both enjoy a wide variety of foods, but that they are comfortable being an integral part of any conversation. They are confident in their social skills, in voicing their opinions and in sharing their thoughts and feelings. They love spending time with their family — immediate and extended — catching up on each other's lives along with teasing and joking with them.

Along with those advantages, the more important outcome is their ability to be thoughtful and reflective in their own lives. I can see them living the values that their dad and I tried to instill in them.

From a parental viewpoint, I feel that the daily communication extended beyond the dinner table. Both have been quite open in their conversations about events in their lives and like to keep in contact two to three times a week. They have been comfortable including me as a sounding board in their problem solving, and decision-making process. I cherish these conversations and know that the family dinners helped establish this communication.

We lost my husband and their dad a few years ago to cancer. But I know that those family dinner conversations he treasured and stimulated have been an important part of the relationship I am able to continue with both of my children.



Allison Pascalo (center) with her mother, Denise, older sister, Sara, 14, and her dad, Lawrence.



Members of the Sharp family, Marlo, 13, (left), Doreen and her husband Paul, and son, Russell, 14 at dinner.

Canton family enjoys reconnecting at dinner in touch through dinner

Having family dinners are a time when we can reunite and express on how our day went.

Our discussions usually revolve around school, work and important events. Even if it's chatting about pointless things, eating together is a time when we can take a breather and be with the ones we love the most.

Family dinners are important to us because it gives us a chance to discuss our disagreements and find ways to fix them.

Since my older sister and my mom are very busy, we believe that family dinners are a way to reconnect and be together again.

Allison Pascalo, age 12, Canton

Even before my husband and I had our first child we knew we wanted to have dinner together as a family.

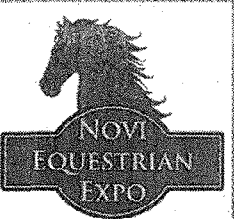
We both grew up eating dinner as a family and it just seemed natural that we would do the same.

My husband works from home. This has made it easier to have our dinner about 5 p.m. each night. We now have three teens and life is hectic, but we make dinner a priority and squeeze it in. Our family dinners were a new experience for many of the foster children we took in. I think most of them enjoyed it very much.

Eating together is our way of staying in touch finding and finding out what is going on at school and in lives of our kids. The sharing, laughter and jokes are far more important than the food. We wouldn't change a thing about our family dinners.

Paul and Doreen Sharpe of Plymouth

Lois Saxe of Farmington Hills



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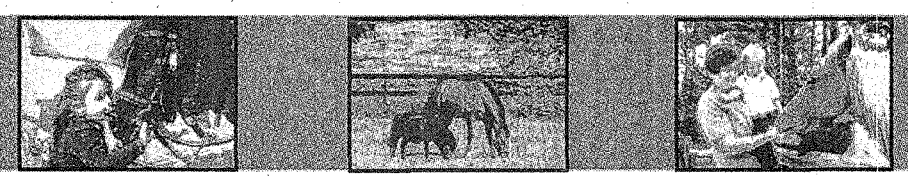
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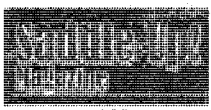



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