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### Offices closed

A reminder to residents that due to Veterans Day on Thursday, Nov. 11, city offices, the William P. Faust Public Library and the 18th District Court will be closed. The Bailey Recreation Center will remain open.

### Holiday reunion

It's been 26 years since Wayne County General Hospital closed, and its retirees and former employees will be gathering for their annual holiday reunion Tuesday, Dec. 7. The reunion will be held 5-9 p.m. at the Café Marquette inside the William D. Ford Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, west of Wayne Road in Westland. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Space is limited to 62 people. Reservations are necessary, and guests can pay at the door.

To reserve a seat or for more information, contact Kay Shafi at (734) 427-3437 or by e-mail at chknlit@wideopenwest.com, Dennis Abraham at (734) 721-2917 or by e-mail at fightingirish316@scbglobal.net, or Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com.

### Helping others

Once again, Personalized Hearing Care is working with the Westland Goodfellows and its "No Child Without a Christmas" initiative and to put coats on needy people.

The office, at 35337 W. Warren Road, Westland, is serving as a donation site for both gently used winter coats and nonperishable, canned foods. The winter coats will be distributed to less fortunate individuals in communities throughout metro Detroit.

In addition, Personalized Hearing Care will match all contributions of canned foods donated to the office, doubling the contribution total that can be offered to the Westland Goodfellows to help feed families in need this holiday season. "You do not have to be a patient at our office to participate. We simply want to impact as many people as we can, and we would welcome donations at either of our locations," said Dr. Karissa Jagacki, audiologist and owner of Personalized Hearing Care.

Coats can be dropped off at the office during business hours - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday through Thursday, Nov. 18, while canned goods will be collected through Wednesday, Dec. 1. For more information, call Personalized Hearing Care at (734) 467-5100.

### 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.

# Council OKs park pact with county as remediation work gets under way

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Remediation and restoration work is going full force at Central City Park as ownership has been transferred to the City of Westland.

Less than two weeks after a study session on the project, the council voted to approve an intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County, spelling out the remediation and restoration plans along with turning the 33-acre parcel over to Westland for the nominal sum of \$10.

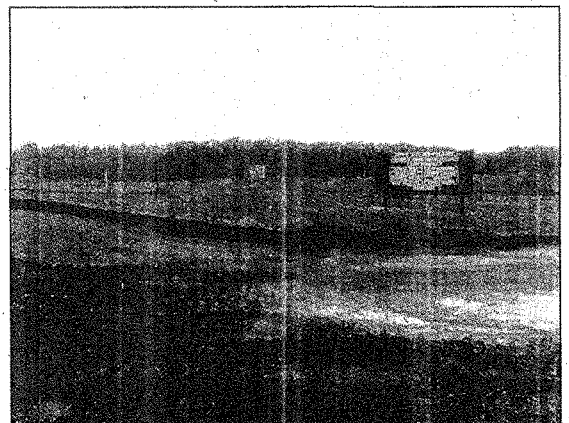
"We looked into it and asked a lot of questions. Just because there were not a lot of com-

ments, don't think we didn't do a lot of work on this," said Councilman Michael Kehrer following the unanimous vote.

The remediation effort is focusing on the 12 acres in the eastern part of the park. Plans approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment call for mitigation of lead contamination by regrading and installation of a geotextile membrane covered by 12 inches of soil.

Once that portion of the project is completed, soccer fields, a walking path, pavilions and a concession will be added.

Please see **PARK, A4**



The parking lot and walking path along the east side of Central City Park as work starts on remediation of the contaminated land.

# Hats matter at village's 'Alice' party



Nancy Roberts of the Village of Westland plays the White Rabbit that's always late for the important date.

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Juanita Suchy doesn't know why she knows the song, but when the White Rabbit walked by her table, talking about being late, she had to share it.

"I don't why I know it, but I think it's darling," said Suchy who was invited by her friend Joyce Weldon, a 13-year resident of the Village of Westland, to an *Alice in Wonderland* luncheon and tea. "We belonged to the Garden City Civic Theater and did shows at O'Leary Auditorium, but I don't think we ever did *Alice*. We did *My Fair Lady* and *Fiddler on the Roof*, but never an *Alice* that I remember."

The luncheon and tea was the idea of Nancy Roberts, who works in marketing at the senior residence. She decided residents needed "to get a little crazy and thought of the Mad Hatter, not



Lisa Gillary serves as the Mad Hatter for the luncheon and tea.

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*Alice.* Staff members, several with the help of Jill Stewart came costumed for the event.

"It started with a dream and went from there to reality," said Stewart who came dressed as the Cheshire Cat.

"The more we talked about the more excited people got, it just took off," added Roberts.

Everyone from the Queen of Hearts to Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum and

Roberts as the White Rabbit were on hand. Even Alice — Linda Seruga of Canton — was there.

"It's a good time, but I usually don't like being the center of attention," she said. "I'm enjoying this."

"She looked so much like Alice, we decided she had to be her and there she is ... serving tea," said Roberts.

Residents watched different versions of the *Alice in Wonderland* movie,

including the latest one with Johnny Depp, and created hats and looking glass centerpieces for the tables.

Cathy Campbell of Morrison Senior Living, which provides food service for the Village, came up with cookies that said Eat Me and bottled that said drink me as well as cupcakes decorated with the characters for the book.

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# New jail complex means 'whole lot of savings' for county

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County will get a new criminal justice facility after the Wayne County Commission approved the sale of \$300 million in bonds to finance the project.

"Our jails were built for form, not function. I'm on the jail task force and I've toured all three facilities," said Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia. "They shouldn't be pretty but they also

shouldn't be unhealthy and unsafe."

The new facility, which is expected to take two-three years to construct, would have a projected \$25 million cost savings annually due to consolidation of the three existing facilities, elimination of job duplication and new technology. Sites near Greektown are among those being considered for the 2,000- to 2,300-bed facility.

"We're pleased the commission has moved

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# ALICE

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To attract the men, they created flamingo golf clubs so they could try their hand at putting, there also was a contest for decorated hats.

Vincent Manderachia, a former Plymouth resident, didn't have to worry about tea bags for his cup of tea. He had plenty of them hanging from his hat.

"When they tell me to soak my head, all I'll just dip my head," he said. "I figured the tea bags would go along with the tea party and I've had the hat for awhile."

Party goers were given playing cards to determine who won the centerpieces and there was even a contest to see who knew what the 10/6 on the White Rabbit's hat meant.

"It's the price of the hat at the time the story was written — 10 shillings and six pence," said Roberts. "It shows the Mad Hatter was really a hatter."

The prize went to Kathie Gornick of Plymouth who had



With smiles on their faces, Betty Phillips and Eleanor Perry just might have been the Mad Hatters for the party.

been invited to the party. The prize was an antique-style copy of the original book, *Alice through the Looking Glass*. "I've read it many times

but it's been a long time," said Gornick. "I'm a retired teacher ... and I collect antique books. This will go in my special collection."

Weldon doesn't usually venture down to the dining room, she enjoys her own company and reading in her room. But the Alice program is a warmup for her to a talent show later this month.

"I'm singing in it," she said. "I'm doing *A Little Red Schoolhouse*. I learned it in high school from twins tapped dance and sang it. I used to sing it to my grandchildren when I babysat them."

While residents lined up to try their hand at golf, Manderachia was looking for Alice to get a cup of coffee.

"I've already had my tea," he said. "Now I need my coffee."

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# Arrest has effect on apartment break-ins

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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The recent arrest of a Detroit man for breaking into an apartment at the Landings seems to have helped end a series of break-ins at the complex and in the surrounding area.

"We had 35 break-ins in a two-month period. His arrest has slowed down crime in that area," said Westland police Lt. Michael Match. "We're continuing efforts to be proactive in crime prevention."

Police were dispatched to the Landings the night of Oct. 18 about two men carrying a large item who fled when the apartments manager tried to talk to them.

Police located the Detroit man coming out of a building in the nearby Westland Estates Apartments — the other man wasn't found. The man was described by officers as being

sweaty and breathing heavily — the shirt a witness had seen him wearing was located, stuffed into the apartment building mailbox. Officers retrieved a laptop computer and a high definition television hidden under stairwells in two different buildings at the Landings.

"He admitted to one break-in. We've not had break-ins at the Landings since he was arrested or at the surrounding condos like Deerhurst," said Match.

It's unclear how many of the series of break-ins the Detroit man was involved in, said Match, who suspects he was part of a group committing the crimes.

"I'm sure he knew about the break-ins but was he responsible for all of them? I wouldn't be able to say," said Match. "I think when he was arrested, the others moved on."

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# Owner faces trial over pit bulls' attack

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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A Westland man has been ordered to stand trial on charges that his pit bulls attacked and injured a local woman.

On Oct. 28, Geoffrey Moore, 37, waived his preliminary examination in Westland 18th District Court on two charges of dangerous animals causing serious injury, a four-year felony. The charge comes under state law which defines a dangerous animal as one that bites or attacks a person or causes death to another dog.

Moore was one of three Wayne County residents recently charged with felonies stemming from attacks reported by dogs that they owned.

In the Aug. 29 incident, two pit bulls owned by Moore, were reported to have attacked a Westland woman, 39, as she

walked on Dorsey at Oceana. The woman received approximately 52 stitches to repair injuries to her upper arm.

The woman told police she walked past the home on Oceana where the dogs were staying and heard growling and barking. She quickly walked away but the female pit bulls followed.

A neighbor assisted the woman and the dogs fled. One returned home and was found by police when they arrived. That dog was described as being aggressive with the officers and was shot at the scene. The second dog wasn't located until the following day, held in rabies quarantine for 10 days at the Michigan Humane Society and then euthanized.

Free on \$5,000 personal bond, Moore is scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment on Nov. 11.

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# Restaurant helps Scouts after bottle thief trims fund-raiser

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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Some local Cub Scouts are getting a hand making up for money lost when their bottle drive was curtailed by a thief.

Westland's Texas Roadhouse will donate 10 percent of their sales and returnable bottles from the bar 4-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, to Cub Scout Pack 729 based at Hayes Elementary School, a part of the Livonia Public Schools.

"All customers have to do is say they are there for the fund-raiser — they don't have to bring anything," said Jackie Priestly, whose title is legendary marketer. "The managing partner saw the news reports and said we need to find a way to help them get their money back."

Priestly contacted Westland police, who were able to put her in touch with Scoutmaster Ron Rechlin.

The pack, which this year

has 36 boys ages 6-11 years old, holds fall and spring bottle drives which generate about \$1,200 and \$800, respectively.

"We go camping twice a year and the fund-raising helps us subsidize other pack costs like awards and hardship cases," said Rechlin. "That's where boys can't afford the membership fee and dues. That's increased. We have even purchased some uniforms."

This year, the pack had scheduled the bottle drive for

Oct. 17 and had distributed 3,500 fliers. The Scouts had focused their efforts in the area between Middlebelt and Farmington Road, south of Joy.

Driving through their subdivision with his wife and son, Rechlin said bags of returnable bottles and cans were seen on front porches of homes.

"When we returned home, the cans and bottles were gone, even before the drive

started," said Rechlin.

Some people had called to have an early pickup or told the scouts someone had already picked up the bottles and cans. Eventually, a description was obtained of a man driving a white Jeep Grand Cherokee but a license number wasn't obtained.

Rechlin estimated \$300-\$400 had been lost due to the stolen bottles and cans. Once the story of thefts appeared on television, Rechlin said people

from as far as Utica began to make cash and returnable donations to help the pack make up the loss.

"It's been amazing. We were absolutely surprised to hear from Texas Roadhouse. We will be up there to represent the pack during the fund-raiser," said Rechlin.

Texas Roadhouse is located on Ford west of Central City Parkway.

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## Fire displaces tenants of eight apartments

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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Residents of eight units at the Hawthorne Club Apartments on Merriman north of Warren Road have been displaced by a fire that destroyed one apartment Oct. 30.

A resident of another unit reported the fire after a smoke detector sounded about 11:12 p.m., Westland Deputy Fire Chief Martin Reddy said.

The occupants of the second-floor apartment, which was destroyed by fire, weren't home at the time. Reddy credited the efforts of Westland firefighters with containing the blaze. When firefighters arrived, the flames had gone through the apartment roof.

"The real story is the excellent job the first arriving crew did in knocking the fire down. There are eight units in the building — it would have been easy to lose four units or all eight units," Reddy said. "The guys did a fantastic job. There was very aggressive suppression to knock it down early."

The damage to the building was estimated at more than \$100,000. The damage to the roof required all of the tenants to relocate temporarily, Reddy said, with the apartment complex management helping them to find temporary housing.

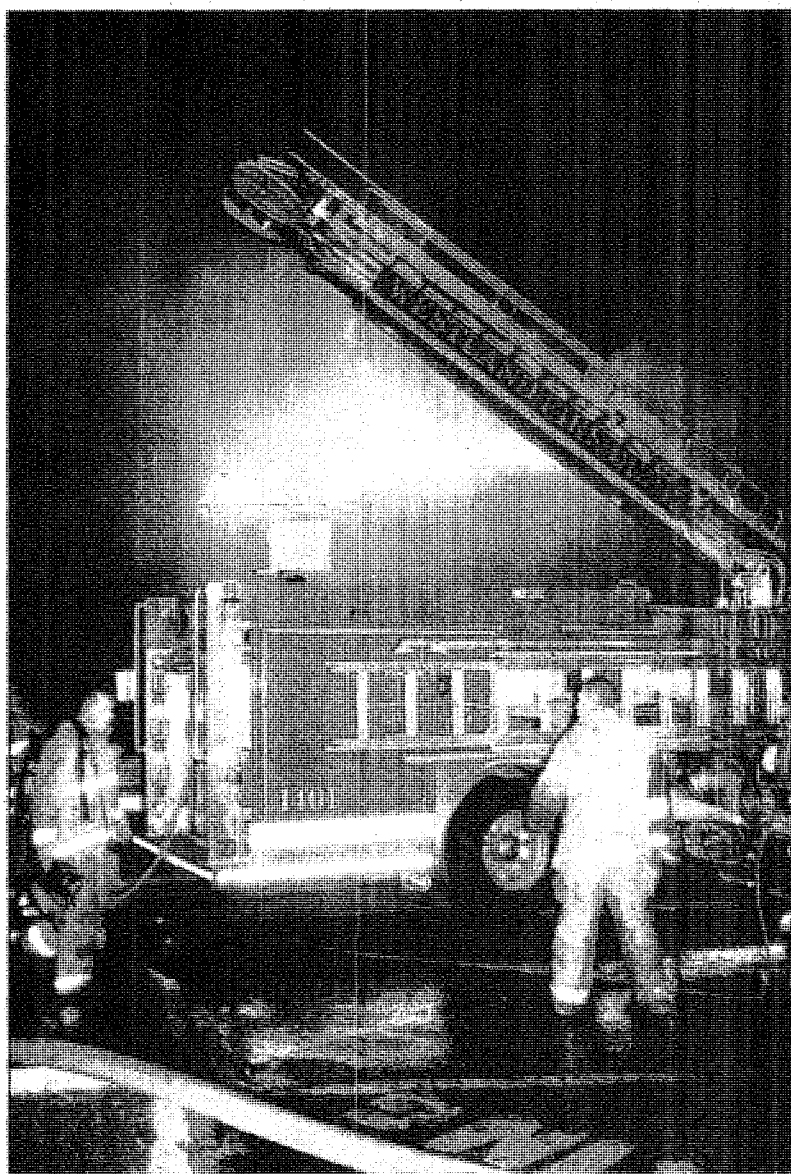
"The entire structure has to be made safe," Reddy said, adding the fire destroyed the unit which was on fire and caused smoke damage to other units.

The investigation into the fire is ongoing and the cause is currently listed as accidental non-electrical.

"At this point, we are excluding causes. It was non-arson, there was defaulting wiring or electrical devices. It was a non-cooking fire," he said. "There are various things that could be the cause."

Firefighters also handled three garage fires Oct. 29-30. An Oct. 30 fire is believed to have been arson, Reddy said, with a second fire on Oct. 29 possibly an arson also.

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Fire had already broken through the roof of a building at the Hawthorne Club Apartments on Merriman north of Warren Road by the time firefighters arrived.

PHOTO BY BRAD NOYES

## Three people safe after gas explosion

BY SUE BUCK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The three occupants of a home in the 6800 block of Gilman got out safely following an explosion.

Garden City firefighters arrived at the home within four minutes of being called and found that an explosion had occurred, according to interim Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman.

"The cause appears to be due to a natural gas explosion with the installation of a gas stove," Harman said. "A gas line shutoff was either missed or not existent, but the installer reported shutting off all shutoffs he could locate as a safety measure."

When the cap to the stove supply line was removed, the odor emitted was thought to be residual gas in the line, she said.

"Shortly after a cap from the rear of the stove fell off and there was arcing," Harman said. "A gas dryer had been successfully installed by the same installer either that day, or the day before."

Of the occupants, two were

transported to the hospital for evaluation and the third resident was fine, Harman said.

"Unfortunately, we were unable to locate the cat who was later found deceased," she added. "The family is devastated over the loss of their beloved pet cat."

The kitchen was completely destroyed and fire damage extended to the family room addition and the hallway. Smoke and heat damaged the entire home.

This was the family's first home and several family members who arrived at the fire scene expressed how hard the couple had worked to get their first home.

"They were excited and looking forward to the reward of being homeowners," Harman said.

Assisting the Garden City Fire Department were firefighters from Inkster and Westland through the Automatic Aid Agreement, Harman said.

"We are very grateful for their assistance," Harman said.

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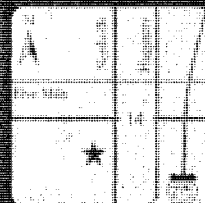


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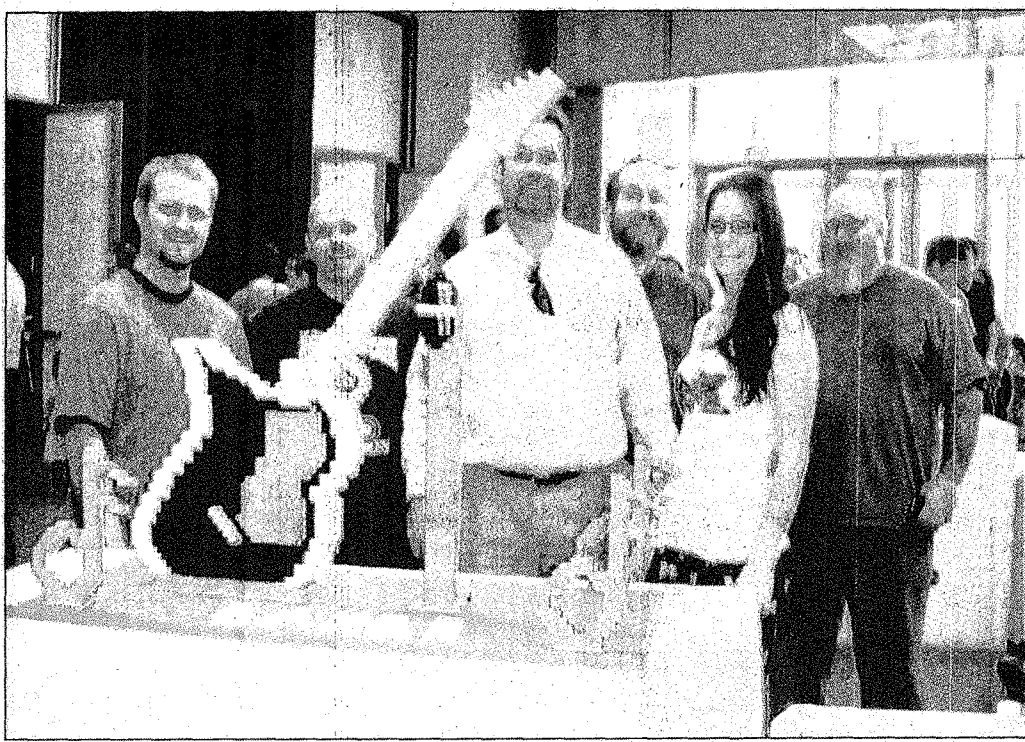
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**Scheel: Raise a done deal for Livonia Superintendent**

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Livonia school board approved a \$50,000 raise for Supt. Randy Liepa without having written documentation that he had been approached about a job at another school district.



Liepa

Resident Loyd Romick filed a Freedom of Information request for "any document from another school district showing an interest in having Randy Liepa apply for a position of superintendent."



Scheel

According to a letter he received in response from the district's director of human resources, Dorothy A. Chomicz, no such document exists.

On Monday, Romick urged the board to not approve the minutes of the Oct. 18 meeting at which the raise was approved in a 5-2 vote. The minutes will be on the agenda at the board's next regular meeting Nov. 15.

Romick said the public universally opposes the raise. "Are you really going to vote yes on that contract all over again without bothering to check and see if he was being courted?" Romick asked.

Board President Lynda Scheel refused to respond to Romick's comments at Monday's meeting, saying the issue had been discussed at three previous meetings.

However, she told the *Observer* in an interview Thursday that it didn't matter whether there was written documentation verifying another district's interest in Liepa and that the contract with the raise had already been signed.

Scheel said the board was told in a public meeting Sept. 27 by a consultant that Liepa had been approached by a search firm for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.

"We didn't ask for anything in writing from Randy because we weren't doing a show us your offer and we'll beat it or show us your offer and we'll match it," Scheel said. "We were trying to come up with what do our board members feel comfortable with, what can we do, what can we offer."

She said the board wanted to make sure its compensation package was something "that would keep a qualified person like Randy or get a good qualified person like Randy."

She said Liepa has been approached by other school districts in the past, but this time he was considering applying because of the compensation package.

"He didn't come to us and say, 'I want a raise.' He let the board know he was going to consider this (being asked to apply)," adding that's what got the raise discussion started.

Scheel said the board has known for a while its superintendent's compensation was low. According to a survey of 13 similar-size school districts in the area, Liepa's salary of \$148,919 is 25-percent below the going rate.

His raise, a three-step increase, will start going into effect next school year.

Scheel said the contract is signed and approving the minutes is only a formality.

"The contract was approved; it's done," she said.

Scheel said board members have received communication from community members in support of the raise.

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**PARK**  
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"They started working last week. So far, they've done a lot of work," said Westland Parks and Recreation Robert Kosowski. "They are balancing the land, they've removed the asphalt parking lot, the walking paths and are creating the berm. They've made good progress and it's really taking shape." The park has been closed

since January 2006 due to the lead contamination that came from various sources and concerns about methane gas in areas used as a landfill. A passive ventilations trench and several monitoring probes will address the methane gas issues.

Wayne County is funding the \$2.5 million project for the 12 acres but remediation for the other approximately 21 acres was cost-prohibitive. As a result, that area will be restricted for the

foreseeable future. ABC Paving of Trenton has been awarded the contract for the remediation and restoration, which is to be substantially completed by June 17, 2011.

After the agreement had been approved, Council President James Godbout expressed thanks to all the parties who had worked to bring the park's plans to this point, including Wayne County officials, city administration and city engineers OHM.

"There were a host of folks involved in getting us to the point of remediation," he said. "I look forward to the park being in use next year at this time."

Once completed, the amenities added to Central City Park, such as restrooms and concessions stands, will complement the adjacent Play Planet play structure and the H2O Zone spray-ground park located immediately to the east.

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**JAIL**  
FROM PAGE A1

forward with the new jail proposal," stated Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "The project will create efficiencies and save taxpayers money." According to Ficano, the savings generated by the new complex would offset the cost of having the current jails and four courts. "There will be a whole lot of savings. No. 1 is the end of

redundancies. With new technology, we would have video arraignments that would save on transportation to courts and deputies," Gebhardt said. "The jails downtown are so antiquated, we will save on heating and other expenses. Drastic improvements are needed."

New jail facilities will be safer for deputies working in the jail, she said, as well as the prisoners.

Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon agreed to pare his budget by trimming 170 of the

department's 900 jobs through attrition. Other savings would come from reducing overtime, adding video arraignments and consolidating departments.

The time line for the project was aggressive. The bonds must be secured by Dec. 31, 2010, or else the county would lose about \$100 million in savings because of expiring federal aid.

"We don't have to pay back the bonds for two years and that would be additional savings," said Gebhardt.

The commissioners voted 11-3 to approve the bond sale. Opposing it was commission chairman Edward Boike who cited concerns that the county can't afford more debt.

Westland police Chief Alan Ramsden was supportive of the new criminal justice facility as long as services are maintained.

"It's an interesting topic, if they can save money and maintain the services we've always had," he said. "We pay a lot of money for those services and I hope we keep them."

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**WESTLAND GOODFELLOWS**

*"2010~ No Child Without a Christmas"*

The Westland Goodfellows is holding a toy and food drive. Donations of toys, hats & gloves, and non-perishable food items can be dropped off at any of the following locations. All donated items will be distributed to Westland families this Christmas. Donation boxes available November 1 to December 2nd, 2010

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## With GM, don't let emotions sway investment decision

**Q:** Dear Rick: I read your column a couple weeks ago about General Motors stock sale. I disagree with you and believe that GM stock is as close to a sure thing as you can get. GM is producing better quality cars and the fact that they have lowered their costs is all good news for the company. I think in light of these facts, along with the fact that a successful General Motors is good for Michigan, you should recommend the new stock.



**Money Matters**  
**Rick Bloom**

not enter into the equation. I believe that when it comes to recommending an investment, what I want to happen is not a relevant factor.

As a Michigan resident, I would love for GM to regain its financial strength. I want GM to be successful, sell more cars and pay dividends to its shareholders. However, what I want to happen is irrelevant when making an investment decision. When I consider an investment, I follow a series of guidelines. I recognize these guidelines are not perfect and I may miss an opportunity. However, the guidelines factor into the decision-making process the importance of risk management for all investors.

I am willing to give up an occasional winner to protect myself from the all too frequent loser. I like an investment that has been around with a track record and that's not General Motors.

The GM which was once the largest corporation in the world no longer exists. The GM of today is made up of many of the same elements as the old General Motors but it is a new company. It has new management and a new evolving culture. Because it is a new company with a limited track record, I can't recommend the IPO for the new GM.

I have found that my guidelines smooth out the roller

coaster ride thus, reducing the emotional swing that all too often leads investors to make bad investment decisions.

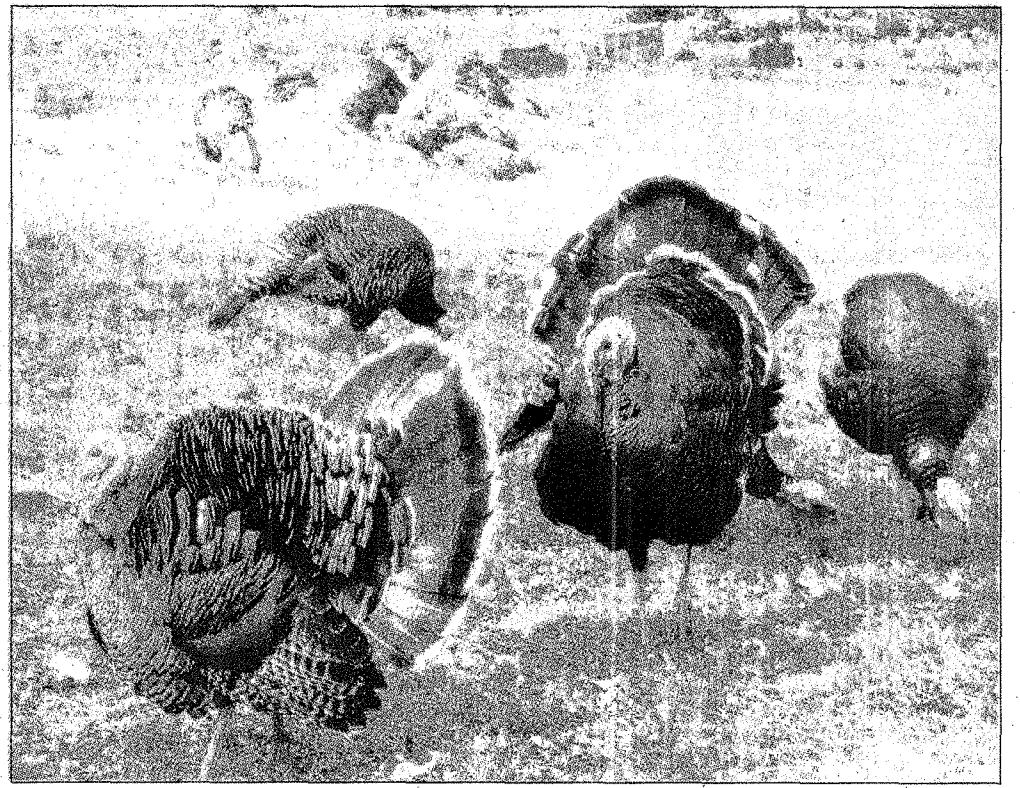
I also received a letter from a reader who said all of us in Michigan should be buying General Motors Stock as a sign of support. While I do think that is a nice gesture, my job as an investment adviser is to make sound decisions for my clients.

Buying General Motors Stock as a sign of support is a symbolic gesture, however, it is not an investment. That doesn't mean you want to lose money rather it means that making money is not your primary goal. Of course, when it comes to showing support and loyalty, the gesture should go both ways. I only hope corporations show loyalty to their shareholders.

Investors need to focus and remember why they are investing money. It may not be politically correct to say, but as investors the focus is the return on investment. That should always be the primary objective when investing your hard-earned money.

Good luck!

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### Gobble, gobble

Larry Snowden of Westland thinks these turkeys may have gotten about the holidays. He spotted 11 of the birds feeding in the Chubb Cemetery on Warren Road, west of Hix, Halloween weekend. Snowden said he'd seen the turkeys at the cemetery three times last week and speculates that they come out of the Holiday Nature Preserve to feed and then go back into the park.

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## Rouge project receives Guardians grant

Great Lakes Guardians has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Friends of the Rouge for its Rouge Education Project. The funding will be used to support K-12 schools in the Rouge River watershed that want to take part in the water quality monitoring initiative.

"The support from Great Lakes Guardians is amazing, they are so enthusiastic about the teachers', volunteers', and students' efforts, said Emily Hughes, Rouge Education Project Program manager. "This is a great opportunity for a business or organization to get involved in a local environmental education initiative."

"The Great Lakes Guardians are always seeking ways to support successful, cost-effective programs that teach citizens how to protect our Great Lakes," said John P. McCulloch, the founder of Great Lakes Guardians. "The Rouge Education Project is an example of a great program that touches the next genera-

tion of environmental stewards."

Great Lakes Guardians is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of our valuable water resources. It accomplishes that goal by supporting scholarships, educational programs, and grants for water quality awareness, testing, and research.

Great Lakes Guardians leverages its support of the environment by working with existing education and advocacy groups to improve and maintain the quality of water resources in Oakland County, Southeast Michigan, and groups throughout the Great Lakes.

Last year, 20 sponsors and grantors helped to support the 2009-2010 Rouge Education Project through the Adopt-a-School campaign. The campaign has attracted more \$50,000 in sponsorships, which supports 29 of the 44 participating schools. Contributions assist with

school program registrations, water quality testing equipment, workshop participation, and program T-shirts, as well as the program administration.

In the future, Friends of the Rouge hopes to have all of the schools in the project supported by local businesses and organizations. Currently many schools are supported in part by a U.S. EPA's Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project grant.

"There is a lot of competition for funding for many worthy causes, the fact that sponsors support this program year after year speaks volumes, said Friends of the Rouge's board President Heidi McKenzie. "It shows that teaching tomorrow's leaders about the environment today is a priority for these organizations. Their ongoing support of the Rouge Education Project is vital."

The mission of the Rouge Education Project is to promote awareness and stewardship of the Rouge River water-

shed through school-based water quality monitoring, investigation and problem solving. The project's major goals are to provide opportunities for schools to engage students in hands-on, real world science through water quality monitoring of the Rouge River; to increase participants' awareness of the Rouge River watershed, how they impact it and how it impacts them, and to empower participants to apply knowledge and awareness gained through the Rouge Education Project to identify and address environmental issues in the Rouge River watershed and beyond.

Friends of the Rouge is a non-profit organization established in 1986 that is dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed.

## Hills teen is Thanksgiving parade queen

BY MARY QUINLEY  
CORRESPONDENT

This Thanksgiving Day, Makayla McCoskey will break one of her favorite holiday traditions. But that's okay.

Rather than watching the 84th America's Thanksgiving Parade on television, McCoskey of Farmington Hills will be in the parade, waving to the crowd from the Princess Fairytale Float.

"I was shocked! I was not expecting it at all," said McCoskey, 17, referring to the announcement that she had been named America's Thanksgiving Parade Queen.

McCoskey, who plans to be a neurogeneticist, received a \$1,500 scholarship to be used at a college of her choice. The University of Michigan tops her list.

According to Tony Michaels, president and CEO of The Parade Company, the scholarship was developed "to recognize women who invest their time in their community, perform well in the classroom and have knowledge of our great Detroit traditions."

"To graduate with a 4.0 is my biggest goal right now," said the senior from North Farmington High School. Theatre, the National Honor Society, student government, the Farmington Hills Mayor's Youth Council, and Reverse Mentoring, a program McCoskey co-founded where students tutor older adults in current technology, keep the energetic teen busy.

The role of queen, McCoskey said, "means much more (to



MARY QUINLEY

Makayla McCoskey of Farmington Hills was recently named America's Thanksgiving Parade Queen. She will appear on the Princess Fairytale Float during the 84th America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

me) than just a crown, banner and riding on the Princess Float. It provides a wonderful opportunity to be a positive role model and to get involved in numerous community outreach events."

McCoskey is especially excited about the opportunity to throw out the first pitch at a baseball game next season. She will also make appearances at the VIP Rooftop Party, a fund-raiser for The Parade Company, and the Target Fireworks.

On parade day, a pink-speckled float will inch along Woodward Avenue with the newly crowned queen and her court aboard. Waving from the grandstands will be the queen's parents, Walter and Julie McCoskey, and her sister, Monica, 14.

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# Everybody's Buddy

## Restaurant owner Robert Jacobs rises to the occasion

BY MEGAN SWOYER  
CORRESPONDENT

In many ways, Robert Jacobs runs his business as he does his life. Professional and private interests intersect at various points along the way.

As owner of Buddy's Pizza, the entrepreneur and businessman continually tweaks his restaurants' offerings, dives into Buddy's nonprofit causes and looks forward to growth and change.

He also, of course, enjoys plenty of good meals, whether it's a fresh Caesar salad and a bowl of Grandma-style chicken noodle soup, a slice of gluten-free or multi-grain pizza, or a sampling of crisp, light chicken tenders.

During his non-working hours, the Birmingham resident supports and donates time to various cultural institutions, tries new foods at various restaurants and constantly tweaks his health and fitness regime, looking forward daily to being the best man he can be.

### BUSINESS EVOLVES

"Running a successful business means keeping up with change, tuning into competition, evolving with the times," says Jacobs, whose father, Bill Jacobs, purchased Buddy's in 1970. The original restaurant had been around since 1936 and still is operating today on Conant in Detroit. (See related story on Buddy's history).

At the time of the purchase, Jacobs was a college student who jumped into the family business part time (he attended the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School) before joining full time.

The family opened a second location in 1978 in Warren and, from there, the business expanded to nine locations (Dearborn, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Royal Oak, Bloomfield, Auburn Hills and Detroit, Mack Avenue). Bill Jacobs died nine years ago. Shirlee Jacobs lives in Florida. Jacobs has one sister, Monni Must, who is a Sylvan Lake-based professional photographer. She does not work for the company, but often donates time to a variety of Jacobs' charities, just as he supports her. (Must and her daughter, Sabrina, published a book,



Buddy's owner, Robert Jacobs.

*Living Witnesses: Face of the Holocaust; visit www.livingwitnesses.net for more information.)*

### LOVES TO EAT

"I love to eat," Jacobs says, quite simply. So running a 500-employee restaurant operation is a good fit for him. "We're comparing, shopping, experimenting, checking out other pizza and always fine-tuning the menu ... a lot of R&D goes into this."

Jacobs says his "organization chart" is loose. "I guess you could say we have GMs and managers at the locations, and a chief operating officer." At the main office in Farmington Hills, Jacobs works closely with Wesley Pikula, who pretty much is Jacobs' right-hand man.

"He's been here I think for 35 years," Jacobs says of Pikula. "We have a lot of people who have been here for many, many years. Our philosophy is all about a 'leadership of caring.'"

And keeping the pulse of customers' needs. In fact, last year, Jacobs added gluten-free pizza to the mix. The wheat-free fare is endorsed by certified celiac organizations. (Celiac disease is a disorder resulting from an immune reaction to gluten, a protein found in wheat and related grains and present in

many foods.)

"There are very few gluten-free pizzas out there that taste great," Jacobs says. "We consider our gluten-free pizza the best on the market."

### CUSTOMER NEEDS

Beyond wanting to offer the best options possible for his customers and beyond addressing the population's needs (researchers believe nearly 1 in 100 Americans are gluten-intolerant, while many more don't know they are), Jacobs also discovered nearly five years ago some intolerances related to his own health that also were the impetus for offering foods for those with allergies.

"I am very sensitive to food and have been watching what I eat more closely these days," says Jacobs, who was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome, an autoimmune disorder affecting the peripheral nervous system, usually triggered by an acute infection.

"When I learned of this syndrome I told myself, 'Everything will be OK, and I'll do what I have to do to get through it.' I was tough."

The trim, fit and energetic Jacobs insists that Buddy's always has made healthy fare.

"Healthy food is not a revelation. It's not like I got sick

and changed. It's more like I'm more in tune with mine and others' specific dietary needs now," he says, while enjoying a Caesar salad (without croutons) at the restaurant's "mother ship" location in Farmington Hills.

One of Jacobs' fitness trainers is a celiac (a person allergic to wheat and gluten) and shed even more light on living gluten-free.

### YOGA STUDENT

Besides a healthy diet, Jacobs also practices yoga three times a week.

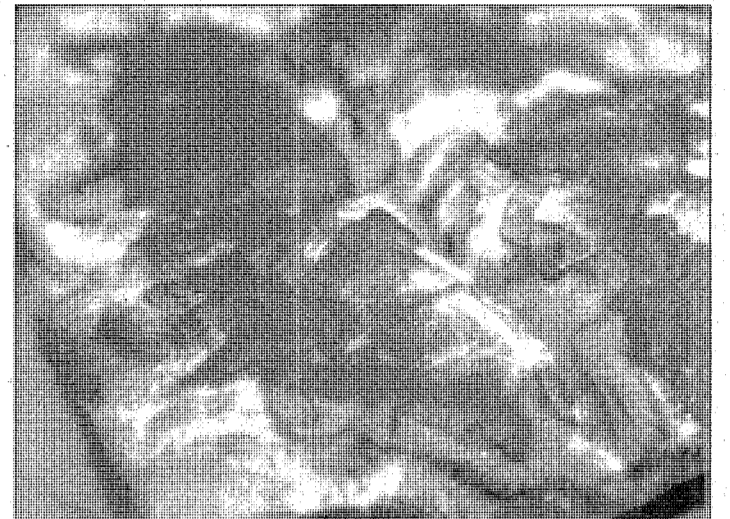
"In my yoga training, the instructor will say, 'Go to your edge and relax.' It helps immensely," says Jacobs, who, with his bald head and lean physique, would make an excellent yogi extra in a movie. "I've been learning to slow down."

Working out is also part of his daily regime. "It's a way of life," Jacobs says. "My nervous system is still not what it was, but it's so much better due to exercise."

He also enjoys traveling, visiting museums, collecting art, reading and sports.

Jacobs reflects about the quality of his life as he does a good pizza. The more pure, the better, he believes.

"The secret to good pizza is quality with a lot of TLC and



A Buddy's pizza ready for customer.

consistency," he says. Using Wisconsin, brick-style cheese, which melts well, helps too. "And we don't add sugar or oil to our dough as many restaurants do to make the crust more golden."

### CREDITS STAFF

He gives a lot of credit for his success to his entire staff. "We don't miss steps," Jacobs says. "We use great ingredients, we make things fresh every day and we don't cut corners."

Quality comes in the way of a delicious salad dressing as well. The antipasto salad, for example, is a big seller due in part to its dressing. "We do a great job with the dressing," he says, adding that the mixture features a spiced red wine vinegar and oil. Of course, he won't say what type of spice. Nor will he reveal exactly what makes Buddy's popular chicken strips so light and crispy. Other menu favorites include the minestrone soup and the brownie with vanilla ice cream and Sander's hot fudge.

Jacobs notes that the company is always looking to improve and expand offerings. Recently, it initiated a food-shipping program.

"People from all over the country can order our food and we'll ship," he says. "We're working to perfect that system."

As for community involvement, Jacobs and his business are always participating in several programs at once. Years ago, he began work with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen of Detroit, just as his father did.

"Since our success is based on food, it seemed natural to help others with food." Since 1977, Buddy's Pizza has donated more than \$1.2 million to the soup kitchen through its "Slice For Life" benefit.

Jacobs also is involved with programs at the Detroit Institute of Arts, The Henry Ford, the Detroit Zoo, Beaumont Hospitals, the Cleveland Clinic, U-M, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Michigan Jewish Sports Foundation (as was his father) and more.

This year, the Michigan Restaurant Association named Buddy's a co-winner for the Restaurant Neighbor Award, a national program established by the National Restaurant Association to honor and recognize restaurant operators who go above and beyond in supporting their communities.

Speaking of supporting the community, Jacobs, a big sports fan, offers a special program that pertains to the Detroit Lions.

"If the Lions score 31 points, those at the game can bring in their tickets for a free cheese pizza," he explains the day after the Lions' huge win against the St. Louis Rams. On that day, a total of 120 people so far had come in after the game to claim their cheesy prize. The giveaway program mixes his commitment to sports with his passion for pizza and community support.

Says Jacobs: "I was brought up to get involved."

### GARDEN CLIPPINGS

#### Craft Show

The public is invited to attend a Vendor/Craft Show and Bake Sale 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at American Legion Post 396, located at 6860 Middlebelt, south of Warren Road, Garden City.

#### Thanksgiving Concert

The Salvation Army's Dearborn Heights Citadel Band presents its 90th annual

Thanksgiving Concert on Sunday, Nov. 21. The concert will begin at 6 p.m. at the Dearborn Heights Corps Community Center at 26700 W. Warren Road in Dearborn Heights.

The concert will feature the Dearborn Heights Citadel Band and independent Christian rock band transMission. The event is free and open to the public, however, a love offering will be taken.

For more information, call (313) 563-4457.

#### A Light Night

Sound of Reign, featuring John Gutierrez, Mark Gutierrez and Ralf Patterson, and special guest Luke Jackson will perform at the installment of Saturday Night Light - 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City.

The dynamic three-man band out of metro Detroit has a simple desire to make good music as encouragement and strength for those who have already been changed, and point the way for those who are looking.

The performance is a free family event. For more information, call (734) 421-7620.

#### 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.

#### Family Concert

The Lathers Child Development Center will host Jim Gill's Family Room Tour 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Garden City High School's

O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford.

Gill is an award winning author and musician who bangs out energetic rhythms on his banjo while everyone claps, jumps, dances and even sneezes along. The concert is filled with songs from his recordings and features a read-along and sing-along of his musical books for young children.

Seating is limited. Tickets cost \$5 each and go on sale Nov. 8. Purchase tickets at the Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center, 28351 Marquette.

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**Appraisal Clinic**

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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.

**Men's Club fund-raiser**

Clean out those old, unwanted, unused or broken jewelry items and put some money in your pocket when the St. Theodore Men's Club hosts a Discount Jewelry fund-raiser 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Parish Center at 8200 N. Wayne Road.

Discount Jewelry will be buying unwanted, unused jewelry including gold, platinum, silver jewelry, diamonds, gold watches, Rolex watches and collectable gold or silver coins in any condition, as well as major collectables and antiques. The jeweler will be donating 20 percent of the overall purchases in the form of cash back to the men's club. For more information, call (734) 266-8200.

**Vendor Show**

St. Damien School will hold a Ladies Night Out Vendor Show 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the school on Joy east of Merriman, Westland.

There will be a buffet with finger foods, desserts, refreshments, cash bar, manicures and massages. W.R. Jewelry will be buying gold, Arbonne, Avon, Pampered Chef, PartyLite Candles, Lia Sophia, Silpada and many other vendors will be on hand.

Admission is \$5. For more information, call the school at (734) 427-1680 or send an e-mail to schooloffice@stdamian.com.

**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 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 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.

**Luncheon benefit**

Chef Tony Paquette, along with his staff and students in the culinary arts program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center will preparing the food for a fund-raising luncheon buffet to benefit the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center.

The luncheon will be 11:20 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Career-Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland. The cost for the all-you-can-eat-buffet is a minimum donation of \$10 per person.

This is the fourth year that Paquette and his students have hosted the buffet. The money raised will be used to provide Thanksgiving meals for Wayne-Westland families who are experiencing finan-

cial difficulties during the holiday season.

People who are unable to attend can make a donation by sending a check, payable to WWCS Family Resource Center, to 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 ATTN: Family Resource Center. For more information, call Amanda Faughnan at the Family Resource Center at (734) 419-2709 or send her an e-mail at faughnana@wwcsd.net.

**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.

This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distribution sites and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

**Lions Club**

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

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Books are loaded up for donation to Wayne County jails by Westland Friends of the Library members Nan Borders (from left) and Meriem Kadi, Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt and Friends members Marlene Manke and Nina Kadi at the conclusion of the group's recent used book sale.

## Gebhardt collects books for jail's bookmobile

As a longtime educator, Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, knows that an idle mind combined with physical incarceration is not a good mix.

So she set out to press for prisoners in Wayne County jails to receive books, something that took some convincing.

"The jails' policy is that prisoners are not allowed to have books brought to them by family members because they can be considered as contraband," said Gebhardt, a former school principal for 21 years.

The result of Gebhardt's efforts, which included gaining special permission from Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon and the county's Director of Jails, Jeriel Heard, was the donation of hundreds of books to the jails - books culled from book sales, held by the Westland Friends of the Library and the Dearborn chapter of the American Association of University Women. Gebhardt is a member of the Livonia chapter of the AAUW.

Gebhardt was among the many volunteers assisting at the sales, and end-of-sale, free salvage books were loaded up and prepared for shipment to prisoners.

"The books are in excellent condition," Gebhardt said. "They'll help stock the Jail Bookmobile, and they can give prisoners the opportunity to learn and productively fill some of their empty hours."

Gebhardt learned of the no-book policy while on a jail tour earlier this year as a member of the County Commission's Jail Task Force. It was a policy she strongly felt needed to be re-assessed.



Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt (far right) is assisted in loading up books for donation to Wayne County jails by Betty Davies (from left) and Chris Hillbush at the conclusion of the Dearborn AAUW's 59th Annual Used Book Sale.

"One day, many of these prisoners will be returned to society," Gebhardt said. "In the long term, books can be a wonderful way to help ease that transition from prisoner to civilian."

People interested in donating books to the Wayne County jails (paperbacks preferred) are asked to contact Gebhardt's office at (313) 224-0907.

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# John Glenn girls advance to regional semifinal

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A refocused Westland John Glenn girls volleyball team brought home a Class A district championship trophy Friday night with a 25-17, 25-17, 25-21 win over Romulus in the finals at Taylor Truman.

Glenn, now 22-16-5 overall, moves into the regional semifinals against Allen Park beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Wyandotte Roosevelt.

"Our seniors really wanted it," Glenn first-year coach Sharon Hubbard said. "We're peaking at the right time. They're playing well together and it's been a team effort from the bench to out on the floor."

Senior Halie Baker was very good for

the victorious Rockets. She finished with 10 kills, four blocks and five ace serves.

Junior Jordyn Coniam added seven kills, while senior Brooklyn Holbrook contributed four blocks.

Senior Allie Murphy also gave the Rockets an offensive boost.

"That's the best I've ever seen her hit," Hubbard said.

Junior setter Sarah Headrick recorded with 19 assist-to-kills, while senior Brooke Zywick paced the defense with 40 digs.

"The girls played very well," Hubbard said. "They stayed up throughout the match and communicated well. The

constant chatter is productive.

"We also served very well. They were definitely hitting the spots."

## Glenn ousts Tigers

The Rockets passed another test Wednesday night in the Class A district girls volleyball semifinals at Taylor Truman.

Baker and Coniam each recorded 11 kills as the Rockets ousted Belleville in three straight sets, 25-10, 25-22, 25-17, to move into the district championship.

"What a great win for the girls," Hubbard said. "They played well, communicated well, and had fun. The constant chatter on the court, as well as on the bench, really helped the girls stay together and stay focused."

"They've worked so hard on passing

all season, and it's really paying off. We had only three serve receive errors all night, along with a team passing average of 2.12."

Zywick paced the defense once again with 32 digs. She had a team-best passing average of 2.51, while junior defensive specialist Nicole Quaine also stepped up with a 2.25.

"With such great passing, the offense ran smoothly allowing Baker and Coniam to take charge at the net," Hubbard said.

Headrick finished with 22 assists, while Brooklyn Holbrook added four blocks. Zywick also served four aces.

"This was a strong, solid victory for the girls," Hubbard said. "They know what it takes to be successful as a team."

## SIDELINES

### MU spikers win

Junior Megan Fricke's double-double carried the Madonna University women's volleyball team to a 25-18, 25-8, 25-21 triumph Thursday against host Cornerstone University at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

Fricke finished with 14 kills and 13 digs as MU locked up second place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) chipped in with 13 digs and eight kills, while Karie Altman contributed 10 kills as the Crusaders wound up 14-2 in the WHAC.

Setter Evia Prieditis also handed out 30 assist-to-kills while Amanda Koszela finished with 13 digs.

Cornerstone falls to 15-24 overall and 6-10 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders, who improved to 29-8 overall, receive a first-round bye and will begin the WHAC playoffs Friday in Fort Wayne, Ind., where first-place Indiana Tech will be the host.

MU, the second seed, will face the winner of Tuesday's quarterfinal match between Aquinas College and Cornerstone.

### Ocelots stay alive

It took five sets, but the Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team outlasted Columbus State Community College (Ohio) in the quarterfinal round of the NJCAA Division II District E Tournament Grand Rapids CC's Ford Fieldhouse.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 21-13 overall with a 23-25, 25-19, 22-25, 25-22, 15-13 win and moved into Saturday's semifinal against top seed Oakland CC (40-5).

### Altman high marks

Madonna University women's volleyball player Karie Altman (Taylor/Allen Park Cabrini) has been named to the 2010 ESPN Academic All-District IV first team.

The junior biology major, who carries a 3.98 grade-point average, was the only student-athlete from a member Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference institution to be selected and the only NAIA player on the first team.

Altman currently leads the WHAC with 457 total kills (3.7 per set), which places her 22nd among NAIA schools. She also ranks 17th in the nation in hitting percentage (.369) and ranks third in the conference in total blocks (125).

### Eagle harriers 4th

The Livonia Emerson Middle School girls cross country team recently earned a fourth-place finish in the Mega Jam meet held Oct. 23 at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Saline captured the team title.

Seventh-grader Natalie Douglas was the Eagles' top finisher in 17th place followed by Julie Wonch, 24th; Jennifer Jaynes, 28th; Katelyn Kovach, 35th; Hannah Drinkert, 51st; and Delany Mackenzie, 67th.

## Churchill continues district domination

### Spartans fall in two straight

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson was the latest to take its shot at rival Livonia Churchill's long string of Class A district volleyball titles.

The Spartans played a spirited match Friday at Garden City, but it was Churchill coming away its ninth consecutive championship with an impressive 25-18, 25-17, 25-17 triumph.

The Chargers, now 44-7-2 overall, will face the Detroit Cass Tech district champion in the second match of a doubleheader of the regional semifinals beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Churchill.

Churchill's front line of 6-foot-1 sophomore Emily Norscia (17 kills), 6-foot junior Erin Menard (15 kills) and 6-1 sophomore Marissa Pomaville (five kills) proved too tall an order.

And it seemed that every time Stevenson would try to make a run, Churchill would answer emphatically.

The Chargers' offensive attack was orchestrated by senior setter Cory Urbats, who despite playing with a knee injury, finished with 31

assist-to-kills and 20 digs.

"I think that it's our hard work and dedication," said Urbats, a third-year varsity player. "And it's all because of our coach (Mark Grenier), because he makes every practice hard and we learn new things every day."

"I think our communication definitely improved for this district game. At the beginning of the season we lacked the energy, too, but we've picked up our spirit."

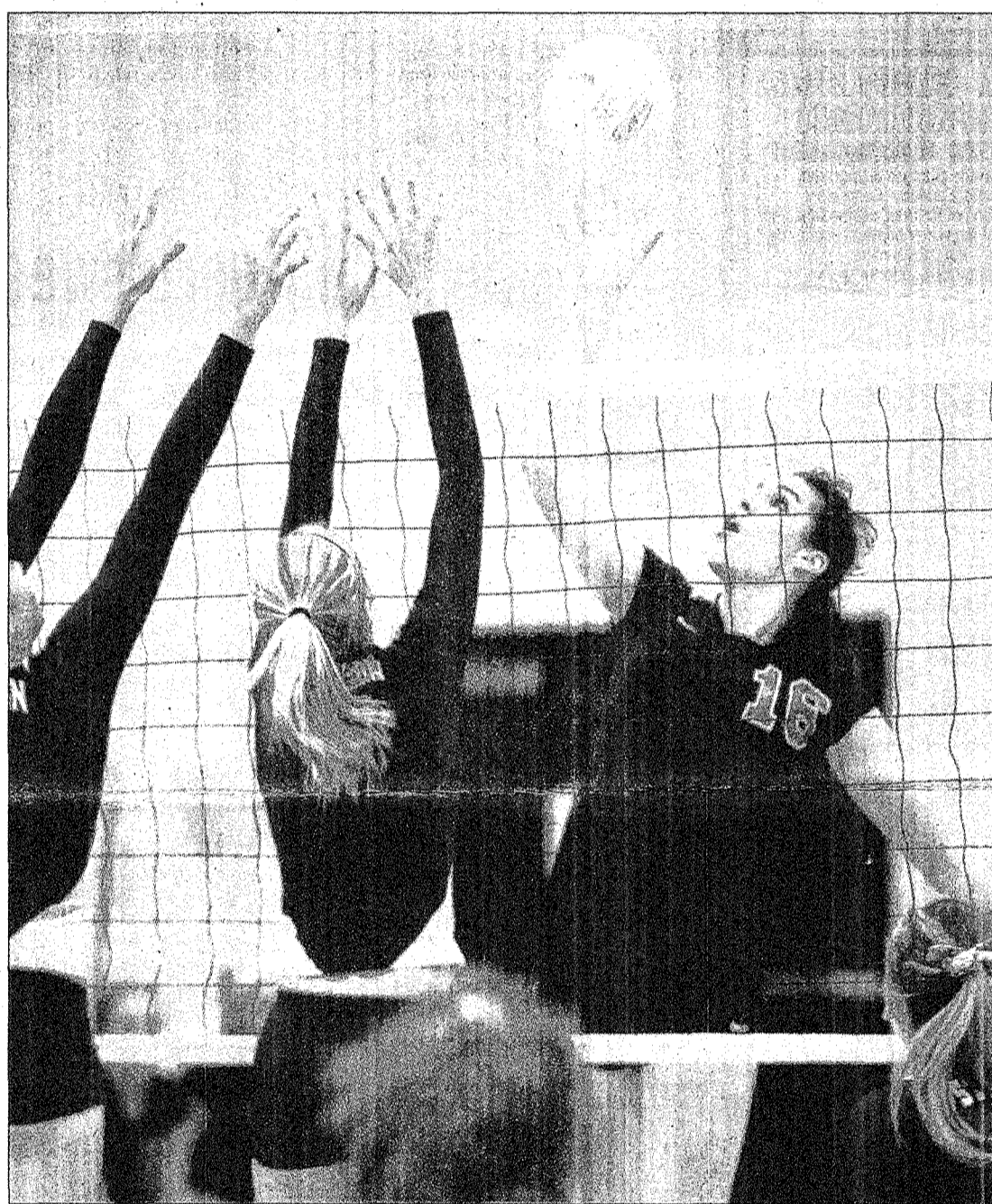
Also effective for the Chargers were the Kempinski twins. Nicole finished with 18 digs and seven assists, while Kara added 16 digs.

"Typical kudos," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "They (Churchill) played awesome defense. Everything we thought would be a point, they picked up. That was really noticeable outside of anything else."

"They've always served tough. And their hitters came on, too, when they needed them. It was a lot of basically everything. They played very solid."

Stevenson got 12 kills

Please see **CHURCHILL, B2**



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Churchill's Erin Menard (16) tips the ball over Stevenson blockers Reina Tyl (5) and Kim Griffith during Friday's Class A district final at Garden City.

## Ladywood downs Clarenceville in Class B title match

Livonia Ladywood is back in a familiar spot when it comes to the state Class B girls volleyball tournament.

The Blazers, state semifinalists a year ago, ran their overall record to 34-19-2 overall by capturing another district championship Friday night with a 25-15, 25-13, 25-15 victory against host Livonia Clarenceville.

Setter Alex Hines paced the offensive attack with 31 assist-to-kills as the Blazers advance to the regional semifinals beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at New Boston Huron against the Detroit Central district winner.

Ladywood's hitting attack was paced by Katy Rooney (15 kills) and

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Kenzie Kettner (eight kills).

It was the Blazers' ninth district title in the last 10 years for coach Erin Craggs.

"We are playing well right now, united and focused on each game," Craggs said. "We're peaking at the right time and playing with lots of intensity."

Freshman Ayanna Buckley and sophomore Ashley Murphy each recorded four kills for the Trojans, who bow out at 12-21-3 overall.

Buckley also had two blocks, while

senior setter Kellie Ankiel finished with 10 assists and seven digs.

"They gave everything they had and I can't complain," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said of her squad. "Ladywood is a good team and we couldn't contain them. The girls tried hard and never gave up."

### Blazers top Country Day


Katy Rooney recorded 19 kills and Kenzie Kettner added 13 to lead Livonia Ladywood (33-19-2) to a 25-22, 25-15, 25-23 win Wednesday over Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day in the Class B district semifinals at Livonia Clarenceville.

Setter Alex Hines finished with 41 assists, while Kristie Aurand contributed 19 digs and three aces. Jenny Rhodes also chipped in with 14 digs.

### Trojans win semifinal

Ashley Murphy had 11 kills and two solo blocks Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville advanced in the Class B district girls volleyball tournament with a 25-11, 25-15, 25-13 triumph over Detroit Communication & Media Arts.

Ayanna Buckley added 10 kills and two blocks, while Kellie Ankiel contributed 15 digs and four aces as the Trojans improved to 12-20-3 overall.



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# Madonna falls in 2 OTs PCA ousts Lutheran Westland

What a crazy way to start the season.

The Madonna University men's basketball team fell to Asbury University (Ky.) in double overtime, 111-99, in Friday's opening round of the Jamieson-Allen Insurance Agency Tip-Off Tournament hosted by Spring Arbor University.

Bryant Slaughter (Westland) and Kevin Henry each had 22 points in the season-opening setback for the Crusaders.

Asbury evens its overall record at 1-1.

SCHOOLCRAFT 72, SIENA HTS. JV 58:

Schoolcraft College (1-0) came out a winner in its 2010-11 season opener Wednesday night with a victory over the Siena Heights University JV (2-2).

Karl Moore, a 6-foot-8 center from Academy of Oak Park, led a balanced scoring attack with 13 points, while Mohamed Elhaj added 11 for the victorious Ocelots.

Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) and Davonte Broden each added nine points for Schoolcraft, which led 34-20 at halftime. Andrew Topp chipped in with eight points.

Stephen Jones had a game-high 14 for the JV Saints.

Schoolcraft hit 14-of-22 free throws, while Siena Heights connected on 15-of-28.

After Plymouth Christian defeated host Lutheran Westland in Thursday night's Class D volleyball district final, the victorious Eagles hugged each other and hoisted the championship trophy.

PCA (26-9-2) earned the hardware thanks to a 25-18, 25-23, 25-17 triumph which lifted the Eagles into the regionals.

The Warriors watched, then walked off the court with their eyes downcast - Lutheran Westland finally lost in the districts, ending a hot streak of nine wins and four titles.

"I hate losing, said Warriors' coach Kevin Wade. "We gave it a good effort. I told them it's okay to lose when you work as hard as you can, someone has to lose. It was a good match, we gave it everything we had but they're better than us."

The match was a back-and-forth affair for most of the first two sets, which might have bothered previous Plymouth Christian teams, according to coach Kelly Blackney.

That didn't happen Thursday, with the team collectively shrugging off any hitting errors or defensive lapses along the way and ultimately taking it to the Warriors (17-25-4).

"This whole season we've

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been working on our mental toughness," Blackney said. "That's one of the things in years past that we've been kind of weak on."

"So finally, in our district when we're facing a tough opponent, we had to figure out what we were made of out there. We couldn't get away with just hitting the ball over, we had to be strategic in our placement. We had to be tough."

One of the key players for the Eagles, senior setter Brianna Harris (29 assists, five kills), said the team's mindset going into the night was to "definitely come out strong, maintain a lead and control the game."

That's how Set One started with PCA going up 4-1 following a pair of spike kills from junior middle hitter Kristen Malcolm (14 kills, 18 digs).

The Warriors didn't cave in, however, with a three-point service string from junior libero Taylor Wiemer (eight service points, 26 digs) putting Lutheran Westland up 11-9.

But PCA freshman outside hitter Jennifer Malcolm's sideout made it 11-10 and gave junior outside hitter Amy Zinn (15 digs, eight kills) a chance to serve.

A three-point surge followed, featuring an aggressive spike

from the middle of the floor by senior libero Abby Bartes (18 digs).

Harris, likewise, charged in from the back for a nifty tip, helping PCA edge toward game point and senior middle hitter Folake Olojo (4 kills) clinched the opener with a four-point run.

Set 2 was even closer than the first set, with a one-point differential much of the way.

Lutheran Westland actually barged ahead 18-15 thanks to four service points from junior Erica Killian (11 assists), with junior Amanda Terranella's perfectly placed tip accounting for one of those.

It was 20-19 for the Warriors when an official ruled that a Lutheran Westland kill attempt sailed long for a PCA point - although it appeared as though an Eagle tipped the ball as it went over.

That evened the game and the Eagles finished it off on a spike by junior Sarah Howard (four kills) and tip by Kristen Malcolm.

"Those calls happen," Wade said. "We went back and forth. Our goal is to keep it close as long as possible and make that late run, and we just didn't do it."

Breaking open Set Three for PCA was Harris, with a five-point service run (including an ace) to give the Eagles an 18-10

advantage.

Other top contributors for the Warriors included Terranella (seven kills, six blocks), freshman Leah Refenes (eight assists), junior Marisa Hahn (15 digs) and senior Alyssa Shirkey (nine digs).

"We expended a lot of energy in the first two sets," Wade said. "And losing the second set made the biggest difference in the whole match. If we win the second set it's 1-1, they might be a little more tense."

"I'm not saying we win the match, but you make it a lot more interesting rather than have them so loose and care-free."

According to Wade, who in five seasons has compiled a record of 152-52-17 along with four appearances in the regional finals (and reaching the finals in 2008), the hope is the players coming back in 2011 will remember watching another team celebrate on their floor.

"We've got a good solid core coming back," he said. "I feel bad for the seniors, they put a lot of energy and effort into it and came up short. But in terms of underclassmen, they get to say 'O.K., we lost,' get them to think about this for a while."

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## Chargers sweep outgunned Eagles

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Redford Thurston girls volleyball coach Scott Gray knew the odds were highly stacked against his squad in Wednesday's district semifinal match at Garden City.

His Eagles were up against district favorite Livonia Churchill, a state Class A semifinalist two of the past three years, and the result was predictable as the Chargers rolled to a 25-11, 25-9, 25-10 triumph.

Churchill, now 43-7-2 overall, will face off against Livonia Stevenson (19-17-4) for the district title beginning at 6 p.m. Friday at Garden City.

"We got to close to double digits every game and I'm tickled pink," said Gray, whose team finished 2-11 overall. "I'm proud of the kids Churchill was just way too efficient for us to give them a run. We did what we could to keep balls off the floor."

Sophomore Emily Norscia paced Churchill's hitting attack

with 19 kills, while another sophomore, Marissa Pomaville, added eight kills and three blocks.

Katie Hecksel contributed 12 assist-to-kills, while Krystyn Niescier finished with nine assist and seven digs.

Churchill's defense was led by senior Kara Kempinski with 16 digs.

Senior outside hitter Sarah Schultz paced Thurston with five kills, while junior setter Rachel Pebbles added 10 assists.

# Garden City Dealership Makes Difference



Photos (L to R) Halloween Event at Metropolitan, Supporting Garden City Public Schools, John Obeid accepting Triple Crown Award

## Metropolitan Demonstrates Dedication to Customers and the Community

BY MATT EDWARDS

Next time you're near Metropolitan Lincoln of Garden City, stop in and ask them, what have you done for the community lately? You may be amazed at all the answers.

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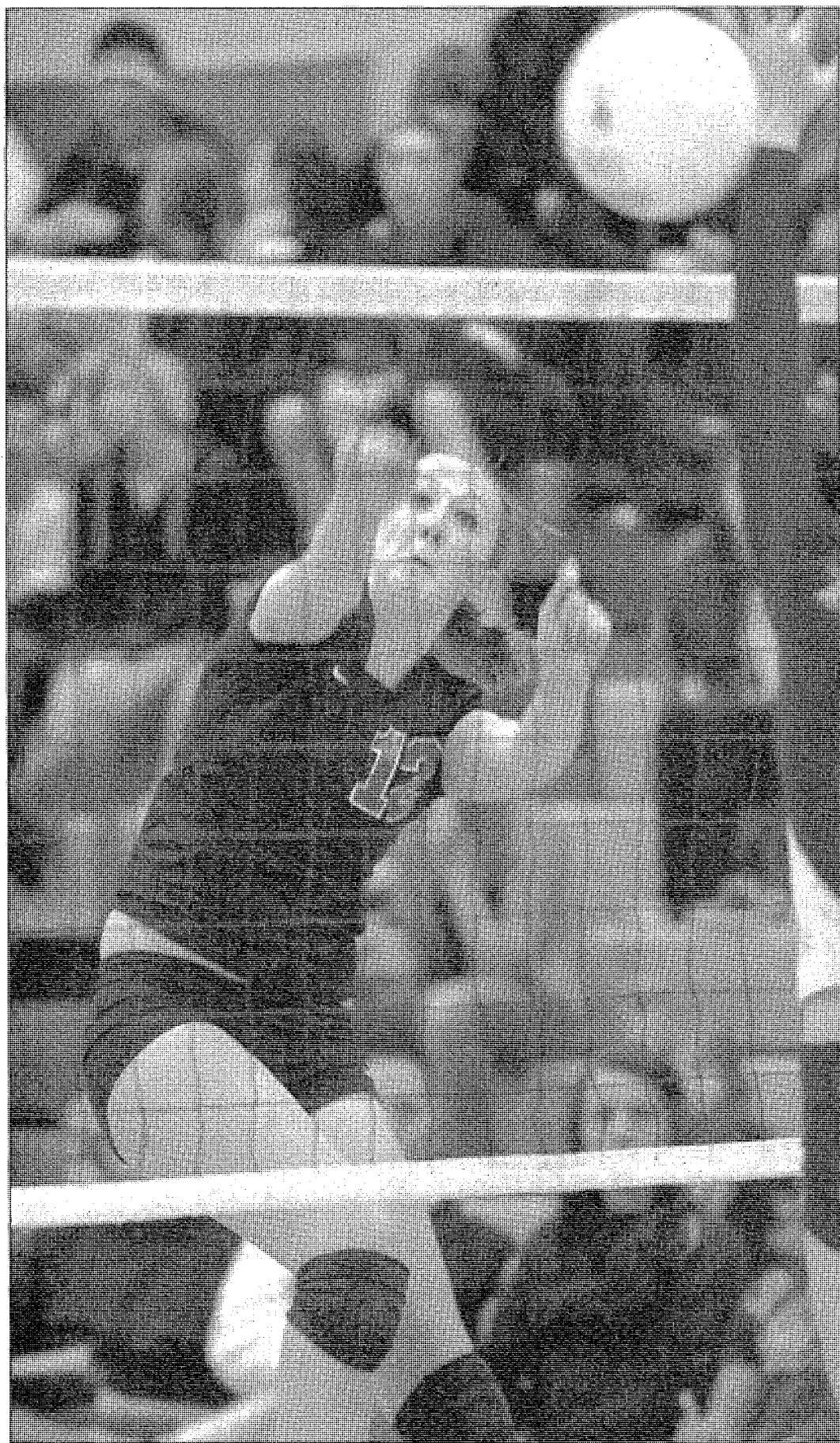
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Churchill's Emily Norscia, a 6-1 sophomore, had a match-high 17 kills in the Chargers Class A district championship win over Stevenson.

## CHURCHILL

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from senior Monika Rudis. Senior Reina Tyl added 10, while freshman Katie Tomasic added eight to go along with 17 digs.

Junior libero Jordan York had a team-high 25 digs, while setters Samantha Caves and Allie Koestering finished with 15 and 12 assists, respectively.

"We were trying to accomplish a faster transition," Graham said. "Our defense had been playing better. Obviously with our offense, we wanted to use our bigger hitters. It was frustrating because Monika (Rudis) was on — they couldn't stop her. It was just one of those scenarios where we couldn't get her the ball for whatever reason."

It was the eighth straight district crown for Grenier, who was glad to get past the pesky Spartans.

"We really did have to earn it," the Churchill coach said. "When you put two Livonia teams together like that, you know it's going to be

competitive. Stevenson has a very good team, very athletic and Kelly does a great job coaching. We just went back to what we do, which is just working hard and playing aggressive, and we got lucky.

"We live and die with the kids with the ball control and defense. It makes all the difference for us. A couple kids front row really picked it up. Marissa, Erin and Emily did great a job controlling the net on top of our defense."

Urbats also likes what she sees from her young front row attackers.

"They are developing into amazing hitters," she said. "I'm so proud of them and they're getting better with every game."

Stevenson, meanwhile, ends its season at 19-18-4 overall.

"We played tough defense, too," Graham said. "It was we just couldn't make the adjustments quick enough as we needed to. They (Churchill) were getting too many points with us not getting sideouts. But I'm real proud of them. The score really doesn't show how close the match was really."

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## Stevenson spikes Cougars in 3

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

### VOLLEYBALL

There was one telling statistic in Livonia Stevenson's 25-16, 25-23, 26-24 Class A district semifinal girls volleyball win Wednesday over host Garden City.

Stevenson's Kim Griffith and Lauren Corbeil combined for 20 blocks alone with 12 and eight, respectively.

Meanwhile, Garden City had team total of only one.

"We had to be able to get one hand on their outside hitter and we had trouble doing that," Garden City coach John Pace said. "We knew that would be an issue and we tried to do some things to try and move that set more inside the net — get it more to our middle hitter. And they (Stevenson) did a good job countering that."

"So then we had to tighten up our defense to dig the ball up, and I thought we did a pretty good job of it. But when we gave them that perfect ball, they put the ball away."

Freshman Katie Tomasic, a mid-season call-up from the JV squad, gave Stevenson a boost in the win over the Cougars, the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division champions.

Tomasic, a 5-foot-11 outside hitter, finished with a team-high 11 kills and 16 digs.

Outside hitter Monika Rudis, a lefty, also sparkled. The 5-10 senior outside hitter contributed 10 kills, including five in the second set.

Senior Reina Tyl chipped in with nine kills and eight digs.

In the third set, GC took a 15-12 lead, but Stevenson responded with three straight points after a timeout.

"When we called it I basically had told them that they had three points, they've been in this scenario before," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "Hey, don't want to let teams get free points and that they have to turn around and immediately get side-outs, and set the play up. They went with that and it's worked every time."

The Cougars had a set point at 24-23 in the third, but Stevenson responded once again and Tyl had the match-winning kill.

Other digs leader included Jordan York (10) and Holly Mossioan (9).

"Tough defense, it's probably the best defense we've played all season long," Graham said. "And blocking — they played really, really smart. They talking a lot more in terms of where the setter was and we were communicating so much that we were more prepared."

Meanwhile, Setters Sammy Caves and Allie Koestering combined for 30 assist-to-kills with 16 and 14, respectively.

Senior middle blocker Samantha Zaleski had 12 kills and 12 digs, while senior setter Brittany Bejma contributed 26 assists.

"I'm proud of Brittany (Bejma) and Sam (Zaleski), our two captains," Pace said. "They wanted to go out strong and their effort was fantastic. They played as perfect they could. They were definitely our leaders and it showed. I'm proud of all four of my seniors (Lindsay Bunio and Christina Dork). They won a title in every year of their four years whether it was a league or district."

Sophomores Minta Whitaker and Cayla Bone each added eight kills, while junior libero Casandra Ford chipped in with 13 digs and was 30-for-31 serving.

"The difference in the game is when they got the terminatable ball, they terminated it," Pace said of the Spartans. "And when we did, they dug a lot of ours up. We didn't dig consistently and they (Stevenson) had two strong hitters that could put the ball away consistently."

Garden City finished the season at 18-22-5 overall.

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## Tough act to follow

### Talented frosh class key to Lady Ocelots' season

BY JIM TOTH  
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### COLLEGE HOOPS

It's not so much a case of talent returning to the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team, but reloading.

Entering her 13th season in charge of the Lady Ocelots, coach Karen Lafata knows her youthful cagers will be hard-pressed to match the 32 and 33 wins achieved, respectively, over the past two years by Schoolcraft teams.

"We won't even go there," Lafata said when asked of the prospects for her team to achieve another 30-win plateau. "We brought in a bunch of talented freshmen, who are as talented a group as we've ever had. But they are freshmen and it's going to take some time to evaluate each and every one of them and figure out where they fit in."

The cupboard isn't entirely bare of experience, however, as three sophomores help comprise the 11-player roster in 2010-11.

The key returnee for the Lady Ocelots is 6-foot-1 Kimberly Bee, who will line up at center after averaging a near double-double last season with 9.7 points and 9.5 rebounds per game.

"She's very athletic and a very hard worker," Lafata said of Bee. "We're going to be counting on her in a lot of different ways."

Sophomore Sarah Jury (Livonia Ladywood), who along with freshman Saquaiia Hood are the tallest Lady Ocelots at 6-4, will get valuable minutes in a back-up role to Bee.

The third sophomore on the squad is 5-5 transfer Sheallica Grandberry, a product of Pontiac Central High School, who last season suited up for Odessa Community College (Tex.).

With Bee handling duties in the middle, the remaining starting positions in the early going are expected to be filled by freshmen. Saginaw High graduate Diamond Tolliver, listed at 5-3, will get the nod at point guard, while 5-8 Amber Sammons, of New Lothrop, will play shooting guard.

The frontcourt positions will be handled by 5-11 Shanequa Braggs at power forward and 5-9 Shawnicka Thomas at small forward.

"Tolliver and Braggs were both solid players at Saginaw, and Thomas is a great pull-up shooter," Lafata said. "I'm really

excited about what Sammons can do. She won two Class D titles at New Lothrop and was a 2,000-point career scorer there. She's our perimeter threat."

Other freshmen expected to contribute include Cameo Kendrick (5-10 forward), Charlise Slater (5-6 guard) and Kelcie Jones (6-0 forward).

With four conference titles, three state championships and back-to-back Final Four appearances recently added on to Schoolcraft's resume, Lafata knows her club will continuously be on the receiving end of their opponents' best efforts.

"There's a lot on these kids because of the success we have had," Lafata said. "I'm really excited because of the upside of this team. We have great kids and great talent and right now it's a matter of building this team."

Lafata was slated to get her opening looks at the squad Friday and Saturday at the Jackson Invitational.

The Lady Ocelots will resume play next Friday and Saturday at the Cincinnati State Classic before raising the curtain on the home portion of their schedule Nov. 16 against Kellogg CC.

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## Bee sting: Lady Ocelots win big

Kimberly Bee, the lone returnee from last year's Schoolcraft College women's basketball team that finished 33-2 overall, got off to an impressive start on Friday.

The 6-foot-1 center from Detroit Community & Media Arts scored career-high 23 points and grabbed 21 rebounds to lead the Lady Ocelots to a season-opener 87-65 victory over Lakeland Community College (Ohio) in the Jackson Tip Off Classic.

Shawnicka Thomas and Amber Sammons each added 16 points, while Shanequa Braggs and Diamond Tolliver chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

Charlise Slater contributed nine.

Braggs and Thomas also combined for 21 rebounds, while Tolliver dished out eight assists as Schoolcraft

captured its fifth straight season opener.

Diminika King (16), Alyson Lee (14) and Ginny Sanchez (10) scored in double figures for Lakeland (0-1).

**MADONNA 84, MARYGROVE 54:** Tabatha Wydryck's double-double propelled the Madonna University (1-0) to a season-opening triumph Wednesday night over visiting Marygrove College (1-2).

Wydryck, a 6-1 senior guard, led all scorers with 23 points on 8-of-11 shooting to go along with 10 rebounds.

Sophomore center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) added 16 points and nine rebounds. Freshman Rachel Melcher chipped in with eight points in her MU debut.

The Crusaders led 44-21 at the half shooting 47.2 percent from the field (17-of-36).

Marygrove got 15 points from Kayla Corrothers and 12 from Etouya Simms.

## Schoolcraft men's team hope bigger numbers produce wins

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft men's basketball coach Randy Henry is hoping an increase in numbers and an increase in talent translates into an increase in victories this season for his men's basketball team.

With 16 players dressed in the season-opener Wednesday with Siena Heights University JV, Henry had the luxury to juggle the lineup a little and come up with combinations able to excel on both ends of the court.

Then the final buzzer sounded, the Ocelots were rewarded with their first win of the 2010-11 campaign, 72-58 over Siena Heights.

With the victory, the Ocelots are just three wins shy of matching their win total for all of last season.

"It was a good way to start," said Henry, beginning his fourth season at the helm of the program. "We're starting fresh and getting a win like this really boosts morale and shows the

kids what hard work can really get them.

"We dressed 16 and that is a first for me. Last year we were dressing nine, so we have more options this year and some really talented players."

The lone returnee from last year's 4-22 squad is 6-foot-3 guard Ron Pummill, whose knowledge of the program, talent and leadership skills have tagged him as team captain.

"His leadership is invaluable to this team," Henry said of the Garden City High product. "He is very intelligent, always out there hustling and doing whatever he can to help the team win."

Henry is banking on the additional speed and size to upgrade the team's play and allow the Ocelots to become a force in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Getting the start in the opener were a pair of six-footers in the backcourt — Davonte Broden and Zack Childress — and Mike Grandberry (6-

5), Andrew Mapley (6-6) and Andrew Topp (6-8) in the frontcourt.

Topp responded with eight points and eight rebounds in his debut, while Broden was one of three Ocelots reaching double figures with 11 points.

The list of contributors on opening night also included 6-8 freshman Karl Moore (13 points), 6-3 Wayne Memorial grad Daniel Hill (nine points) and 5-9 freshman guard Mohamed Elhaj (11 points).

Adding depth to various positions on the court will be 6-1 guard Demarco Walker and 6-6 Lydell Mason of Westland John Glenn.

"We're talking to them about improving every game because we've got to become a better rebounding team this year," Henry said. "If we can become a better rebounding team and not give up too many easy shots that will bode well for us in terms of getting more victories."

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# All-Area selections prove their net worth

**FIRST-TEAM SINGLES**  
**Aaron Zhang, Jr., Plymouth:** Zhang not only went 20-4 at No. 1 singles for the Wildcats, he became the first Plymouth player to win a KLAAs Kensington Conference championship and stands a strong chance to become the school's first All-State representative.

"Aaron has combined some natural skills as an athlete and tennis player with his dedicated commitment and work ethic to become the best player in Plymouth High School history," said Wildcats' coach Tom Kimball. "There are times he hits the ball so perfectly, and so hard, that your jaw just drops."

Zhang, selected Plymouth's MVP, set school marks for his won-loss record and for reaching the second round of the Division 1 state finals. He was the lone performer from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to advance to Midland.

Bad news for KLAAs rivals: Kimball said the junior "is fired up to return again next year," when he will be team captain.

**Stephen Payne, Jr., Liv. Franklin:** The junior captain, Franklin's No. 1 singles player, finished 26-3 overall.

Payne, a first-team All-Observer pick last year, captured the Division 1 regional and three other tournaments while advancing to the MHSAA finals where he won his first-round match before falling to eventual state runner-up Joe Dube of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Payne was also a semifinalist in the KLAAs Kensington Conference Tourney.

"Stephen's improvement this year has been substantial," Franklin coach Dawn Fallu said of the All-State honoree. "Opponents which gave Stephen trouble last year were no trouble this year - he came off with decisive wins."

"On and off the court he has shown true grit, determination

and leadership."  
**Walter Woods, Sr., Liv. Franklin:** Another repeat first-team All-Observer performer, Woods finished the year at 29-2 overall as he captured the KLAAs Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional tournaments at No. 2 singles.

Woods also captured two tournaments and earned All-Livonia honors this fall.

The four-year letter winner and Patriots' No. 1 singles player as a freshman and sophomore, was coming off a perfect 27-0 as a junior.

At the MHSAA finals, Woods won his first-round match handily (6-1, 6-2) before taking eventual state champion and No. 1 seed Michael Dube of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central to three sets (6-2, 6-7, 6-0).

"His second-round match was truly the best of the entire season and probably of Walter's four-year career," Fallu said. "He truly showed his determination and drive after a few in-season tough three-set matches. Walter definitely finished his high."

**Brock Foster, Sr., Salem:** The second-year captain wrapped up a superb prep career, with an 18-2 record at No. 2 singles for the Rocks.

Head coach Bill Nelson said Brock "demonstrated leadership on the tennis court as well as the classroom" with a 3.9 grade-point average and selection as a KLAAs Scholar Athlete.

"He was a finalist in the KLAAs tournament even after sustaining a sprained ankle and undergoing knee surgery last year," Nelson said.

One of Foster's top highlights was a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Brighton's Trevor Houston in a KLAAs crossover match-up.

**Ryan Hansz, Sr., Canton:** The straw that stirred the drink for the KLAAs South champion Chiefs, Hansz defeated all conference opponents at No. 1 singles except for Plymouth's Zhang.

The second-year All-Observer choice enjoyed big wins over Novi (in straight sets) and Grand Blanc and advanced to the regionals but lost in the second round to the No. 1 seed.

Chiefs' coach Barb Lehmann said the senior's growth as a player the last two seasons has been "due to his own commitment" off the court.

"He is a very focused player, dedicated and has a really keen sense of strategy," Lehmann said. "He's very proud of what he's accomplished but he's also very humble."

**John McDonald, Sr., Harrison:** McDonald was a four-year varsity singles player for the Hawks. He was a regional finalist and Division 2 state qualifier this year and last at No. 1 singles. McDonald had a 14-2 record this season and led Harrison to the OAA Blue Division championship. He was a quarterfinalist at the state meet, losing to the No. 2 seed from East Lansing.

"It has been a privilege and an honor to have coached John McDonald for the past four years," coach Joe Ludwig said. "He has dedicated himself to improving his game and has succeeded."

"His attitude on and off the court is exemplary. Throughout his high school and USTA career, John McDonald has demonstrated the highest level of sportsmanship. He is an example for all rising tennis stars to emulate."

**FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES**  
**David Bur, Sr., George Paul, Sr., N. Farmington:** Playing No. 1 doubles for the Raiders in the highly competitive OAA Red Division, Bur and Paul compiled a 12-12 record and won a Division 2 regional championship in Oakland County.

"David and George did a great job this season," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "We have a very tough schedule, and they held their own and were

## ALL-AREA TENNIS

**2010 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TENNIS TEAM**

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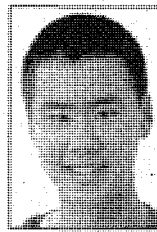
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able to compete in every single match they played.

"They're hard workers and have been a part of the North Farmington program for four years. They brought a lot of experience and wisdom to this team."



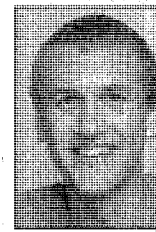
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"David and George played their best tennis at the regional, where they were able to win the tournament, beating Rochester Adams in the final."

**Josh Perrin, Sr., Scott Devine, Sr., Salem:** The senior tandem combined to go 12-2 this season at No. 1 doubles for the Rocks. They capped their year off by finishing second at the KLAAs tournament.

Nelson lauded their exemplary work ethic and overall excellence as student-athletes. Both are KLAAs Scholar Athletes who also excel for other Salem varsity teams.

"Josh's work ethic was one of the many things that singled him out as an outstanding representative of Salem Tennis," said Nelson about Perrin, a two-year captain.

Nelson said Devine "demonstrated a great work ethic and

desire to improve his game by coming early and staying late."

**Josh York, Sr., Paul Franchina, Sr., Liv. Stevenson:** This dynamic duo repeated as first-team All-Observer performers from a year ago after posting a 26-5 record this fall.

York and Franchina were Division 1 regional, Monroe Classic, Stevenson Quad, Brighton Invitational, Spartan Invitational and Livonia City champions. They were also semifinalists in the KLAAs Kensington Conference Tournament.

"They exhibited exemplary sportsmanship and were a very difficult team to beat," Stevenson coach Don McCathney said. "Josh and Paul were both great leaders and as seniors provided the team with great direction and kept their teammates focused."



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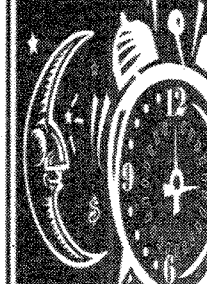
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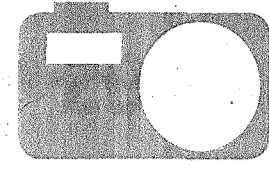


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# Holiday greetings

## Cards spread cheer and nonprofits' messages

Nonprofit organizations are gearing up for the holiday season by selling greeting cards that help raise awareness of their missions and funds for their causes.

For the fifth year, Seedlings Braille Books for Children is selling 12 different greeting card designs in two sizes by Pumpnickel Press. Sixteen large cards per box cost \$18 and a box of 10 smaller cards is \$10. All designs are fine art embossed cards, made from premium grade, recycled paper, printed with agri-based inks and Made in the USA, including the packing material.

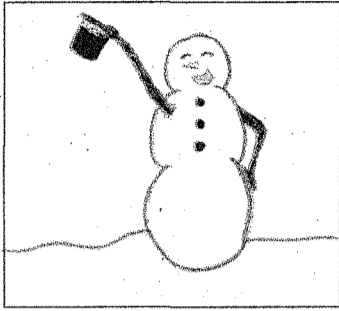
The proceeds from the sale of the cards help Seedlings provide high quality, low cost children's literature in braille to visually impaired children locally and around the world.

Cards are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Seedlings' office, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-8552 for directions and more information. Or visit [www.seedlings.org/donate.php](http://www.seedlings.org/donate.php), for a look at all of its new card designs.

Here's a sampling of other local nonprofit holiday cards:

• Michigan Humane Society Cards, by Skidmore Studio in Royal Oak, feature a cover illustration with a dog and cat at a warm, safe and loving home. The message inside says "May all your wishes come true this holiday season." The back of the card carries the MHS logo and message. Each box of 15 5-by-7-inch cards and 16 envelopes costs \$10.95 plus tax.

Buy cards from the MHS Shop Line at (800) 866-9189, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays



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or from the online store at [www.shopmichiganhumane.org](http://www.shopmichiganhumane.org). The cards also are available at MHS' Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland locations. Its Westland adoption center is at 900 N. Newburgh.

Proceeds will benefit more than 100,000 animals MHS cares for each year.

• Right to Life - Lifespan Card sales benefit the organization's pro-life activities in the tri-county area. This year's selection includes The Baby King, Holy Family with Shepherds and Madonna and Holy Child. Prices range from \$16 for a box of 20 cards to \$7 for a box of 10 cards. To place an order, arrange for pickup or for more information, call the Wayne West/Downriver Lifespan office at (734) 422-6230 or the Oakland/Macomb office at (248) 816-1546. Lifespan, established in 1970, is dedicated to the protection of human life from conception through natural death.

• Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Orders must be placed by Nov. 16 for the Institute's holiday cards. Five different designs and a choice of verses are available. Cards may be ordered

in increments of 25 of the same style card. Cards cost \$1.65 each if purchased in a box of 100; \$1.95 each if bought in a box of 50 or 75; and \$2.50 each for 25 cards.

Order forms are available online at [www.karmanos.org/holidaycards](http://www.karmanos.org/holidaycards). Call Debbie Fellberg at (313) 576-8102 for more information.

• Capuchin Soup Kitchen Christmas cards offer messages of peace and raise funds to help the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph continue its ministry to the needy in the Detroit area. Each of its two soup kitchens serve approximately 2,000 hot meals daily. Approximately 300,000 pounds of food is distributed to families each month.

Ten cards cost \$10 and 20 cards cost \$18. Visit [www.cskdetroit.org](http://www.cskdetroit.org) to download an order form. Or e-mail questions to Stephanie Murray at [smurray@cskdetroit.org](mailto:smurray@cskdetroit.org). The Capuchin Soup Kitchen administrative office is at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 215.

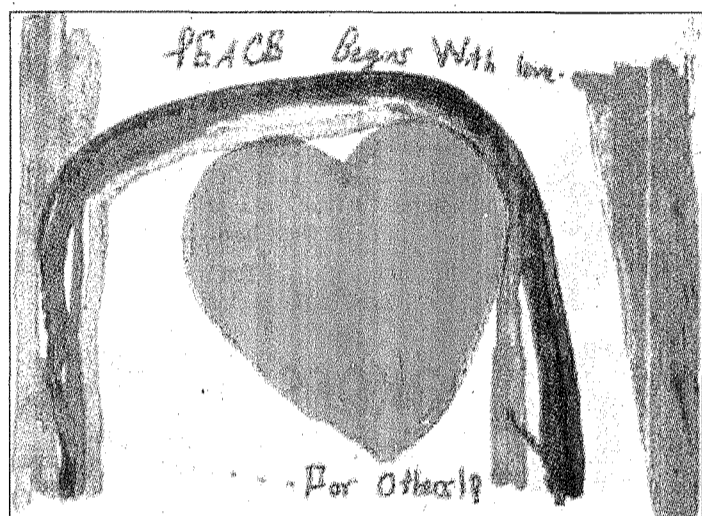
• HAVEN The 2010 HAVEN Holiday card features a snowman and the message that reads: Warm Wishes This Holiday Season. Cards come in packages of 10 for \$10 with red envelopes. Cards are available at [www.haven-oakland.org](http://www.haven-oakland.org) or by calling (248) 334-1284, Ext. 341.

Card proceeds fund HAVEN programs which include counseling, emergency shelter and advocacy services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Farmington Hills and other Oakland County communities.

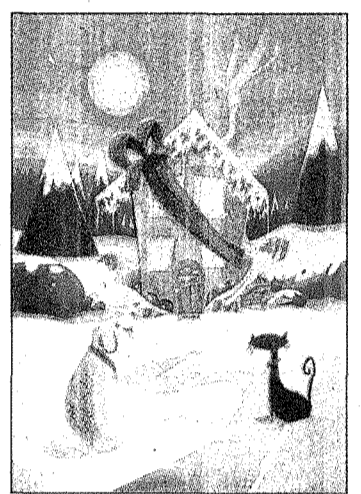
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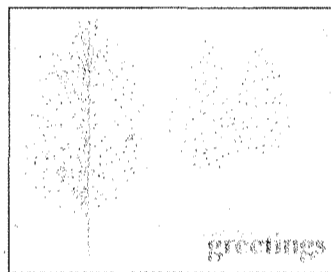
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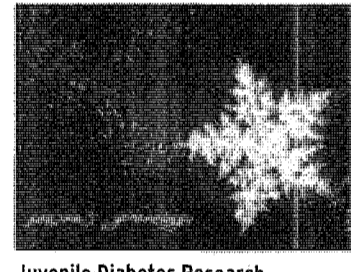
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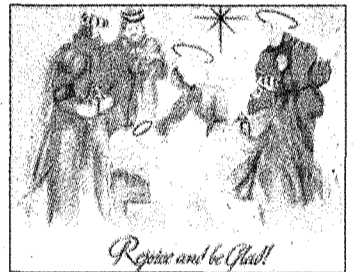
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# SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.

Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.


In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice.

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# Boy Scout gives dogs a warm home

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

Matt McClintock likes dogs, pure and simple. And he's pretty handy with a paint brush and saw.

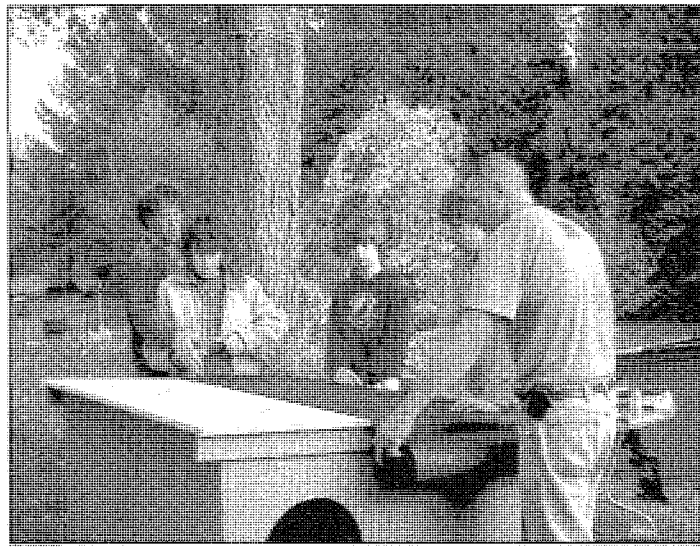
So, it was a natural choice for the Livonia resident to build and donate dog houses for his Eagle Scout project in Troop 271.

"I like to build things," said Matt, 13, an eighth grader at Holmes Middle School. "And I did it because I like dogs." After touring the Michigan Humane Society (MHS) to earn his dog care merit badge last year, Matt wrote a letter to the organization. It was part of a school assignment requiring students to write business letters.

"They responded and that started the ball rolling," said his mom, Connie McClintock, adding that the tour helped raise his awareness of animal abuse. "Matt wanted to do something for the dogs."

He collected bottles and cans to raise funds for the project and solicited local businesses for supplies. He also recruited other Scouts, a few adults — his dad, Vince, among them — to help with the hands-on construction from plans supplied by MHS.

"I'm thankful for the many donors that helped me with the project because I couldn't



Vince and Matt McClintock (left), along with Mike, Zac and Roger Cebulski, work on a doghouse together for Mat's Eagle Scout project.

have done it without them," Matt said.

H.A. Smith Lumber & Hardware in Farmington Hills discounted the wood and Ace Hardware in Livonia donated paint.

He and his helpers built six dog houses that MHS' Animal Cruelty Investigation Department will supply to outdoor canines in need of warm shelter this winter.

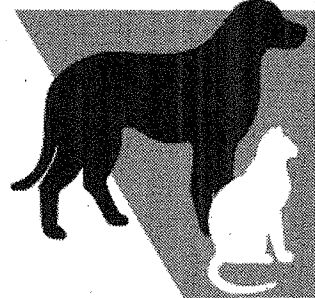
"They are awesome dog houses," Connie said. "They have two rooms so the dogs can cuddle in one room and when it's sunny be out where the door is."

Matt and his crew improved on plans by altering the way the roof adheres to the structure.

"The top is supposed to come off and has hinges, but we thought some accidents could happen, so we decided to make it slide into a slot," Matt explained. "It still comes off. We added some shingling and a drip edge."

The structure also is raised off the ground.

Matt previously helped his dad build an extension on a barn and they built a prototype dog house that will stay in their backyard for "Patches."



## PET PROJECTS

Matt received the Brittany Spaniel for his eighth birthday.

"I like to throw a ball to patches and he likes to play with plastic bottles. I don't know why. I also like to go for walks with him."

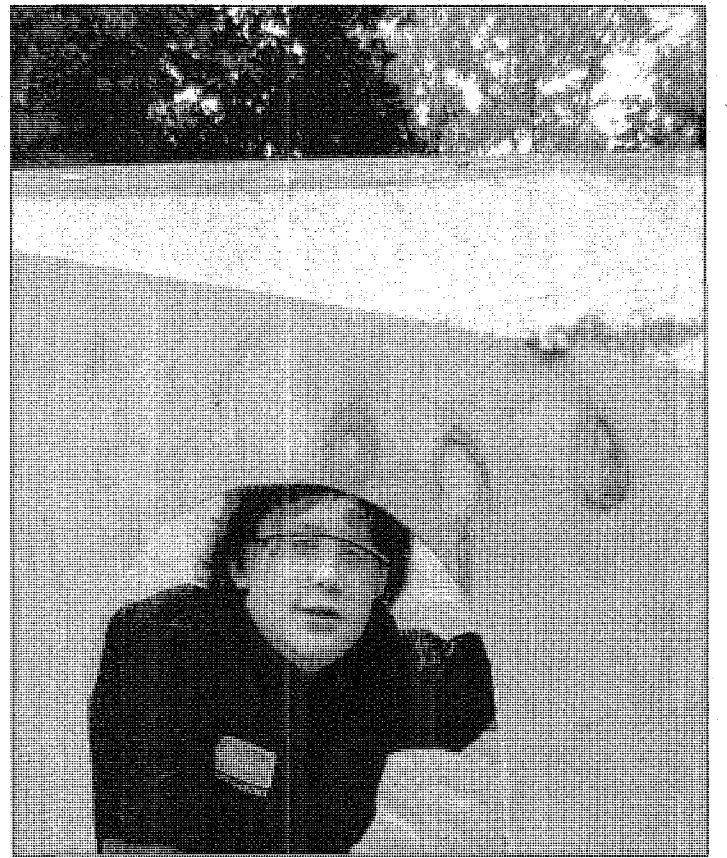
Matt put in about 70 volunteer hours on the project. The team charted approximately 250 volunteer hours in total. A carpentry merit badge was incorporated into the work for those who helped out.

Matt must collect one more badge — in fitness, swimming, world citizenship or personal management — to attain his Eagle Scout rank.

He hopes to finish his requirements by the end of the year.

### SPEAKING OF MHS ...

The organization is expanding its ongoing low-cost spay/neuter program for cats and kittens of low-income pet



Matt McClintock looks through the opening of a dog house under construction.

owners.

The program is available by appointment to qualifying pet owners Monday-Friday at any of MHS' three veterinary centers, located in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland.

Cost for sterilization surgery is \$35 per cat or kitten and includes age-appropriate vaccinations. For appointments and to confirm eligibility, call (248) 283-5655, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

To qualify, pet owners must be able to show proof of financial need with one of the following: proof of unemployment compensation, SOM Medicaid or medical assistance card, Family Independence Program, Social Security Disability, food stamps/Bridge Card or WIC.

For more information about the low-cost feline spay/neuter program, visit [www.michigan-humane.org](http://www.michigan-humane.org).

# Music, displays, speakers mark Veterans Day

A "Salute to Service" ceremony, recognizing military personnel in active duty and veterans will start at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 11 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

The event is free and will feature military memorabilia displays and live music by the Workman Elementary School Choir. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Don J. Mooney, who is retired from

the U.S. Marine Corps, will give the keynote address. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve on June 23, 1948 and was assigned to B Company, 8th Infantry Battalion 2nd Division. Mooney will share first-hand accounts of how he landed at Inchon and faced the enemy forcing them back to Seoul, Korea and across the 38th parallel. Local Korean War veterans will offer their personal recollections through a video presentation.

The Michigan Military Moms will be on hand collecting items for service men and women who are currently serving overseas. The following items will be accepted at the event: beef Jerky and/or Slim Jim sticks from beef; individual cans of tuna fish; Ramen noodles, pudding cups, power/energy bars.

For more information on the Salute to Service call (734) 394-5460 or visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org).

## REUNION CALENDAR

Send reunion items to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com)

### Belleville High School

#### Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail [BHS.1971@yahoo.com](mailto:BHS.1971@yahoo.com). If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

### Detroit Mackenzie

#### Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at [mackenzie1962@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzie1962@gmail.com).

### Farmington High School

#### Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at

[dblehn@aol.com](mailto:dblehn@aol.com).

### Garden City High School

#### Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).

#### Class of 1990

20-year reunion 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Station 885, Plymouth. For information or to register contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail to [celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com](mailto:celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com)

### Ladywood High School

#### Class of 1961

Planning our 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail [sandymacg@aol.com](mailto:sandymacg@aol.com) or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voicemail picks up.

### Livonia Bentley

#### Class of 1961

Planning a 50th class reunion for 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail to [dbruner@twmi.rr.com](mailto:dbruner@twmi.rr.com) or call Don Bruner at (734) 524-0979 to register and for more information.

### Livonia Churchill

#### Class of 1980

30-year reunion, Nov. 27 at One Under Banquet Hall at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. Seeking classmates and contact information. Join the group on Facebook by searching Livonia Churchill or e-mail Mary Furlong Tabone and Kathy Hesch Zelin at [churchillclassof80@yahoo.com](mailto:churchillclassof80@yahoo.com).

### Livonia Franklin

#### Class of 1990

20-year reunion, Nov. 27; for more information e-mail to [LivoniaFHSclassof1990@gmail.com](mailto:LivoniaFHSclassof1990@gmail.com). Buy tickets at <http://fhs1990reunion.eventbrite.com>

### Redford Union

#### Class of 1975

Reunion runs 5-11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26, at Embassy Suites Livonia. Cost is \$50 per person; Nov. 1 is deadline for sending in money and \$50 ticket price. Make checks payable to Joanne Piascecki and send to Reunion Redford Union 1975, P.O. Box 530213, Livonia, MI 48153. Questions? Contact [RU75Reunion@gmail.com](mailto:RU75Reunion@gmail.com) or Reunion Redford Union 1975 on Facebook.

### Rosary High School

#### Class of 1966

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at [Tafftfoot@aol.com](mailto:Tafftfoot@aol.com)

### Westland John Glenn

#### Class of 1990

20-year reunion Friday, Nov. 26 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. For information or to register contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail to [celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com](mailto:celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com).



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### LIVONIA

Our Lady of Good Counsel, will present a Home Party Extravaganza and Craft Show 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, in the church social hall, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Admission is \$2, with food available for purchase, and a raffle; (248) 344-7995.

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The school also teaches Tae Kwon Do style of martial arts for children. Its next open house is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13. Demonstrations and other activities are planned each hour.

The school is located at 37575 5 Mile, at Newburgh. It also has locations in Novi, Milford, Keego Harbor, and plans to open in Farmington Hills. Call (734) 542-7985 for more information.

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Trochanteric bursitis refers to irritation of a bursa or sac that separates the large gluteus maximus muscle from the outer aspect of the femoral bone. The bursa when irritated cause pain on walking. An individual experiencing trochanteric bursitis may believe that the hip has developed arthritis and that treatment means a hip replacement.

Nothing is further from the truth. A physician can readily treat trochanteric bursitis by injection into the bursa; the bursitis may recur but the physician can repeat the injection. Usually treatment lasts for months or possibly the bursitis will not ever return.

Before seeing a doctor one can gain an idea if the problem is trochanteric bursitis by seeing the effect of crossing the legs. If doing so cause pain in the groin, then a diagnosis of hip arthritis is a serious consideration. If crossing the legs cause no groin pain but does recreate the pain at the outside area of the leg, then trochanteric bursitis is the likely cause.

At times, early sciatica can mimic the discomfort of trochanteric bursitis. For that reason, a person's tentative diagnosis before seeing a doctor is not sufficient to forego an appointment.

A physician can confirm the diagnosis, take an x-ray of the hip area to assure that the hip joint is intact, and finally inject the bursa with a steroid preparation as this is the treatment of choice. In my experience heat, physical therapy and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications such as Motrin and Naprosyn fail to achieve resolution of the bursa associated pain. A steroid injection works, though it does not guarantee the bursitis will not return.



# Faith, Fun, Fitness

## Church program works body, mind and spirit

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Their workout complete, the women gather around the snack table. Fitness instructor Stella Schelske of South Lyon has joked with the women at Faith Covenant Church this morning about their workout, reminding them of Halloween candy they've recently eaten.

The weekly "Faith, Fun & Fitness" sessions are Thursday morning at Faith Covenant Church at 14 Mile and Drake in Farmington Hills. The current session will wrap up soon with a Thanksgiving potluck, with the next session to start in January.

"It's kind of like a Mother's Morning Out," said church member Jean Jacquin of Farmington Hills. She likes that Faith, Fun & Fitness draws women of all backgrounds and ages, including young moms.

"They can come and have their children babysat," she said, adding one Japanese mom with young twins was grateful for the help at the church.

Jacquin began attending when the sessions started in the early 1980s. Her daughter was then 1. "She's now 30," Jacquin said with a smile.

"We also take walkers outside and we walk through the neighborhood," she said. Women who attend aren't all church members.

Each morning begins with roughly an hour of exercise, with aerobics done to Christian music, followed by snacks and a program. A recent program was on cake decorating, and Thursday, Nov. 4, Faye Buchan of Warren was the speaker.

"I'm showing how to do gift boxes with fresh flowers on top," Buchan said. "These are my examples here," she added, pointing to festive and colorful gift boxes.

Just before Buchan began, the women focused on the 23rd Psalm's meaning, with some translation into Japanese. Keiko Olsen of Commerce Township was invited by originator Jan Larson, who now lives in California but visits Michigan in summers.

"With the winter weather the exercise is not built into your daily life," Olsen said. "This is one time you're going to exercise."

Olsen also likes the speakers. She's originally from Japan and has been in the U.S. for 19 years. She's attended the church program about eight years and is among women who volunteer at the Hills church in planning programs.

"We've got a lot of Japanese ladies," said Nancy Sjogren of Novi, one of several women who coordinate Faith, Fun & Fitness.

"A lot of expatriate families," Sjogren said, noting others have come from Germany and other countries. "We've got an age range, too."

"You learn from each other," Sjogren said. "It's fun and interesting."

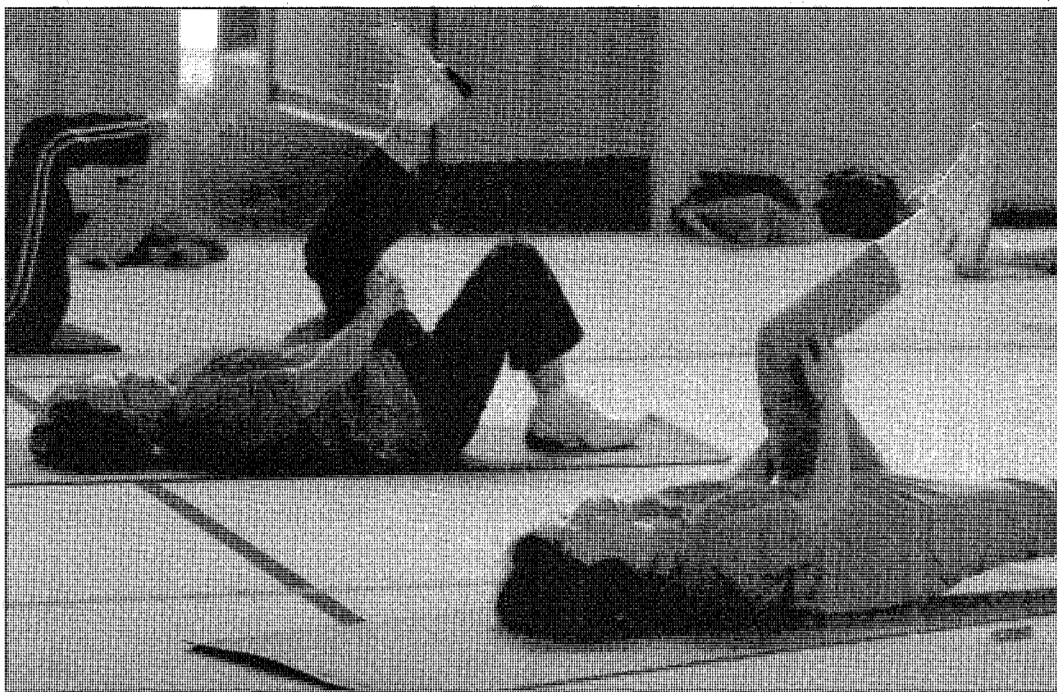
The child care for preschoolers is helpful, said Sjogren, whose kids are 14, 12 and 8.

"Some of them used to come with me when they were younger," she said.

Additional information is available through the church office, (248) 661-9191. Jacquin noted the group starting in January generally goes through Easter time. "It brings the ladies together," added fitness instructor Schelske, who's in her fourth year teaching at the church. "The whole body-mind-spirit health, what health and fitness is all about."

Faith Covenant Church also hosts a 10-11:30 a.m. Monday Spotlight program which provides an environment where non-native English speakers can listen to English, practice speaking and form friendships.

There are nine women who assist as conversation partners, with six helping with child care. The group of 25-30 is open to both women and men. Sessions of Spotlight are wrapping up, but will resume Jan. 24. For details on Spotlight, call Laurie Larson, (248) 624-7441, or Doris Toll, (248) 714-9406.



Women at Faith Covenant exercise.



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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**November 8, 2010**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on November 8, 2010 at 6:58 p.m. regarding the Proposed Ordinance establishing a Garden City Citizens Hall of Fame Commission.

**ORDINANCE #**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 33.205 THROUGH 33.265 OF CHAPTER 33 OF TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION OF SAID CODE ESTABLISHING GARDEN CITY CITIZEN HALL OF FAME COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE, POWERS, DUTIES, REPORTING, AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT THEREOF.**

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

**§ 33.205 ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE.**

The Garden City Citizen Hall of Fame Commission is hereby established, whose purpose shall be to establish and maintain a permanent citizen hall of fame display at a location or facility to be approved by the city council to honor, praise, and recognize those citizens of the city that have performed great deeds for the betterment and wellbeing of the city and its residents; to encourage citizen volunteerism; to build a sense of community between generations; and to preserve and record valuable stories, details, and events of the city's history for all generations of Garden City residents.

**§ 33.225 COMMISSION COMPOSITION; TERMS; COMPENSATION; ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.**

(A) The Garden City Citizen Hall of Fame Commission shall consist of seven citizens and one city council liaison appointed by the mayor with confirmation by the city council. Members of the commission may be removed for cause by the mayor with the approval of the city council. The city council liaison may participate in discussion on matters coming before the commission but shall have no voting privileges.

(B) The members of the Garden City Citizen Hall of Fame Commission shall serve without compensation, except that they may be reimbursed for actual expenses by resolution of the city council. The members of the commission shall be appointed for terms of four years each; however, of the first members appointed, four members shall be appointed for terms of four years each and three members shall be appointed for terms of two years each. Any vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(C) The Garden City Citizen Hall of Fame Commission members shall, immediately after their appointment, meet and organize by electing one of their members as Chairperson and one as Secretary and by electing such other officers as they may deem necessary. The commission shall meet not less than once each calendar quarter for the transaction of its business. The Chairperson of the commission shall provide a report to the city council on the progress of the commission not later than 120 days after the commission's first meeting.

**§ 33.235 POWERS AND DUTIES.**

The powers and duties of the Garden City Citizen Hall of Fame Commission, which shall be exercised and performed as herein provided and in conformity with the Charter and the general ordinances of the city, shall be as follows:

(A) To confer with, and advise, the city council on programs and activities supporting the honor, praise, and recognition of citizens of the city that have performed great deeds for the betterment and wellbeing of the city and its residents; encouraging citizen volunteerism; building a sense of community between generations; and preserving and recording valuable stories, details, and events of the city's history for all generations of the city.

(B) To recommend to the city council for approval the design, construction, location, operation, maintenance, disposition, and methods of funding a citizen hall of fame display.

(C) To seek county, state, and federal resources, as well as other funding sources, for the establishment of the citizen hall of fame display and programs.

(D) To coordinate with, and assist, other civic organizations in the promotion of programs and activities to carry out the purpose and duties of the commission.

(E) To establish commission bylaws and rules of procedure for the conduct of its business.

(F) To establish policies and procedures for the nomination, qualification, and election of citizens to the Garden City Citizen Hall of Fame.

(G) To make such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the commission's business to the extent that such rules and regulations are consistent with law and the rules, regulations and policies of the city.

(H) To perform any other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the city council.

**§ 33.245 REPORTS.**

The Garden City Citizen Hall of Fame Commission shall make an annual report to the city council setting forth the character and extent of the commission's activities and accomplishments for the prior year. Other reports may be submitted from time to time as required by the city council or by the commission's own initiative.

**§ 33.255 BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING.**

The Garden City Citizen Hall of Fame Commission shall be subject to the same laws, rules, regulations, and policies as other departments of the city generally relating to budgeting and financial accounting.

**§ 33.265 MEETINGS, MINUTES, AND DOCUMENTS.**

Meetings of the commission shall be open to the public in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended. Official minutes of meetings, once approved by the commission, shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk. All documents prepared by, or in the possession of, the commission shall be public documents and shall be available for public inspection in accordance with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, as amended. Documents belonging to the commission shall be retained in accordance with the city's adopted record retention schedule.

**SEVERABILITY:**  
This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**  
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

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MILESTONES

MARRIED IN AUGUST

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Dickerman and Bradley Brzezinski were married Aug. 20, 2010 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ypsilanti. The Rev. Robert Pietla officiated.

The bride, daughter of Timothy and Nancy Roddy of Plymouth, is a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy and Eastern Michigan University. She teaches at St. John's Catholic School in Jackson.

The groom, son of Thomas and Deborah Brzezinski of Brooklyn, is a graduate of Columbia Central High School, Michigan State University and Palmer College of Chiropractic. He is in practice at Plentz Chiropractic Clinic in Brooklyn.

Kristine Gough was Matron of Honor, and bridesmaids were Diana Rotondo, Kristen Porchia, Shelly Harney, Mary Kate Holland, Elizabeth Singer, Amy Silveus, and Charlene Jamula. Lydia Marano was the flower girl.

Kevin Laverty was the Best Man and groomsmen were Jeremy Angott, Matthew Dickerman, Matthew Roddy,



Brzezinski-Dickerman

Brian Singer, Ryan Coppes, Ian Scott, and Chris Ristau. Ring bearers were Joseph Marano and Parker Gough.

A dinner reception at The Inn of St. John in Plymouth followed the ceremony.

The bride's aunt and uncle, Mark and Deborah Umlauf of Plymouth, hosted a brunch the following morning at their home.

The couple lives on Lake Columbia.

Park programs feature feathered friends

Birds, ducks and other fowl take center stage this month at Huron-Clinton Metroparks this month.

Catch a glimpse of migrating waterfowl as they pass through Kensington Metropark in Milford. Bring binoculars to "Ducks on the Move," at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21, at the park's nature center. Spotting scopes will be available for closer viewing. The program is designed for ages 10 and older and costs \$2 per person. Preregistration required. Call (248) 685-0603.

Youngsters can explore wild turkeys through stories, hands-on objects and photos, at Turkeys & Tots, 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 21 at the activity center in Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 N. Territorial in Dexter. They'll also make a fun Thanksgiving centerpiece. Fee: \$2 per child; adults are free. Preregistration is required. Call (734) 426-8211.

"Chickadee Chow-Down" at 2 p.m. Nov. 26, gives visitors a chance to feed songbirds by hand along the nature trails at Kensington Nature Center in Milford. The park will provide the sunflower seeds for feeding. The program is free but preregistration is required at (248) 685-0603.

Kensington's Nature Center also will offer a "Beaver Full Moon Walk" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 and "Reptiles in the Lobby," at 2 p.m. Nov. 28. Participants will discover the sights and sounds of the woods under the moonlight during the guided night walk. The fee is \$2 per person. There is no fee for the reptile program that will introduce participants to some of the critters that make Kensington Nature Center their home. Preregistration is required for both programs at (248) 685-0603.

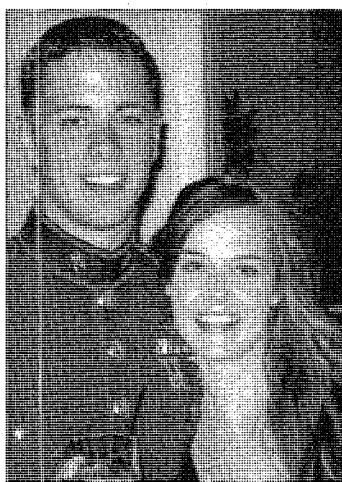
AUGUST 2011 WEDDING PLANNED

Meghan Marie Smith and Joseph Michael Torres announce their engagement.

The bride, daughter of Janet C. Goldner-Smith of Livonia and Richard Smith of Novi, plans to graduate in 2011 from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Her fiancé, son of John and Christine Torres of Livonia, is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He currently is a student in economics at Grand Valley State University.

An August 2011 wedding is planned.



Smith-Torres

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Richard and Helen Peltz of Garden City celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, Nov. 4. They were married in 1950 at St. Johns Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights.



Richard and Helen Peltz of Garden City on their wedding day.

Soon after they were married Richard left for duty in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper. Helen was a homemaker.

They have lived in the same house in Garden City since 1955. They have three

children, Debbie (Rick) Baur, Pam (Dan) Closser, and Jeff (Denise) Peltz. They also have 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

They celebrated their special day with a surprise anniversary dinner on Nov. 5.

MARRIED IN AUGUST

Clinton Kane and Sara Niskanen were married Aug. 20, 2010 in Traverse City.

The bride, daughter of Lauri and Karol Niskanen of Farmington Hills, graduated in 2001 from Farmington High School. She earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and is pursuing a master's degree at Saginaw Valley State University. She teaches physical education for Traverse City Area Public Schools.

The groom, son of Steve and Anna Kane of Traverse City, graduated in 1996 from Traverse City Central High school. He is a sales representative for Lipari Foods.



Kane-Niskanen

The couple lives in Traverse City.

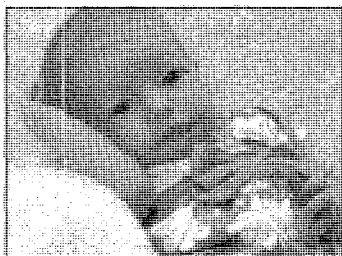
AUGUST BIRTH

Emma Ruth Campau was born Aug. 20, 2010 at Botsford Hospital.

She weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and measured 21.5 inches.

Proud parents are Amanda Ruth and Chad Evan Campau of Livonia.

Grandparents are Ronald and Barbara Campau of Livonia, Sally Dimmer of Livonia, and Mike and Carol Dimmer of Walled Lake.



Emma Ruth Campau

METROPARK CALENDAR

**General:** 2010 annual parking and boat launch permits are available at the park office. Vehicle entry permits are \$25; senior citizen \$15. Boat launching permits are \$30; senior citizen \$15. The HCMA and Oakland County Parks permits, valid within both park systems, are \$48. Daily entry fee is \$4.

KENSINGTON

**Note:** For more information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

**Webelos - Geologist:** Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required.

**Junior Girl Scouts - Rocks Rock:** Sunday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required.

**Leave No Trace Camping for Scouts:** Saturday, Nov. 20, 1 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. For ages 10 and older. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required.

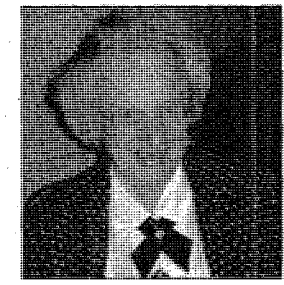
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JEAN ANN BAUMGARTNER

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 (Vanderwill) 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.



MARGARET W. KELLEHER

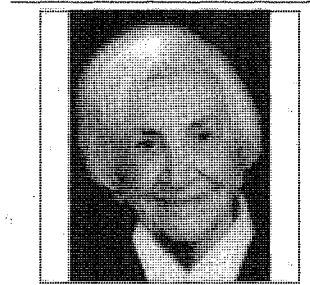
of Bloomfield Hills, MI, died at the age of 91 on October 27, 2010, in Gulf Breeze FL with her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Kurt Overlade at her side. Margaret was born May 14, 1919, in Ann Arbor MI, and was the daughter of Harlow Olin Whittemore and Helen Case Whittemore. Margaret graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1937. She received her BFA from the School of Architecture and Design, University of Michigan in 1941, when she was also the principal graphic designer for the yearbook The Michiganian. On July 12, 1941, she married William W. Lyman Jr. She lived on Staten Island and in Connecticut and worked as a draftsman at Electric Boat in New London CT. They raised their young family in Cambridge MA from 1947 to 1953, then moved to Michigan in 1953, living in Ann Arbor and Grosse Pointe Park, and settling in Birmingham in 1955. Margaret lived in the same home until January 2010 when she moved to Gulf Breeze FL, to be cared for by her youngest daughter Patricia. Margaret was a painter and was frequently recognized for her talents, particularly her water colors. For many years she was an active member of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, where she juried and installed exhibitions, and taught art to children and teens. She was a member of the Michigan Watercolor Society, Birmingham Society of Women Painters, and Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, where she served as their president from 1990-92. She exhibited frequently with these groups and also at the venerable Scarab Club, where she received a prize in painting. Margaret particularly enjoyed a trip to Southern Italy to study watercolor with Mary Jane Bigler. She returned to school and completed her MFA at Wayne State University in the early 1970s, and taught elementary art in the public schools in Kenton OH from 1973-77. Margaret also exhibited for 5 or 6 years with "Six Directions", a group of women artists who painted and exhibited together around the state. Her children remember the regular drawing sessions and critiques in their home, and on occasion, stepped in as models. Margaret enjoyed swimming (she was an active member of the Forest Hills Swim Club in Birmingham for nearly 50 years), gardening and trees, classical music (she attended concerts of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra regularly), and spending time with her large family. She had a great sense of humor and positive attitude and was welcoming and kind to all. Margaret's second marriage was to William Kelleher in 1977. They were happily married for 23 years, when he pre-deceased her in 2000. Margaret is survived by her 6 children, Cheryl Mack, Indianapolis IN; Steven C. Lyman (Eileen), Trenton MI; Philip W. Lyman, Ashland OR; Susan Lyman, Provincetown MA; Donna Lyman, Ashland OR; Patricia Overlade (Kurt), Gulf Breeze FL; 13 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren with another expected. She is also survived by brothers and sisters: Hal Whittemore (Doris), Agoura CA; Jean Sharp, Harbor MI; Dorothy Ross, Walnut Creek CA; and Bruce Whittemore (Keren), Seattle WA. A memorial service to celebrate Margaret's life will be held in Ann Arbor MI in spring 2011. Contributions can be made in her memory to Covenant Hospice, Donor Services, 5041 N. 12th Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32504.

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

NANCY R. RHEN (WESCH)

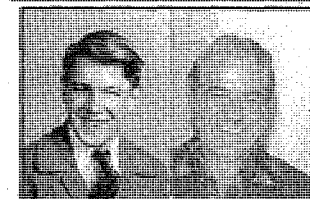
October 31, 2010. Beloved wife of John for 48 years. Loving mother of Daniel (Michelle), Marnie Oakley (Christopher), and the late Andrew (Suzanne). Cherished grandmother of Alison, Jacob, Adam, and Jackson. Mrs. Rhen was an alumnus of Michigan State University and graduated from Oakland University with a Master's degree in Piano Performance in 1987. She had spent the last 30 years sharing her love of music by teaching piano lessons and playing the organ at church services at the First Church of Christ Scientist in Birmingham and Rochester, MI. Mrs. Rhen loved spending time with her family, bicycling and was a devoted pet owner. She loved traveling to Traverse City and was blessed to be able to vacation with her family there every summer. Memorial tributes to Michigan Humane Society or Oakland University Music Dept. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500.



SARAH (Mashour) DEEB

Age 93, date of death November 5, 2010, of St. Clair Shores. She was born Sept. 8, 1917. In addition to her parents and husband George, she was predeceased by her sisters, Madeline (Bernardo), Marie (Macrinus), and Lena. She graduated Eastern High School in 1934. Mrs. Deeb worked for Michigan Bell, later AT&T and was an active member of the AT&T Pioneers (employees who retired). Survivors include sons, Edward (Joanne), Raymond (Susan) and daughter Marge. In addition to three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Visitation at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe. Services at Christ Church, Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson. Memorial donations may be made to American Heart Assoc., or American Cancer Society.

In Memory Of



In Memory Of DONALD H. JOHNSON 1928-2007

Don it's been 3 years since you left us. You were my first & last love. The picture is how I remember you. We love & miss you everyday. Your wife, Gertrude, children Don (Susanne), Joe (Pam), grandchildren Erica, Donnie, Joey, Sidney & Brandon

BETTY E. KINER

Age 87 of Farmington Hills, MI; passed away November 2, 2010. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



MARY MARGUERITE "PEG" MCCARTHY

November 1, 2010. Age 87 of Beverly Hills. She was born September 20, 1923 in Louisville, KY, but lived most of her life in the Detroit area. A graduate of Wayne State University, she joined First Federal Bank where, in 1973, she "broke the glass ceiling," becoming an administrative officer in charge of Art Procurement for the bank and its 53 branches. She pioneered in Corporate Art Collecting, selecting and buying original art from Michigan artists. She also brought appreciation and enjoyment of art to staff and customers through monthly Art Exhibitions, Art Tours, Community Brochures, and helping with "Road Shows" - billboards featuring art by Detroit area artists. Many grateful artists will remember Peg for her efforts in promoting their work. Peg loved her international travels and followed world news avidly. Daughter of the late Justin and Marguerite McCarthy. Sister of the late Justine Horn. Dear friend of Marie and Bud Matic, David Luma, Larry Chase and Joan Lasher and Julie Dawson. Memorial Mass was held November 6, 2010 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, 32340 Pierce, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. Memorial tributes to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, the Michigan Humane Society and the Beaumont Foundation. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

MARY JO TERRY

Age 82 of Blue Mounds, WI died on Thursday, October 28, 2010. She was born January 25, 1928 in Howell, Michigan to Robert & Doris (Euler) Graham. She married the love of her life Melvin Terry on September 8, 1951. He preceded her in death in 1999. Survivors include her loving daughters: Susan (David) Walker of Blue Mounds, WI, Carol Terry of Jacksonville, FL., Barbara (Dan) Pfahler of CA. Adoring grandchildren: James (Cuchant) Walker, Leigh Terry, Emily and Lauren Pfahler, great grandchildren: Ari Walker and Allison Zelenksi. Sister: Bobbie (Gene) Venezia of Illinois, Brother: Fred (Julie) Hatcher of Illinois, and other loving relatives and friends. She lived and loved well and will be greatly missed. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her infant daughter: Paula; her granddaughter: Jennifer Walker, and two sisters: Peggy Grover and Nancy Barrett. Visitation Wednesday, November 10, 2010 from 3-9pm with Funeral Service Thursday, November 11, 2010, at 10:00am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The American Heart Association.



MARY JO TERRY

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.



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) Waclawski. 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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## Nov. 13 health fair marks Diabetes Day

The University of Michigan Comprehensive Diabetes Center will present its fourth annual U-M World Diabetes Day Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor.

All kinds of diabetes will be covered, including type 1, type 2, pre-diabetes and diabetes during pregnancy. A special emphasis will be placed on avoiding diabetes and/or its complications by maintaining a healthy lifestyle. This year, more interactive booths have been added, giving visitors a chance to participate in exercises, select fake food portions to "Rate Your Plate," and guess the sugar and fat content of foods and beverages.

Those who register in advance are eligible for door prizes, but walk-ins also are allowed. For advance registration by Nov. 10, visit [www.med.umich.edu/diabetes/](http://www.med.umich.edu/diabetes/) or contact (734) 763-0177 or [diabetes@umich.edu](mailto:diabetes@umich.edu).

At the U-M World Diabetes Day Health Fair, clinical and research professionals from the U-M Comprehensive Diabetes Center and the U-M Health System will provide the latest information on diabetes prevention and treatment, based on groundbreaking research at U-M.

In addition to the exhibits in the Michigan Ballroom and lobby, there will be two presentations in the Petit Room:

• 9:30 a.m.: "Diabetes Headlines: What Are People Talking About?" with Dr. Jennifer Wyckoff, assistant professor of internal medicine and medical director of the U-M Health System's Adult Diabetes

**U-M researchers looking for participants to join their clinical studies will be present to explain what their studies involve and who is eligible. For most studies, participants are paid after they successfully complete requirements. If applicable, study medications are provided at no charge as well. Many studies need healthy subjects to serve as 'controls,' as well as individuals with diabetes. For more information on clinical studies at U-M, visit [www.umclinicalstudies.org](http://www.umclinicalstudies.org).**

## Education Program

• 12:30 p.m.: "Mindful Eating & Diabetes" with Sacha Uelmen, director of the U-M Health System's Adult Diabetes Education Program, Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology & Diabetes

The health fair offers attendees the chance to talk one-on-one with U-M diabetes experts on such topics as food portion control, mindful eating, glucose monitoring, weight loss, sick days, nutrition and more.

Other U-M health professionals will offer information on the effects of diabetes on the eyes, kidneys, heart, and teeth/gums.

Free blood glucose, cholesterol, and blood pressure screenings will be available. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan also will offer kidney screenings.

Free body-mass calculations and waist-to-hip ratios also will be available to assess obesity and determine the likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes. Diabetes medical supply and pharmaceutical companies will be on hand to display their latest products and to answer ques-

tions.

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Type 2 diabetes is on the rise in Michigan and the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the number of Americans diagnosed with diabetes increased 13.5 percent between 2005 and 2007. The American Diabetes Association estimates that 24 million children and adults in the U.S. currently live with diabetes - which represents about 8 percent of the population - and an additional 57 million people are at risk for type 2 diabetes, the most common type.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

## NOVEMBER

## Alzheimer's discussion

Rosemarie Shim, a geriatric social worker, will lead a discussion about memory loss and senior citizens 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Sanctuary at Villa Marie, 15131 Newburgh, Livonia. The session will cover signs and symptoms of the disease and will offer seniors communication tools and coping mechanisms to deal with an Alzheimer's diagnosis. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. Call Jacqueline Trost with questions at (734) 542-8354.

## Diabetes support group

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present "Seeing is Believing" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 10, in the hospital's auditorium. Participants will learn how to look for patterns in their blood sugar levels so that changes in diet, exercise and medications can be more effective in controlling their diabetes. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. (734) 655-8950

## Baby basics

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a class in infant care and breastfeeding from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. The class will teach the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. Participants should bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. The fee is \$55 per couple. To register call (734) 655-1162 or visit [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events."

## Parkinson Foundation

A Night of a Thousand Stars will raise funds for the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 7-10 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit, 2700 E. Maple in Commerce Township. Tickets are \$50 per person and include two complimentary drink tickets, a silent auction, light hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and

live entertainment. Evening attire. For tickets call (248) 433-1011 or visit [parkinsonsmi.org](http://parkinsonsmi.org).

## Memory screening

Botsford Commons Senior Community will offer free memory screenings 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 in Farmington Hills as part of National Memory Screening Day 2010. In addition to the memory screenings, Botsford Commons will offer balance and depression screenings. Guest speakers will include experts on healthy aging, driving, brain fitness and other senior resources. Light appetizers and beverages will be served, and visitors may view a resident art show. Botsford Town Commons at 21300 Archwood Circle in Farmington Hills. To make an appointment for screenings, call (248) 426-6930.

## ONGOING

## Alzheimer's Association

The Greater Michigan Chapter provides a welcoming and secure environment for families and individuals experiencing the early stages of Younger Onset Memory Loss. Participants can take part in ongoing discussions that focus on issues that affect those with memory loss under age 65. Meetings are 5:30-7 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month, at Bloomfield Township Senior Services, 4315 Andover, Bloomfield Hills. To register call The Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

Aquatic classes  
The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and non-members of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

## Learn about incontinence at 'Ladies Night'

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present a program about bladder control issues for women Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

The Ladies Night Out program, "A Woman's Little Secret - Women and Incontinence," will include blood pressure screenings, bone density screen-

ings, and massage from 5:30-7 p.m., and a speaker, Dr. John Frederick Harb, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Harb is a urologist at St. Mary Mercy. He will discuss bladder control and the many different kinds of urinary incontinence, and will answer any questions in an "Ask the Doctor" format.

Registration for this event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. To register or for more information, call (734) 655-1182 or visit [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events."

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Carol Henry rests easy knowing her 94-year old mother Genevieve Nehring, a previous Four Seasons patient, is receiving the best care at Four Seasons. Genevieve came to Four Seasons June 1 with congestive heart failure complicated by COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). When Genevieve recently started coughing they thoroughly investigated the cause and not just assumed it was COPD.

"They were right on top of it. It gives me relief to know she has medical care and is not just languishing," said Carol Henry who works in a lab hospital near her home in Howell. "They all know me," said Genevieve Nehring who especially likes the care she's receiving from Stuart Nathan. "He's really nice and they're there for the least little thing."

Quality of care is the reason Carol Henry chose Four Seasons. Her sister Judith Sczynski had multiple sclerosis. She stayed at Four Seasons for 18-months. "Everyone was compassionate, tripping over themselves to care for her," said Carol Henry. "Judith had been in several nursing homes where treatment wasn't up to par. Four Seasons was a great improvement in her care."

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